

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

D. R. Donlop, teller of the Colorado National bank of Denver, on a visit to Los Angeles, California, fell from a stairway about midnight Wednesday, a distance of twelve feet, sustaining injuries which may prove fatal. His skull was fractured, and several bones broken.

Flora Macdonald Shearer, well known in educational and literary circles in San Francisco, was taken to the Receiving hospital at an early hour Thursday morning, suffering from temporary insanity caused by overwork. She was found by two fishermen shortly before daybreak, wandering about the beach near the Presidio. Miss Shearer is a woman of about 40 years of age, and has been identified with the San Francisco public schools since 1875.

A machine used for loading carriages exploded at the works of the Selby Lead and Smelting company, Cal., Tuesday afternoon, and William Bryan and Eugene Flood, two laborers, were both seriously injured. The cause of the explosion is not known, but it is supposed to have resulted from over pressure. Bryan and Flood were standing near the machine and both were thrown some distance and quite badly burned. They were treated at the works and then removed to their homes in Selby. The machine was completely wrecked.

News has been received from the Parker Indian agency, Cal., of a peculiar incident there which ended fatally for the principal figure. Temako, a Yuma Indian, lost his child by death and would not be comforted. He began singing a dirge of his tribe and dancing the death dance around the corpse, at the same time rattling a gourd. For hours and hours he kept up the performance. The physical strain upon him was intense, and finally he fell beside the body of the child, and in a short time was himself a corpse.

Henry W. Anderson of Philadelphia went to San Francisco several weeks ago in search of employment. Being unable to obtain it he telegraphed home for aid. Money was sent to him by telegraph to his last known address at Third and Howard streets. He was not to be found and his whereabouts have since remained a mystery. William Erickson, a neighbor of Anderson's mother in Philadelphia, came to San Francisco recently and began search for Anderson, without avail. The missing man is described as 37 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches in height, with dark brown hair and mustache and a scar over his left eye.

The Pingree farms in Colorado, which have been provided for the poor of Denver for the season of 1897, were opened to tillers on Saturday. More than fifty families have taken up land to farm for a living during the summer months. An abundance of land has been placed at the disposal of the poor people by Audy Wilson in North Denver. The plowing and all work necessary to place the land in condition to be cultivated is being done by

the county and the organized charities of the city have contributed the seeds for vegetables, which will be distributed among those who take up land to farm. The Pingree plan has been a success in Denver, says the Field and Farm, and those engaging in it have felt well repaid for their efforts.

R. L. Mann, who was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney of a San Francisco police court has gone into executive session with himself and is endeavoring to estimate the advantages of a promotion backward. Prior to his appointment to the police court, Mann was a night-school teacher at a salary of \$50 a month. The two positions gave him a monthly income of \$175. The board of education, however, decided to promote Mann, and at a recent meeting placed him in the class of eligibles for the position of teacher of a day school. As Mann cannot act as assistant prosecuting attorney and teach a day school class at the same time, his promotion has lost him his salary of \$50 a month, and he now regards political advancement as a hollow mockery.

A special from San Bernardino to the Times says reports of the horticulture commission are to the effect that the army worm is making its appearance along the foothill region and is doing great damage. It has attacked grape vines and apricot trees and appears to be more numerous than for years. It has commenced operations at Highland, Rialto, Grapeland and intervening places. An eighty-acre vineyard near Colton had every leaf stripped from the vines and seventy-five worms were picked from one vine. In Highland the worms are going up lemon trees in swarms. In an apricot orchard near Lytle creek the worms are eating the young fruit, leaving nothing but the pit. Ex-Horticultural Commissioner Pease has sent some samples of the pest to Washington and is making an effort to stop its progress.

Francis Stewart, a deaf mute, was struck by a train while walking on the Southern Pacific track near Carritt station, Cal., on Friday morning and received injuries which proved fatal. The unfortunate man was thrown about seven feet, falling outside the rails, so his body was not mangled. When picked up by Conductor Kiley and two brakemen he was still alive, but unconscious. They carried him into a passenger coach at the rear of the train, and when Wilmington was reached a telegram was sent to Dr. Weldon to meet the train at San Pedro. A heart-breaking scene ensued when Mrs. O'rmack, Stewart's mother, saw her son borne into the house. He lingered only about two hours after being struck. Stewart was to his twenty-fifth year. He was so well thought of at San Pedro that flags were half-masted. No blame attaches to the engineer.

Two men, evidently tramps, fell into a dispute Wednesday evening in front of French Camp station, California, and a merchant across

the road saw one of them strike the other in the face. The second man fell heavily and with his neck across the track. The man who struck him took to his heels, and as there was no pursuer made good his escape. As the man did not get up, the merchant went across the street and was surprised to find the man dead. His neck had been broken in the fall. He was a man about 50 years of age, of ordinary weight and dress. There was nothing upon him by which he could be identified. The officers have a description of the other man and that is all. The two had been seen in the vicinity of French Camp for several days.

Chicago Drovers Journal: There has been a standing prediction among sheepmen for some time that when Texas sheep began to come they would come with a rush. This has unusually been the case, after the shearing season, but for a few years sheep have hardly been worth shipping so far, but on account of the poorness of the quality and the cheapness of the price. This year there is a great improvement in both respects, and not only sheep raisers but sheep buyers have been active in their efforts to get the sheep to market. It is estimated that 400,000 sheep are to come from Texas this spring. Although the demand is remarkably good it is not good enough to take all these sheep at one time, and shippers should exercise some judgment in sending them in. Properly distributed all of the Texas sheep could be sold at good prices.

A man whose name is supposed to be A. Brown was run over and instantly killed Wednesday night at Oakland, Cal. Brown, who had been drinking, had some time ago borrowed 15 cents of Miss Tillson, the ticket agent. Wednesday night he paid her the money back and bought a ticket for San Francisco, asking her to call him when the train arrived. A few minutes later the train came along and she assisted him to the track. He wanted to go forward to the smoker, and started to walk alongside of the train. Just as he was about to board the train Conductor George Peoples gave the signal and the engineer started up. Brown grabbed at the smoker platform, but was thrown under the car, the whole train passing over a horribly mutilating his body. Miss Tillson saw Brown fall, and attempted to stop the train by signaling. The engineer saw her motioning, but did not understand what she wanted, and pulled ahead.

Wu Ting Fang, the new Chinese minister to the United States, had his eyes opened Tuesday to a state of affairs existing in the city of San Francisco among his countrymen of which he had not dreamed the existence. Major H. A. Moore, special agent of the treasury department, had a consultation with the minister, in which he informed that dignity that Chinese women were being brought to San Francisco and sold into slavery. His attention was called to the fact that within the last six months more than a hundred Chinese women had been lauded at San Francisco under the guise of native daughters of this state or as wives of