

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Reports from Grand Valley, Colo., indicate very little damage to fruit trees through the recent severe cold spell.

From injuries and burns received at her home in Cheyenne, Wyo., Monday, Mrs. Mattie Smith, colored and aged 89 years, died Friday evening.

In the shops of the Oregon Short Line at Pocatello Wednesday, Hans Hansen, a machine hand, was caught by a belt, the result being a badly contused thigh.

Gov. Richards of Wyoming, on request, has granted permission for the organization of a Wyoming cowboy cavalry for service in the prospective war with Spain.

C. A. Hensie has purchased the interest of Howard Russell in the Grand Junction Star. Russell is an old newspaper man and is now conducting the Delta Independent.

A Grant club has been organized at San Diego, Cal., with Simon Levy as president and N. L. Ward secretary, for the purpose of promoting the candidacy of U. S. Grant as United States senator.

Frank Haskell of Grand Junction, Colo., has been named as clerk of the district court of Mesa county, the appointment having been made by Judge Theron Stevens of the Seventh judicial district.

The veterans of the civil war living in Oakland, Cal., have decided to offer the services of a full company to the government in the event of war with Spain. A company of 100, with C. K. King as captain, is being organized.

At midnight Thursday the condition of Gen. Rosecrans of Los Angeles, Cal., was unchanged. He has been unconscious for the past twelve hours. The physicians say he may live several days or the end may be within a few hours.

Mark Feeney, an old Comstocker, is dead at Virginia, Nev. He was at one time prominent in politics and served for some years as accountant for R. Noce. Mr. Feeney was a native of Antrim county, Ireland, aged 64 years, and leaves two sons and a daughter.

A dispatch from Fort Collins, Col., says that gray wolves come down from the timber in packs and raid the cattle ranches near Laramie river, killing large numbers of calves and yearlings. The stockmen are obliged to corral their young stock nightly and watch their corrals.

Arrangements are being made to have a public funeral for General Rosecrans, in which all the military bodies of Los Angeles, Cal., and section will participate. A request will be made to have the body lie in state in the city hall until the funeral. The body is now in that city.

The parents of 17-year-old Edward Austin have asked the police of Oakland, Cal., to assist in a search for him. The boy was seized with the Klondike fever some months ago, and on Monday last purchased a ticket for Seattle. Austin took with him \$75 in cash which he found in his mother's purse.

The report comes from Hanford, Cal., that G. E. Morrison, alias Hill, alias Conley, who is wanted in Chicago for murder, was a Methodist minister in a King's county town for two years, and was transferred from there to a San Diego church. While in Hanford, he was under the ban of suspicion, but his identity was not discovered.

The identification of J. W. Bacher as the man who impersonated the fictitious Ed Laney of Seattle and made a deposition in favor of Joe Shafer, the

murderer of John Hawkins, which testimony was used at the trial of Shafer to bolster up his claim that he killed Hawkins in self-defense, was made complete at Butte, Mont. Friday.

The dead body of Henry Thies was found Friday evening in his cabin at Ploche, Nev. there being a bullet hole through his head. Lylip near him was a .45-caliber revolver with which he undoubtedly ended his life. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide. The deceased is a brother-in-law to T. J. Osborne, editor of the Ploche Record.

The supreme court of Wyoming has decided that Otto Gramm, formerly state treasurer, is not liable for missing funds that came into his hands, but which, however, he failed to pay over to his successor, the same amounting to \$45,000, and having been deposited by Gramm with a banker named Kent, who later became insolvent. Justice Cora dissented from the opinion.

The three-masted schooner Beulah arrived in San Francisco Wednesday night, breaking the record for the round trip to Gray's Harbor by 2 days. Two weeks ago she left that port in ballast. She ran up in about three days before a gale of wind. The next week was spent in loading 400,000 feet of lumber. She made the run down in less than four days.

James Orr, a resident of Hesperia, Cal., was killed Tuesday while on his way to San Bernardino. He was coming through the Cajon pass with a load of wood when he fell from his seat and was instantly killed, one wheel of the wagon passing over him. Orr was a Frenchman 48 years old, and was well known in San Bernardino. He leaves a widow and child.

M. Mohiro, a quicksilver miner living on a homestead a few miles from New Idria, was found burned in his cabin Tuesday, near Fresno, Cal. It is not known whether he was killed and his cabin burned, or whether the fatality was the result of an accident. Mohiro was a Mexican and about 30 years old and unmarried. He has had trouble in regard to his claim.

