NEWS OF THE WEST.

Arrest of a Jap Who Killed a Man for 35 Cents.

FATAL BLIND IN A WATER TUNNEL

New Tree Pests—Stolen Bicycles—Crime Prevent—Fell from a Tree and Died in His Sick

The fruit crop of Oregon this year is reported to be a general failure.

The tenderfoot in some parts of the Santa Maria valley are complaining that the bees are taking their honey.

Omaha Stockman: J. L. Geller of Nephi, Utah, had two double deck cars of sheep on sale today. W. A. Hedges had two double-deck loads of sheep here from Billings, Utah.

William Earley, an old resident of Pima county, Arizona, died Tuesday at Casas Grandes from an overdose of laudanum and calyptrine, taken with suicidal intent. He was a prominent Good Templar.

Army officers in Arizona are arranging for heliography stations at Bisbee, Nugget Head mountain near San Bernardino, which will communicate with the station now in service at Guadalupe canyon.

The Lompoc, Cal., Record complains of the ravages of a new insect, the New Orleans mosquito, which is arriving into the state in large numbers, and is more centurious to man than all the sequaintance combined.

Henry Meide writes from Eureka, Cal., to the Herald Press that too much time is cut flowers in the morning, when cut sage is in them. Those out of afternoons will cut keep as long as those cut the morning before.

The authorities of British Columbia recently seized and destroyed a consignment of Tasmanian apples because of a pest hitherto unknown in America. It is about the size and shape of a flea and burrows into the apple.

On Wednesday night the Japanese who killed J. J. Shoemaker, at Orcard, Iowa, on Tuesday, returned shaughnessy could not pay 35 cents he owed and asked the Jap to wait till next day, was lodged in the jail at Boise.

H. G. Howe, who advanced the first $1,000 on the construction of the Tenaya outlet tunnel, is now a homeless pauper in Tucson, Arizona. An woman who for years has taken care of him, died July 6th, leaving him entirely helpless.

Samuel Delgado, aged about 60 years, and an old resident of Santa Cruz, Cal., fell from a tree in his vineyard near the Catholic church on the town Wednesday afternoon and broke a neck. Death was instantaneous. He was gathering pears at the time and got on a rotten limb. Deceased leaves a widow and several children.

An Italian laborer was killed Wednesday evening in a water tunnel, which is being bored in Cold Spring canyon, Cal. He had fighting about, and at the same time his candle was extinguished by water dropping from the roof of the tunnel. He skipped to re-light his candle and the blast went off. He was badly mangled, and lived but a short time after being carried from the tunnel.

L. Anderson, one of the owners of the Metropolitan Tobacco company of Shanghai, China, is in San Francisco. He says that 8,000,000 American cigarettes are consumed every month in China. He has in his city an American institution of the kind in the country. The Chinese, he says, make cigarettes which sell ten for one cent, but the use of such a poor quality that they not interfere with the sale of the American article.

A peculiar religious ceremony was held at Amecico, in the state of Puebla, a few days since, as reported to the Mexican Two Republics. An immense cross, called the Cross of the Rechelos, was constructed. It was ten yards in length. A number of the most fantastically dressed, carried the cross from the carpenter shop to the church. A procession left the church to the alters, preceded by lancers, and followed by six men wearing large, wide cloak and brilliant headdresses, each one of whom was provided with a big pillow, on which to rest the cross upon his shoulder. Six rockets were sent up and a maiden carried a basket full of yellow flowers, which she from time to time threw at the heads of the marchers. The cross was taken to the hill and there was dedicated with grotesque ceremonies, one of which consisted in a game called "sorta galloo," in which a rooster was tied to the cross by its feet and its head jerked off by horsemen passing at a full gallop. A compulsion cross and previously interested and exiled the "Cross of the Maidens."

TRYING TO GET EVEN.

Clock and Watch Makers Get Into the Bicycle Trade.

Clock and watch makers who found their regular business falling off on account of the bicycle craze are now making up for it in the manufacture and sale of cyclometers. Competition is incredibly lively among the rival makers, to the great benefit of the rider.

There or four years ago there were only a few makes of cyclometers, and they were very heavy and costly. Now cyclometers are made as small as a silver quarter, weigh almost nothing and can be purchased at a trifling cost. Many dollars add a cyclometer to the equipment of the bicycle as an inducement to the purchaser, but as a result hardly a without cyclometers are the exception.

Cycling has brought many blessings in its train, and one of the greatest of these is the neat little register which records accurately the distance travelled by the cyclist. It is practically a 19,000 mile pedometer in a compact and convenient form. It is a great satisfaction for the rider to see the miles roll up on the dial as he spins along. The process cyclometers are very simple in construction, and as a rule perform their duty without error, but the work must not be expected of what is merely a mechanical contrivance. A rider can hardly expect his cyclometer to measure the distance between two points accurately if he wobbles from one side of the road to the other. In the way a beginner's cyclometer might run 2 a mile cycle he has been pushing his sinuous course for only half that distance.

