

are going to feed the hungry men at the park. Each school will take a contribution one day in the week and see that there is a good substantial luncheon ready at noon to feed the men who have been standing in line waiting for a chance to get work.

Five hundred elk and several herds of deer and antelope, followed by a pack of wolves, invaded Bonanza, Wyo., last week. The deep snow drove them out of the mountains where feed is covered up. They were so tame that people shot them down by wholesale.

In Fremont and Uinta counties Wyo., over 5,000 elk and as many antelope are said to have been recklessly slaughtered and shipped from Idaho to the eastern markets by "pot hunters." The extermination of game in Wyoming will soon be completed, adds an exchange.

Wyoming people have discovered a sure and deadly bait for wolves. Blood from slaughtered animals impregnated with strychnine while it is warm, and then allowed to coagulate, will attract wolves from a distance. They will eat the poisoned blood with avidity, while avoiding a poisoned carcass.

A ten-weeks-old infant died on Friday night, at Seattle, Wash., from chloroform, taken under most peculiar circumstances. The mother was suffering from neuralgia, and took a small vial of Chloroform to bed. During the night the child got hold of it and drank enough to kill itself.

At Gunnison, Colo., the Equal Suffrage league is very active. The ladies meet every Friday and discuss political economy, civil government and practical politics. The ladies throughout the state are manifesting an eager desire to prepare themselves for the ballot.

In Southern Nevada, not far from Death valley, the handsomest woman in the West has been discovered by a party of railroad surveyors. She is the daughter of an extensive ranch owner who has built his home far from all settlements and in an almost inaccessible valley, surrounded by deserts.

Jack Williams, an employe of the Capital Electric company, while fixing a wire at Sacramento, which had fouled an iron awning, came in contact with a live wire and had his hand terribly burned. He could not free himself, and two men had to pull him loose. It was some time before he regained consciousness.

Wyoming furnishes all the wonders this year, says the *Denver News*. The alkali or soda lakes near Casper, and the petroleum of that region makes excellent soap. A soap factory and an axle grease establishment will be established. This petroleum soap is said to be as yellow as gold and of excellent quality.

Two De Beque, Colo., citizens, while visiting a deserted cabin in the Blue-stone valley last week, found a dying burro and a young colt shut up in the cabin. The pair had taken refuge in the cabin during a storm and the door blew shut. The mother kept her offspring alive while dying itself of starvation.

Todd M. Pettigrew has been placed in the penitentiary of Wyoming to

begin a sentence of five years, having been convicted in the United States court at Cheyenne. He pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement of \$4,600 of the funds of the Sundance National bank of which he was cashier up to the time of its failure last summer.

Frank Armstrong, an actor, has been arrested at San Francisco on a warrant from Oakland charging him with grand larceny. The complainant is Anita Fallon, an actress. She alleges that while she and Armstrong were taking the leading parts in a play, Armstrong relieved her of a valuable diamond pin. In one act she said it became necessary for him to put his arms around her neck and embrace her affectionately. While doing this she says he embraced the opportunity to steal her pin. The diamond was found in an Oakland pawnshop, where Armstrong had left it as security for a loan.

John Schrader, John Felderman and Oscar Johnson, residents of Sterling county, Colo., have been arrested for the murder of one Nelson last spring. Nelson, at that time, just before his death, was charged by Johnson with shooting certain stock belonging to him. He was arrested and acquitted. Nelson that night went home, about twenty miles from Sterling, in high spirits over his recent acquittal. Next morning he was found hanging in his stable, with his knees on the ground, with all indications of having been there many hours. He left home early the evening before to visit a neighbor, having never reached the neighbor nor having again returned home.

An immense tumor was removed this week from Mrs. John Crow of this city, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The tumor, which was of the ovarian cystic order, weighed forty-eight and one-half pounds. It is said that it was the biggest affair of the kind in the medical annals of this coast, and the success that attended the operation makes it notable. She has five children, the youngest of whom is three years old. One of her children is a cripple and her husband has been afflicted with the loss of an eye. She was the support of the family until eight months ago, when the tumor had grown to such proportions that she could hardly move. She had become very thin. The tumor had displaced and injured the other organs. Since the removal of the tumor she has developed a great appetite. The doctor said she would have died in a month had the growth not been cut out.

Hereafter (says the *Helena, Montana, Independent*) juries in the district court will be specially instructed by the judges not to gamble on a verdict. The case in point is that of *Ralph Wells vs Jacob Darby*, in which the court has granted a motion for a new trial. The grounds were, so far as the secrets of the jury room are known, simply these: When the jury retired they found for plaintiff, and then set about agreeing on how much should be allowed. Eleven of the jurors wrote on slips of paper the amount they thought the plaintiff should get. The agreement was that these slips should be shaken up in a hat, and the first three drawn out should be averaged up,

and the average should be the verdict. The scheme was carried out; three slips were drawn from the hat, the amounts on them added together, the result divided by three and the quotient was the verdict. When these facts came to the knowledge of the losing side in the case a motion was made for a new trial, and on this showing of facts it was granted. It is the intention of the judges hereafter in instructing juries to warn them against referring any matter before them to the question of chance.

Mrs. John Rush, who resided at Fruitvale, Cal., died at her home in terrible agony a few days ago. The cause is a peculiar one and is exciting a good deal of interest among the local physicians. Mrs. Rush, a strong and healthy woman was using her sewing machine, when the needle caught one of her fingers and went into the flesh, causing a slight wound. A few hours later she was taken very ill, and kept growing worse, so a physician was sent for. But when he arrived Mrs. Rush was a victim of tetanus. In less than an hour after the accident she was in convulsions. The tetanus in her case took the form which is reported by the physicians as *opisthotonos*. After the first few convulsions the woman was in a distressing condition. The muscles in the arms, neck and body would contract until she bent backward like a bow, and then they would suddenly relax. This continued for a couple of hours. Nothing could be done to ease her suffering, and the convulsions continued for twelve hours. She passed away while in one of the convulsions. The case was a peculiar one in many respects. The wound on the finger was little more than a prick and did not pain at all when it was inflicted, and the physician arrived too late to stay the disease. Mrs. Rush died in terrible agony. The physicians who have looked into the case cannot account for the suddenness of the attack.

"HANDCART" INCIDENT.

In the *NEWS* of the 12th inst., in a letter from John Crook, relating to Jonathan Clegg and family crossing the Plains in Captain Edward Martin's handcart company, in 1866, occurs the following:

"They were snowbound at Independence Rock and rationed to four pounds of flour per day commissary for 100 persons, and heard that fearful cry for bread."

The foregoing sentence is somewhat mixed. Martin's company was not snowbound at Independence Rock, but further eastward, on the North Platte, where the road left the river for the west; and again further westward, at Devil's Gate and at a ravine by the Sweetwater, three miles more or less on this side of Devil's Gate. The rations of flour came down to four ounces per head per day. The weather was very cold. Snow on the ground all the way from the Platte to this city. Independence Rock is a few miles beyond Devil's Gate and the Sweetwater bridge.

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Crested Butte, Colo., ladies are holding regular weekly schools of instruction to prepare themselves for the use of the ballot.