

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman, Oct. 21: Spencer and B. of Park City, Utah, had two cars of cattle on sale today.

Two men were held up on the Idaho City road near Boise, Idaho, last evening, the robbers' getting \$70 in cash.

A 4-year-old son of Mrs. J. B. Hilton of Lander, Wyo., died yesterday morning as a result of being scalded with coffee.

Eugene Gonzales, the murderer of Robert Hereford's mother-in-law near Lander, Wyo., last week, was to have been arraigned in that town today.

Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central railroad, accompanied by his wife and a party of friends, are now in San Francisco on a pleasure trip.

Omaha Stockman: N. C. Tillman of Atkinson, Utah, had two double decks of sheep on sale; James Larkinson sent in four double decks from the same place.

John Emile Goux Sr., who has been a resident of Santa Barbara, Cal., for the past forty years, was found dead in his room Tuesday morning. He died from heart disease.

Rendered desperate by adversity and drink, O. H. Timms, a surveyor, residing at San Francisco, ended his life Sunday afternoon by swallowing the contents of a phial of carbolic acid.

John Olive, proprietor of the famous fish ranch nine miles from Oakland, Cal., who was kicked in the stomach Sunday by a vicious horse, died Monday afternoon from his injuries.

A collection of gold nuggets held by the First National bank of Helena, Mont., was sold yesterday to A. J. Davis of Butte for \$6,000, an advance of \$1,000 over the real value of the nuggets.

Frank Schaefer, a freight brakeman, was fatally injured at Idaho Falls yesterday, while making a coupling. He was taken to the hospital at Ogden, with very slight hopes of his recovery.

Julius Casserini, a waiter, who is confined in the receiving hospital at San Francisco pending an examination as to his sanity, set fire to his cell early Monday morning and narrowly escaped being burned to death.

Thomas Simmons has been arrested at Evanston, Wyo., on suspicion of having murdered Henry Chapman, whose dead body was found several days ago between Ham's Fork and Diamondville.

James Cullen, recently released from the Utah State prison, and a cousin of S. H. Edgar, who was killed in a recent Denver tragedy, was fined \$5 in the Denver police court yesterday and given until Monday to leave town.

C. Scaterina, a young tailor of Santa Clara, Cal., accidentally struck the trigger of his shotgun against the wheel of a buggy while out hunting Sunday. The gun was discharged, lacerating his left arm and rendering an amputation at the shoulder necessary. His recovery is doubtful.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., yesterday Mrs. Samuel Finch was killed in a runaway, while Mrs. L. R. Pettegrew was seriously injured. The horse they were driving was frightened by a dog and both ladies were thrown out of the buggy.

E. W. Ruby, a painter, fell thirty feet from the top of a building in Santa Monica, Cal., Monday morning and was instantly killed, his neck being broken and skull crushed. A faulty

ladder was responsible. He leaves a widow and daughter in Nebraska.

A verdict of murder is the result of the inquest over the body of Henry Chapman, found in a creek near Ham's Fork, Wyo. The body was buried at the latter place yesterday afternoon and the officers are now looking for Thomas Sammon suspected of having committed the deed.

It is now said that the killing of Chris Haas by Thomas G. Pierce, near New York, Wyo., was the result of jealousy. Haas, it appears, was engaged to a daughter of James Westfall, at whose ranch the shooting occurred, and Pierce being jealous, sought to thus put him out of the way.

At a post-mortem examination over the body of Henry Chapman, found Saturday between Diamondville and Ham's Fork, Wyo., it was demonstrated beyond a doubt that the deceased had received several blows either of which was sufficient to cause death. A certain party has been arrested on suspicion.

The charred remains of Mary Beck, one of the employees at the California Fuse company's works at Colma, Cal., which were destroyed Monday night by an explosion caused by sparks from an electric lamp, were found in the ruins of the spinning room Tuesday morning and the coroner of San Mateo county will hold an inquest.

The mother-in-law of Robert Hereford, who was shot at the latter's ranch near Lander, Wyo., Tuesday a week ago, by Eugene Gonzales, an intoxicated Mexican, died the following day as a result of the wound received. Feeling is high against the Mexican and he will be taken to Lander as soon as practicable.

