NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Suicide Epidemic Continues to Rage Around San Francisco.

OFFICER WILSON BEATEN TO DEATH

Cold-blooded Murder of a Gambler—A Ranch House Burglarized, Etc.

Sacramento (Cal.) city trustees have passed an ordinance to prohibit gambling by the use of the nickels-in-the-slot machines.

Owing to late frosts it are will be practically no peaches near Yuba (Cal.) this year. The trees were in full blossom when the cold snap came and very few were escaped.

A petition has been presented to the Wheatlands (Kansas) city council tending towards the expenditure of $10,000 in prospecting for coal, gas, oil, salt and alum water.

Fish in the Sacramento rivers are cheaper than ever before. Large salmon sell for 25 cents each. Many fish of national size are being taken by the seining in it. Recently a halibut weighing 110 pounds was brought ashore.

Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of ex-President Jefferson Davis, of the confederate states, arrived in Aspen, Colo., on Tuesday evening to sojourn with her sister, Mrs. Hayes of Colorado Springs.

Dr. F. M. Ecklar, a prominent citizen of Glendale, Cal., was run over and killed on Tuesday morning at the Weber street crossing of the Santa Fe railroad in Pasadena. Eckler was a retired physician and very wealthy.

Deputy Sheriff Wilson has died in the county hospital at Colorado Springs, from the effects of a terrible beating which he received in Cripple Creek last Wednesday morning. The sheriff is investigating the case.

The Tioga Lead and Plumbing company of Hoopla, Wyo., has filed articles of incorporation with a capital stock of $2,000,000. The object is the purchase of real estate, platting and building sewerage, erecting buildings, etc.

Charles T. Smith appeared in a Los Angeles court before Judge Monday and gave up a $4 silver watch, a pair of sleeve-buttons, a handkerchief and a thousand-dollar check to satisfy the claim of a local dry-goods firm for merchandise bought by his wife.

George W. Ford, a prominent merchant and Odd Fellow of Prescott, A. T., became violently insane on Monday and was conveyed to the Military hospital. He imagines that his friends are trying to kill him to secure the insurance on his life.

The ranch house at the Brookline ranch up the San Pedro river, towards the Mineta mines, was raided last saturday during the absence of the employes. The burglars stole about $100 worth of wearing apparel and personal property. They destroyed their identity, preventing trailing by scuffling their feet with sacks.

The suicide epidemic which has prevailed for the past month in this city continues unabated, remarks the San Francisco Chronicle. The victims of tainted money are found in all positions and walks in life. On Tuesday two more cases were added to the already too long list of self-destroyers.

A man named Bagwell, a gambler, was shot and instantly killed at North Yakima, Wash., on Tuesday, while going home, by an unknown man, who afterward made his escape and is now at large. The murderer, who was concealed behind a picket fence, awaited until his victim had passed by and then shot him in the back with a rifle. The bullet pierced the heart and Bagwell died instantly.

Over on the north side of the river, near the Bakersfield (Cal.) Californian, Mr. Cantlipe has an apricot orchard that the owner feels disposed to enter for a premium. It is only three years old, yet the present crop will average 12½ pounds to each tree, some yielding as high as 150 pounds. This crop has been sold on the tree for 1½ cents per pound. There are 100 trees to the acre, hence the crop will bring the owner the very tidy sum of $187.50, of which at least $150 will be net profit.

James G. Halliday, an employe at the state asylum at Stockton, Cal., was stabbed three times on Tuesday night by G. G. Burton, a former patient. Burton was committed to the asylum some time ago for alcoholic mania. He apparently recovered and was given odd jobs about the institution. On Tuesday night he attempted an escapement at Goodwater Grove and got drunk. Halliday attempted to take him home and Burton drew a knife and stabbed him three times in the body. It is said that Halliday's wounds are not dangerous.

MISS HATCH'S CURE.

She Thinks It Was Due to Supernatural Influence, but the Doctor Says Not.

Miss Mary Hatch, a young woman of excellent family, who lives with her mother at 1916 Hickory street, is rejoicing in her recent relief from a tumor which had made her miserable for seven years. She attributes her cure to the virtues of a relic of Mme. Barat, a French religieuse of the Order of the Sacred Heart. Miss Hatch had taken medical treatment without benefit and had finally come to despair of cure by other than surgical means.

Some one advised her to apply to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart for a relic that might, with faith and prayer, help to sustain her through such an operation. She did so and was told that her case by supposition seemed as near hopeless. She received from the mother superior a relic of Mme. Barat and a form of prayer and was directed to use the relic into her dress and repeat the prayer at frequent intervals for a term of nine days.

On the ninth day of the novena Miss Hatch was relieved of the tumor without other than natural assistance and since then has been rapidly recuperating strength. She was seen by a representative of The Post-Dispatch and talked entirely in the terms of faith and prayer and the relic. The mother and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart hold the same opinion as to the cause of the cure.

Dr. Robert J. O'Reilly, who gave Miss Hatch some attention at different times, said: "I believe I saw Miss Hatch four times and prescribed for her. But I had not seen her since. I offer no opinion as to the miracle. I am willing to leave that question to the Church. I am a Catholic myself, and I do not pretend to know more than the Church about such matters. I know that Miss Hatch had a tumor, and I know that it is not there now. I know that she was a sufferer for years, and I know that she is now well. I know also that she ascribes her cure to the influence of a relic of Mme. Barat, and I know that she is a very devout Catholic. I know that she is a very intelligent young lady, and I know that she is not a hysterical subject. I know that she underwent no medical treatment at the time she says she was cured, and I know that she was cured. I know also that she was not cured by any medicine I gave her, and I know that she was not cured by any medicine I know of being given by any other physician. I know that she was cured, and I know that she was not cured by medicine. I know that she was cured, and I know that she was not cured by medicine. I know that she was cured, and I know that she was not cured by medicine