Cyclometers are made for wheels of a given diameter, and if a 28 inch cyclometer is fitted to a 24 inch wheel the figures will not be accurate enough to be valuable. For the same reason if the tire be worn the will an appreciable error in the measurement will occur, because of the lessened diameter of the bicycle wheel. If the tire wore to a quarter of an inch under the weight of the rider, the tire is a mile, rile would amount to 14 yards. Thus the accuracy of a cyclometer measurement varies perceptibly, according to the condition of the tire. However, the average bicycle rider is not an engineer or surveyor, and the popularity of the cyclometer is in no way endangered because of this slight variation from the truth, a failing to which the cyclometer is often drawn by the excessive eager for a large mileage record.

So long as the variation is on the cyclist's side the cyclometer's future is safe. At any rate the demand for the device is likely, and the makers are renewing their forces devoted to the improvement of the bicycle upon the world's roads.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Appellate Courts.

Appellate courts can know nothing of the real trial as it did occur, yet they are not deterred from guessing, new trials and practically overruling with unerring an accuracy for the scope of men guilty of the most wicked miscrimes. Appellate courts are supposed to be thus that superior knowledge of the law is shown not by affirming the action of the trial court, but by reading in antagonistic to it and by reversing its action.

It is like the case of the bald, spectacled, who frequently gets credit for superior knowledge by the majority of his acquaintances, when, in fact, he knows nothing of the subject. Appellate courts are very often made up of men wanting in knowledge of the most elementary principles of the criminal law, for they have never either studied or practiced it. With this want of knowledge of the very law they are seeking to administer, they try to make up for it in words, to determine the guilt or innocence of the man, but they try it by some technical rule which has really no relation to the guilt or innocence of the accused.—North American Review.

The Rulers of England.

Kings have governed England for 800 years, queens for 128 and princesses for 11 years. The average reign of the kings has been 23½ years, of the queens 20 years, the average reign of all the sovereigns being between 22 and 23 years. The average reign of the kings of the Angevin dynasty—105 years—is greater than that of any other reigning family, although the average reign of the house of Brunswick very nearly approaches it. The average of the Yorkist kings—8 years—is the least of all. Four sovereigns of England have been of the Norman dynasty, and reigned in years; eight were Angevins Plantagenets and reigned 345 years; three were of the house of Lancaster and reigned 61 years; three of that of York and reigned 24 years; five were Tudors and reigned 93 years, and there have been six sovereigns of the house of Brunswick, which has existed now for 191 years.

RUSSIAN LODGING HOUSES.

Wherein They Differ From Those of Other Countries.

In apartment houses in Russia the lodgings which, open on the courtyard rent for a lower price, says a writer in Lippincott's, because the entrance is through a great archway, or, at night, through a wicket therein. This is an undeniable, rather an aristocratic, arrangement to a private house, but therefore the courtyard may contain two many stables, workshops or even a large number of small shops to supply many shops, which profess to deal in Finnish—that is to say, in pure country—butter, cream and milk. In this case also the winter's supply of wood for the great house is sure to be stacked in piles a couple of stories high close to the house. Outside lodgings that the perfect of the town was obliged to issue an order protecting the poor inhabitants and regulating the position of the wood piles at a proper distance from the building for light and air.

Our researches revealed the fact that very few "furnished" lodgings provided either towels, bed linen, coverlets or pillows, or anything, in fact, beyond the bare bedstead and furniture. Of course we would not be theoretically that this is a reminiscence of the days when every landed proprietor traveled accompanied by an entire housekeeping outfit and staff of servants when to undertake a long coverage journeys which preceded the days of railways and which are still compulsory in some parts of the empire. Nevertheless, in practice, we were not prepared to accept this beyond towels, and we protested that no traveler should be obliged to drag such bulky objects about with him in these days of improved transit facilities. The logic of this argument was not very strong on our side, it is true, but most travelers will agree with us nevertheless. The Russian lodging house people, in return, seemed to regard us with amazement and pity because we did not possess these things and declined to purchase them. Their idea must have been that we were accustomed to sleep in our clothes, like their own peasants.

In some cases they were willing to provide the bed furnishings for a consideration, but they regarded one towel a week and one change of linen a month as ample.

The Value of a Cup.

One of the most comforting things a fisherman or hunter can carry with him is a cup to drink from. Some men get along with their hands, or by leaning over a stream or spring and drinking direct from the water, but there is no comfort, and there is a possibility of trouble in this. One likes to stand erect and drink comfortably when on the march. It is more satisfactory. When one forgets his cup, he makes one from the large leaves of a tree or bush, or from paper, or uses the top of his hat.—New York sun.

Be Whistled.

He—Nice dog! Have you taught him any new tricks since I was here last?

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