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## EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

### BACA GRANT IN COLORADO IS LEGAL.

Anxious to Support Commodore Dewey—Were Spaniards Responsible for Powder Works Explosion?

Prof. Edward Mead of Wyoming has been appointed consulting expert in the bureau of irrigation by the department of agriculture. Prof. Mead is Wyoming's state engineer.

The jury has failed to agree in the case of Mrs. Eliza G. Jones, charged at Billings, Mont., with complicity in the murder of William Brown, a well known cattleman.

Colorado stockmen are greatly worried just now over the recent rain and snow storms throughout the state, which are pouring havoc with cattle. The expert will snap to killing many of them.

Lady Yarrow-Hunter, accompanied by her coach and attorney, Ernest Wakefield, left Salt Lake for London Monday night. She will make an effort to secure possession of her marriage settlement of about \$100,000.

Treasurer Roberts, of Larimer county, Wyo., has been ordered by the court to pay into the treasury the sum of \$18,000, an amount lost through the failure of the Kent bank of Cheyenne in 1906, in which institution the funds were deposited.

Mrs. Nettie Southgate of San Francisco was sent down to Salt Lake by the Oregon express at Cheyenne, Colo., at 4:45 o'clock Friday morning. She was taking an early morning walk along the track for exercise and stopped in front of the engine that killed her while trying to avoid another train.

Col. John D. Mosby, of San Francisco, is in receipt of a letter from Major General Nelson A. Miles, who says: "I have recommended you for a post in the connection with troops of the South." In touching his services to the government, Col. Mosby did not signify that he desired any particular place in the service.

Clarence A. Warner, the new Indian agent for the Fort Hall reservation, is a young and successful lawyer of Portland, Ore. His appointment gives general satisfaction, as it is believed he will do all that can be done to guard and defend the interests of the Indians over whom he is to preside. Warner was born in Kansas, in 1868, and moved to Idaho in 1895.

The courier of Santa Cruz, Cal., has learned that two Spaniards sailed at certain hours there on the day of the fatal explosion and acquired the direction of the powder works. Operations at the works have been resumed. No one, not excepting employees is allowed to pass through the gates without a pass. The works are now guarded day and night.

A cavalry troop known as the Black Horsemen, has struck it hard in Montana, and as a result the company is now stranded at Butte and its members are in a tight place.

Harry C. Overton, is in jail charged with intending to ship out and defraud members of his company in the aggregate sum of \$20,000. D. R. Verne, a member of the company, charges that Overton has given them nothing to eat, no beds to sleep in, and has said that they would starve for all he cared.

as he was going to jump the town and leave them.

The Black Grant in San Luis valley, Colo., was dissolved Monday by the United States Supreme Court in its legal and regular. The grant comprises 100,000 acres of land selected under an act of 1881 in honor of a part of the old Black Grant near Las Vegas, N. M. This act provides that the land selected should be non-contiguous and it was accordingly divided into several parcels. One portion of the land, Justice Stevens, delivered the court's opinion, held, however, that this fragment, as at least a date, could not affect the legality of the grant. The parties to the suit were Quincy M. Shaw and Murray A. Kibbe. The decision in this court as in the court below was in favor of the latter.

Riverside county, Cal., has another case of mysterious death. This time it is a Negro who was found dead in a little camp near A. G. Phipps's ranch, in Ukiah township, late Friday evening. Several bodies were found around the dead man's head, and it is probable that they caused his death. A. G. Phipps testified at the inquest that the dead Negro worked for him at one time and was an exceedingly well-to-do man. He was a native of Jamaica and was about 30 years old. His name was Augustus Lloyd. One ear was gone from the corpse, and it looked as if it might have been cut off with a sharp knife. The coroner, the coroner's jury came to the conclusion that the Negro was killed by the death of the Negro. The body was found in a small camp near the ranch.

Both officers and men of the National Guard of California are anxious to be sent to the support of Commodore Dewey in the Philippines. It will require about three weeks to transport the troops to Manila in case they are ordered there by the government. An order is expected, immediately for the examination of all officers of the naval militia who wish to enter the United States navy. They will rank as lieutenants and will be assigned to the command of the vessels purchased and added to the government fleet at Pacific coast ports.

San Francisco, Cal., has a report that a woman had been murdered at a ranch about 100 miles east of town. News of the body went out there and found June Diaz lying dead in front of the house with a bullet in his brain. Justice Ponder was notified, who summoned a coroner's jury and proceeded to the scene of the murder at once. An investigation was held and several witnesses examined. It was shown by these that several people stood near the deceased at the time the shot was fired but none knew who they were, nor who fired the shot, in fact there was the greatest amount of confusion as to what had happened.

However, some of the witnesses said that they saw June Diaz die the shot that did the double work, also saw Diaz fall and die. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from the effects of a gunshot wound, inflicted by June Diaz. Diaz has not yet been captured.

How Richmond Held Out.

Captain Crough of Omaha, who commanded a Kentucky regiment upon the losing side of the "Belle Meade" battle, being a good Lincoln story. Lincoln was being urged from the beginning of the war to take Richmond, and that city was the point of attraction for the rebels. Richmond was taken by the rebels and taking Richmond were two different matters. General Scott, who was not retired until several futile at-

tempts had been made to take Richmond, was summoned before the President.

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