

Superintendent of Supplies Clark has laid the matter before Supervisor Mc Murray and Alderman McGilvray, and if the time of delivery can be extended to a year the bid will probably be accepted, as it is 16 per cent below any other bid received.

If the suggestions of the irrigation convention which met recently in California are carried out, says the *Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette*, it will not be long before the waste places of this great western country will be made fruitful plains. If to make two blades of grass grow where one has grown is work worthy the philanthropist how infinitely grander is the work of compelling arid lands to become sources of food supply for thousands.

Edward Toohey was seriously injured at the Griffin mine, St. Kevin district, Colorado, on Saturday, and will in all probability lose the sight of both eyes, besides being disfigured for life. He was picking out some loose rock when a terrific explosion occurred. It is supposed that he struck a "missed" hole. The force of the explosion threw Toohey some distance from the rocks with great force, badly bruising him, besides other injuries.

E. S. Pomeroy, a pioneer of 1850 and an old miner, took a dose of poison on Christmas morning and was found dead in his room in the Jefferson hotel, San Jose, Cal. He was a native of New York, aged 65. At one time he was well off, but lost his fortune in mining speculations, and for the last seven years had been clerk in the New York Exchange hotel. He was recently discharged and despondency caused him to end his life.

The other day at the Bitumen mines the one-year-old child of Will Majors was playing in a yard when an eagle swooped down on the child, who defended itself as best it could, the eagle making desperate efforts to carry the little one off. The child's screams attracted Mrs. Majors, who scared off the bird of freedom. Boys spent an entire day trying to find the eagle's nest, but unsuccessfully.—*Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

A man named Davis has been hauled in by the game warden for killing deer in violation of the provisions of the fish and game law, says the *Soda Springs Republican*. When Davis heard that the officers were after him he skipped out, but the warden was too cute for him. He was adjudged guilty on the hearing and fined \$100. He could not raise the funds, and was committed for fifty days in the county jail at Pocatello.

A sad case of suicide has occurred in Los Angeles. Mrs. C. C. Story, after giving birth to a child became suddenly insane, and before she could be prevented, took her husband's revolver, and placing the muzzle of the weapon over her heart, fired, the bullet passing through the heart and death ensuing in a few seconds. Mrs. Story was the wife of a well-known conductor of the Southern Pacific. She had two children besides the little babe.

A dispatch from Rangely, Colo., says that reports from that part of the state indicate a bad winter for stock and game. The drouth of last summer left the food poor, and the cattle are going into the winter in very bad condition to meet the severe weather. Deputy

State Game Warden and Fish Warden C. W. White reports that there are thousands of deer in the neighborhood but that many will die from want of feed, and the loss in cattle from the same cause is expected to reach fully 25 per cent.

Charles Alpe, a butcher's apprentice of Stockton street, San Francisco, was stabbed in the right side on Friday night on the Barbary coast by Paul Escabas, a young Portuguese sailor. The wound, which penetrated the lung, may prove fatal. The affray occurred about 7 o'clock on Broadway between Kearney and Montgomery streets. There are conflicting stories told regarding the trouble which led up to the assault, but it appears as if it were the result of some old feud between the two and their respective friends.

Parties from Summit Lake report a peculiar elopement case in that section says the *Lemoore (Cal.) Leader*. A fifteen-year-old boy became infatuated with a married woman and left with her for parts unknown. The woman, a comely person, several years the senior of her youthful lover, had been working at the boy's home, and announced the intention of leaving. The boy proposed that he go along to assist her home with her bundles. Both left on horseback, and since then there has been no trace of them.

The *Boise Statesman* is authority for the report that H. W. Early of that city has announced his intention of bringing suit for damages for \$100,000 against Altman & Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., and Isaac Dessau, a representative of that firm. It was Dessau who swore to the complaint on which Early was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the creditors of T. C. Early & Co. and which resulted in Early's being incarcerated in the county jail for several months pending the action of the grand jury, which only recently ignored the charge.

Sheriff Curtis and Mr. Sommers of Helena, Mont., manager of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, are in Butte, looking for G. A. Von Schrittz, manager of the company's Butte office. He is said to be short \$1054.05 in his accounts. He is also said to owe a few hundred dollars about town, but rowed money. He left a letter to Mr. Somers confessing his guilt, and saying he had left town to try and get money to make good the shortage. He had been gambling and had used the company's money to play even. A reward of \$200 has been offered for him.

The greatest excitement prevails in Chinatown, at Sacramento, over the abduction of a young Chinese woman, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Shortly after 2 o'clock on Christmas morning two villainous-looking highbinders drove up to her house on I street, and, on the plea of waiting to see her on important business, induced her to open the door. Scarcely had the woman appeared when the highbinders threw a blanket over her head and forced her into a wagon. They then whipped up the horses and drove furiously up I street, where they were lost in the darkness. Last accounts of the affair say that the abducted woman has not since been heard of.

Some break in the insulation of the wires connected with incandescent

lamps at the bottom of the swimming bath at the Multnomah Athletic club, at Portland, Or., on Christmas night created wild commotion for a time. Several persons who plunged into the bath were severely shocked by the escaping electricity and were unable to help themselves. Friends who rushed to their assistance were smartly shocked by the brass railing around the tank, and in the commotion the bathers came near being drowned before they were pulled out. The wire connected with the lamps was finally cut and an end put to the trouble.

An unlucky and yet lucky boy is Cleme a Wetle of the Dalles, Or., says an exchange, and the several narrow escapes he has had from death can scarcely be counted on the fingers of his hands. He commenced by breaking his leg in three places. Shortly afterward a horse stepped on his foot, cutting off his big toe as neatly as a biscuit cutter could have done it. Last summer he was badly powder-burned while investigating explosive powder with other children. A few days ago a mule kicked him in the abdomen. A few days later he was shot in the stomach with a 32-caliber bullet, and still lives. The bullet went in and out again without lacerating the internal organs.

George C. Hunter, of Oakland, Cal., has lost his memory completely. He is alive and well, says a California exchange, goes about just like any ordinary person, but can recall nothing of his past life. His mind is a blank. He does not remember his wife nor his mother. Though he had a good education, he has forgotten how to read and write, and the multiplication table has fled into regions from which he cannot recall it. He remembers that a face is familiar, but that is all. The name of anything about the person he cannot recall. The accident bringing such consequences occurred on the 15th of October. Young Hunter was working on a locomotive in the railroad round house in West Oakland when an iron plug was blown from a steam pipe and struck him on the head, fracturing the brain.

TOPEKA, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Lease, sent Governor Leewelling the following letter this afternoon, after her removal from the board of trustees of the state charitable institutions: "Disclaiming any intention of questioning your authority, or wisdom of your acts, or the integrity of your purposes, I beg leave to remind you that you have, as the chief executive of this state, tried and sentenced me without according me that which the law of the land accords the vilest criminal—the right of defense. Were I an employe of yours, your right to perpetrate this act of injustice might depend upon your inclination. As it is, I recognize the fact that I am an employe of the state, accountable as such to the people of this state for my official record, and for them, as well as for myself, I demand a statement and investigation of the charges preferred against me, that I may have an opportunity to concede the manifest justice of your decree, or defend myself from the imputation of brelling politicians."