

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Mike Gallagher, a shepherd, attempted to cross the track just ahead of a switch engine at Billings, Mont., Wednesday evening. He was run over and both legs cut nearly completely off below the knee and died a few hours afterward.

The Laramie *Boomerang* says that stockmen are unanimous in the expression that cattle are fatter and in better condition now than at any time for seven years. Shipping will begin next week, and the Wyoming range steer will bring the top prices.

In one of the show windows of the Nye-Galbraith Drug company at Boise City, Idaho, is a miniature ship, with full rigging, which was carved out of a railroad tie by a Coxeite at the Snake River prison. The only instruments used by the weaver were an ax and a knife.

Young Roger Wimmer Jr. suffered the loss of a finger a day or so ago. He was watching a couple of lads saw wood with a large cross-cut saw when his curiosity was aroused by the sight of a cavity in the side of the log. He shoved his finger into the hole and the next time the saw came that way the member was amputated.

The Lewiston (Idaho) *Teller*, in speaking of the Elk City cyclone, says thousands of acres of trees were mowed down and considerable property destroyed. There were several narrow escapes by people living in that section. The same paper says several men are placer mining in the gravel exposed by the uprooting of trees.

The Cheyenne *Sun* says it is stated that under the leadership of several would-be statesmen the Almy coal miners in 1892 were in favor of free coal. They have had so little work since then that they are ready to consign all who talk free coal to the place where fuel is free and constantly on the burn.

It was a sad home coming for Mrs. Mary Ellsworth Sunday. She had been visiting a brother who lives seven miles north of Ogden when the dispatch reached her of the death of her son. She started immediately for Payson and reached Springville at 12:30 Sunday morning. Here she was met by friends who brought her to Payson. —*Payson Daily Times*.

A special to the *Spokesman-Review* from Nelson, B. C., says: The forest fires which have been raging in the Slokan mining country for the past two weeks were fanned into a conflagration by the heavy gales yesterday and swept eastward. The towns of Three Forks and Watson were completely destroyed, not a building being left.

Florence Conway committed suicide on Wednesday afternoon in the Normandie hotel, Cheyenne. She had for the past ten months been engaged as a chambermaid and occasional dining room girl in the Metropolitan hotel. Last Sunday the proprietor discharged her and she went to the Normandie, staying there ever since.

A company was organized last Saturday for the purpose of erecting a mill and operating the Butler mill. John L. Butler is president, James

Butler vice president, John Beck secretary and treasurer, and John L. Levey and John Butler directors. The property is stocked at 500,000 shares at par value of \$1 each. Operations will begin in a short time.

Payson Daily Times—William Powell is suffering from a badly bruised shoulder. On Monday he was engaged in teaming when in some way he was thrown from the wagon and sustained several severe bruises to his shoulder. Beyond this he thought he was not injured, but since several fainting fits and intermittent spells of vomiting seem to indicate that there are internal injuries.

The Sundance (Wyo.) *Gazette* states this year Crook county will have over 100 bushels of oats to the acre in more than one locality. Henry Keets has 160 acres of rye on his Inyan Kara ranch, fifteen miles west of town, which stands nearly six feet high throughout the field. He will cut it for hay and the lowest estimate per acre has been placed at three tons.

Henry Schmidt, a 9-year-old boy, met with a painful accident on Tuesday evening at La Junta, Colo. John Theitz, a fellow playmate, was playing with a revolver, when it went off, the ball entering Schmidt's neck, glanced backward and lodged near his shoulder blade. Dr. F. Finney was called and extracted the bullet. He thinks the boy will get along all right.

Last Monday, says the Casper, Wyo., *Tribune*, John Heagney brought to the city a very large soft-shell turtle, which was caught on his ranch. This is the first specimen of the kind ever captured in the Platte river near this point, and John feels quite confident that he came up from the Missouri river, ostensibly for the purpose of attending the Republican convention, and he will be kept for that occasion.

Governor McConnell of Idaho has increased the reward offered for the murderers of Kiebone, the Gem blacksmith, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, he having been informed by the officials of Shoshone county that such increased reward would probably be instrumental in bringing to light evidence that would convict the parties who committed the dastardly deed.

Dalles (Idaho) *Mountaineer*—It is estimated that 15,000 pickers will be required to gather the Yakima hop crop this season. With a large acreage west of the mountains, the thousands of men employed in repairing railways, dykes, etc., as a result of flood damage, aside from the regular sources of employing labor, there will be sufficient work for a real industrial army in Washington this season.

Richfield Advocate: Since it has been seen that a very large crop of wheat will be produced this season, people have begun to dispose of their grain; it seems that wheat is more plentiful now than it was a month ago, and it is thought that the price will fall in a very short time. The Poulsen mill is now running almost all the time and is doing splendid work.

One of the curiosities of the Stinking Water canyon is the alum cave, says the Sheridan (Wyo.) *Enterprise*. The cave appears to be an extinct geyser, and is about fifteen feet across and easily accessible. The alum is on the sides and is about six feet in thickness. The country over quite an area in that vicinity is a former geyser basin, of which nothing remains but hot sulphur springs and the extinct craters.

William Zirn, who with Otto Schulz, owns the principal mine in the Pine Nut district, came to Carson Monday morning, (says the Carson, Nevada, *Tribune*), bringing with him \$287 in gold, the proceeds of seven days' work. The previous week's returns were \$275, and Zirn feels certain of doubling the amount the present week. The farther the work proceeds the brighter are the prospects and there is no doubt but the lucky owners will soon be affluent.

The mill at the Sevier mine was closed down last week several days on account of breaking the die. The clean-up demonstrated that the mill was paying well; and it has now become a fixture. This is important, when it is known that there are many propositions near that mine that are equally good, and that what is true of Sevier is true of the rest, so that many mines and many mills will be worked as soon as money and labor can get them started.

Mr. Frank Harrigan, the well-known pavement contractor of Salt Lake, came down to Richfield on Thursday of last week to examine some mining property in the Ohio district. Dr. Warren had sent an assay, and as it showed \$4,008.40 gold to the ton, Mr. Harrigan became excited and came down, but Dr. Warren was absent at Panguitch, and Mr. Harrigan returned to Salt Lake. He will return about the 10th of August and put in about two weeks in the Maryevale and Clear Creek districts.

Walter Anderson and Leo Bean, two Richfield lads about twelve years old, were thrown from a horse on Sunday and shaken up severely. They and another little boy while running a race behind a herd of cows that were being driven from the pasture ran into the herd and the horse which the two boys were riding fell over a cow. The hair was scraped from the side of Leo's head and he was also battered up. It was thought that Walter's shoulder was broken, but yesterday he was walking stiffly around.

A special from Tacoma, Wash., says the United States government will take up the suppression of opium smuggling with increased vigor. Four fast steam launches will be purchased to establish a systematic patrol on Puget sound and the Columbia river. One launch will be stationed at Tacoma, one at Port Townsend, one at Astoria and one at Portland. The customs force in the district will be augmented by the addition of four active young men and the launches will cruise constantly.

Miss Addie McDermott, whose home is in this city, says the Laramie, Wyo., *Boomerang*, but who has been teaching school in the northern part of Albany county, last week with a party composed of Hon. Kirk Dyer, M. T. Bennett and Fred Berry, of the Little Medicine, encountered a large bear