

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

War Declared Against the Union
Pacific's Coal Freight Raids.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT IN A TUNNEL.

Work on the Silver Valley Canal.—A Clever Capture.—A Young Lady's Mysterious Disappearance.

Shipments of coal from the mines at Rock Springs, for the year 1859, were \$2,500 cars, against 25,000 cars in 1858 and 27,000 cars in 1859.

The water tanks of Lafayette, Colo., have been sold in Chicago, the purchaser being Mr. S. C. Chapman, who paid \$10,000 for them, and they will stand at 10 cents. It is thought prevalent throughout the city in consequence.

Work still goes on at a rapid rate on the Silver Valley canal, says the Binghamton Advertiser, and it is especially admirable that every man and woman possibly do what they can. It is reported that the rail will be brought on to the flat bottom Richfield, this spring and all who have had should have worked out an interest in the canal.

H. Dolan and John Hogan have sold to Messrs. J. K. and J. W. Miller a half interest in the Favonius Mine, Ophir Creek, Utah, S. E. corner of Ophir Creek section 21, and have been paid off \$1000. It has been thirty days from February 2, and \$6000 in eight months from that date. At the moment the deal is to remain in escrow at the First National Bank.

A telegram from the Bureau, Wyoming, says the private iron miners' association of miners along the Union Pacific system conducted war against the Union Pacific's rule of coal freight, and Senator Mahoney has introduced a bill similar to one in operation in Kansas, prohibiting stipulations with the power to fix rates for passengers and freight. Under J. G. Gould's plan, an order was issued by S. H. Clark, January 15, reducing the price of coal at the mines 25 cents per car, and the miners' association, the West Miners' Association, voted at their annual meeting, held at Salt Lake City, January 22, last, to demand that the coal be reduced to 15 cents. This will probably be a stubborn fight over the rail, as it becomes of the coal monopoly. Mr. Clark claims that the new rate is absolutely necessary to make the road pay.

Galena, New Mexico, had an accidental mining disaster, killing four men who were working in just under ground in the mine, Lafayette Colliery, by the Colorado and Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company. The shaft had been sunk down to bed rock through gravelly ground of dangerous character. The entire crew of four were in the top workings when the mine gave way and all were buried alive. One man was rescued after three hours, but his injuries were so great he died shortly after. The others were never found.

Our next neighbor had a visit from a burner yesterday. When she came over to tell us about it we spoke of a certain desperado looking person whom we had seen lurking about.

Sleekly after Prince Orley had rung my stables to me with his arms full of bacon.

"Please a platter down states."

"Yes?" I said.

"The man what beats folks," he explained, thinking me not sufficiently impressed by the information.

"Did he want to arrest us?" I asked.

"No; he just wanted to know how long we was."

"How long the policeman was?"

"So, no, he was talking to man, man wanted to know if we had a mousie."

"Wanted to know if numma had a mousie."

"Now the man 'at was bad," and he cast the kitten into my lap and rolled in disgust.—Chicago Inter-

state Journal.

The Care of Precious Past.

Precious, like children, sometimes begin to talk when nine months old. It often happens that two or three years pass before they talk. The habits of these birds are a good deal like those of a domestic fowl.

They like to scratch and roll in the earth. Some of them never bathe voluntarily; when they do, however, they usually splash themselves, rarely ever getting into the water.

The best way to wash them is to shower them with water of the same temperature as that of the room. Dry them near the fire, and be sure that they do not get into a draft while wet. Have a box of earth in which they can occasionally scratch and roll.

Mosks and sweets are not good for these birds; fresh fruits, boiled potatoes, hard boiled eggs, bread and lettuce are all good, and of course everybody knows that Polly always likes a cracker.—Maria Parker in Leslie's Home Journal.

Circumlocution.

The Boston girls who hollers "Hello" at the mouth of a telephone. She says simply, as she puts the receiver to her ear, "I take the liberty of addressing you via a wire uncharged with electricity."—Texas Edition.

A shooting affray has occurred at Great, Nebraska, by the sudden disappearance of Jessie Seaton, the 19-year-old daughter of W. T. Martin, partner of that place. Some morning she was missing and it was learned that in the high side she had pricked a lively rig and had secured a man to drive her north to the Union Pacific. Charles Kays and Will Alexander, who were at Great, learned that Jessie had bought a ticket to Denver, Colo., with privilege of stop over at Denver. No trace of her has yet been found. She is about 5 feet 3 inches tall, with gray eyes, very narrow and protruding chin.

Another accident has occurred in the King Mine, King, Colorado, which caused the death of one of the miners. At 3 a. m., while the night shift was still on duty, Frank Peirs, an Australian, was making a trip up in the south entry of the seventh level, when a sudden fall of rock struck him on the head and back, killing him instantly. About fifteen tons of rock fell on him, and broke his neck, back and a leg. Peirs was half naked and weak in the King mine, as he well knew, was compelled, and had to go to the side of a certain timber. He leaves a wife and two children in poor circumstances.

The bodies of Jack Ward and Jack Vassar, the two miners who were killed in a scowling mow-up a few days ago have been recovered. It was found that when the two struck the cabin in which the two were staying, Ward was thrown out of bed and struck the floor, which held him fast. The poor man, in his desperation to extricate himself, has literally torn the flesh from the fingers of both hands. His death must have been slow and painful. Vassar, however, was not so long bound and was hastened by a single blow to sever his testes. From the manner in which his body was cut and mangled he must have died instantaneously.

A number of rich strikes of gold are to be found in the vicinity of Alma, Colo., have awakened the un-



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