

has this year shipped 310,000 pound of onions. The onion crop of Larimer county is estimated at 600,000 pounds which at \$1.25 per hundred netted \$7,500 for the county's onion crop in 1893.

A Missoula, Mont., man has perfected a plan for "corralling an avalanche." He has found an immense gorge of snow which never melts, and he proposes to excavate it and use it for cold storage for dressed meat for shipment east.

Squads of Chinamen, numbering several hundred, have been passing through Monclova, Mexico, during the past two weeks on their way toward the Rio Grande, where they expect to find an easy entrance into the United States.

At New Castle, Colo., a letter has been received from the Strouse brothers of that place, who have discovered good gold placers down the Colorado river, near the head of the Gila river, Ariz., and are panning out good wages all winter.

Hunters in the Yellowstone Park, Montana, have been captured by soldiers while killing elk on that reservation. Their horses and outfits were confiscated and they have been confined in the guard house at Fort Yellowstone.

At Sheridan, Wyo., it is said that about 500 men are waiting for work on a branch of the Burlington road to be built into the Big Horn basin next spring. The new road will start from Sheridan and will open up a rich farming country.

Laramie city, Wyo., has abandoned negotiations with Denver parties for a glass factory at Laramie soda lakes. The glass men demanded a bonus of \$30,000 cash, the old glass works, 1000 acres of land, the soda lakes and 320 acres of limestone.

Montrose, Colo., is determined to have a creamery in operation through 1894. A meeting was held last week and a committee appointed to canvass among the farmers and formulate a plan for a permanent butter manufactory at Montrose.

A thecacodus-primaenus found in the rocks of the Wind river region of Wyoming is on exhibition at Philadelphia. It is said to be the first of hoofed animals, is about the size of a calf and lived about 500,000 years ago, more or less. It is valued at \$10,000.

Eaton, Colo., farmers are looking over the lands of the Wyoming Development company of Wheatland, in northern Laramie county, with a view to making an extensive settlement there. They are successful irrigators and wheat and potato raisers.

Some rascal sawed in two the shaft of the water wheel operated on the Rodenbaugh placer, near the Jackson bridge, last Sunday, says the Grangerville (Idaho) *Free Press*, and work on the claim has been delayed for a few days in consequence.

Governor Hughes and Territorial Secretary Bruce have been to Yuma, Arizona, in communication with the authorities in regard to the San Diego, Yuma and Phoenix railroad, the great desert canal in California and the improvement of the Colorado river, matters of great interest to southwestern Arizona.

Aztec towns of a prehistoric age

have been discovered near Eddy, N. M. The ruins indicate cities of from 15,000 to 30,000 inhabitants. Drifting sands have covered the ruins, but extensive buildings, streets, aqueducts, etc., are found when the sand is removed.

Greeley, Colo., has set a very humane example to the balance of the state. Dumb brutes left to starve and shiver without food and shelter upon the streets or roads are to be taken up and sold for the expense of their keep. Burros, goats and cows are to be corralled and fed.

Laramie county farmers are closely observing the experimental fattening of 170 hogs and 100 head of cattle on the Loomis and Maxwell ranch near Fort Collins. Whole wheat is being fed to this stock and the result will determine whether Colorado wheat can profitably be fed to live stock.

The Douglas *Budget* says that the unprecedented amount of snow in northern Wyoming at this time of the year is the subject of general comment. Portions of the Big Horn that have heretofore been accessible at all times during the winter are beyond reach, and they have had three weeks' sleighing at Buffalo.

Near Palisade and Clifton, in the Grand valley, the Mount Lincoln Ditch company has completed machinery for pumping irrigating water for 3000 acres of irrigating land, and will supply water to ten and twenty-acre subdivisions at \$20 per acre for fruit raising purposes. The water is pumped by water power.

The stockmen have no particular complaint to make of the hard times and the panic we have been going through remarks the Texas Live Stock *Journal*. They have been able to get ready cash enough to supply their immediate wants, and in that particular they were more fortunate than the general run of people.

Near Grant in the Sybille valley northwest of Cheyenne, Wyo., a graphite grease factory will soon be established for the manufacture of the products of American graphite. The tests of the graphite deposits there show them to be 90 per cent of pure graphite. Abundant water power is obtainable for the factory.

Walter Starburg, engineer at the Grand opera house, Pueblo, Colo., attempted suicide on Tuesday by swallowing, in a drink of whisky, some arsenic which he has been carrying around with him for some years. The poison was pumped out of him and he will be all right unless stomach trouble sets in. Domestic troubles are believed to have been the cause of his attempt at self-destruction.

A young lady who lives on Pine street near Stockton street, San Francisco, Cal., was accosted the other night by a man who ordered her to hand over her purse. Instead of acceding to the request she drew from her pocket a huge door key, which, in the darkness, looked like a revolver, and, pointing it at the head of the footpad, ordered him to move on or have his brains blown out. The man made his escape down the hill without loss of time.

It is told of the methods of Kid, the renegade, says the Tucson, Arizona,

Citizen, that when any signs of him are found it is an indication he is far away. When staying in any region he carefully conceals all indications of his presence, when ready to leave he leaves indications and vanishes. When sign of him is found it, therefore, indicates that he is far away, instead of near, as he would be willing to take chances of his being far away under such circumstances, however.

Emma S. Douglass has procured from Judge Hubbard, at San Francisco, a writ of habeas corpus, by which she seeks to gain the custody of her nine-year-old son, Dudley Douglass. The boy's father is dead and he has been living with his grandfather, who has refused to surrender the child. He claims that the mother deserted her offspring six years ago and has since paid but little attention to its welfare. The mother is a dressmaker, and, as the grandfather claims, has not sufficient means to support her child.

The committee appointed by the water right owners under the Grand Valley canal has been in session with J. P. Brockway for the past two days endeavoring to arrange for a sale of the ditch to water right holders. Mr. Brockway demands \$50,000 and states that his offer will remain open for three weeks. The committee regards the price as too high, and thus far nothing has been accomplished. The water right owners are desirous of purchasing and ending the misunderstandings and litigation of the past years, but do not wish to pay more than the ditch is worth. The conference is still in session.

A young man by the name of Thomas McDonald undertook to "shoffle off this mortal coil" last evening by the aid of a penknife. It seems that he had taken a young lady to the Catholic ball at the opera house on New Year's night, and after escorting her home he learned that she regarded another young man with more favor than she bestowed upon him. This information so worked upon his feelings that he threatened to kill himself right then and there, and in order to carry out his threat he took out his penknife and jabbed it into the right side of his neck, inflicting a very severe wound. Fortunately no artery was cut, and he bids fair to recovery.

J. W. Reid has commenced the argument of an important case in the Federal court at Boise, Idaho, involving the title of Colonel Craig's heirs to a valuable tract of land in Nez Perce county, valued at \$25,000. Colonel Craig was an important figure in the early history of Idaho. He went to Oregon in 1829, married a Nez Perce woman and secured a tract of land on Lapwai creek, under the Provisional government, the title of which Congress ratified in 1851. In 1855 Craig proved up on the land, but could get no patent, because it had not been surveyed. That same year, when the Nez Perce Indians made a treaty with the government ceding certain lands, Craig's tract was exempt for the friendship the Indians had for him, and this exemption was entered as part of the contract between the government and Indians. Recently an attempt was made to remove the descendants of Craig from the land, and the suit is to determine the title.