

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The hearing of Charles Erswell for murder, now in progress at Cheyenne Wyo., is producing evidence tending to show the innocence of the accused.

Omaha Stockman, Nov. 14: George Moody, C. H. Hale and H. Fratt were all here from Echo, Utah, with two cars of cattle each.

A court-martial will convene at Fort Bayard, N. M., November 19th, in accordance with orders from General Otis, department commander at Denver, Colo.

The trial of H. C. St. Clair for the murder of John Decker, terminated at Idaho City Wednesday, and the jury has returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. He will be sentenced Saturday.

Patrick Sullivan, formerly of Eureka, Utah, whose wife left for Butte, Mont., some time ago, to join her recreant spouse, has again deserted his wife and left her in that city penniless, with four children to look after.

The following races have been announced for Butte and Anaconda, Mont., next season: Butte, thirty-one days, July 2nd to August 6th; Anaconda August 11th to September 10th. Stakes seventeen in number, aggregating \$21,000.

Charles Erswell, a Western Union telegraph operator at Cheyenne, Wyo., is being tried in that city for the murder of Private Daniel McCrimlisk of the Eighth Infantry, on June 15th last. The trial was commenced Tuesday and will continue for several days.

The Miners' Union has made itself manifest in Butte, Mont., by objecting to a football game to have been given there by Leadville, Colo., team, some of the members of which belong to the state militia and took part in the recent strike there. The game is now off.

The Evening Denver Post has a \$20,000 damage suit on its hands, the plaintiff in the case being Margaret E. Cody, who alleges defamation of character, in having her name connected with the Denver end of the great Gould conspiracy, exposed by that paper a couple of months ago.

A frightful accident occurred at the lower smelter, Anaconda, Mont., at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, which may result in two deaths. Michael Crogan and a man named Kelly were at work in a pit under the calcine furnaces. In some unknown manner a torch holding a gallon of oil was upset and the men were so badly burned before they could be rescued that death seems sure.

An alleged German nobleman giving the name of Count Otto Spanut-Wechelen disappeared suddenly from San Jose county, Cal., about a month ago, leaving many creditors and a fair young bride. The bride, however, appears to be the only person who does not regret his departure. The story of the alleged count's experience in that county partakes considerably of the romantic.

Harry E. Arnet, who killed his girl wife in a brutal manner at Angels Camp, Cal., May 16th last, has been convicted of murder in the first degree, and the jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment. For some hours the jury stood seven for the death penalty and five for life. The verdict is unsatisfactory, as his crime was a cold-blooded one. Arnet's wife was 16 years old.

An attempt was made Sunday night to set fire to the building occupied by the Capital Gas company at Sacra-

mento, Cal. Two employes of the company entered the place at the conclusion of their night's work along the company's lines and discovered a blaze in the rear. They saw two men running into the alley, but could not overtake them. The fire was extinguished without loss.

Mrs. Mary A. Monroe, who lived alone in a little cottage at San Diego, Cal., was killed by an electric car at National avenue and Thirtieth street Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The accident was due to her deafness. Without noticing the approaching car she stepped upon the track directly in front of it. Her limbs were horribly mangled. She was a widow, 68 years old.

Clara Fallmer, held at the county jail, Oakland, Cal., to await trial for the murder of Charles Ladue, has professed Christianity. Her profession of faith and acknowledgment of penitence were made Sunday afternoon to a party of Christian Endeavorers from Alameda, who held special services for her in the women's ward of the jail. She participated in the services and prayed with the little group that came to offer her the consolation of religion.

In all probability Brown, alias Neely, the burglar who was arrested several nights ago by Detectives Ryan and O'Dea of San Francisco, will have to stand trial for participation in the Ukiah stage robbery, in which J. R. Barnett was killed. Sheriff Johnson of Mendocino county, with the assistance of Ryan and O'Dea have already obtained sufficient evidence against them to warrant them in charging them with being a party to the crime.

