

shaft and struck him. He was impaled by it and his body had to be cut away. It was frightfully mutilated. Oates was 22 years old and unmarried.

Pocatello, Idaho, Tribune: At Nampa George Duval has just thrashed the oats from 22 acres which gave a yield of 65 bushels to the acre and which weighed 40 pounds a bushel, or a yield of 81 bushels standard weight. This was no doubt the finest yield of oats in the state, as a little tract of about three acres went over a hundred bushels to the acre.

At Greenville, Cal., on Tuesday night a Chinese made a wager with a woman that he could drink a quart bottle of whisky without stopping, the woman to furnish the whisky and pay him a dollar if he did so. He drank the liquor and died next morning from the effects of it. The coroner will hold an inquest, as some Chinese think there was poison in the liquor.

The steamer Dauntless, en route to Stockton from San Francisco, Cal., carrying about 500 passengers, was captured by a gang of San Francisco hoodlums Tuesday. Between San Francisco and Benicia a row occurred between seven white men and a number of Chinamen, resulting in the serious if not fatal injury of a Chinese foreman, and the fatal injury of the William Lennox, an employe of the H. S. Crocker company of San Francisco.

Henry Wyman of Alameda, Cal., whose brain was pierced by a piece of brass gas fixture in San Francisco last Thursday, is lying in an unconscious state and cannot live. His injury is a singular one. He was brushing a piece of gas fixture, bent in the shape of a scroll, and while it was whirling, with great rapidity in the "buffing" machine the fastenings loosened and the rod, which became straightened out in the accident, struck him endways in the forehead, entering the brain. Wyman's temperature has been 105 and higher since the accident.

Preston, Idaho, New Era: On Tuesday P. H. Margetis' blooded horses took it into their heads to run away. They made a sudden jump forward, breaking the single trees and pulling Pitt out over the endgate of the wagon. Freeing themselves from his grip on the lines, they ran down the streets until they collided with Wallace Head's buggy, which was standing in the street, and completely demolished that vehicle. The horses became entangled in the ruins and were brought to a standstill.

Hugh Wilson, son of Captain J. C. Wilson, a well known coal dealer of Oakland, was drowned near Antioch, Cal., on Tuesday. Last Saturday morning Wilson left Oakland with a party of five friends to attend the anniversary celebration in Stockton. They set sail in the yacht Nathalie. Tuesday at Antioch a swim was proposed, and the yacht was anchored in a favorable spot. The young men were soon plunging about in the water. Wilson met death then and there. He disappeared and did not rise. The body was not found until life was extinct.

The body of James Hartley of Portland, Or., a well known collector of Indian relics, was found on Thursday last in a canoe on a small island in Dead Man's lake, a small body of water

near Mount St. Helens, Oregon. In his search for relics Hartley desecrated many Indian burying grounds, and the savages threatened vengeance should they ever catch him in the act. A number of ancient chiefs were interred in the little island where Hartley's body was discovered, and it is supposed that he was about to visit the graves, when surprised by Indian scouts, who murdered him.

Oscar Rogers, the train robber under sentence of death for robbing a Southern Pacific train at Maricopa, Arizona, in 1894, in company with Frank Armer, was to have been hanged on the 15th inst., but Governor Franklin has intervened and commuted his sentence to forty years in the penitentiary. The governor gave as his reasons for commuting the sentence that Rogers was led by Armer. The latter pleaded guilty and was sentenced to thirty years. The commutation of Rogers's sentence was recommended by the sentencing judge, the grand and trial jurors and the district attorney of the county in which he was tried.

Mrs. Amelia Bird, the wife of a settler near Rankin on Lewis river, Oregon, met with a horrible death Tuesday. Her husband set fire to brush on a piece of ground he had cleared during the summer, and when the fire was at its height the wind changed and the flames began traveling toward the house and barn at a rapid rate. There being no neighbors near, Mrs. Bird went out to assist her husband in fighting the fire. Her dress caught fire and she ran screaming in agony to a small creek at some distance, but fell exhausted before she reached it and died in a short time. The unfortunate husband is left with three small children to care for.

A woman who has been married thirteen times appeared before Judge Dangerfield in San Francisco Friday. Her present name is Esther German, and she is resisting a suit for divorce brought by her husband, Lewis German. Some weeks ago Mrs. German obtained an order that the plaintiff pay her \$50 counsel fees and \$20 a month alimony pending the trial of his suit. The husband now wants this order set aside. German is a Russian and claims to have been early victimized by his wife. At the time he married her he had \$800. He declares that the defendant secured his money, then turned him out of the house, and when he attempted to return caused his arrest on a charge of battery.

Pocatello, Idaho, Tribune: Wm. Douglas Jr. died Sunday morning after an illness of only a few days, with typhoid fever. He was a son of Mr. George Douglas, the east side hay and grain merchant. Death was sudden and unexpected. The young man had been in his usual good health a week before. His mother and father were both at his side when the end came. Wm. Douglas was only 28 years old and a young man of irreproachable character who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. A few years ago he spent three years in New Zealand as a mislatory. He had been here in charge of his father's business but a short time when stricken with his last illness, although about a year he had spent some time here in the employ of Delatour & Mombert.

The remains were shipped to Smithfield Utah, for interment.

A Kansas girl of 17 not long ago won a prize in an unusual contest in competition with two men. She had learned to turn a horseshoe in a blacksmith shop, and at an entertainment for the benefit of the church she matched herself against two of the most expert blacksmiths in the city. Three portable forges were placed on the stage and each contestant was allowed a helper to blow the bellows. Both men and the girl wore the leather aprons peculiar to their calling. The men smiled indulgently at their girl rival as they waited for time to be called, but became anxious, then alarmed, and finally discomfited when she turned a perfect horseshoe before the audience and judges in less than four minutes. The curtain dropped on a pretty tableau of glowing forges, and the smiling girl victor, who speedily appeared among her friends daintily clad in white.

Idaho Falls Register: A peculiar circumstance occurred at the school election on Monday. Miss Kate Thomas, daughter of Wm. Thomas, with her father and mother, came to the polls. She presented her vote, was asked if she was over 21 years of age and she replied that she was. Still being in doubt, Mr. Crow, one of the judges, asked her father and mother if she was over 21, and they both declared she was. He did not have her take the oath, as he concluded the statement of both father and mother sufficient. There is no particular significance in the above only that when the school census was taken in July, only two months ago, she gave her age as 9; in 1895 she gave it as 18 and in 1894 as 17. She certainly must have aged rapidly, or was simply mistaken upon one of the dates when she gave her age.

District Attorney Barry and the coroner returned from seven miles north of Red Rock Postoffice, Cal., Friday evening, where two men were reported dead. The following facts were gained: One of Thomas Cummings' vaqueros who was herding saddle horses in the vicinity, found a human skull in the brush. He at once hastened to the camp and informed his companions of the discovery. Word was sent to a near neighbor, who notified the coroner at Susanville, Cal. Upon the latter's arrival at the place the bones of two men were discovered. Upon examination it was found that one had been shot in the head and the other through the center of the body. From all appearance the victims had been in bed. Their shoes were off, but other portions of their undergarments were on their bodies. The flesh was entirely gone from their bones. The clothing was of good quality, showing they were men of some pretensions and not tramps.

Thomas J. Salter, a native of England, was killed at the old Stange ranch, nine miles from Tulare, Cal., Tuesday, by the explosion of seventy-five pounds of giant powder. The deceased had been in the employ of J. F. Allen, who owns a mine in the foothills. For blasting at the mine he had the powder, and he had frequently warned Salter to avoid it. Wild animals had been stealing the chickens and eggs from the ranch and Salter