NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Young Lady of Wyoming Tackles a Huge Wild Cat.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

A Prisoner Outwitted his Jailor and Escaped—An Old Time Racer Killed.

The Royal House association ranch shipped a car load of horses from Cheyenne to the city of Brooklyn.

Fifteen thousand brown trout have been received at the state hatchery at Laramie from Northville, Michigan.

According to the Laramie (Wyo.) Boomerang, Miss Ida Hoskin, of Fetterle, killed one of the largest wildcats ever seen in the Cheyenne valley. She brought it in strapped upon front a distance of two miles.

Navigation along the Snake river, says the Walla Walla Statesman, has been suspended for the winter. Boats by the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, owing to the cold weather, have been beset by masses of floating ice.

The Rawlins, Wyo., Electric light company and the Rawlins coal mines have been consolidated, with M. W. Dillon as manager, who will have his office with Judge Amos. No business crowds is also contemplated by the company.

Wyoming has suffered greatly by the provision in the law creating the state which carries the school fund to issue at not less than $10 per acre. It put an effectual embargo against their settlement, says the Cheyenne Sun, and has kept out immigration that would otherwise have flowed in.

The bill for the division of Kootenai county, in this state, says the Herald of that place, will be introduced early, providing for a county seat at Deamer's Ferry. It will require the constitutional two-thirds vote to carry it. There would be no danger of an expensive county seat contest two years hence in case the bill passes a law.

T. J. Owens was nearly dragged to death the other day, says the Hope (Idaho) Reporter. He took a new horse home, fastened one of the best horses from the herd, and proceeded to saddle it. In taking the latter from the horse's back to put on the bridle, Owens inadvertently stepped into the lariat rope on the ground, and was dragged 200 yards. He injuries are not serious.

Simon Juarez, who was tried and acquitted for horse stealing at the recent term of court, says the Arizona Bulletin, and held for the next grand jury on motion of the district attorney, has escaped jail. He owed wings of the lots that extend from the top of the jail door to the ceiling, went into the hall and took out two sets of irons of which. The jailor was absent at the time, getting his dinner.

Miss Nellie Whitmore narrowly escaped serious injury on Sunday afternoon at Green River, Wyo., while starting out for a sleigh ride with her father. The horse in some way became frightened, and flying in the way unexcited the sulky, throwing the occupants out very suddenly. Mr. Whitmore broke a finger and received a bad cut on the head, while the young lady was bruised and badly shaken up.

Con Lowery, an old-time Cook City miner, has been instantly killed in the Hurt coal mines near Livingston, Montana, by an explosion of coal gas. Lowery, in company with Engineer Underwood and Charles Bernstein, was engaged in stripping the roof of a room 8 by 15 feet, when another other entered with a torch. The explosion which followed killed Lowery and seriously, but not fatally, injured Underwood and Bernstein.

Says the Helena (Mont.) Independent: H. Roberts, manager of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, says that the company expects to have telephonic communication with Great Falls in a few months. The new line will connect with the towns on the line of the Great Northern between Helena and Great Falls. The company will also in the spring put in a new line to Butte from Helena. The present line from this city runs by the way of Elkhorn and Deer Lodge. There has been for some time a line from Helena to Butte. The company intends to extend Lulu line to Butte.

An Evanston (Wyo.) gentleman got a small box from Philadelphia on which the freight was $3.66. Of this amount sixty-one cents was the charges from Philadelphia to Omaha, a distance of 1,594 miles, while the charges from Omaha to Evanston, a distance of 976 miles, were $2.25. Was there ever such extortion, asks the Evanston Age-Herald? The road east of Omaha that charged sixty-one cents for hauling the little box of tacks is solvent and paying dividends, while the Union Pacific, charging a dollar and twenty-five cents for the same service, is insolvent and in the hands of receivers. Will not our friends in Congress do something to regulate the freight and passenger rates in this country and save our people from such outrageous exactions?

Size of Flocks and Pens.

On general principles the smaller the flock the greater the per cent of eggs, but of course there is a limit. Very much depends on the care given and the amount of work required of the hens. A pen of 10 by 10 should be ample for 50 hens if kept clean and the supply of dry earth or chaff or chopped straw ample to bury completely all fresh and keep the floor scrupulously clean. Some of our most successful poultrymen allow a building 12 by 30 to every 50 hens, and from a rich harvest, but very much the finest eggs the hens. The majority are used best with flocks of 12 or 15 to pen 8 by 12. It seems safer to keep everything in mind, and this must be done.—Maine Farmer.

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