NEWS OF THE WEST.

Three Men Badly Burned by an Explosion of Powder.

SENT A BULLET INTO HIS BRAIN.

Cattle Dying in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains—Railroad Conductor Killed—Other Items.

The total number of sheep sheared this season in Carbon county, Wyoming, is 300,000, and the local wool pool has realized 12 cents per pound.

Great numbers of cattle are dying in the mountains of Rio Arriba and Taos counties, New Mexico. The cause is supposed to be the eating of poisonous weeds, which they are obliged to eat for food.

The post-office at Steamboat Springs, Colo., was robbed Sunday. Several men were seen near the premises shortly after the robbery. It is thought they were the robbers. The office was in charge of Miss Mary Dunn, who was alone at the time. The robbers succeeded in opening the safe and got away with a small amount of money and some stamps.

Fort Logan, Montana, is a very quiet place. Only eight men remain of the troops that were there a year ago. The post will be abandoned in a few months. The buildings are in good condition, and will be used for a school of instruction for the cavalry and artillery of the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming.

A Denver, Colo., dispatch says: Colonel Jack Hayes, the famous Indian fighter, who was wounded in the leg by a bullet, while in the service of the Texas Rangers, in a fight with the Comanches, in 1844, is now a resident of Denver. He is 73 years of age, and is still able to do a good day's work. He is a cousin of the late Jack Hayes, the famous Texas Ranger, who died in Oakland, Cal., a few years ago.

A Denver, Colo., dispatch says: Two men were badly burned by an explosion of powder in the mine of the Ruby Chief Mining company, at Ruby, Colorado, Tuesday morning. The men were Frank Cooper and Ed Hoover. They had drilled a hole in the rock and had put in a charge of powder, when they left the place to get their dinners. When they returned they found the powder had exploded, and they were both badly burned about the face and hands. They will recover.

A Denver, Colo., dispatch says: Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, a prominent woman in Denver society, committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting herself in the head with a pistol, while despondent. At the time Mrs. Bell was in her bedroom, on the second floor of her residence, on H street. The deceased was a widow, and was well known in the city. She was about 60 years of age. She had been in poor health for some time, and had been very much depressed. She was a sister of Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, who was shot and killed by her husband, Charles Bell, in Denver, some years ago. The husband committed suicide after the murder.

A San Francisco dispatch says: The Southern Pacific railroad company formerly negotiated for the purchase of the Lower Fort Sutton property, which then belonged to the Pacific Mail steamship company, for a terminal station for the Southern Pacific on the Oakland side of the bay. The company paid $1,000 down, and was to pay $1,000 a month for the property, but it is said it never did pay the last two payments. Passenger steamers are now the only vessels owned, as all freight steamers were given up some time since. Some passengers are accepted now, and give a good but not good service. The new system means a revolution in the transcontinental service.

A Stockton, Cal., dispatch says: That news has been received of an explosion of bursting powder that took place near the camp of J. J. McGregor, one of the contractors who are now clearing the stumps off the Mas Jasper and Needles Ditch, near Lodi. The ditch is cut for from Stanislaus River. There were three men injured in the accident, but it is thought none of them are seriously hurt. From the meagre reports received, it appears that a keg of blue ribbon powder was being broken in the rock. After the rock had been set off there was some amount of time or something else hanging in the hole, and J. McIntyre, the foreman, ordered Jack Brown, one of the men, to go back and see what was keeping the fire. The rock containing the blasting powder was that containing water were exactly alike and he mistake Brown picked up the former. As he began to pour the powder into the hole an explosion took place. Brown, McIntyre and another man, who was standing near by, were terribly unconscious. All three were badly burned and received other serious injuries, but it is thought they will recover.

R. S. Caley, one of Stockton's oldest and best known citizens, committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting himself in the head with a pistol, while despondent. At the time Mr. Caley fired the fatal shot he was seated in a chair in the parlor of his residence, on H street. The deceased and a stable boy found the room and burned around the house, finding the body of Mr. Caley sitting upright in a chair, with the blood streaming from a ragged hole in his temple. The pistol with which he had committed the act was a small revolver, made to carry in the vest pocket. The ball lightly singed in his right hand. Mr. Caley had been a great sufferer for all who knew him, and he had allegedly because life was not worth the trouble. The deceased was about 60 years of age, and was well known throughout the Stockton and Lodi country. He was a native of Ireland, and leaves a family. The deceased was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Honor, and was well known in those orders. The funeral will be held this afternoon, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

A Sacramento, Cal., dispatch says: Conductor Frank Ellis, of the Sacramento Electric Railway, was killed at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning by a collision between his car and a freight train on the Sacramento River bridge. The accident occurred on the bridge, and Ellis was thrown into the river. The body was not found until 7 o'clock, when it was found floating in the river near the bridge. The body was taken to the morgue. Ellis was married and lived with his family at 1416 Q street. He was about 35 years of age. The motorman, who was also thrown into the river, escaped with a few bruises. The cars were badly wrecked. The accident was caused by the failure of the motorman to see the freight train in time to stop his car. The motorman was arrested and taken before the police judge, charged with manslaughter. He was released on his own recognizance, pending the coroner's inquest. The motorman is a young man, and is married. He is said to be very much cut up over the affair. The freight train was being backed across the bridge when the collision occurred. The motorman of the car was not to blame, as he was not at his post of duty. The motorman was not to blame, as he was not at his post of duty. The motorman was not to blame, as he was not at his post of duty. The motorman