

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A California lion measuring ten feet from tip to tip was killed in the mountains near Colfax a few days ago.

In the Malheur country, Oregon, they are raising swine on the crop of crickets that infest the country, and are making a success of the venture.

The total assessed valuation of taxable property in the counties of Southern California for the present year shows a net increase in valuation of \$6,107,276.

Milton Wolfskill, aged 77 years, an employe of the Southern Pacific at Los Angeles, Cal., was run over by an ice wagon Tuesday and probably fatally injured.

A report from Solomonville, A. T., is that smallpox has broken out at San Jose, a small town in Mexico, not far from the Arizona line. The citizens of Solomonville are said to be much excited over the matter.

Those who gather the eggs of seabirds from the islands off the coast of Oregon are doing a good business. William Carey has shipped over 1,200 dozen from Island Rock and Mr. Jesse and his crew have gathered about 500 dozen from the smaller rocks.

Still another steamship line, with Tacoma as its terminus, is to be started. A company has been formed to develop the trade between Puget sound and the republics of Central and South America. Within two weeks the first steamship of the line is expected at Tacoma, and will begin loading soon after for her first voyage.

The two burglars who were sent to Mantel to board with Sheriff Carter decided that they would not trespass on his generosity any longer, says the *Sentinel*. On Friday morning the sheriff went there to give his boarders breakfast, and found there was nothing in the cell but a big hole. A part of the floor had been raised and a hole dug through the foundation. The sheriff put off in search of his men.

A boating accident occurred on Union lake, near Comox, B. C., Sunday evening, which cost Richard MacLean, a married man with a large family, his life. MacLean and a companion, Walter Wilson, went out fishing early Sunday morning. Returning home the boat capsized. MacLean at once sank to the bottom. Wilson managed to climb upon the overturned boat, to which he clung for several hours before he was rescued.

W. A. Rothe, a San Jose, Cal., street car conductor, has sworn to a complaint charging his wife with abduction. Rothe claims that his wife drove up to his mother's house last evening, picked up their child and took it away. There is a divorce suit between the parties, pending a decision of which the custody of the child was awarded to the grandmother. It is believed that Mrs. Rothe is now on her way East to the home of her parents.

Woodpeckers in the mountains of Southern California do cabinet work that cannot be equaled by the most skilled artisan. The crafty birds

gather acorns, drill holes in the trunks of pine trees, into which they fit the nuts so closely and snugly that squirrels are unable to pull them out. It is discovered that, after being implanted, a worm appears in the acorn, and it is for the purpose of getting this worm later that the crafty bird stores away acorns in this unique manner.

Mantel Sentinel: About 2 a.m. on Saturday, Peter Anderson, of Mayfield, having imbibed too much tanglefoot, proceeded to make night hideous. Marshal Henrie overlooked him back of the board of trade, and advised him to be still, and go home. Anderson objected to being still, to going home, and to being arrested, and the outcome was that the marshal was compelled to use violence. Anderson was around town, with four big gashes across his head, the result of a contact with the butt end of a pistol in the hands of the marshal. He left \$2.50 as a souvenir of the episode.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock Sunday night Mr. Johnson was killed in her bedroom at Etna, Cal., by her husband, L. H. Johnson, who stabbed her in the breast and then in the abdomen. The latter wound proved fatal; she died within two hours. Johnson also shot at a young man he found in the room, but did not hit him. Johnson immediately gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff L. A. Moxley. He expressed no regret for the deed, and was sorry he did not hit young Smith. The latter is the son of a prominent farmer living near Etna. From what could be learned, it seems that the people of Etna sympathize with Johnson, although deploring the killing. His wife's faithless conduct was generally known.

Walter Borlini was killed in a horrible manner at San Francisco Monday morning. His clothing became entangled in the rapidly revolving iron shafting that runs from Revely's printing office over the roof of Painter's type foundry, and in a few minutes every bone in his body was broken by being beaten against the brick wall eighteen inches back of the shafting. So great was the force of the revolving shaft that parts of the unfortunate's body were hurled over the roof and across Clay street, a distance of nearly a hundred feet, while his head was beaten into an unrecognizable pulp. No one saw the frightful accident, and there is great doubt as to how the young man got caught in the great flying rod.

The steamer *Australia* on her last trip brought from the Hawaiian islands a number of Liberian coffee plants consigned to Dr. R. Lorini, of 1208 Sutter street, San Francisco. Dr. Lorini intends planting them as an experiment, and thinks there are enough tropical places in the state where favorable conditions for its growth can be found. "Liberian coffee," says Mr. Craw, "was found on the Liberian coast 1875. The flowers are white and sweet scented. The leaves are similar in outline to, but very much larger than the Arabian. The plant altogether is more robust and can be grown in localities in which

the older Arabian coffee would not thrive. He has no doubt suitable climatic conditions for its growth can be had in California."

Tooele Transcript: Last Thursday evening as Dr. Doda was driving up Centre street, in Grantsville, in his buggy on his way home his horse suddenly took fright and ran away, coming in collision with a locust tree in front of Mr. Rydolph's residence, throwing the horse in the ditch, overturning the buggy and dumping the doctor and his boy to the ground, bruising them up pretty badly, especially the doctor, who was bleeding from several cuts on the face and head. At first it was thought he had more severe injuries, but on further examination it was found that no bones were broken, save a slight fracture of two of the right ribs.

Lehi Banner: Last Thursday night William Vaughan, of this place, was riding a horse on the bridge road which leads to the Jordan river. When in front of Edward Smith's place he caught up with a herd of cows and had passed all but one which turned quickly in front of his horse and caused a collision. The horse was loping at the time and tried to jump over the cow but instead of doing so knocked the cow down and the horse fell at the same time throwing Mr. Vaughan to the ground beneath both animals, breaking his collar bone and two ribs and bruising him badly. He was taken home and Dr. Seabright was summoned and attended to his injuries. Will is getting along very nicely and in a few days will be able to get out and take a little exercise.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid: Last Saturday afternoon, about 3:25, a sharp and distinct earthquake shock, lasting about a second and extending from southwest to northeast, was felt in this city, making a number of buildings creak and windows rattle. This is the second shock within the past two weeks. The sawmills are running at full blast, and are employing a large force of our surplus young men. Wagon loads of lumber are arriving daily from the mountains. Reports from the mill men are that they are receiving outside orders to the full extent of their capacity to supply. A government agent and an official stenographer are in Sanpete county taking reports of claims and depopulations of those who suffered losses through Indian depredations prior to 1866. As there are a number of these cases in this city and county, they will foot up several thousand dollars.

Davis County Clipper: One night last week one of our boys was riding over to Centerville in a buggy beside his best girl when near the old Kent pasture the horse collided with a skunk. The young man has since wondered why the county court did not include skunks in the ordinance in relation to stray cattle as he believes that they are fully as annoying when on the public highway as stock are. Mr. Hyrum Layton experienced a great loss last Tuesday evening by one of the R. G. W. Co.'s engines setting his wheat stubbles on fire and burning five tons of grain which were estimated to contain about 800 bushels. Mr. Richard Hamlin's orchard was also considerably damaged from the flames. A son of Mr. Hamlin was out in the field