By the explosion of a missed shot in the Big Six mine at Leadville, Colo., Tuesday, Thomas Cassidy had his right arm blown off, his left hand mutilated and one, if not both of his eyes, destroyed. William Gallagher was badly cut in the face and both eyes were seriously injured. Cassidy can hardly recover. The men were alone in the place when the accident occurred and in spite of their injuries, dragged themselves 500 feet to the shaft, where they signaled the engineer.

The cause of the failure of the Delta County bank, which closed its doors at Delta, Colo., Tuesday is said to have been poor collections and the fact that J. E. McClure, president of the bank of Montrose which failed recently, was at one time vice president of the Delta County bank, although he is at present but a small stockholder in this bank. The Delta County bank also had some money tied up in the Montrose county bank. The assets are stated to be \$110,000 and the liabilities \$70,000.

Captain Emil Christiansen, a mariner and resident of Oakland, Cal., has enlisted the aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in an effort to locate his wife, Bena Christiansen, whom he says has left his home to fly with a handsomer man. The individual whom Christiansen accuses of wrecking his home and happiness, is named Lief Erickson, and was employed in a power-house there, but the only evidence the mariner holds against him is the fact that he, too, is missing now and cannot be found.

Mayor Snyder of Los Angeles, Cal., with a small army of policemen at his back, intercepted an attempt by the Pasadena and Pacific Electric Railway company to lay a track on Octavia street Sunday morning. The company has no franchise covering this street, but for some time the owners of the

road have been endeavoring to reach the wholesale portion of the city without running over portions of other companies' tracks, in order to be able to put on a line of express cars, a number of which have already been built and delivered to the company.

Gov. Steunenberg of Idaho evidently believes in brevity as witness the following Thanksgiving proclamation issued Tuesday: "The President of the United States having by proclamation designated a day of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God for manifold blessings, I, Frank Steunenberg, governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 25th day of November, A. D. 1897, to be observed by the people of the state of Idaho with such services, as will best carry out the spirit of this hallowed and time-honored custom."

Al Hayman is as good as his word. He has disposed of all of his theatrical interests in San Francisco and arranged to turn into cash every bit of property he has in the West. He arrived there on Thursday last, attended to everything to his satisfaction, and left Monday evening for the East. There was a short decisive meeting of the stockholders Monday afternoon and as a result the Al Hayman corporation, organized in 1891, will soon be something of the past, and if the signs may be read, the firm of Friedlander, Gottlob & Co. will soon control the theatrical interests of San Francisco.

J. W. Moss, a well known real estate dealer who has lived at Oakland, Cal., for years and become widely known, is missing under circumstances that lead his friends to believe that he left because he was hopelessly in debt and because he loved a woman he could not win. Moss owed Mrs. H. Clark of 572 Ninth street \$9000, and to others various sums aggregating \$5,000. His financial troubles worried him of late and he had been drinking. He confided the fact to a friend that he loved a woman who had rejected him, and that he was hopelessly in debt. No trace of him can be found. It is believed he has gone to some distance to retrieve his losses.

The knife of the highbinder has again flashed on its mission of death in Chinatown, San Francisco, and as the result its victim lies dying from nearly a dozen ghastly stabs. In marking its prey for slaughter the hatchet-man this time selected one of the highest in rank of his enemies. A priest was chosen, Chow Kung Sang is the victim, one of the highest priests of the See Yups, a man who had been marked for death once before, but who escaped by leaving the state. The priest lives in two small rooms adjoining the joss-room of the Ning Yung company at 1018 Stockton street, sharing his dwelling with an assistant, who slept in a small room above.

Thomas W. Wright, one of the best-known residents of Santa Cruz Cal., died Monday afternoon aged 73 years. He went to Santa Cruz county in 1849 and resided there continuously until his death. He was elected county surveyor in 1850 and served for thirty-two years. Prior to going to California, Mr. Wright's life was an eventful one. When the Mexican war broke out he enlisted and served throughout most of the war as sergeant in a company of Arkansas volunteers. He was in General Ural's command and fired the first American gun at the battle of Buena Vista. During the closing weeks of the war Sergeant Wright served in the quartermaster's department.

"Murderers' corner," San Francisco, has had another homicide added to its already long list. At 5:20 o'clock Monday morning William Austin stabbed and almost instantly killed James Fannon in the saloon known as,