

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Chinese Dispossessed by a Claim Jumper in Idaho.

THE COAL COMBINE IN WYOMING.

Judge Blackmer's Ruling on the Extra Law—Wichfield Coal Company, Etc.

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The efforts of the switchmen of Laramie, Wyoming, says the *Bomberg*, to out Yardsman Jourdan, have not been successful. The Laramie Citizens have begun an investigation into this charge preferred against Mr. Jourdan by the switchmen by taking the testimony of the latter. It is understood that now since the testimony of the switchmen will be referred to Supt. Muller and that he may be sent to the Omaha officials. Nothing can be learned as to what action the switchmen will take in case Jourdan is retained.

This is what the Los Angeles *Evening Times* thinks: In the San Francisco switchmen's lemma are quoted at \$5 to \$10 a day, while in the smaller California towns at \$2.50 to \$5. This does not look well for the California but. And yet it is understandable that some of the lemons grown and cured in Southern California are fully equal to the best in the Imperial Valley. When the low price is the fact that very few of the lemon growers in this section give the best attention to the curing of the fruit. The excellence of the imperial Sicily lemon is due to the great pains taken in curing and handling the fruit after the harvesting.

Since the attack of robbers on the wagon and one of the guards in the Laramie (Wyo.) penitentiary last week (particulars of which were given in these columns at the time), there has been considerable talk among some regarding an investigation of the man responsible. The men of the former guard have encouraged this talk by declaring that excessive punishments have been administered.

Warren Briggs has declared that he failed to conceive the state board of charities to be in favor of an investigation. That one man ever been tied up by the thumbs in the prison, as reported, says, and no one has been tied up in any manner. They are hamstrung to the doors of their cells, but not tied up.

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A Night Auditor. The decision made by the World's Fair authorities to provide a new 122,000 people in the colossal Manufactures building during the dedicatory exercises will attract some more people to an appreciation of the surprising proportions of this enterprise. One hundred and twenty-five thousand persons are to appear at the opening, part II, it will open the eyes of many to the vastness of the scene.

W. D. Champion, brother of Nate Champion, who died in town, Cheyenne, 1892, the Leader of the band of outlaws, Champion states that if his hands had not been tied he would stay in town until the trial of the cattlemen for the murder of his brother was completed. He was here at the time the cattlemen were quartered in Keweenah last spring, and went to Laramie. From there went to work on the big Lawrence county, Colorado, ranches, and when he went to Custer City where he remained for a year. Playing Mr. Champion was a silent but bold and his hands were fast from the belt. He has two brothers now in the north end of the state, one in new Mexico and the other and three half brothers in Texas. There were eight children in the Champion family. Mr. Champion said that he was glad that any of his brothers would be here to stand the trial, though it is impossible with some of them. The family resemblance between the Champion brothers is very marked and they are all of a somewhat quiet disposition.

Just what from the coal business will be done in Laramie, Wyoming, the frontiersman one knows, but it is a general prediction that the combine

will have to do something pretty soon or quit business. Some sales have failed recently and supplies have been held in a curiosity to know the result. Teams, men and an office cannot be maintained without business. The gas used by the combine and which is now closed is a monthly expense which becomes a burden when there is no gas or business. However, it is now true that negotiations are in progress with the Union Pacific which may bring about some important changes in the combine business in the city of Laramie.

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