WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Persecution of an Arizona Postmistress.

TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY.

Pushed for Robbing a Prisoner—Cod Fisheries Closed—A Child Burned to Death.

The Colorado senate passed a bill yesterday, providing for the abolition of capital punishment in Colorado. Friends of the measure claim that enough votes have been secured to pass it in the lower house. As Governor Waite in his inaugural address recommended the abolition of capital punishment, he will sign the bill if it reaches him.

A terrible accident occurred in the lower yards of the Atlantic and Pacific railway at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Monday. Eugene Bohn, an engineer, was on his way home, when he was struck by a work train and so painfully mangled about the face as to be unrecognizable. He was walking down the track in a drunken condition, and did not hear the approaching train.

Ida, the five-year-old daughter of Herman Doerfelberger, was horribly burned to death at Paradise, Cuba, on Monday. Her mother was engaged in washing and the child was standing by the side of an ordinary wood fire. The wind was blowing hard and blew the flames from the stove, into against the child's clothes, which caught fire, and died in horrible agony from the effects of the burns.

Christian Peterson of Huntsville was crushed to death on Tuesday under the power wheel of his sawmill in Ogden valley. On Monday he visited the mill, and must have slipped into the race, which was filled with ice, and been carried by the swift current under the wheel. He was found there yesterday morning by a party of searchers from Huntsville.

Last Friday a young Mexican named G. Mendejo called on Father O'Reilly at San Bernardino, Cal., about midnight and persuaded him to go several miles to visit a sick woman. When in a lonely spot Mendejo attacked the priest, taking his money and watch and knocking off his glasses. The priest, being nearsighted, could not see whom his assailants were and wandered about in the swamp all night. Mendejo was found guilty on Tuesday, and was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary at Folsom.

Governor Rickards, of Montana, has signed the bill making it unlawful for a sampler to sell for any consideration the whole or part of any ticket on any railroad or steamboat, whether the line be operated or owned within or without the state. The punishment is a fine of $500 and one year's imprisonment. The bill makes it the duty of every railroad or steamboat line to provide for the redemption of the whole or of any coupon of any ticket sold by any authorized agent which the purchaser has not used at a rate equal to the difference between the price of the whole ticket and the rate of a ticket between the points for which the used portion of the ticket was actually used before such ticket shall have expired by limitation. This bill was passed by the last legislature against the protest almost all the labor organizations in the state and despite the fact that the committee of the house reported it of doubtful constitutionality and special in character. Lawyers declare that they will go right on doing business and are confident the courts will declare the law unconstitutional.

The seal fisheries of British Columbia are closed on account of the trouble between the Kitkatla and Bella Bella Indians. Members of the latter tribe claim, as previously announced, that a number of Kitkatlas unprovoked a party of Bella Bella, Bella Coola and Rivers Inlet hunters on Sarrow Island. They say that a gun owned by one of the dead Bella Bellas was sold by one of the Kitkatlas, and that, as they think, is sufficient evidence that the Kitkatlas knew something about the alleged massacre, and they want revenge. A resident of Fort Simpson told Captain Meyers of the Danube that three large canoes loaded with Bella Bella Indians had gone up the river to where the Kitkatlas were at work. He said that the two tribes are only waiting for an opportunity to attack one another. Nothing is known regarding the strength of the opposing parties, but the Kitkatlas are the more powerful tribe. The Bella Coolas and Rivers Inlets are said to have promised to cooperate with the Bella Bellas. Officers of the Indian department in Vancouver do not place much credence in either the story of the massacre or of the later trouble. Indian Agent Ladd was given instructions to investigate, and it is thought if there were any probability of serious trouble he would have wired home. The same would have been the case if there was any truth in the story of the massacre. Ladd has a steamer at his disposal, and it would have been no trouble for him to thoroughly investigate the matter.

Information comes from Tombstone, Arizona, that Colonel Noyes, commander at Fort Huachuca, has been making it very uncomfortable of late for civilians who visit the post. He issued an order some time ago requiring all civilians visiting the reservation to register at the guardhouse before transacting any business. George H. Clark, a carpenter, and his wife have resided there for several years. The latter is the postmistress at that place. Colonel Noyes has been trying to get rid of her and her husband for a long time. Not moving fast enough to suit him, he gave orders to have her moved off the reservation yesterday with her postoffice. She telegraphed the facts on Saturday night to Lieutenant Wood, and he wired to United States Deputy Marshal Stillman at Benson to meet him at Fairbank, and the two men went to the post early yesterday morning. The work of moving the household effects had already been accomplished by a squad of soldiers. Deputy Stillman went to Colonel Noyes and showed his authority for requesting a cessation of hostilities, and gave him to understand that the postoffice was to be protected by him. In the meantime telegrams have been passing between the postmistress and the fourth assistant postmaster-general at Washington. She has placed the matter before him, and being unable to longer bear the tyrannical treatment which she had been subjected to, leaves for others. They came in the shape of a dispatch to move her office at her leisure to a point four miles north of the post. This will take the postoffice just off the reservation on to a barren plain, where not a living thing can be seen. Mr. Clark will retain a small room as office there in preference to moving at the request of the post commander. The citizens and miners who get their mail at Hunchoca have worked and organized against Colonel Noyes' actions.

OREGON NEWS.

Dr. F. Doutelberger Arrested on Informations Received from Boise.

By telegraphic advice from Sam Howe of Denver, Marshal John M. Metcalf arrested Dr. F. Doutelberger at the union depot as he was about to get aboard the Union Pacific passenger for the east. The district attorney is wanted in Denver on the charge of passing counterfeit checks, the amount of which seems not to be learned. Deputy Sam Howe will arrive in the city in a few days to take his prisoner back to Denver. Doutelberger has the appearance of being a smooth son of a chap.

Judge Moss will hold court until the burnt building is repaired, in the old Federal court room in the Mohrstein block. He will occupy Sam Hoss' office and Clerk Lane will occupy one room in the same building, and the clerk and the United States Marshal will also occupy their former offices.

John Murphy, of Painter & Murphy, attorneys, who occupied rooms on the fourth floor of the Utah Loan and Trust company's building, says the chief of the Ogden fire department is the most patient man he ever knew, that he patiently waited for the fire to come down from the fifth story, instead of going up there and putting it out.

The mass meeting of Ogden's business men, advertised to take place in the city hall Tuesday was a very enthusiastic affair. The attendance was only fair, however, owing to doubt as to the practicableness of the scheme and the excitement created by the fire in the Utah Loan and Trust building.

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