After twenty-five years of separation, R. T. Spuhn of Elmhurst, Cal., has been reunited to his son Alfred Spuhn, now a prosperous merchant of Chicago. The reunion is not without romantic features, inasmuch as the father is a poor gardener, who believed his boy long since dead. Far from being so, the latter, by his own exertion, has become wealthy, cultured and prominent.

A dispatch from Albuquerque, N. M., says that Deputy Sheriff Vigil of Valencia county passed through that city with Chief Naphka, of the Zuni Indians, whom he captured on their reservation in Arizona. He is wanted on the charge of persecuting the alleged witch Mowrita, for which four of his associates were recently indicted by the grand jury of Valencia county.

A lamp exploded in the home of Mrs. James Tyrrell, on Church street, Grass Valley, Cal., Monday night, just as she was about to retire. The flames ignited her clothing, and her screams attracted the neighbors. The doors all being locked they had to break in. The woman's clothing was still on fire, and she was horribly burned before the flames were extinguished. The building was gutted.

C. M. Favorite, one of the managers for the Armour Packing company, is authority for the statement that there is great scarcity of beef cattle in the West. He says that California, Colorado and Nevada have almost been

swept clean of steers and that the price is \$10 per head more than was the market quotation a year ago. In Texas, he says, cattle breeders have begun to trade on future generations.

The Laramie Iron and Steel company has been incorporated at Laramie, Wyo., with Otto Gramm as president. Mr. Gramm has just leased from the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific, the company's rolling mill which manufactures nails for mine use, fish plates, spikes, bolts and other railway material. More machinery will be put in and 200 men in all will be employed.

A woman giving her name as Miss Alice Sherman, and her home as Washington, Ind., arrived at Pocatello, Ida., Wednesday, on her way to Montana. She was footsore and weary and told a pitiful story concerning her long walk from her place of abode. Butte is her destination, and on hearing her sad tale the kind-hearted people of Pocatello set to work and secured her transportation for the rest of her journey.

Owen Williams, the man who fears he will be murdered for testifying in the Chinese boycott investigation at Butte, Mont., only did so Friday, and then because he was compelled to by Judge Knowles. After giving his version Williams said: "If I am murdered it will be because Judge Knowles compelled me to testify." A reward of \$500 has been offered for the apprehension of the men who threatened Williams's life.

W. C. Bradbury & Co. of Denver, in connection with the Nassau Construction company of New York City, have closed a contract for the construction of 125 miles of railroad from Chihuahua to Guerrero, Mexico, at a cost of \$2,500,000. The road will be built by a syndicate including Col. Payne, ex-Secretary of the Navy W. C. Whitney, and Moore and Schley of New York. The object is to reach the rich mining districts in the vicinity of Guerrero.

A horrible discovery was made in Dixon, Cal., Tuesday afternoon at the home of William Wetzel, who lived alone. Wetzel had not been seen for a day or two, so friends went to his house to investigate. A sickening sight met the visitors' gaze. The lifeless form of Wetzel was found in a chair and an examination showed he had bled to death from a wound inflicted by the evidently accidental discharge of a pistol, the bullet severing an artery in his left thigh.

The mortgage or the issue of first mortgage bonds of the Corvallis and Eastern Railway Co. has been filed for record in Benton county, Oregon, in favor of the Central Trust Co. of New York. It covers the 141 miles of road between Yaquina bay and Detroit, and also all railroad lines to be constructed or acquired until such railway shall amount in the aggregate to 750 miles. The aggregate amount to be issued, it is stipulated, shall not exceed \$11,250,000 in first mortgage bonds.

While patrolling his beat in the vicinity of Sunnyside, Cal., Monday afternoon, Mounted Patrolman Wilkenson of the Seventeenth-street station, came upon a woman lying with her head across the railroad track. Upon investigation Wilkenson found that the woman's name was Johnson, and she resided with five children at Sunnyside. She had been drinking heavily and was only partly clothed. Mrs. Johnson vouchsafed no explanation for her action other than that she desired to die.

Within the past three days the working force at the Mare Island navy yard, Vallejo, Cal., has been increased about 150, but it is still far below what the officers need. The enlistment of able-bodied seamen is being pushed vigorously on the receiving ship, and