NEWS OF THE WEST.

A San Francisco Invention for Saving and Regulating Gas.

A DISHONEST TRIAL JURY.

Sudden Death at Beaver—A Man With an Inch of Glass in His Eye.

Haymen in the Platte valley about Saratoga, Wyo., have had no difficulty in disposing of their hay, and in fact have not been able to supply the demand.

It is asserted by the Wyoming papers that the Burlington will build an extension into the Big Horn basin next spring. The basin contains thousands of acres of rich agricultural land.

A deputy United States fish commissioner arrived in Alamosa, Colo., last week with 100 black bass, which were placed in [illegible] lake. If these fish thrive, as it is believed they will, more will be sent.

The Stanley camp, ten miles northwest of Colorado Springs, Colo., will, it is stated, operate all winter. The erection of a stamp mill was commenced Saturday. The prospects show $50 per ton in gold. Also [illegible] rich enough to have a serious effect on the workmen.

Johnny Michael, a Reno, Nevada, laundryman, has purchased all of the machinery of the famous old English mill north of Reno, and will remove the same at once. Thus it is, says the *Gazette*, that a landmark that has stood for thirty years or more is to be dismantled.

At Eureka, Nevada, contests have been commenced against the newly elected sheriff and attorney, upon the ground that ballots marked otherwise than as provided by law, and which should therefore have been rejected, were allowed and counted by the board of inspectors of election.

The 10-year-old son of F. M. Cook, living five miles south of Fresno, Cal., was shot in the forehead on Sunday evening by a neighbor's boy of the same age with a 22-caliber rifle. The boy aimed at his comrade's head, but claims that he did not intend to shoot. It is thought that the wound will prove fatal.

Thomas Burnham, a native of Belgium, aged 28 years, died very suddenly of consumption at the restaurant of Mrs. Kuss on Wednesday morning last, says the Beaver *Chronicle*. About two weeks ago Burnham came to Beaver from Milford. It seems he had been a hospital inmate some time before. He came and took up his abode at Mrs. Kuss's house, where he has been since. On Wednesday morning early he arose, dressed and moved about the house, returning to his room. He was in the act of sitting on a chair when he fell over dead. The man is an entire stranger here, and he left no papers or letters to give any clue of relations, if any, in this country. The body was buried in the Beaver cemetery yesterday.

A San Francisco invention for saving and regulating gas, owned by the Universal Gas-saving association, says the *Chronicle*, is attracting a great deal of attention from consumers of gas. It is not a modification of any of the machines heretofore in use, but of an entirely new design, as shown by the patent reports. A moment's observation of it in operation is enough to satisfy any one that it is a radical improvement. Reports from a number of experts upon gas machinery place it absolutely without a rival. Evidence that it fills a long felt want is the voluntary placing with the company of hundreds of orders and the wholesale knocking off of old style machines. The saving of the machine is something remarkable, while the common complaint of maladjustment is never heard.

A piece of glass an inch square was taken from the eye of John F. Murk at the Receiving hospital yesterday morning, says the San Francisco *Chronicle*. The strange part of the affair lies in the fact that the glass has been in Murk's eye for three days past, of which fact he pleaded total ignorance. According to his own statement he was not aware that the glass was in his eye until the doctor removed it. Murk states that he participated in a friendly row on Seventh street on Thursday evening. During the festivities one of the guests allowed his sense of honor to get the better of his sympathies and smashed a beer bottle on Murk's cheek-bone. The blow left an ugly wound, and a piece of the glass was knocked into his eye, where it remained between the lower lid and the cheekbone for two days.

William Coombs, a young Carolinian, a member of the American Protective Association, was on Saturday morning acquitted at Butte, Montana, of the murder of Jerry Connell, an Irish Catholic, on the 4th of July. The murder was the outgrowth of the religious riot in Butte on that day. The evidence against Coombs was considered positive, but the jury acquitted him after being out twenty-four hours. Great indignation has been aroused and Coombs is held in jail for protection. During the trial one of the attorneys for the defense boasted that there were eleven or twelve members of the American Protective Association on the jury. It is a well-known fact that that organization contributed $2,000 for the defense. Judge Speer was so indignant at the verdict that he dismissed the jurors from further service at this term of court. Affidavits have been made to the effect that one of the jurors said he would convict no man for killing an Irishman.

Feeding Values of Hays.

To determine the comparative feeding value of timothy, lucern and wild hay the Utah experiment station made tests with both steers and sheep. Conclusions drawn from these two experiments make it seem that (1) cattle do better on lucern hay, pound for pound, than either timothy or wild hay; (2) that wild hay, pound for pound, is more valuable than timothy. (3) Lucern hay is more valuable for sheep than timothy hay. (4) Pound for pound, wild hay is more valuable for sheep than timothy hay. (5) In both experiments it appears that the appetites of the animals were not good, and that in former experiments the best results were only obtained where exercise was given regularly and systematically, and that trustworthy experiments cannot be made where the appetite is not good and the food not appetizing. These experiments confirm the opinion that exercise is indispensable in obtaining proper growth.

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