

merly owned by D. H. Moffat, and Eben Smith, for \$325,000 cash, to New York parties. L. D. Roubush, who has had an option on the property for some time, succeeded in interesting mining men of New York, who sent A. P. Menier, an expert, to examine the mine, with the understanding that if found as represented the price would be satisfactory. Mr. Menier has been in camp several days and made a thorough examination of the mine, and found it even better than it was represented to him in New York. Moffat and Smith bought the Victor less than one year ago for \$65,000, and have taken out ore enough to pay for it, in addition to extensive improvements in the way of shaft and ore houses and a complete steam hoisting plant, which have been erected since they bought it.

Police Magistrate Morehouse of Great Falls, Mont., would have ended his term of office with a meeting of the common council on Monday evening, but he committed suicide about three o'clock on Sunday afternoon at his residence, using a thirty-eight caliber revolver. His wife, returning home, found a note on the dining room table saying, "Let the men look for me." Judge Morehouse was soon discovered in the back hall. He had placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth, and the ball came out at the top of his head. It must have caused instant death. Magistrate Morehouse had been behind for several months in making his financial reports to the council, and on Saturday evening a vote was passed to call upon his bondsmen to make good the deficiency. He was a heavy drinker with broken health, was an old resident and his original home was near Bellaire, O. He was an old soldier and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Work has been commenced by the Castle Creek Water company on the new city reservoir on Hunter creek, Colorado. The reservoir will have a capacity of 2,500,000 gallons and will supply the city with pure, clear, soft water from a stream which scarcely touches the lime belt. The reservoir will be connected with the present pipe system by a ten-inch main, laid directly to the heart of the city, and it is expected that at least six or eight hydrants can be turned on at once without materially diminishing pressure, thus affording additional and ample fire protection. The reservoir site is upon the Atkinson ranch in what is known as Red Rock canyon and the first operation will be to sluice all of the surface earth and soil out of the canyon down to the bedrock. The reservoir dam will have a height of about forty feet and will be built of solid masonry. It will require a large force of laborers during the greater part of the summer to complete the work.

Farmers on the Otay and adjacent country, California, are much interested in the project of securing a factory and refinery for the production of beet sugar, and a big mass meeting to consider the scheme will be held. The late, an expert beet sugar man now in the district, is agitating the question, and assures people that New York capitalists stand ready to furnish the money to build a factory and refinery

and meet contingent expenses, on the following terms: A contract is to be given them that, on the completion of the works, bonds are to be given on 4000 acres of land in the vicinity, each farmer giving his proportion, with the valuation of \$100 per acre, to insure the payment of the money used in building. Each farmer is also to contract to plant as many acres as he bonds in bets in order to furnish enough material for the factory. The factory and refinery, it is estimated, will cost \$330,000, and \$70,000 more will be needed for contingent expenses, such as the employment of experts to instruct the farmers in every phase of the beet sugar industry. New York people will take the land in bond only after the factory and refinery are in operation, and the farmers interested are to have full control of the works.

Deputy Sheriff Arnett of Denver, on Monday evening arrested at the Palace, Frank Matty, on a warrant charging grand larceny. Matty, who was a waiter at that hostelry, is accused of stealing silverware valued at anywhere from \$100 to \$2000. Matty is a young Englishman who has been employed at the hotel for about three months. In manner and address he seemed to be somewhat above his situation. For some time past Mr. Maxey Tabor has noticed that new silver-plated ware was being placed in the dining room and also noticed that a similar amount of real silver was quietly disappearing, so he placed the case in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Arnett and quietly the leakage was found and a warrant was issued for Matty. Matty has been living at 1860 Champa street, a house run by a Mrs. A. M. Wiggins. His room was searched and about \$150 worth of silverware was found locked in a trunk. Deputy Sheriff Arnett also discovered that Matty had shipped several packages to Chicago, and he believes that they contained plate stolen from the Palace. Mrs. Wiggins cannot be found. She is said to be implicated in the wholesale robbery, and a warrant is out for her arrest on the charge of receiving stolen goods.

For many years, says the Summit county *Chronicle*, a source of great inconvenience and financial loss to the people of Wanship has been the Silver creek, a stream flowing from the mores and mills at Park City and carrying a vast amount of poisonous mineral sediment which has killed stock and ruined crops for the people of Wanship until the point of forbearance was reached. Suit was instituted against the large mine owners and compromised for \$3000 which sum or such a portion as was needed was to be used in building a ditch to bring water from the Weber river. At the last session of the county court the selectmen were asked to come and view the surveys made for the ditch and give their approval for the route selected. Last week the court all went to Wanship and decided on the route which the ditch should take. The cost of the ditch will probably not exceed \$2000 which will leave a good little sum for the farmers to divide among themselves but which will by no means compensate for the losses sustained in the past. The construction of the ditch this summer will afford employment for quite a number of

men and make Wanship more active. The ditch will open up for cultivation 1000 acres of fertile country and be a great benefit to that immediate section.

Mrs. Isabell Ruiz de Maytorena, one of the oldest settlers of San Diego county, Cal., died on Sunday at San Diego at the age of 84. She was a daughter of Lieutenant Ruiz of the Mexican army, to whom was granted in 1805 by the Spanish crown all that tract in Lower California known as the Ensenada grant, comprising many thousands of acres. Mrs. Maytorena inherited this property, but through her ignorance of legal matters the property came into the possession of her daughter, Mrs. Maria Burton; at least the latter claimed it, and it has for some years past been in litigation, with an English company at Ensenada in an attempt to gain possession. About a year ago Mrs. Maytorena was first apprised of her daughter's claims in the matter and immediately instituted proceedings against her, charging Mrs. Burton with fraud in having induced her to sign over her claims to the land. To avoid the summons in the suit Mrs. Burton went to Mexico several months ago and the case never came to trial. Mrs. Maytorena at one time owned the Jamul ranch near the boundary line, but this property was lost to her in consequence of financial straits. For the past few years she has been living at Old Town on the charity of friends, but last week she was brought to San Diego, where she has been supported by the county and personal friends.

One of the rare cases in which a California panther or lynx has attacked a human being occurred last week near Murietta, San Diego county. Tom Tower, a young man of that village, was the most interested party in the affair next to the panther himself. Tower went hunting with a companion in the rough Temecula country, and after reaching the hills they became separated. His companion, meeting indifferent success, returned home to Murietta. After Tower had been absent a couple of hours his friends became uneasy and decided to search for him. Guns were fired and a great hubbub made with no response. A careful search in the brush revealed Tower lying bleeding and unconscious with his clothes torn to shreds and horrible gashes in his face, arms and legs. A terrible struggle had evidently taken place, and some distance away the prone body of the panther told the tale. Tower was taken up and bathed with cold water and stimulants and he slowly revived. He had been lying unconscious for several hours and was very faint from loss of blood. His wounds, particularly in the limbs, were intensely painful, and it was only by the greatest good fortune that he did not lose an eye. When he revived he told a thrilling story of a hand to hand combat with the wild beast lying at his feet, which he had overcome only by great pluck and nerve. In the agony of death, after having received a wound in his vitals, the infuriated brute had clung to the bleeding hunter, and only by a tremendous effort could Tower free himself before falling unconscious. The skin of the brute was obtained, and it is