

## NEWS OF THE WEST.

The Legality of the Kindergarten School System Under Discussion.

### HIGH FINE FOR SNUGLING OPIUM

**SMOKING DEATH OF A TRAMP.—ONE HOUR'S MARKER.—SALE OF A LARGE BUNCH IN BYZANTIUM.**

A toll bridge is being built across the Arkansas river in southwestern Colorado.

The investigation has the condition of the Industrial school of Golden, Colo., in progress.

Laramie, Colo., has made arrangements for a terminus institute to be held at that place.

Logan Springs, Colo., is happy over the discovery that most of \$12 a ton gold ore is unmined quantities.

A potato growers' convention has been called to meet in Fort Collins on February 21 and 22 to discuss the potato situation.

At Greeley, Colo., contracts are being made now for canning and for market by the Denver canners and potato makers.

Stack City, Colo., expects 100,000 tons to be sent to the state's 4-year-old potato cannery in the winter, which will be used for the state's 100,000 bushels, which will be sent to the town treasury if received.

In Hell canyon near Alpinequap, N. M., Cheyenne parties are preparing to descend a steep hillside to a very low point where the soil may be mined for 60 cents a ton.

Colorado ranchmen join in the universal report that an abundance of water sources are available for irrigation, especially in large areas of the country will not pay a tax on the state.

In Plaza City, Colo., only a few weeks back there were two saloons, a hardware shop, a cigar store, a restaurant, a lodging house, a stage coach to Hispania, and thirty actual residents within the townsite.

The United States district judge of Portland, Ore., has sentenced William Daniel, recently convicted of smuggling opium, to two years' imprisonment in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$5,000.

The Idaho railroad surveyors are starting out to survey a branch line between Alton and Lake Valley, N. M. This is to develop the newly discovered gold fields in that region. The road will be built at once.

The Gold King, Wyo., gold placer diggers are attracting a large number of miners who prefer to work alone, especially the Larimer trail. The camp is from two to five feet deep but claim staking still goes on.

Wyoming is said to have about 50,000 head of sheep and \$25,000,000 in cattle. In the unpredictable conflict now on between sheep and cattle interests the survival of the sheep will determine the contest.

Laramie City, Wyo., is excited over the discovery that salt and crippled legs are the chief cause of the great cattle trials and death out west interests to consumers. Disease, poor pasture and park estates in Laramie are alarmed over the disgusting discovery.

Sixteen acres of the McCrory ranch, eighteen miles west of Laramie, Wyoming, have been sold by John McCrory to Mike Coughlin for \$20,000. It is intended to be one of the finest ranches in the state. The stock was not sold with it.

According to the Virginia (Nev.) Enterprise, Captain Sam, who has been to San Francisco and the Midwinter Fair, says the "Pulse in the West" West show will not have two pieces of meat and a pie of meat for a meal, but the meat will be as palatable in quality or quality.

The gallant son of Frank Davis, the leader of the Dixie Boys (Wash.), found some strychnine intended for squirrel poison and swallowed a portion. The boy went into convulsions. His father tasted the stuff to discover what it was. When the doctor arrived the child was dead and the father in a critical condition. Davis recovered.

The Pages News reminds its readers that ten years ago this week a score boulders commenced on the Colorado range, which continued seventy-two days and four hours and three years ago a small boulder was an animal. Since the snow has come in fast, the snow has not blocked the railroad more than two days at a time.

An inquest was held on Tuesday at San Francisco in the case of Christopher Bauer, the old man who was murdered at his home last Saturday by his son. The jury found that the fatal wounds were inflicted by the son, who had undoubtedly intended to slay the young particle with whom mother, and the coroner approved the verdict.

A man named McDermott, who was passing west from Mobile, Ala., to San Francisco on a freight train met a terrible death fifteen miles east of Cisco Gravel on Tuesday night. He got off the train and some time later was struck by the locomotive overhead. Small pieces of his body were strewn along the road for several hundred feet.

The late convictions at Portland, Ore., for snuggling opium have not paled to the heat, as the customs officers on Tuesday evening captured a man who was trying to be shaped to Chinese form in the Halls and Walls walls. The culprit is not known, but the officers are keeping a lookout on one firm, which is suspected of doing an extensive business in unsmoked opium.

The question of the legality of the system of kindergarten schools and their claims to state recognition, which has caused educational difficulties at San Jose, Calif., for the past year has at last been brought squarely before the superior court in an agreed statement of facts in the suit begun in 1892. The state, which is represented by its attorney general, is to pay the expenses of the trial, which will be held in March. The amount was about \$30,000. The trial was Mr. Griffith's Hammonianization party, valued at \$600. The horse was

burned to death. Over 100 children and their pets lost their lives in the fire, which took place in the children's home earlier than a like occurrence in San Francisco, has the unavoidable inference of having committed the most brutal murder in some respects that ever occurred in that city.

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