Charles, the 14-year-old son of Albert Hornecker, who resides five miles out of Lander, Wyo., was accidentally shot while out shooting rabbits yesterday. The catching of the hammer while the boy was climbing a fence, caused the gun's discharge, the ball striking him in the breast and passing through the lung. His recovery is doubtful.

The life of John Olive, well known throughout the state as the owner of the great fish ranch on the summit in Contra Costa county, Cal., is in danger. He was kicked squarely in the abdomen by a vicious horse Saturday and physicians went to his home prepared to perform a heroic operation—the only means of striving against death for the man's life.

William Kelly, who is well known to the police, and Joseph Edwards were arrested Saturday night at San Francisco by Detectives Ryan and O'Dea and Special Officers Crowley and Kinelon and charged with burglary. Last Tuesday night, it is alleged, the prisoners broke into a freight car at Fourth and Townsend streets and stole ten chests of tea.

James Larsen, an express man of Stockton, Cal., had a splinter removed from his eye Saturday by a physician after suffering for two months and becoming almost blind. He could not account for its presence at first, but after some thought decided it must have been thrown there by a flash of lightning which came near striking him blind about the first of August.

Mrs. George Safford of Los Angeles, Cal., was so badly burned Saturday afternoon by her dress catching fire from burning waste paper in the yard that she died early Sunday morning.

She was the daughter of the late H. K. S. Omelveny and a sister of the well-known attorney, Henry Omelveny. Her brother and sister were out of the city when the accident occurred.

The steamship *Belgic* brought as part of her cargo from China to San Francisco yesterday 2,235 bales of raw silk, one of the largest importations of that kind of merchandise that has been made for some time. The estimated value is nearly \$1,000,000. It is consigned overland to New Jersey and Connecticut silk mills and will be forwarded by special train in order to save interest on the money invested.

While sitting in one of the small tents connected with the "Billy Banks Company," which is playing at Stockton, Cal., Charles Smith threw up his hands at 5 o'clock Monday evening and died without uttering a word. He has been traveling with the show for some time, but the manager claims he was not connected with it. He has been ill for some time with consumption and heart trouble, but has never been confined to his bed.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock fire was discovered in the rear of A. Bonaiti & Co.'s general merchandise store in Valley Ford, a small town twenty miles west of Petaluma, Cal. In a few minutes the entire building was in flames. The total loss is estimated at \$15,000. Bonaiti's loss is estimated at \$9,000, with \$2,500 insurance. There was a small insurance on the buildings. The fire was of incendiary origin and was set beneath the back end of the store.

Frank W. McDonald, late of San Francisco, is dead. He passed away at London on the 4th of this month but although the fact of his death was known the nature of his fatal illness has not yet been learned. At the time of his death and for three years past the former cashier and director of the wrecked Pacific bank was a fugitive from justice, having been indicted for defrauding the clients of the Pacific bank out of many thousands of dollars.

The Arctic Oil Works propose running a line of steamers to Copper river during the winter from the San Francisco port. Headquarters for the passengers will be constructed at the river and a supply station for miners and prospectors will be established there. The first vessel to start on the route will be the *Walcott*, and it is thought she will be followed by the *Jesse Freeman*. Both vessels are now being prepared with extra passenger accommodations.

Joseph Mutton, one of the lessees of the Cook & Gray mine in Devil's Gate district, Lyon county, Nev., was killed Saturday morning. Mutton was ascending a raise above the tunnel level of the mine, and when forty feet above the tunnel floor was struck on the head by a falling rock, causing him to release his hold on the ladder and fall to the floor of the tunnel. When brought to the surface he was unconscious, and died a few minutes later. He was a native of Cornwall, England, aged 31 years.

David Elsemann, the best known pool-seller in the West, died Monday at his mother's residence, in San Francisco after a painful illness extending over many months. Elsemann, only 38 years old, was for many years a familiar figure in that city and had the friendship of a great many prominent men. Since 1885 he has held the position of pool-seller with the firm of Killip & Co., and during that time has made a number of trips to Oregon, Nevada and Montana, conducting large horse sales regularly in all of those states.

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