

past ten days than at any time since the 1st of July," said a prominent business man today. "We have had remarkable success in getting in our bills, and I find that others are in the same position. There is no increase in business, though the volume of trade is fair considering the circumstances. Money has come in from somewhere, though, and has got into circulation. Some of those who were holding back their cash because of the general feeling of hard times are now loosening their grip on it, and making investments and purchases. Some of those who have held back from making payments which they could have made months ago also have paid up. As money has become obtainable at a reasonable rate of interest so it has gone into circulation quickly. With our bills being paid we can trounce out further and so aid in helping the times."

For the past four years the people of this section and the traveling public have been "crying aloud" for an improvement in the road between Deseret and Ingersol, says the Millard county *Blade*. The spring floods bring down enormous quantities of soil, which settles in the bottom of the river channel and along the banks; the taking out of so much water for irrigation, and the consequent drying up of the river for a short time during the summer, permits the willows to encroach on the channel as to force the water out over the banks in places, and the result is that the road is rendered impassable every spring and fall, necessitating large detours in order to avoid the mud.

All the freight and a great portion of the passenger travel to Nevada goes west over this road, and it is a question of only a very short time before the western part of this county will enter such a vigorous protest as will cause some hard thinking in other parts of the county. Nearly every day some bewildered traveler gets stuck in the mud holes, and it is a pity that those who are responsible for the condition of the roads westward can not be chucked in the mud holes and left there until a reformation would come to them. A few hundred dollars, in labor, judiciously applied in levying up the river banks would effect the needed improvement.

Lehl Banner: We are informed by T. R. Cutler, manager, that he has just received word from their German correspondent that part of their order for beet seed had to be cancelled, and that "owing to the drought and unfavorable season for seed, prices had advanced over 50 per cent," so there is no doubt that the company will have to charge more for beet seed the coming season. Since Wednesday the 15th, to the 22nd, Manager Cutler has paid out the sum of \$35,000, which is a much larger sum, no doubt, than has been paid out by all the other factories in Utah in the same time. The people of Utah county are getting their eyes opened regarding the amount of means the factory is scattering in the different towns.

Brigham Bugler: We are informed that a definite movement is on foot for an immediate colonization of the vast Bear River canal tract of a quarter of a million acres, lying twelve miles

northwest of Brigham City. A powerful company, with several hundred thousand dollars ready cash at its back, has espoused the scheme. It guarantees to have fifty families on the lands at crack of spring. It also proposes to push its colonization project so vigorously that at the expiration of five years the great west canal will be placed on a paying basis. This means a lot of "fall" rustling, but we trust the venture will prove a gratifyingly successful one. It is also said that dust on the east canal will also be raised.

Coalville Chronicle: On Monday the Wasatch mine was opened and the work of extinguishing the fire begun. On Tuesday they had penetrated to the 500 level to the pump house, where the fire started and were making good progress. The fire has done considerable damage but not as much as they expected. Superintendent Parmley says they will have no trouble in putting the fire out and thinks they can begin getting out coal next week. How the fire originated is still a mystery. There are many different theories. The management when asked about it shake their heads wisely and refuse to say anything, which shows they think there is a nigger on the fence.

Boise, Idaho, Democrat: William Frame & Co. have a most flattering coal prospect. It is at Horseshoe Bend, on the Payette. At a depth of 26 feet they struck shattered coal and a little further on cut into a solid body which they found to be six feet thick, and below this more loose coal. The coal lies almost horizontal and between beds of clay. Six feet of solid coal of excellent quality is a fair start and a good indication of quantity, but its extent is yet to be determined. Mr. Frame says they have a government patent which includes 80 acres of land, and that work will probably be resumed on the prospect this winter.

The Provo Mills will run about six weeks longer this season and then close down. By that time the contract for cloth for the California state guards uniforms will be completed. It is necessary for the mills to be closed for the overhauling and repairs made essential by running constantly for several months. This overhauling can be completed by the first of March, and if the outlook warrants it the mills will not be long after that in resuming operations.

Coalville Chronicle: David Moore returned this week from Omaha, where he has been with a shipment of cattle. There were eighteen car loads in the shipment. He reports the returns as most satisfactory, running somewhat higher than the last shipment and giving the people considerable more than they could get here. These sales of cattle have been a great aid to the farmers in raising money for their taxes.

Ephraim Enterprise: By next Saturday night the track-layers of the Sanpete Valley will reach Manti and the Temple city will have the advantage of two railroads. We hope the next move will be a further extension south.

Denver Sun: The threatened coal war has been averted. A combine has been arranged by the United Citizens,

Colorado and People's coal companies, whereby one sales agent will control the entire output of the mines of these companies in Denver, and coal is expected to jump to \$4 per ton as soon as the arrangements are completed. The Marshall mines are not in the pool, but it is said they will soon be forced to capitulate.

Salina Press: It is generally supposed that the beaver is nearly an extinct animal in Utah. However, every once in a while some hunter or trapper secures a specimen and brings its pelt to Salina. During the past few weeks Louis Jacobs has purchased some magnificent skins and will ship them east at an early day. Beaver pelts are worth a whole lot of money and are always in demand.

A strike was made in the Alice mine, Yankee Hill district, Colo., at the close of last week, in which an ore body yielding \$1200 in gold and \$1500 in silver was cut into at a depth of 450 feet in a tunnel. The ore body was four feet wide and seven feet high.

The shipments of ore and bullion out from this city during the week ending November 18th, were as follows:

26 cars bullion.....	1,021,218 lbs.
40 cars silver and lead ores.....	1,590,290 "
66 cars.....	2,611,503 lbs.

The supreme court of Illinois has declared unconstitutional the law, passed by the state legislature about two and a half years ago requiring the weekly payment of wages by corporations.

Richfield Advocate: The Hendrickson Bros., of Glenwood, passed through town, Saturday, driving their sheep to the western desert. They had about 1700 head and they were in fine condition.

Hewlett Brothers received an order today for a carload of their goods, including spices, soda water, etc. The order came from Rock Springs.

The Logan *Nation* says a steam laundry will be running in that city within a month.

Says the Los Angeles *Herald*: George H. Buckingham was yesterday attacked by an immense bald eagle in the Cabuenga pass and he might have been badly injured had it not been for a lucky shot. The eagle measured within a fraction of an inch of seven feet from tip to tip and has beak and talons that would prove ugly weapons in a close struggle. Mr. Buckingham was seated upon a boulder resting, having been hunting in the pass. His shotgun was placed across his lap. He had been sitting down but a few minutes when he heard a rushing sound. Startled by it he looked around in different directions. Finally his gaze was attracted by a rapidly moving dark mass almost above him. It was coming straight toward him at an angle of about 45 degrees, and when he caught sight of it was only thirty or forty feet, as near as he could judge, from him. Without pausing to raise his gun to his shoulder he took a shot at the object, and the big eagle tumbled down dead within four feet of him.