NEWS OF THE WEST.

Application of the Edmunds-Tucker Law in Wyoming.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVES.

Cathode Ray Pills—Wyoming Sheep Complaints—Fatal Bicycle Ride—A Rash Jump.

The snowstorm has been general throughout the Pacific coast.

The Leadville, Col., ice palace carnival wound up on March 4 with Ivanhoe day.

Since July last the California state labor bureau has secured employment for 6,000 men and women.

The cathode ray experiment in Boston the invention of a half deaf mute, George Etze, of Stockton, Cal., and lowed a few days ago, has proved a failure.

Fred Angelo, a 15-year-old San Francisco boy, got angry at his dog's dislike for him, and beat the animal's brains out. He got a term in jail for his cruelty.

The Missouri Pacific railway has removed the terminal charge of $1.50 per car at South Omaha. Other roads are expected to follow the same procedure.

Charles E. Hussey, 18 years old, was killed at San Jose, Cal., on Monday. He was riding a bicycle and ran into a horse, receiving injuries which proved fatal.

Thomas D. Condon attempted to jump off a moving San Francisco street car on Monday night. He slipped on the wet pavement, went under the wheels of the car, and had his left leg so terribly mangled that it had to be amputated.

The Carbon county, Wyoming, sheep men are said to be very much pleased over the infor. shanks of Utah, Idaho and Montana sheep men are whitening on the Wyoming ranges. There are 275,000 here of foreign ownership wintering on the red desert.

The Southern Pacific company has placed an order with two large Eastern locomotive works for fifteen engines, to be delivered during the coming summer. Six will be the exact counterparts of the big twelve-wheel locomotives now engaged in handling the heavy freight traffic over the mountains. Two of these engines can move 800 tons of dead weight, which is equivalent to twenty-seven loaded freight cars, up the heavy mountain grades of the Sierra, whereas the power of two locomotives of the size until recently in use amounted to only seventeen cars and a caboose. Nine of the engines that have been ordered will be ten-wheelers and will be used for either passenger or freight business.

Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang: Nearly all newspaper readers in Wyoming, and the legal fraternity throughout the west, are familiar with the case of Mrs. France, of Rawlins, against J. W. Conner and W. L. R. Brown, for her dower rights in the estate of her husband. The United States Supreme court yesterday decided against Mrs. France. In 1887 Congress passed an act known as the Edmunds-Tucker law for the purpose of suppressing polygamy in Utah and in other territories. The act did not express that its provisions were for Utah only. Among other provisions of the act was one which gave married women the right of dower without every expressing whether it applied to Utah or all the territories. James France was a banker at Rawlins and he made an assignment shortly after the law passed to J. W. Conner and W. R. L. Brown, for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. France subsequently died and Mrs. France brought suit against the assignees, claiming dower rights of all of France's property under the Edmunds-Tucker act. The case was tried in this state and the supreme court decided that the act did not apply to Wyoming, and only to Utah. The case was then appealed to the Supreme court of the United States, and the tribunal has now given the same decision, holding that the married women in the territories, except Utah, have no right to dower under the act of Congress. It is a very important decision, as the attorneys of this western country have been in great doubt on the subject for a long time, and now have a final settlement of the question.

Manners and Customs of the Boers.

The daily life of a Boer family is a simple one. At daylight, all the members are assembled in the main room—the kitchen and eating room, although most of the food is cooked in the mud oil—where the head of the family reads reverently a chapter or two from the Bible—generally from the Old Testament—a simple, manly prayer is then offered, followed by the chant-like of an ancient Bible custom. A colored hand maid enters the room with a basin of water and a towel. The guest is first asked, and invited to wash his hands and face and wipe them on the towel. The head of the family is next approached and so on around the room, until all have been included in the ceremony. This constitutes the day's ablutions of the family. A morning meal consists of a dish of meat—beef or mutton, and sometimes both—cut into large pieces. They all sit around the board while the father says a long grace, and a stranger not familiar with their table manners is apt to be left in the lurch. Each man, for the women eat alone, selects the particular piece of meat that strikes his fancy, and as soon as the "amen" is spoken, sticks his fork into the place selected. It happens sometimes that two select the same piece; then, the quickest dispatches the body. Dry bread, sometimes butter, and strong black coffee complete the bill of fare, which may stand as a sample meal. It has been stated against the Boer that he is uncleanly, and this cannot be denied; but there is an excuse for this in the scarcity of water.—March Forum.

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