

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The grand jury at Portland, Oregon, has indicted thirty-one persons engaged in the canning of salmon at Astoria for obstructing the navigation at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Charles Hill was seriously injured by the explosion of a powder magazine on Wednesday evening at Bath, on the Midland railroad fifteen miles east of Buena Vista, Col. Several others narrowly escaped injury.

Work on the artesian well at Granada, Col., is said to be progressing. The city is putting in the well and expects to bore until a flow is reached. The well will be a great improvement and is so situated that the whole town-site may be irrigated.

Rock Springs (Wyo.) *Independent*: A skating rink is a certainty. It is stated some of the enterprising citizens of this city will construct an inclosure for an ice rink in the northern part of town on the flat. A bushel of money awaits the projectors.

Cheyenne *Leader*: Riner & Schnitger have placed \$500,000 refunding bonds of the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, carrying 4½ per cent at par in the east. The deal was a big one and is very gratifying to the Cheyenne firm.

Percy Davis, whose parents live at Helena, Mont., was instantly killed in a mine at Park City on Wednesday evening. A bucket which he had fastened on the hoisting cable fell from near the top, a distance of 80 feet, and struck him on the head.

What came near proving a serious accident has happened to John Baker, says the *Richfield Advocate*. He was shooting a bee when the needle of his rifle broke and pierced Mr. Baker's lower eye-lid, powder entering the ball. The injury was at first very painful but a speedy recovery is expected.

The Idaho Springs *News* says the building of a 100-stamp mill for the cheap treatment of low grade ores is a much discussed project among mill men there. With correspondingly low railroad rates, many of the mines that are now idle would start up and furnish profitable employment for many men.

Saratoga (Wyo.) *Sun*: John N. Barnhart was over from the Medicine Bow the camp last week for a load of grain. He says there is less than two inches of snow there, and that hauling is at a standstill on account of it. He says a man can make wages by coming to this valley for grain and hauling it to the camp.

A secret meeting of a number of prominent citizens was held at Canon City, Colorado, on Monday, to discuss railroad matters. It is understood that an effort will be made to secure the building of the Florence and Cripple Creek line to this city. The Rock Island will also be offered inducements to build to Canon City.

The California Winemakers corporation, of San Francisco, has issued circulars to the wine trade giving notification that the winemakers of the state have transferred and sold to that corporation all of their '93 and '94

wines, and that a portion of the wines thus assigned will shortly be offered for sale.

Ex-City Treasurer George W. Boggs is on trial at Tacoma, Wash., charged with embezzling nearly \$25,000 by depositing worthless checks and papers in the State Savings bank and having them placed to the city's credit as cash. Last summer the bank suspended, having very small assets and owing the city about \$90,000.

William Kosanke, until a few days ago a fireman with the Rocky Mountain Telegraph company, at Butte, Mont., has been arrested at Cheyenne and brought back to answer to the charge of forgery. He is alleged to have passed half a dozen bogus checks, aggregating about \$300, on different business houses.

A meeting of the Bar Association of Kaitiaki, Montana, has been held to consider the advisability of having that judicial district divided. The proposition is to have Flathead and Teton counties set off as a separate judicial district. A committee of three was appointed to go to Helena when the legislature convenes to lobby in the interests of the measure.

A beaten, battered man was picked up on Harrison street, San Francisco, on Monday, and died without revealing his identity or the manner in which he received his fatal injuries. The dead man was about fifty years of age, dressed as a well-to-do mechanic, and had received a severe beating from twenty-four to sixty hours previous to his death.

A good strike has been made in the St. Louis and Cripple Creek tunnel, located on the southwest slope of Mineral hill in Colorado. At a depth of 600 feet and 180 feet below the surface, a vein of quartz was cut which has been entered already a distance of eight feet, and an assay made went at the rate of \$461 per ton.

Ranchmen in Wyoming complain of the depredations made by gray wolves on young stock. The wolves are very numerous and are increasing rapidly, owing to the practical suspension by most of the counties of the bounty heretofore paid out for these animals. They are very bold, venturing close to the city, and are making a great deal of trouble for stockmen.

Active preparations are being made to increase the capacity of the Amity canal on the north side of the Arkansas, at Granada, Colo. The canal will be increased to twenty feet on the bottom here and wider in proportion up the canal. Several carloads of mules have been brought from the Illinois river canal to work on the canal. The same company has also brought tents, scrapers, etc., ready for active work.

Canon City (Col.) citizens are still apprehensive, it is said, that the governor may pardon Dick McCoy from the penitentiary before he retires from office and there is much uneasiness in consequence, as there are several citizens there McCoy has sworn to kill if he ever gets within reach of them. It is rumored in Canon City that

the governor may decide to turn McCoy loose about New Year's.

T. E. Ogilvie, aged 25, a mechanic in the employ of the Edison car shops at Tacoma, Wash., was found dead in his room on Wednesday with a bullet through his breast. It was evidently a case of suicide. He was in love with a woman who is to be married on Thursday to another man. Ogilvie was despondent through that and also from the fact that he had just discovered that he had consumption.

The people of Parachute, Colorado, says the *Glenwood Springs Avalanche*, are worked up over a Christmas tree that they would like to have the use of the school house for, but the board of trustees refuse it. The matter has created much hard feeling and today County Superintendent of Schools Unilus was sent the petition and asked to come to the rescue of the taxpayers of that district and save them from their officers.

Detectives Carberry and Duffield were suspended from duty at Denver on Wednesday by the fire and police boards. This order was to remain in force until further investigation is had. The charge was collecting money from denizens of Market street, and seven or eight women appeared as witnesses. Carberry and Duffield claimed to be the victims of a conspiracy, and subsequently this was proved to be correct. Hence they have been fully exonerated.

The body of Frank Gordetz, an Australian who has been missing since June 7 last, was found partially buried in the sand six miles east of Pueblo, Colo., on Wednesday morning, on the Arkansas river. Gordetz was drowned at the time of one of the floods here last summer and, although a thorough search was made for his body at the time, it was never found. He was standing on the bank of the river when the levee caved in and carried him with it.

No soda is being brought in from the lakes at present, says the *Laramie (Wyo.) Boomerang*, although it is understood that a new contract will be made at once for securing more of the crystals. Work has begun at the chemical plant and the new machinery that was put in there more than a year ago, it is expected, will soon be put in operation. It will be remembered that this is a new and very expensive plant.

The first death in the camp at Mercur occurred on Monday morning, says the *Tooele Transcript*. Jas. McKnight, an old and respected citizen of Stockton, was taken sick on Saturday with pneumonia, and on Monday morning quietly passed away. His remains were taken to Stockton, where the burial services were performed, and from there taken to Tooele for burial. This being the first death, it has cast quite a gloom over the camp.

The superior court at San Bernardino, Cal., has rendered a decision sustaining the legality of the city ordinance, which provides for the closing of all classes of business on Sunday, except drug stores. The merchants of the city have combined to fight Sunday closing, and some people of the place, headed by the ministers, are fighting to sustain it. Both sides are preparing for a vigorous