NEWS OF THE WEST.

Man and Horse Killed by Lightning in Wyoming.

SUICIDE OF A DESPONDENT MOTHER

Tramp Shot While Trying to Rescue a Drowning Woman—Other Western Items.

Herman Beth was killed by lightning near Fort Collins, Wyo., on Thursday. His clothing was torn to shreds, his horse instantly killed, and several horses near by were stunned by the shock.

Mrs. Susie Pinkerton, who was married when she was sixteen years of age and by the time she was twenty-one had three children and was deserted by her husband, became despondent on Friday afternoon at not being able to care sufficiently for her babes, and committed suicide in San Francisco.

The republic of Costa Rica has determined to adopt a gold standard after a long trial of silver. On July 3rd last a decree was issued by the government abolishing the coinage of silver, declaring all foreign coins out of circulation, and coining in all foreign silver coins within thirty days. In the future all revenues and taxes must be paid in gold or accepted currency.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the harbor at Oakland, Cal., Thursday morning. It was very poorly clad, and was evidently that of a laboring man. On the body was found a bottle of whisky, and it suggests a clew as to how the man came to be drowned. The remains are those of a man perhaps 35 years of age and about six feet tall. He wore a beard longer than the average, and it is dark brown, with a few streaks of gray.

Governor McConnell of Idaho, received a dispatch Friday evening from superintendent Curran of the Hecla mine at Mullan, notifying him of a state of lawlessness at that place. The message stated that the company's force had been blown up on the night of the 22nd and that Friday evening, while the men were at supper, two rifle shots had been fired through the mining house, narrowly missing one of the employes. Curran said that it was useless to apply to the sheriff for protection.

Lon Kleinman was shot and instantly killed by Joe Lorey on the road between Rodeo and Selby, Cal., about midnight Friday night. The body was not discovered until morning. There were no eye-witnesses to the affair, though a belated citizen claims to have heard the shot. The murdered man was sober and industrious. He leaves a widow and three young children in destitute circumstances. Both men were employes of the Union Oil company at Rodeo. The quarrel which led to the shooting was the result of an effort to collect $4 from Lorey which had been loaned him by the wife of the murdered man. The murderer has been given to drink and gambling and has made "gun plays" before, but no one thought him dangerous.

At an early hour Friday morning Mrs. Hattie Keeler shot and mortally wounded her husband at their apartments in Oakdale, Cal. Early in the morning George Keeler came home in a drunken condition, bringing a boon companion with him. He entered the house, and calling to his wife, opened on her with a tirade of abuse. She told him to leave the house till he sobered, and he in turn told her to pack up and leave, as the place belonged to him. He started to strike her. She told him to save her alone and she would pack up and go to the hotel for the night. She went into another room, and, picking up some things, came out through the room in which Keeler and his friend were drinking. She got as far as the door when Keeler got up and followed her, holding a bottle in his hand. Overtaking her on the sidewalk he raised the bottle over her head, as though to strike her. The woman quickly produced a revolver from the folds of her dress and leveling it at the man began firing. Keeler staggered and two or three of the last shots were fired as he was falling or lay on the ground. The woman fired five shots, three of which took effect. They struck her husband in the head, neck and abdomen.

A band of tramps numbering twelve or fifteen attempted to board the eastbound overland train Thursday night near Roseville Junction, Cal., and during the attempt one of their number was shot in the breast so severely that there are grave doubts as to whether he will recover. As the train was about to pull out a crowd of tramps appeared from near by and made a rush for it. Many of the number succeeded in getting aboard, but they were seen by the train men who stopped the train and succeeded in putting them off. The signal was then given to go ahead, and as the train gathered headway the tramps without warning began to stone it. Brakeman Curran, the brakeman, saw the move and called on them to desist. The next moment a stone was hurled that narrowly missed him, and he noticed a group with stones in their hands a few feet distant. Seeing this they were apparently about to throw he raised a revolver which he had in his hand and fired in their direction. By this time the train had got under good headway and Curran could not tell whether he had hit one of the tramps or not, but no more stones were thrown. After the train had gone it developed that a tramp giving his name as Clark Abbot had been shot in the breast, and that he was seriously injured.

Gifts on Purim.

The custom of sending gifts on Purim to friends is honored today more in the breach than in the observance and is one that can easily be removed. Those who could not give much would send a trifle, something of their own handiwork perhaps, and many a charitably disposed person would, either more of this custom, send a gift of money to a friend who he would not have to be a beneficiary under other circumstances. The custom reflects the act of the Jew in benevolence.—American Hebrew.

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