

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

George Tanner, ten-year-old son of a Seattle, Washington, steamboat engineer, was drowned in Lake Washington Thursday afternoon. He was paddling about on a plank. The plank turned and he sank in six feet of water. The body was recovered.

Preston, Idaho, Herald: This should be a great summer for advertising Utah and her resources, and will if those resources are shown up as they should be. Salt Lake City has an enviable reputation for the cordial welcome it always extends to guests and visitors. The transmississippi congress will afford an opportunity to add to that reputation. Let the city "do itself proud" on that occasion.

Drovers Telegram: Major W. A. Trowers has just returned from a trip through Southern California and is enthusiastic concerning the outlook in that part of the state. He says the grass there is farther advanced now than at this season of the year in the past twenty-five years. It is a month to six weeks earlier than usual. Cattle are doing well. Most of the yearling and two-year-old cattle in that state have been disposed of, which will probably lighten the shipments to market from that section during the fall.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., (Avanahoe): The people of Utah are making great headway in their jubilee celebration and they will have President McKinley with them. Congress will adjourn by that time. Utah people are hustlers and they can give Colorado people points. We promise President McKinley and his cabinet and his friends that if they will only pick up courage to come across the continent and visit Utah on that occasion they will learn something that will be of financial benefit to themselves and see some of the grandest sights men ever saw.

Evanston, Wyoming, News-Register: Through a decision of the Utah Supreme Court rendered last Tuesday W. K. Royce of this place is enriched to the extent of \$8,000. While in Salt Lake, Royce was arrested as a vagrant and compelled to work with the chain gang. During the time he was thus occupied in remodeling the streets of Zion, the man was injured by a street explosion. He sued the city and obtained judgment. The case was appealed and the decision of the lower court sustained by the higher tribunal. Royce has gained local notoriety through the Damon and Pythias affection that exists between him and Charles Shelby, now in the county jail under sentence for assault to murder.

Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang: A party of traps entered the rolling mill Saturday morning between 5 and 6 o'clock, soon after work was started, and while they were watching the rolling process, some of the employees, as a joke, yelled out, "Look out for the explosion—run—run!" Everybody immediately started to escape from the building. Two of the visitors, A. S. Clark of Sacramento, California, and Walter Freund of Pueblo, Colorado, attempted to run out of an opening

which they observed. It was a hinged door less than the height of an ordinary man, and the door was simply raised from the bottom and was suspended at right angles with the side of the building. In the poor light after watching the heated iron the men did not observe the protruding door and ran their faces directly against it. They were knocked down and their noses badly broken, and Clark's eye was also badly out.

Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang: Among a number of Arapahoe and Shoshone Indians from Fort Washakie at United States court at Cheyenne is Bishop, the reservation judge of the Shoshones. Bishop is a candidate for the head chieftainship of the Shoshones when Washakie, the famous chief, who is very old and feeble, shall die. His only opponent is Dick Washakie, a son of Chief Washakie. The successful candidate will be selected by election by the tribes, and both applicants are pulling strings in a manner worthy of their white political contemporaries. Judge Bishop is an advanced Indian in his ideas. He aids the work of the Indian schools, encourages the Indians in agricultural work, and is proud of the fact that he has always been a friend of the whites and of the government. He is an advocate of temperance, and his presence at the United States court is due to the fact that he was offered whiskey by a Mexican trader and he considered it his duty to have the Mexican arrested for the offense, and he is now on trial.

Contra Costa, California, News: The members of Mount Diablo lodge of Workmen were celebrating their anniversary at Walnut Creek a few nights ago, when they were alarmed by a report that a burglar had taken possession of the residence of Rev. Mr. Darling. The men folk, accompanied by the ladies, left the banquet and started to capture the burglar. On the way they stopped at the blacksmith shop and armed themselves with scythes, pitchforks, hammers, hoeshoes, and one lady secured an anvil. The house was surrounded, and Vincent Hook, the bravest man in the community, entered the house. He looked around, but could see no signs of the burglar, and while trying to look into the pantry was told by Mr. Darling that it was impossible for a burglar to be hidden there, but Vincent was now looking for a place to take the place of the meat he had lost because of the alarm. It turned out that Mr. Darling had forgotten to put out the light in his residence before leaving home, and on seeing the light afterward thought that some one had entered the house.

At Phoenix recently a colored woman was fined \$7 and instead of paying elected to go to jail with her twins. The Gazette relates the following about the case: Hi Hooker, the city jailer, who has the custody of the two yellow kids, the yearling twins of Mattie Lee, met with an accident on Wednesday night. One of the youngsters began crying in the night and it was too dark to take out the double decker baby carriage he uses during

hours of sunshine. Hi went looking for the paragon and stepped on a tack, making him a little lame. He looked careworn and tired yesterday, but Mattie and the little mulattoes seemed quite cheerful. John, the city recorder, says he could hardly sleep Wednesday night, not from any pang of conscience but from worry about the little urchins. Another man came yesterday to pay the fine, which has dwindled down to \$5, two days having been served, but Mattie is bent on being a martyr and persistently refused the proffered aid. It is now only a question of endurance, as the jailer has to do the washing of necessary apparel for the babies three times a day.

Port Townsend, Wash., Call: Yesterday afternoon a local church was the scene of a wedding and also of one of the funniest incidents that ever occurred during the performance of that solemn ceremony. The bride and groom were both natives of sunny Italy, or sunny somewhere else. The minister to officiate had but short notice, and consequently no rehearsal of the important and impressive performance could be indulged in. He did find time to inform the contracting parties, however, that when he asked them questions they must answer, and on this information the funny incident hinged, for when the blushing and dusky bride was interrogated, "Do you take this man for better or for worse?" she blausily answered, "worse." The mistake was too much for the groom, who guffawed in a loud tone, the merriment spreading through the family of the bride and among the few auditors present until every one joined in. The bride, blushing but a moment before, did not see anything funny about the matter and proceeded to burst into tears. These were finally dried and the ceremony concluded.

Fremont County (St. Anthony, Idaho) News: W. C. Gibson, representing the Irwin-Hodson company of Portland, and Will McDonald, a candy salesman of Salt Lake, arrived here on Wednesday evening after a rather thrilling experience in crossing the Teton river. They had one of Sam Hearst's teams, of Market Lake, and traveled along pleasantly until they reached the Teton river, between here and Teton City, where the bridge that spans the river is being repaired, which compels all teams to ford the river. These two gentlemen were not acquainted with the ford. They made a brave start, however, but when they reached the opposite shore they were not quite so brave. In crossing the river they guided the horses too far down stream, and it was not long before both horses and wagon lost bottom and were carried rapidly down with the swift current. The horses being good swimmers floatly pulled the paralyzed drummers ashore, away below the landing. After the travelers got their second wind and found that they were really not drowned, they got their team on the road again and reached St. Anthony no worse for their experience except that their samples, which were quite valuable, were almost entirely ruined.

Dr. J. J. Hogan of Vallejo, Cal., was summoned to the Gore ranch on