

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Tempe, Arizona, is having an egg famine.

Thirty-five degrees below zero is the record in Montana—the coldest November weather known.

The national guard of California wants \$78,000 from the legislature for encampments the next two years.

Ozra Haskins of Tucson, Arizona, who repeatedly declared that in the event of Major McKinley's election he would leave the territory, has disappeared. It is believed he has gone to Mexico.

The sewers in Santa Barbara, Cal., are now flushed once every day with salt water, and the health officer reports that the sanitary condition of the town is much improved in consequence.

Monday night's storm gave four feet of water in places in some of the streets of San Francisco. The Chronicle says water was three feet deep in yards and in some houses a foot deep on floors in the first story.

On Saturday evening J. McAbee and E. Hoffmann killed a California lion in the Big Basin, Cal., firing seven shots into the beast. The lion measured six feet from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail.

Recent excavations have weakened the walls of Montezuma Castle, in Arizona, the largest and finest cliff dwelling in the world. The people of Flagstaff are talking of a movement to raise funds for its repair and preservation.

Otto Mergenthaler, inventor of typesetting machines, has purchased a promising gold claim within a short distance of Prescott, A. T. The ledge is sixteen to forty feet wide and carries free gold. Mr. Mergenthaler visited Phoenix about two months ago. He is in Arizona for his health.

The Porterville, Cal., Enterprise says the orange orchards in that vicinity are sprinkled with men and boys gathering the fruit. The wages are \$1.50 for men for picking and general work, and the girls make quite a good thing out of it at three cents a box, as they average fifty to sixty boxes a day.

Raphael Avino and Vincel Talarito were drinking together at San Jose, Cal., on Friday evening, when an old quarrel was renewed, and Talarito slashed Avino with a razor, severing his windpipe. The wound may prove fatal. Talarito was arrested about an hour and a half later and confessed the crime.

Isman & Paulson's sawmill at Portland, Oregon, was burned Friday night. The plant was valued at \$75,000 and on it there was \$40,000 insurance. It is thought a portion of the machinery can be saved. The mill was running on full time and employed about 150 men. The fire started in the engine room, presumably from a spark.

It is reported that, anticipating a change in the tariff the owners of the

great borax mine at Calico, Cal., are preparing to start up their works again. The mine has been shut down almost ever since the passage of the Wilson bill. It is expected that 200 men will be put to work and the monthly payroll will amount from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Matthew Peterson of San Francisco a young man who was shot Monday by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of H. Klein while out hunting ducks in the Newark marshes, Cal., lived five hours after receiving the wound. Both men were sitting side by side in a "blind" when the gun was discharged; the shot entering the right side of Peterson, who was only three feet away.

Adolph Tuthe, an aged inmate of the county infirmary at Oakland, Cal., died Thursday morning from the effects of a large dose of laudanum, taken with suicidal intent on Monday. How the old man obtained the poison is a mystery, for the drugroom at the infirmary is never open to the inmates, and the poisons are carefully guarded. The poisoning was not discovered until it was too late to do anything for Tuthe.

H. E. Phelps, who died at Ontario, Cal., some months ago, and left an estate valued at about \$20,000, willed to Pomona college two-thirds of his property towards an endowment fund for the benefit of poor students. The laws of California make it illegal for any individual to will more than a third of his estate for charitable purpose, and unless Mr. Phelps' relatives allow his wish to be carried out the benevolent desires of the deceased will be frustrated.

A. J. Heoppner, manager of the Farmers' drug store of Colfax, Wash., came near taking his life recently. The old gentleman lost a large stake on the presidential election, and to drown his trouble partook too freely of intoxicants. About 4 o'clock in the morning he got hold of a bottle of strychnine, and would have ended his existence had his intention not been thwarted by a member of his family. It was only with difficulty he was restored. He will recover.

A. C. Stewart, a school teacher in the Mount Pleasant, B. C., public school, was probably fatally shot Tuesday afternoon. He was examining a .38-caliber revolver, which was thought to be unloaded, but one cartridge had somehow been left in the weapon. He was in the act of taking up the revolver when it went off, the bullet striking him in the left breast. The doctors think there is but little hope of Stewart's recovery.

On Sunday a party of emigrants returning from the Big Horn basin camped at Horseshoe, near Wheatland, Wyoming, during a snow storm. The men were cleaning their guns after breakfast. While trying to get a cartridge out which had stuck fast in one of the guns the weapon was discharged. The shot struck a little girl, aged four years, in the wrist, passing through and striking her in the side about two

inches from the heart and coming out near the backboon. She lived but a few minutes after the accident.

Evanston, Wyoming, News-Register: William Robinson of Ulet, Star Valley, while chopping wood at his ranch last week, had the misfortune to cut off a few toes. Through the skillful attendance of Dr. Lovejoy he is coming on fluently and will soon be able to hop around.....The Mutual Improvement associations have commenced their annual work in some of the wards with others soon to follow. The quarterly Stake conference was held the 14th and 15th. The remarks of President Geo. Osmond were particularly interesting.

Pocatello, Idaho, Tribune: Michael Collins, employed on a fruit farm near Lewiston; was accidentally killed last Friday. He was missed after an absence of a night, and a search resulted in finding him dead on the prairie with his coat arranged for a pillow. There was a wound on his temple and there was evidence of the loss of a great deal of blood. The belief is that his saddle horse fell with him and caused the injury. Whether the loss of blood was the direct cause of death, or whether he was chilled during the night is not known.

Russel Warren, the two-year-old child of Solomon S. Warren, was burned to death Tuesday afternoon in apartments in the Holland block at Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Warren had gone out for a few minutes, and upon her return she found the child on the floor with its clothing in flames. He had apparently turned on the gas in a gasoline stove, and, striking a match, was knocked down by the concussion. He lived about two hours in great agony. The child's mother procured a revolver and attempted to kill herself but was disarmed.

Mammoth Record: On Friday evening, while driving from Dragon below to Silver, John Llewellyn of Goshen, fell over the dashboard of his wagon and received injuries about the head. About 9 o'clock at night Ben Kole found him lying by the roadside and took him to a neighbor's residence where he was cared for till morning, when he was taken to his home. Although perhaps not fatal, the unfortunate man's head was mangled in horrible shape and indicated that he had either been dragged a considerable distance or had been kicked by the horses.

An interesting surgical operation has been performed by Dr. Rowell and Dr. Eastman in the case of young Eddie Dwyer, the lad whose foot was crushed by a freight train about three weeks ago at Berkeley, Cal. The injury was such that in dressing the wound the doctors were compelled to cut away nearly all the flesh from the boy's foot. Frogs' bellies were used to supply the lost tissue, being grafted to the affected parts. The injured member is rapidly improving and hopes are entertained that the tissue taken from the frogs will completely supply what was amputated, so that there will be no permanent disfigurement of the foot.

Texas Stockmen: All Texas has received this fall a more general and thorough wetting down than for sev-