

reported the disbursement of their contingent funds, but no printing item appeared in either report.

Councillors Irvin, Malben, Probert, McCullough and Barney made speeches denouncing in the strongest terms the *Inquirer*. They claimed that the charges were absolutely false, and that the editor knew they were false when they were made, etc. Malben and Irvine threatened to commence libel suits. The fire bell rang, but the council were too interested to heed. The discussion was continued. The fire alarm, however, was a false one.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Jack Crawford, the poet scout, has been written a poem in honor of the coming silver convention at El Paso, and dedicated it to the McGinty club of that city.

The Fort Collins, Colo., *Courier* says: "There is enough surplus alfalfa in Larimer county this fall to feed and fatten 100,000 sheep. Bring on the sheep and our farmers will fit them for mutton. Chicago will want them next spring and summer."

THE FACT that a full-blooded Indian is a conductor on one of the street-car lines in a northwestern city, causes a smart paragrapher to remark that "none but the brave deserve the fairs." He ought to be bloused for damages, even if his watch has to be Pawnee'd to pay the judgment.

David Stringer, for years chief assayer for the Crescent company at Park City, and father of Thomas, Edward and Joseph Stringer, old employees of the company, has just died in Spanish Fork of dropsy, superinduced by the effects of lead poison absorbed while following assaying.

The Montana Gold, Silver, Platinum and Tellurium company at Neihart will make another \$15,000 shipment of ore very soon. This company has recently cut the second lead in their ground with a long tunnel striking it 500 feet beneath the surface. It is a five foot vein and the ore carries \$18 in gold and free milling. It also carries some silver.

The Elbert (Colorado) county *Banner* urges that the people of Elizabeth should united in an effort to get the Union Pacific to erect stockyards and scales at that point. It asserts that thousands of head of cattle are each year driven to other points for shipment, and that the Union Pacific might as well have the patronage if it would only provide the facilities.

There was a lively fire in the bushes that skirt Great Salt Lake southwest of Brigham. The wind was blowing a gale and the flames brightly illuminated the sky as they leaped along through the forest of rushes at a surprising gait. They could have done little damage except lay waste a number of acres of winter range and eat up some fences. — *Bugler*.

Mrs. Lorenzo Hansen and her mother an aged lady, were thrown from a cart and the latter painfully but not seriously injured last week. The other lady was not hurt. They were driving down from the farm. The

horse took fright at an old gunnysack in the road; whirled around, upset the vehicle and piled the ladies in the road with the above result. The cart was smashed to atoms by the runaway animal. — *Brigham City Bugler*.

Judges Knowles, in the United States circuit court at Montana, has decided that the transfer of a gang of men from a division in Canada to a division in Montana is in the nature of a contract and subject to the provisions of the contract labor law. The case in question came up in the suit against the Great Falls and Canada Railroad company for violation of the contract law in so transferring a gang of fifteen men. The case will now be tried to ascertain the facts. There are twenty-six cases pending against the company.

Judge Standrod (says the *Idaho Register*) sentenced Phillip Clifford, the fellow who is supposed to have set fire to Keefer's saloon about a month ago, to ten years in the penitentiary. He was arrested and tried for burglary, for breaking into Ingersoll's house and stealing a lot of clothing, and was found guilty of burglary in the first degree. In passing sentence the court said he had investigated his past career and found he had served a term of eight years in the Utah penitentiary and had been out only a short time. He was too dangerous a person to be at large.

Moscow (Idaho) *Mirror*: Probably the most distressing accident which has occurred in the vicinity of Moscow in the past year has just taken place at the home of Mr. John Johnson, three miles southeast of Moscow, and which resulted in the death of Joe Hane, the 11-year-old son of Mr. Johnson. The boy was assisting an employee in hauling some straw, and when the noon hour arrived the team was unhitched and the boy mounted one of the horses to ride to the barn, but as the horse had been removed the animal became unmanageable and the boy slid off but was caught in the harness.

A letter was received last week from J. J. Sweeney who left the Park something over one year ago in company with W. B. Edwards for Australia. Mr. Sweeney is now in South Africa, having left Edwards in Australia. He reports it as a great country and says that an immense amount of the yellow metal is being taken from the rock down there. He says the claims are 600x1500 feet, and that each one has a quartz mill on it in active operation. Mr. Sweeney says he did not like Australia but thinks there is a good chance in South Africa to make a raise. — *Park City Record*.

As Joseph Willey, of Teton, Idaho, a young man about sixteen years of age was returning from the timber with a load of wood, a slight shower of rain began to fall and he reached on his load for his Winchester so he could cover it up with quilts. In dragging the gun, which was an old fashioned 45-60, the charge went off entering the right side near the lungs and coming out about one inch below the left nipple. His father who was along and a number of others got the wounded man to Teton by about dark, and Dr. Rivers was sent for. An examination showed that both lungs were penetrated and

that he was bleeding internally. Death ensued next day.

D. W. Schneider was taken before U. S. Commissioner Hinesdale at Denver on Saturday, charged with being an accessory after the act of Alexander McKenzie, who held up the Spar City and Creede stage September 28 last, and relieved carrier G. M. Pemberton of the United States mail. Schneider, it is claimed, received McKenzie and concealed him in his cabin, aiding him in every way in his power to avoid the officers of the law. The prisoner pleaded not guilty and was held in \$1000 bonds. Being unable to furnish these he was committed to jail to await trial. McKenzie is already confined there.

Andy Mehan has just died in Albuquerque of consumption. Deceased was well known in Tombstone several years ago. He figured conspicuously in the Daly mining suit which occupied the attention of the last term of court here. It will be remembered that after killing Constable Lowther at Bisbee, Daly's whereabouts could not be found. Six months after the killing, a deed executed in Denver by Daly to Mehan was received at the recorder's office here and caused much comment. Mehan, although he knew at that time and probably knew at the time of his death the whereabouts of Daly, for whose apprehension a reward of \$3000 is outstanding, never revealed the secret to anyone and carried it with him to his grave. — *Prospector*.

During the current term of the supreme court that august tribunal will be called upon to decide whether or not it is a crime to "attempt to commit arson," says the *Idaho Democrat*. The question arises in the appeal of John Collins, the man who earnestly endeavored to set fire to the jail at Idaho Falls. He did not accomplish his design, but the district court, taking the spirit for the deed found him guilty, and he was sent to the penitentiary. His attorney contends that he has been wrongfully punished, the statutes of Idaho not recognizing attempted arson as a crime. The settlement of this peculiar question will not, however, be the most intricate skein that the court will have to unravel, there being a large number of important cases on the docket.

Dr. W. Finlay Thompson of Palmer Lake died a few days since at some point on the coast of Mexico of yellow fever. The news of his death will prove a great shock to his friends throughout Colorado, especially in Denver, says the *News*, where he was intimately associated with many leading citizens in various enterprises. Dr. Thompson invested large sums of money in Palmer Lake on his faith that it would ultimately become an attractive summer resort. He did much to beautify the place, and it first sprang into prominence through his efforts. His beautiful home, "Estamere House," was one of the loveliest spots in that section. Two years ago Dr. Thompson removed his family to New York and last year he went to Mexico to look after several interests. He leaves a wife and three daughters in New York. His aged mother and his sister reside at Palmer Lake.