NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Ten-year-old Beaver Boy Horribly Scalped.

RUNAWAYS BREAK THEIR NECKS.

Drunken Carpenter Runs Amuck — Water Scarce at Minersville— General News Items.

Riverside, Cal., in its orange shipments for this season, has passed the 1,000 carload mark.

At Vancouver, B. C., on Saturday, J. W. J. Bombridge, a printer, was drowned while bathing. His wife was present at the time, but was unable to help him.

A Mason valley, Nev., rancher who was feeding a span of horses in water tied their halters together to prevent loose. The animals got away, started on a run and went on opposite sides of a cottonwood tree at full gallop. The stoppage was so sudden that it broke their necks.

The sugar beet factory at Chino, Cal., has begun work. The company, it is stated, contracted for a certain quantity of sugar beets to keep the mill in operation for four or five months.

A wine cellar, having a capacity of 200,000 gallons, is being built in Amador valley, Sonoma county, Cal., by Napa capitalists. Choice wine grapes are selling in the valley named at $15 per ton.

A. J. Gould, ex-assemblyman from Lake, Mono and Alpine, Cal., is now blind and helpless. The board of supervisors have authorized a monthly allowance of $30 for his care and maintenance. Mr. Gould's general health is good.

Last week a cyclone struck H. Bicker's storehouse, in Lovelock, Nev., and leveled it to the ground. One of the men took men who was sleeping in the building had a narrow escape, as one of the heaviest beams struck his pillow close to his head.

Old residents of Revelstoke, B. C., have frequently noted during thunderstorms the extraordinarily bright electrical illumination of the mountain opposite the town on the other side of the Columbia river. The lightning is always attracted to that particular mountain and continually strikes there, causing innumerable bush fires.

Forest fires are raging in the Olympic mountains south of the straits, at Port Townsend, Wash. The damage already has been large. Several logging camps have been burned out, and millions of feet of fine timber have succumbed to the flames. Numerous houses owned by poor ranchers have been burned, but no lives have been reported as lost.

About three weeks since an Ayrshire cow from Healdsburg, Cal., disappeared and diligent search brought no trace of the animal. Last Saturday two Healdsburgers discovered the cow in a small cloth, confined in such a manner as to be unable to move. With the aid of a block and tackle the cow was rescued, but presented a sorry appearance, being too weak to stand.

The Bowers dredger Pytheos is about to begin excavating in the Lake Washington canal, starting at deep water in Elliott bay, near Seattle, Wash. The dredger Amazonds, which has been under repairs for about a month, will be ready for operation in three or four days. The two machines together will excavate about 25,000 cubic yards of earth in twenty-four hours.

James Hagen was shot and probably fatally wounded in a saloon Sunday morning, at The Dalles, Oregon. Clay McDonald, a carpenter, stung by liquor, rushed into the saloon, and making some remarks to the effect that he had some old scores to settle with some one in the place, began discharging his revolver at random at the occupants. In all five shots were fired, two taking effect. Hagen was struck in the small of the back, the bullet following a rib and lodging in the abdomen. His condition is considered serious. F. Brandan sustained a flesh wound in the leg. After firing the effect of his work, McDonald ran to the Columbia hotel, where he locked himself in his room and went to bed. He was subsequently placed under arrest.

Beaver Utonian: Water is falling fast at Minersville. The first crop of beets has been hauled, and it is found to be short. The second crop will be almost a failure. The reservoir at Rocky Ford has been emptied, and although it has proven a great blessing it has not been sufficient to do all that is necessary..... The feeling is that a school established at Fort Cameron this fall is gaining ground. It has been our pleasure during this week to hear the expressions of quite a number who favor the move and feel that such a school as could be conducted there is an essential feature. It seems to be that this question should be thoroughly canvassed among the people and something definite arrived at, so that plans, looking to the early opening of a high school at Fort Cameron, could be adopted.

Thursday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock, a small crowd of boys were playing in the vicinity of Alex Orr's residence in the eastern part of town says the Beaver Utonian. One of the boys was little Jimmie, a twelve-year-old son of Mr. Orr's. A horse was grazing in the lot, and it was proposed to ride him. The horse is used by the family and perfectly gentle, so Jimmie mounted him without a bridle. The old horse was doubtless frightened; perhaps the other boys may have struck him or frightened him in some way, but the horse jumped and threw Jimmie forward. The boy's head struck the ground, and he fell in some peculiar way whereby the front part of his scalp was torn loose and thrown over his face. The boy was stunned for a moment, then rose to a kneeling posture. The other boys came to his assistance and led him into the house. Dr. Fishburne was immediately summoned and the wound examined. It proved to be a terrible affair. Beginning about half way between the crown and the forehead, a circular tear had been made reaching down to the temples, tearing from the entire front scalp and turning it over the face. It covered the Jimmie's eyes and nose, reaching almost to the mouth. Ten stitches were necessary to bring the scalp back in place. Next morning the lad had considerable pain in the head, neck and shoulder. It will doubtless be some time before the boy will be entirely cured, but so far as we can learn, with the exception of a little stiffness in the neck, he is very anxious to be out.

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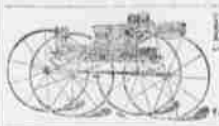

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