NEWS OF THE WEST.

Gambling and Drinking Wreck Yet Another Promising Career.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

An Elopement—A Self-Confessed Murderer—Fatal Accident to a Youth.

This "society" item is from the Sacramento, Cal., *Bee*: Some of the ladies (?) of Clements got to rowing among themselves one day last week and engaged in a regular hair-pulling session. Blue Tillie Clements is to be tried to the champion scrapper of the community.

A number of ranchmen on the Big and Little Lafayette rivers in Albany county (towards the Upper River, Wyo., *Star*) say that they never raised such immense crops of potatoes as were grown there this year. John M. Dearborn has made off next that he raised 1,056 bushels of potatoes on one acre of ground.

Superintendent Campbell of the Northern road, is in the city. He says the Denver *News* lie says a booking firm in McCook has bought 2,000 tons of hay in Colorado to be fed to cattle in Nebraska. The demand for hay has been so great that many buyers are in the field and the price has gone up $2 a ton since the opening of the season.

Eugene Tarbarell, a former employe of the Colorado Iron & Fuel company, has commenced suit in the district court at Denver for $25,000 damages for the loss of the use of his leg in an accident in the spring fields mine in Pitkin county last November. Tarbarell was a driver in the mine and in an accident had his leg badly mangled under the cars.

A sad accident occurred at Liberty last Saturday, says the Paris (Idaho) *Post*, by which Claud Austin, the 18-year-old son of Bishop L. N. Austin, met his death. He was coming down the canyon with a load of logs, when his team became unmanageable and his brake would not work. He was thrown from his load, and the base of his skull struck a sharp stick of wood, producing concussion of the brain, causing instant death.

A Japanese waiting leaving the depot at Sacramento on Sunday evening was set upon in the rear of the building by a couple of youths, one of whom knocked him down, and the other relieved him of $45. The Jap says the youngster who assisted him during was about twenty years of age, and the other a boy of about sixteen years. The spot where the affair occurred is quite dark, and nobody witnessed it, although the street car terminus was but a few yards distant, and people were passing to and from the depot.

Ferdinand Lebrun, an ex-detective in jail at San Jose, Cal., awaiting trial for burglary, is now in solitary confinement on account of his extensive arrangements to saw his way through iron to freedom. Lebrun was in the big bank of the jail. He had torn up one of the blankets, made it into a rope, had surreptitious said to secure the iron of the window bars and was waiting for his wife to smuggle in a saw and files, when he would have cut his way into the courtyard and scaled the high wall by means of the rope. A fellow prisoner told of his plan.

Montague H. Graham, of the Hotel del Monte, Cal., has mysteriously disappeared, and his family, who live in San Francisco, are well nigh distracted with anxiety. His aged mother has searched all over the city, and for days has tramped along the water front in the hope of finding some trace of her son. Detectives have for the last ten days covered San Francisco, Sacramento, Oakland and Alameda on the same errand. No trace of the missing man has been obtained since Friday, October 12th, when he was seen in Alameda, just as he was starting for his home in San Francisco.

Fred W. Weatherford, for the past six years bookkeeper and collector of the Holman Drayage and Forwarding company, at Portland, Or., has been arrested on a charge of embezzling $2,000. The firm had the most implicit confidence in him up to August, when an investigation showed a small shortage in his accounts and he was discharged. He acknowledged the shortage and promised to make it good. A thorough examination later by an expert showed defalcations for a period of years, skillfully concealed, amounting in all to about $6,000. The young man's downfall was caused by drinking and gambling.

John Fallon got in from Mahlon today and delivered himself up to Deputy Sheriff Sanders, saying that he had killed Willie Jones. Fallon claims to have acted in self-defense; that Jones attacked him with a stick, cutting a gash through a heavy buckskin glove upon his left hand, and cutting his jumper besides. That he thereupon shot him with a rifle, killing him. There was a witness to the tragedy, besides the two principals. Jones is said to have been a dead shot, and to have killed four men in California. Fallon is 31 years old, and has lived at Mahlon since 1886.

Annie Connors, a Louisville girl of nineteen, has disappeared from her home and a mother named Gilroy coincidentally left at the same time. Gilroy was one of Annie's ardent admirers and his affections were returned. The girl's parents however, claimed and forbade Gilroy's visits. At 2 o'clock Saturday morning the head of the family was awakened by a cold breeze. He arose and found the front door standing wide open, and upon passing through his daughter's bedroom found that her cot was unoccupied. The matter was at once reported to the police, but at latest accounts no trace of the missing girl had been found.

A wholesale attempt to poison the inmates of the county hospital at Colton, Cal., was made on Saturday morning by putting strychnine into the coffee. Twenty-two patients are now suffering from the effects of the drug, and one man has already died. The wife of the superintendent is very sick, but the physicians hope to pull her through. The coffee-pot was examined by a doctor, and he found traces of the poison therein. It is supposed the dastardly work was done by a Chinaman who had had trouble with the steward and had been discharged. He had made threats and swore to have revenge, and it is believed that he took this means of venting his malice.

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