NEWS OF THE WEST.

Terrible Case of a Woman's Burning to Death.

BIG ENGLISH COLONY SCHEME.

Opposed to Woman's Suffrage—Murderer's Insanity Dodge—Scientific Protection from Frost.

Among the Salt Lakers in San Francisco is E. S. de Golyer, who is occupying at the Palace hotel.

Benjamin Hill, the brutal murderer of his wife at Oakland, Cal., is trying to escape on a plea of temporary insanity.

Two Chinamen got into a row at San Jose, Cal., Tuesday night, when one drew a revolver and shot the other, killing him instantly.

The Law Students' association of Oakland, Cal., has decided to select the application of Miss Susie K. Eastlake for membership, the only objection being that she is a woman.

A number of the disolute women recently driven from Morton street, San Francisco, have started eastward, intending to locate at Cripple Creek and other mining towns in the locality.

Benjamin Petersen, an insane man, failed in his attempt to commit suicide at Oakland, Cal., on Tuesday night, because the knife was not sharp enough to cut his throat. He was placed in the asylum.

Robert J. Tonnes, fireman at the Pioneer mine, above Iowa Hill, Cal., fell down a 200 foot shaft Tuesday, and was instantly killed. His skull was fractured, and his neck, arm and one leg were broken.

Visalia, Cal., fruit farmers save their crops from frost by pots of burning tar under wet straw roofs. In one instance this plan covered a 400-acre farm with a white fog, completely preventing it from a heavy frost.

It is feared that Mrs. Frank Booth whose two children—all she had—were killed at Oakland, Cal., Monday, by an electric car, will not recover from the shock. The funeral of the children took place Thursday, March 12th.

Officials of the Pacific Express company at San Francisco have advised Governor McConnell of Idaho of the presence there of one Charles Chambers, an escaped convict from the Idaho penitentiary. The dispatch says Chambers is considered a dangerous and desperate man, having already given the express company considerable trouble, and the officials would not esteem it be were in the Idaho penitentiary serving out the remainder of his sentence. The governor has authorized his arrest and detention until he can be returned. Chambers escaped 13 years ago.

Walter Gasson, a young man of Green River, Wyo., had an exciting fight with a pair of lynxes last week. The animals were making nightly visits to a band of sheep which young Gasson was herding. Wednesday night when they came Gasson was on the look-out with a rifle and shotgun. He killed one of the lynxes with the rifle and wounded the other with his shotgun. The wounded animal made a desperate fight and sprang upon the boy in a furious manner, tearing nearly all of his clothes off and slashing great gashes in his arms and legs. Had the wound inflicted by Gasson's shot not commenced to take effect, the result would have been a serious one for the boy, but weakened by the loss of blood, the lynx gradually loosened its hold and Gasson escaped without further injury.

The Santa Margarita ranch in California has been sold to an English syndicate. For the ranch and adjoining properties in the San Luis Obispo county the buyers are to pay $1,800,000. Of this sum $600,000 will go to General P. W. Murphy, $300,000 to H. D. Mutchy, $600,000 to James Murphy, and the remainder to Mrs. Teale and her children. The company which is to take up the property is to have a capital stock of $5,000,000, and, in addition to the sum paid for the land, will invest $500,000 in a great beet sugar factory and the raising of beets. The company will colonize with English people from the agricultural districts. The land includes the Santa Margarita, Asuncion and Pecanero ranches, and comprises 53,100 acres of the best soil in the state. A large portion of it is under cultivation, and has netted its owners a princely income in the past.

Mrs. Ella Townsend was fatally burned at her residence in San Francisco, on Tuesday afternoon. While she was writhing and screaming on the ground a neighbor stood on a porthos watching her, too much paralyzed by fear to render any assistance. Mrs. Townsend was cooking tamales when her clothing took fire. Previous to this she had been filling lamps, and a quantity of coal oil had been spilled on her skirt. The housewife did not change the garment before taking up her position at the stove, the front part of which was open. She was busy with her cooking and failed to notice the tongues of flame that shot out as the fire grew brighter until there was a burst of fire all about her, as the oil-soaked garment ignited. The woman screamed and tried to beat out the fire with her hands, but only fanned it into greater intensity. She tried to tear the blazing clothes from her body, but the flames scorched her hands and rendered them useless. The suffering woman rushed into the back yard and fell on her back, still screaming. She saw a neighbor on her porthos and cried to her for help. For five minutes she lay without assistance, while the flames were consuming her clothing and charring her flesh. The fire caught in her long hair and it singed up about her face and was burned off close to the scalp. Even her shoes were burned until they had crushed. She had been literally roasted alive. To add to the misery of the case, Mrs. Townsend was about to become a mother. In the evening the doctors decided to perform the cesarean operation known as the Cesarean section, in the hope that the life of the unborn child might be saved. The operation was quickly and skillfully performed, but it was little. The dying woman's end was hastened by the shock and the tiny little one did not long survive her.

A Bird's Revenge.

A lady who was one day watching a pair of redstarts as they worked in a tree was startled by a violent commotion that arose in the secretary bird aviary, cockatoos screamed, wrens scolded and the robins shouted "cut it!" with all their might. A chipmunk was dragging a baby catbird by the leg from its nest and all the birds commenced and came to make a row about it, including a Baltimore oriole. The screaming and the swish of wings as the birds darted about made the squirrel abandon its prey, and then the commotion subsided as quickly as it had risen. All the birds cut for the West about their business elsewhere, the oriole did not wait a word to say, and by my countenance the robbed by his presence, said he no part in it. The squirrel having dropped the baby catbird, covered from its mouth and bowels shaken to a distant way, while the oriole cut not far away hunting, but doing nothing else. But in a few minutes the squirrel left its nest and ran out on the limb it had been seated on until it had to use more care to keep its hold, and then the robins opportunity for a terrible assault had come. Pushing across the space, he struck the chipmunk in one eye with his sharp-pointed beak, and then, turning instantly, struck the other eye in like manner. Quivering with pain, the squirrel let go the limb and dropped to the ground, where it rolled and struggling about apparently in the throes of death. The robins flew away to his favorite site, where he sang in the most brilliant fashion. The lady put the squirrel out of its misery, and then saw that the oriole had destroyed both eyes.—Public Opinion.

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