NEWS OF THE WEST.

Unique and Artistic Cane from Arizona Penitentiary.

A MONSTER OF FORMER AGES.

Railroad Section Boss Fatally Injured —An Emigrant Run Over and Killed, Etc.

J. D. Mason, a California pioneer and newspaper man, died at L. s station, Cal., on Sunday morning at the age of 67 years. He had been connected in the past with the Los Gatos News, the San Jose Mercury and San Jose Herald and the San Luis Obispo Tribune.

Jaques Eichert, a Portuge emigrant en route for San Francisco, was run over and killed by a train in the Arcade depot at Los Angeles, on Sunday night. His wife and two children, who were with him, are yet destitute and were compelled to remain in the depot all night.

Two notorious characters, William Delig and Thomas Brown, escaped from the county jail at Santa Anna on Sunday morning and seized the big board fence around the jail premises. Officers gave hot pursuit on horseback and captured both men after a sharp fight. The men are charged with an assault with deadly weapons.

The Wardner (Idaho) News says a fatal accident occurred on Monday morning at the Frisco mine, resulting in the death of James Carney and Patrick Sullivan, both well and favorably known in the Coeur d' Alenes. Both men were at work in one of the stopes when the timber broke and they fell five floors. Fred Schmitz, who was working near them, was seriously, but not fatally injured.

The Lick school of mechanical arts has been formally opened in San Francisco with appropriate exercises. Lick left $540,000 for the building and support of the school, which will be open to any boy or girl of California competent to enter, and will be free of charge for tuition. Mathematics, history, science, carpentry, iron fitting, modeling, sewing, wood-carving, dressmaking and millinery will be taught in the different departments.

Last month the Beaver Hill Coal company had fifty negroes imported from West Virginia to operate the mines at Marshfield, Oregon. The white men formerly employed had their wages reduced, and consequently quit. The negroes on their arrival were disappointed and alleged that the company's agent greatly misrepresented the facts. Only a few of them have gone to work and a portion of them have started on their return home. The white miners have subscribed money to send back the women and men who are in destitute circumstances. It is reported here that the coal company will bring in more negroes from Seattle.

L. W. Stacy, who is in from Powder river round-up, says the Yellowstone Journal, tells of the finding of the carcass of some earliest monster whose remains are as large but unlike the mastodon. Mr. Stacy says it was on the east fork of the Powder river that a number of men were cut when one of them discovered an immense spinal column which in size is equal to that of the mastodon. The head of the animal is gone, but there remains, including the tail, thirty feet of the vertebræ and tail bones. It was at first supposed that the bones found were of some monster serpent, but on closer examination it was found that the remains of the legs were buried in the ground to a depth of seven feet.

James Waters, section boss on the San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad at San Rafael, Cal., had a narrow escape from death on Monday evening and is now in a critical condition from his injuries. While repairing a water-chute the bank caved and Waters was precipitated in a whirlpool at the head of the chute. While revolving in the pool his head struck against a timber and he was rendered unconscious. Before the workmen could rescue him he was swept into the chute, which is seventy-two feet long, and carried through it. On emerging he was rescued by the workmen, though in an almost drowned condition. He had numerous cuts and bruises, and it is feared that he is injured internally.

J. T. Brickwood has recently received from Yuma a cane made by one of the convicts there that is really unique, says the Prescott, Arizona, Courier. It is made from the spinal column of a shark. Mr. Brickwood had the bone, which he sent to a competent dealer of the prison with the request that it be made up into a cane. It was put into the hands of some of the inmates noted for that kind of work, and they turned out something both novel and handsome. The bone was drilled through its entire length and a steel rod inserted. At each of the joints the ridge of cartilage was removed and a narrow piece of leather inserted and mounted. This gives the stick waistlines and polished, with segments of ivory whiteness alternated by narrow black bands. A polished leather tip and steel ferrule were put upon the point, and at the top is a shank of Arizona iron wood which is surmounted by a handsome ivory head, artistically cut and highly polished. It makes an elegant walking stick, artistic, strong, light and elastic. The alternate bands of white bone and black leather make a neat contrast.

A Welsh Lourdes.

Holywell, in North Wales, may soon become an English Lourdes. The well of St. Winifreda, which gave the place its name, has recently begun again to perform miracles. The latest case is that of a little girl, who recovered her sight on entering the water. A blind woman got back her sight, a deaf and dumb boy his hearing and speech, and pilgrims are beginning to flock to the place.—Chicago Tribune.

A Meeting Point in Africa.

Africa is a big place. But it is not big enough to contain England, France, Germany, Portugal and Italy. And upon Italian maps with a "Cape Town to Cairo" line, which Francis may herself be expected to cross the continent in some way, it is obvious that there is a point somewhere in the middle at which the two must meet. And that point has now been reached.—Pall Mall Budget.

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