

deposit of steel or Bessemer ores is undisputed and that it will soon become a necessary factor in the future iron operations of the inter-mountain region is conceded by all who have examined the situation.

Virgil Kelly has left for Burbank, where he will commence grading the Snake valley dam. He took with him thirteen men, one woman cook, eight span of horses, wheel scrapers, etc., in fact complete utensils and supplies for several months. Six men and teams from Fillmore have also gone out, and the work will now be pushed right along to completion.—*Millard County Blade*.

The good people of Silver City, says the *Albuquerque Citizen*, are agitated over a horrible case of cruelty and depravity which has come to light in the county jail. On account of lack of funds an insane woman was kept in the county jail instead of being sent to the Territorial insane asylum. For a year the poor creature has been imprisoned in one of the obscure cells, and a few days ago it was discovered that she would soon become a mother.

The *Cheyenne Tribune* says: Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the promoters who are interested in Fremont county property. The corporation is known as the Gold Reef Mining and Milling company, and its stated capital is \$2,500,000. The stock is divided into 2,500,000 shares at \$1 each. Five hundred thousand shares shall be preferred stock and the remaining 2,000,000 shares shall be common stock.

About twenty-five teams are at work on the new ditch at the head of the Last Chance, and are working nicely, says the *Idaho Democrat*. This work when completed will be a great improvement to the Last Chance as it will take entirely away from the river and save the stockholders much expensive levee work each season. The ditch will be enlarged the full length and extended several miles farther down the valley.

Virginia City was horrified last Sunday afternoon at the suicide of James R. McKay, an old and respected citizen of the Comstock. He had been a sufferer for years from severe stomach troubles, and it is supposed that in a fit of despondency he committed the rash act. He went into the cellar under his house and cut his throat with a pocket knife, dying in a very short time. He leaves a wife and three children.—*Nevada State Journal*.

Smallpox has broken out at Hastings' lumber mill at Vancouver, B. C., where 150 hands are employed. The first victim, John Flanders, has been taken to the pesthouse. Flanders wore his roommate's overcoat. The overcoat had been hanging in a hotel where recently arrived Chinese were boarded. It is thought the germs were in the overcoat and Flanders, not being vaccinated, caught the disease, while his friend, who was vaccinated, escaped.

There has just been secured a confession from two of the most depraved young criminals in the state of California. They are Bird Brumfield and Lou McSherry, and from their admissions they have been engaged in a systematic series of robberies for the past year. They were arrested for

stealing overcoats from the Presbyterian church at Santa Rosa last Sunday evening. They admitted having visited five churches that night with the purpose of robbery.

The South Yuba Water company, at Sacramento, Cal., has applied to the trustees for a franchise to bring in electric energy for power, light and heat into Sacramento city. They would bring it from the power site at Newcastle, thirty miles distant. This company is now installing plants for lighting Auburn, Rocklin, Newcastle and Penryn with electricity and claims to be able to furnish 4,500 horse-power for Sacramento.

Louis Kipp, a prominent and wealthy business man of Butte, Mont., has been arrested on a sensational charge of cattle-stealing. Kipp is the proprietor of a wholesale and retail meat market, and it is alleged that for a year or more he has profited by an extensive system of "cattle rustling" on the range, the animals being slaughtered in the mountain canyons and brought to Butte and disposed of. It is stated that a number of other prominent men will be implicated when the case comes to trial.

George P. Mime, an inspector of Spokane, has been in this city since Saturday investigating certain violations of the Geary law in this city relating to the issuing of certificates to Chinamen who have gone on a visit to their native land. It is alleged that several Chinese laborers here secured their certificates on the representation that they were merchants. Mr. Mime, it is said, is also looking up a quantity of opium, which, it is alleged, was smuggled into Butte without the payment of the customary duties.—*Butte Inter-Mountain*.

It has developed that John H. Coblentz, the warden of the Washington state penitentiary who committed suicide to escape prosecution, was known as Peter Morrison Moody in Orleans, Neb., where he was agent of the Buckeye Machine company. He married a school teacher there and had three children. One of his enemies was found dead in a field there, and it is supposed that he killed him, but it was not proved. He left Orleans in 1879 and was found a defaulter of the buckeye company to a large amount. Later developments showed that he had left a wife in Ohio.

Felix Burns, an old timer of Leadville, Colo., is locked up on a most grave charge. Saturday night Burns presented a check to A. F. Grundel for \$53.75, which was made payable to himself and signed by R. H. Donnelson. Mr. Grundel paid the amount without question, Burns being well known to him. Burns then handed another check of a like amount and executed in the same manner to C. Nollenberg, on which he also received the money. On Monday when the checks were presented at the bank they were returned with the inscription on the face: "No account." Burns was arrested. When asked if he knew what he was arrested for he replied that he did. He had been a collector for some years.

Another murder was committed at Butte, Mont. On Tuesday evening M. O. Young, an engineer on the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific, and Wm. Barnes,

a brakeman on the Montana Union, were in a saloon near the Great Northern depot. Barnes took offense at some joking remark made by Young and struck him, whereupon the latter knocked him down. Barnes went to his room, about a block distant, and returned with a revolver. He walked up to Young and shot him in the face, killing him instantly. He then escaped and has not yet been captured. Barnes was married only a few months ago. Young was a single man.

Idaho Daily Statesman: While Col. G. V. Bryan was in Salt Lake he met a gentleman from Denver who represented a new process for working refractory as well as free milling ores. The owners will not sell a plant outright, but will place one in operation on any property, providing there is sufficient ore to justify it, for a royalty of 10 per cent. They guarantee to save more than the fire assay of any ore. Some of the Tip Top ore will be sent to Denver for a test. The owners of the process offer to put in a \$12,000 plant for Mr. Cryan and operate it for the 10 per cent royalty provided their expert pronounces the body of ore sufficiently large to warrant it. Mr. Bryan was told such a plant would have a capacity of 150 tons a day.

Joe Martinez, a son of the well-known sheepman, who is living in the city attending school, had an adventure with a couple of suspicious-looking characters yesterday evening near the state bridge, says the *Grand Junction (Colo.) Sentinel*. While proceeding down Fifth street two strangers stopped him and told him to hand over his money. Young Martinez reached in his pocket and finding nothing more valuable there than the mouthpiece of a tuba, he pulled that out and started to present them with it. Evidently thinking he was pointing a gun at them they took to their heels and Joe proceeded on his way unmolested. The safe-blowing Friday night would indicate that there are hard characters prowling about at night who it would be well to look out for.

A feud of long standing between two families living in the northern part of Albuquerque county, N. M., on Sunday night caused the death of David Delao, while his brother Emil is fatally wounded. They were shot by Eluterio Leyba. The two families reside at or near Rena Blanca. The inveterate hatred existing between them has again and again broken out. Eluterio Leyba met Emil Delao on Sunday night in a resort of the town and during a quarrel which ensued Leyba drew his pistol and shot Delao through the head. David Delao, a brother of the wounded man, hearing of the affray soon after it happened, sought out Leyba for the purpose of revenge. He rushed up to Leyba with his six-shooter in his hand and demanded satisfaction for the killing of his brother. Like a flash Leyba's pistol cracked again and the second Delao fell with a bullet through his heart. There is no hope that Emil Delao will recover. Leyba was arrested and placed in jail. There is great excitement at the little Mexican town and it is feared more trouble may occur between friends of the two families before the feeling caused by the shooting subsides.