NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Startling Note Found By Guides In Wind Cave, South Dakota.

TRAGEDY IN A MINING CAMP.

The Attempt to Blow Up a Montana Bank—A $60,000 Fire at Oakland, Cal.—Other Items.

The Saratoga Sentinel, a newspaper which is to Esmeralda county, has been placed under attachment for the second time within a month.

A man who figured prominently in the shooting affray at the ranch of George Davis a year ago, was lately appointed deputy sheriff at Evanston, or in that vicinity, says the Montpelier (Idaho) Tiel.

G. T. Stamm of Ontario has been appointed the fifth commissioner to adjust the settlement between Shoshone and the new county of Riverside. This appointment gives the old county three of the five commissioners.

Ricardo Farias, an Indian laborer, has died at Santa Rosa, Cal., from injuries received at Sharpsville. He was unloading wood from a wagon and the train backed up, coupling into the wagon with such force as to knock it against another car. He was 24 years old and unmarried.

The supervisors of San Diego (Cal.) county have determined to make a close scrutiny of the county indigent pension list, which now averages the large outlay of some $1,000 monthly. A committee has been appointed to investigate each case.

According to the Blackfoot (Idaho) News, the prettiest county indemnity in the railroad in Idaho is on the stretch lies between Boise and Nampa. In a few years there will be continuous orchards on either side of the road between the two places.

The other night eight outlands of Chinese at work in Marysville passed the night there while from San Francisco for New York. The doors of the cars were kept securely locked in the house of the Mongolians, who had just come to the country, could make their escape.

A fire started in a saloon about 1 o'clock on Sunday morning at Oakland, Oregon, and in two hours caused the loss of $60,000. There were no adequate means of fighting the flames, and had there been any wind the entire town would have been destroyed. As it was, eleven wooden business and one brick, all occupied by business firms, were consumed.

Thomas Brown, a colored jockey from San Francisco, met with a painful accident at the Oakland Trotting park on Saturday morning. He was speeding a horse on the track when the latter stumbled and fell. Brown was thrown against a fence and broke his right shoulder blade. He was removed to the hospital, where the fracture was reduced.

Juan L. Marshall, one of the oldtime and wealthy business men of Mazatlan, Mexico, has arrived at San Francisco. Mr. Marshall says it is very dull throughout the state of Sinaloa, in which Mazatlan is situated. Nearly all the rivers have gone dry, owing to the lack of rain, and that if there were many live stock interests it would be hard on the country.

The fine weather of the past few days has been a boon for sheep owners around Rawlins, Wyo., as the heavy rains and snows of the last week destroyed upward of 50 per cent of the lambs being dropped. This, together with the low price of wool, has been very discouraging to flockmasters. The range is said to be in better condition than for years, a big grass crop already being assured.

Pat Gallagher, a miner and prospector, shot and instantly killed Michael Kearny on Sunday night at Martins, a mining camp about fifty miles west of Missoula, Montana. Tor loon had been drunk all day, and at night Gallagher met Kearny in front of his pack-house, and being armed with a Winchester rifle, shot him. Kearny was a miner about 45 years old and has no family. Gallagher surrendered immediately after the shooting and is now in jail.

The man who tried to blow up the Montana National Bank at Helena has given himself up and confessed. At first the authorities thought he was crazy and took him to a doctor for examination, but he was said to be perfectly sane. He is Ray Hosman, a Dane, 24 years old, intelligent and neatly dressed. He connected the idea of blowing up the building the day before Memorial day, but said he had no idea of getting into the vault. He thought that if he caused a little damage he would be lightly punished. A reward of $500 was offered after the explosion, and Hosman thought he would get it by surrendering himself.

George H. Clair met with a very painful accident last Friday morning at about 8 o'clock, breaking his left leg just above the ankle, says the Nevada Chronicle. He was climbing the residence of Wm. Butler's house, the ladder used being too short to reach the top of the eaves, he placed it on a box, and while in the act of going up to reel the solidity of the ladder, the box turned over and allowed him to fall almost perpendicularly upon his feet. At last reports it was thought that probably he will lose the limb, but every possible effort will be made to save it.

Eighteen miles in the Wind Cave, near Hot Springs, South Dakota, the following note was found by guides. The note was signed by John Moore, a newspaper correspondent, who accompanied Mind-reader Johnstone on his perilous trip to the cave in search of a hidden pin, which he claimed he could find by reason of his wonderful power. "For God's sake, send help. Party in terrible condition, wandering about in unexplored portion of cave, unable to extricate us; guide too badly cut up, and Johnstone is almost delirious from a wound in the head caused by a fall during temporary derange by the evil spirit being driven out. Johnstone implores the committee to push on with him. Committee wanted to remain here, as they say matters only became worse as they pressed further. Johnstone is in a pitiable condition, and begs us to stay by him and save his reputation, crying: 'Concentrate your minds, gentlemen; concentrate your minds.' Unless help arrives, we shall certainly perish. We are here without food or water." Men crowd the streets and discuss the matter, and everybody knowing anything of the passage of the cave is in search.

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