

the Lake City. It thinks the idea that by constructing war vessels for the lakes Canada or Great Britain reveals an intention to attack the United States is a wide stretch of the imagination. We concur. Admitting for the sake of the argument that the building and launching of such vessels is a violation of the treaty stipulations, they still do not disclose a war purpose and the remedy for the infringement is first in calling the attention of her majesty's government to it, not, as it seems at this distance, in getting alarmed and trying to spread the war spirit throughout the land. Let us have peace, or, rather, let the peace at present prevailing be undisturbed.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The death is reported of Major H. W. Bingham, a prominent citizen of Bingham, Montana.

Wadsworth, Nev., is taking steps for the organization of a fire department.

A new society paper called the *Reporter* has made its appearance in San Jose.

The San Bernardino county jail is rapidly filling up with tramps and petty thieves.

Trinity county has taken the necessary steps toward the organization of a miners' association.

Wyoming hunters are shipping large quantities of rabbits for the California market.

While loading a round of holes in the Eclipse tunnel, Colorado, two miners, William Price and Frank Landis, were injured by a premature explosion. Price very probably fatally.

On account of a defective flue a fire broke out the other day in the roof of the house of Bishop Murdock of Joseph, Sevier county, and the whole place would have been consumed but for the prompt action of the neighbors.

It is reported that Charles Townsend, a well-known American, was killed by a tramp at his ranch, situated six miles below the Lerdo colony, in Sonora, Mexico, between sixty and seventy miles south of Yuma. The report, however, lacks confirmation.

The San Luis valley papers agree that the wheat crop of that section will aggregate 500,000 bushels. All the mills and elevators are full and sales have practically ceased for the present. There is an immediate demand for more mills.

The *Mesa County Mail* is the name of a new weekly just started at Fruita, a pleasant little town in the Grand valley near to the Utah line. It is devoted to the local interests of that section which will be a large fruit producing center.

It is reported that the Last Chance mine and mill at Bingham have been closed down and some forty men thrown out of work. The cause is said to be due to the low price of silver and lead. There are at present about one hundred unemployed miners at Bingham.

It is said that a small band of horses

is snowed in on one of the high peaks of the Lost river range, in Idaho, and that the mountain lions are playing sad havoc with them—eating the dead that have fallen from hunger, and killing the live ones that are weak and helpless.

Four or five hundred men are at work on the Indian Creek reservoir, where there is a large tent town. Looking down from the hill the scene presented is one of bustling activity. Two or three more hundred men may be put on. The ground is dry and work is progressing rapidly.

A number of sheepmen, with the usual odd-looking combination of wagon, tent, parlor, kitchen, bedroom, etc., have been seen hurrying about town this week. Sheep have to be closely watched this weather or heavy losses are inevitable. Thus writes the *Brigham Bugler*.

A violent wind storm prevailed in Moscow, Idaho, on Christmas eve, doing considerable damage. Christmas services were being held in several churches, and so violent was the storm that they were compelled to remain in the churches till morning. The Rev. Mr. Osborn was thrown to the ground, breaking his collar bone.

Daniel Bellis an Italian gardener near Las Cruces, sent his brother to El Paso, New Mexico, with a load of cabbage. He had already mortgaged his garden twice, and he took advantage of his brother's absence to sell the place for \$1000 and elope with his young and pretty wife. He carried away \$1600 in money.

Preparations for gathering the ice crop at Laramie, Wyoming, have begun, and there are prospects of a large harvest. The Union Pacific usually stores 800 tons there, besides cutting ice for shipment to other store houses along the line. The ice about Laramie is now about fourteen inches thick, and of excellent quality.

The village of Los Carales, New Mexico, had a very sad Christmas. A number of young men were enjoying one of the sports of the Mexicans when the horse Thomas Gutierrez was riding suddenly turned and the unfortunate young fellow was thrown across a post of wire fence, being impaled through the abdomen. He lingered a few hours and died.

The owners of the Cliff mine will push work all winter. A crushing from this property is expected to be made before the roads are blocked with snow. The Black Jack mine is now shipping two bars of bullion per week besides its rich concentrates. The mine has one of the best and strongest bodies of ore ever opened in the camp.—*Silver City (Idaho) Avalanche*.

Joko Tubillini and John Riley, both of Marin county, Cal., loved the same girl. Joko objected to his rivals visits, and, assisted by friends, dug a deep pit in the path usually followed by Riley, into which the latter fell receiving serious injuries. Riley swore out a warrant and the perpetrators will soon be called upon to explain their actions in court.

It is reported that the weather during the past week in Southern California has been cool, with some frost in low

places, but not enough to do any damage. The orange trees are loaded down and the grain promises well except in some parts of San Diego county, where but little rain has fallen and grain has consequently made small growth.

The Chamber of Commerce of Phoenix, Ariz., will hold a meeting at an early day to confer with a committee of one hundred appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of San Diego relative to a proposed railroad between the two points. It is proposed that the new road cross the Colorado at Yuma, and come by the Harqua Hala gold mines in Arizona.

In almost every town in the Territory, during this cold weather, remarks the *Richfield Advocate*, the water is all frozen up and the streets are covered with ice, but in Richfield the citizens have no such inconvenience to contend with. It is a beautiful scene these frosty mornings where the warm spring water courses down each street and a cloud of steam is arising from it the whole length of the stream.

On Christmas afternoon, as the driver of Raycraft's stage left Genoa, Nevada, he heard a pistol shot and soon afterwards Dell Williams, editor of the *Genoa Courier*, with the blood streaming down his face, run around his house to the backyard. As the stage was behind time in starting the driver did not wait for further particulars, so it is not known whether the shooting was accidental or otherwise, or whether the shot was fatal or not.

John W. Mackey, the millionaire mine owner, is one of the latest accessions to the ranks of those who have become interested in the placers of the San Juan. From reliable sources it is learned that Mr. Mackey, several days ago, directed his manager in Colorado to outfit an expedition without delay for the gold fields. The party is being made up, and will start on the journey tomorrow or Tuesday. So states the *Denver News*.

A Denver firm known as the May Shoe and Clothing company has affixed the following notice over the entrance to their establishment: "All employees who have been associated with our firm for about one year up to July 1st, 1893, will receive in lieu of a Christmas present, a free round trip ticket to the World's Fair, a leave of absence for ten days together with their usual salary, as an appreciation of the interest manifested while in our employ."

Salmon City (Idaho) Miner—John Mansfull, residing at the Goodell ranch, while sawing wood at his home, met with a very painful accident a few days since. He was feeding wood to a circular saw, run by horse power, the glove on his left hand became entangled with the blade of the saw and drew his hand against the sawteeth before he could release it. Dr. Kenney, who is attending him, fears that the loss of two fingers will be the result.

Idaho is rich in petrifications, but up to this time the collection for the World's Fair is not numerous. The chief specimens so far in this department is a sample from the petrified