

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Utah Sugar company paid out \$25,000 to its employees on Wednesday, July 10.

At Carson, Nevada, on Wednesday, the three-year-old child of Larry Kearney, of Empire, died after eating green fruit. It lived only a few hours.

Albert Fleak, a 17-year-old orphan boy, was killed at Payette, Idaho, a few days ago by a piece of timber falling on his head.

The Lewiston (Idaho) papers record the drowning of Jack Regan in the Clearwater river. He was the seventh victim of the vicious Clearwater in the past year.

On Friday afternoon, Willie, son of Duckworth Grimshaw, of Beaver, was thrown from a horse, and had his left arm wrenched so badly that it will be a long time before he regains full use of the limb.

A large cave was discovered and partially explored recently by James Dillman, James Pelton and others, five miles beyond the lava on the road leading to Big Meadow, Oregon, on the Deschutes. The party explored the cave for a distance of four miles.

The Tacoma (Wash.) city council has passed an ordinance reducing the price of gas to \$1.50 for lighting and \$1.25 for fuel purposes. It is a reduction of 50 cents per thousand feet, bringing the prices below those of any other coast city except San Francisco.

Ben F. Carter, the seven-year-old son of Charles G. Carter, was accidentally drowned Monday evening in the slough near his home at Petaluma, Cal. The father arrived at the scene of the accident just in time to see his son go down the last time.

The Indians on the Shoshone reservation held their annual sun dance on Trout creek, about four miles from Fort Washakie, on Sunday, June 30th. They were in full war paint, and the dance was participated in by nearly all the Shoshones and Arapahoes on the reservation.

Those who gather the eggs of seabirds from the islands off the coast of Oregon are doing a good business. William Carey has shipped over 1,200 dozen from Island Rock and M. Jessine and his crew have gathered about 500 dozen from the smaller rocks.

The hay crop along the coast has been damaged to a considerable extent by the rain of last Thursday, especially that which has been cut down and is lying in the fields. Old settlers in Mendocino, Cal., say that this is the first time in thirty years that it has been known to rain on the Fourth.

The city council of Everett, Wash., dismissed the entire police force, of five men, on July 1st. Councilman Craigue, who introduced the resolution, said the officers, by their activity in support of the A. P. A. ticket at the recent school election, had earned a summer's outing.

Grasshoppers still continue to do much damage to the vineyards and corn fields of northern Sonoma, California. In some places next to the foothills the crop has been entirely

destroyed. They are more numerous on the hillsides than ever before and seem to be moving westward.

Fillmore Progress: Mrs. Geo. Greenway's little boy had quite a serious accident last week. In some way he got his finger mixed up with a bay pulley, which scaped the flesh almost entirely off. It was thought at first that the finger would have to be amputated, but we are glad to state that it was not that serious.

At Bodie, Cal., July 10, George Montrose fought a duel with his stepfather, A. Mathewson, on the main street. Eight shots were exchanged. Neither of the participants were injured, although they succeeded in shooting Mrs. Vierra, the wife of a business man, in the hip. Both were promptly arrested.

An east-bound Union Pacific special, running at passenger speed, was ditched seven miles east of Rawlins on Sunday, by a broken axle. Thirteen cars were derailed and were badly broken up. Frank Bodie and Wm. Laves of Rawlins, who were stealing a ride, had their legs broken and received injuries from which they may die.

At Fall Creek postoffice, Oregon, July 10, Miss Anna Vaughn was shot and probably fatally wounded by her brother Robert. The girl is twelve years old and the boy is two years her senior. The shot entered the right side of the girl's head. The boy says the shooting was accidental, but the neighbors doubt this, as they say he has a most vicious disposition.

Miss Birdie Finn, aged 16 years, had a narrow escape from drowning on Monday, says the Sacramento Bee, in the American river, over the North Levee. Sue and a number of other girls were bathing in the river. The Finn girl was taken with a cramp and sank several times before her screams attracted the attention of some men near by, and they hurried to her rescue and saved her life.

No town in the West needs a paid marshal more than does Price, Carbon county, says the Advocate, of that place. All day long on the Fourth the saloon was surrounded by a drunken, howling, blaspheming, fighting mob, that would be a disgrace to any town on earth. This kind of business will go on until Price has a first-class killing, with trimmings up to date.

Appleman, the Jew peddler who was arrested at Holden, Millard county, for attempted rape, has been held to await the grand jury's action. He went into the room of a 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Teepler. The girl awoke and by her screams arose the household. Appleman, who had a room in the same house, says he had no criminal intent, but had made a mistake in the room.

A Nogales (A. T.) dispatch says that General Pelocchio, commander of the Mexican border guards, has received information that in the vicinity of Fronteras, the scene of the recent robbery and summary execution of the bandits, the Mexican government has arrested forty residents and sentenced

them to service in the army campaigning against the Indians in Yucatan as a penalty for complicity in numerous petty robberies and cattle thefts which have taken place in that part of Sonora.

Charles Smith, a sheep herder, on Saturday shot Milton McNally at what is known as the Company ranch, about twenty miles from Saratoga, says the Laramie Boomerang. The ball passed through McNally's body below the heart, inflicting what is feared will be a fatal wound. Smith escaped and at last reports had not been taken. It is understood that the two men were in love with the same girl and that some difficulty arose on Saturday between them, and the shooting followed.

Surveyor H. C. Kellogg, who was married in Portland, Or., a few weeks ago, finds upon his return to Santa Ana, Cal., that he has violated the law in leaving the state without having first obtained the permission of the board of supervisors. As a result Mr. Kellogg has been asked to appear before the board and show cause why his office should not be declared vacant. The gentleman will probably be reappointed, but the action of the supervisors so far has been necessary in order that the law might be upheld.

At Healdsburg, Cal., July 7th, Mrs. J. H. Draper died suddenly of heart disease. She was a curious woman, and left a husband aged 74 years, who, for the past twenty years has resided here and toiled incessantly. Every dollar earned by him was turned over to his wife, and when she died an estate valued at \$5,000 to \$8,000 held in her name was left. By the terms of her will her husband is left \$5 while \$1,000 goes to the Protestant churches of the city and other places, the remainder being left to eastern relations of Mrs. Draper. Mr. Draper will try to break the will.

At Butte (Montana) on July 7, during a thunder storm lightning struck the residence of Fred C. Anderson, and a ball of fire entered the roof and passed back and forth through every room of the house, going through partitions like a ball of iron, and for fully two minutes it gyrated about the house making eleven large holes in walls and ceilings, melting picture wires and other metal in the rooms. It finally passed out along the water pipes without setting fire to anything. There were five persons in the house at the time, but the only injury they suffered was a great fright and temporary deafness.

Madge Wassar, two years old, was playing on a wharf at San Francisco on Wednesday, when she fell into the bay. A 13 year-old girl, Katie V. O'Connor, saw the child fall and jumped into the bay after her. She caught the little one by the clothes, and by a few strokes reached one of the wharf piles, to which she clung until assistance came, though she was almost exhausted before being relieved. The baby had become unconscious, but was resuscitated, and Katie is to have a gold medal for her bravery. When complimented on her deed, she remarked, "Oh, any girl would jump in to save a baby from drowning."

At San Bernardino, Cal., on Sunday evening, Miss Louie Bogart put a