

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Chief Washakie's daughter and four of his granddaughters are pupils of the Episcopal mission school at the Shoshone reservation.

Mount Pleasant registration list shows 486 names, an increase of 58 over last year. This is the largest registration list shown in the county for any precinct.

Postoffice Inspector Geo. H. Waterbury has arrested J. B. Block, postmaster at Archuleta, N. M., for rifling registered letter packages. Block claims to be innocent.

The *Evening Press-Times* of Seattle, Wash., has passed into the hands of a receiver on the application of the Puget Sound National bank, which foreclosed upon the stock for a loan of \$20,000. Thomas H. Pidduck, the business manager, was made receiver.

George McKnight, a notorious smuggler and ex-convict, has been arrested at Mount Vernon, Wash., for breaking into a clothing store and stealing clothes. McKnight is known to nearly every customs officer in the Northwest as one of the worst criminals. He was bound over in \$8000 bonds.

About one year ago Charles Hecht sold his ranch on the Little Laramie, Wyo., to Peter Goos of Omaha, the consideration being about \$254,000. Now the ranch has been transferred back to Mr. Hecht, the consideration appearing at \$150,565. The property contains \$6,888.27 acres.

Young Charley Bagley has met with a distressing accident, says the *Montpelier (Idaho) Post*. He shot off an old rusty shotgun when the weapon exploded, a portion of the iron work entering his wrist and coming out at the elbow of the right hand. The wound was dressed and the boy is doing well.

For the first time since the June slump in silver the local bank clearings on Wednesday exceeded half a million dollars, the figure being \$543,720, says the *Denver News*. This is partly due to the largely increased business at the stock yards and the steady flow of cash payments from the smelters.

Late Thursday night eight prisoners confined in the county jail made their escape by cutting through the floor. Three were retaken. The officers are in hot pursuit of the others. Two horse thieves, a cattle thief and a forger are among those still at liberty. They were being held to await the action of the grand jury.

C. D. Gurley states that his company has this year sold the cattle of their range in the San Miguel valley for \$2 more a head than last year, says the *Denver Sun*. The sale was made last week, and if they had held off until now it would have resulted in thousands of dollars more, as the cattle market is steadily advancing.

T. K. Snow, of the *St. Louis* bakery, Park City, says the *Record*, has met with an accident that caused him much pain and will make him a cripple for some days. He took a rubber bot-

tle of hot water to bed and for some cause the seam parted suddenly and allowed the water to escape. As a result Mr. Snow was badly scalded about the feet and legs.

The *Cheyenne Sun* says Captain Anderson, of Yellowstone Park, estimates that there are 2500 elk and 500 buffalo in the park at this time. The military authorities are very strict about preserving the game, and all campers are carefully searched for arms, and if any are found they are quickly confiscated. By this means the number of animals in the park are on the increase very rapidly.

A special from Mullan, Idaho, says that Wesley Everett, while hunting cinnamon bear Saturday, wounded a full-grown animal, which closed in on him. The bear knocked the gun from his hand, crushed the right leg above the knee, lacerated the right arm in a frightful manner, but expired just at the moment when his teeth had closed on Everett's throat. Everett will recover.

Revenue Officers Thomas and Borland of San Francisco seized an opium-cooking outfit at Oakdale, Cal., and secured \$4000 worth of opium. They arrested a Chinese named Yup Wah, who was caught cooking the stuff. The outfit was located in the rear of a Chinese laundry and has been operated since last August. Nobody in Oakdale suspected the Chinese till the officers arrived to make the seizure.

An expert has completed the examination of the books of Dittenhoefer, Haas & Co., of Portland, Oregon, and reports that the peculations of Herman Reinhart, the absconding bookkeeper, amount to something over \$12,000. He took charge of the books in June, 1887, and began stealing in September. He never took less than \$100, and once took \$1000. He received a salary of \$225 a month and did not drink or gamble to any extent.

Captain Short of the southern police division, with a posse of officers on Tuesday evening made a raid upon the Lotus club at San Francisco, a notorious negro gambling resort. The officers found a crap game running, as they expected. E. H. Morris and Stephen Bryant, the colored proprietors, were arrested on a charge of conducting a gambling game. George Murphy, a white man, was taken into custody for visiting the game.

The Arapahoe county tax levy last year was \$920,000, says the *Denver News*. The collections and other receipts bring the total up to \$1,250,000. That is the amount of money which it costs to run the county. The gangsters may quibble over whether this man or that draws \$100 or \$101 a month, but they cannot get behind the fact that \$1,250,000 goes somewhere. It is extracted from the people and goes somewhere.

The 10-year-old son of Fred Larsen of Evanston, Wyo., who was terribly scalded Sunday morning, has died of his injuries. The deceased and a playmate went over to the railroad shops to play. They endeavored to jump across

a pit containing a boiler of water which had been taken from engines and the unfortunate boy fell in and before he could be rescued was so horribly scalded that death resulted as stated above.

Stewart Menzies, representing a Scotch syndicate, and the owner of the Chow Chilla ranch, Merced county, is at Fresno, Cal., negotiating with the Fresno Canal and Irrigation company for 1000 feet of water to be delivered some forty miles to the above ranch for a consideration purported to be \$200,000 or \$300,000. Considerable indignation is expressed by a number of Fresno citizens who fear the deal will be consummated.

On Monday the dwelling house, corral and about forty tons of hay belonging to David Bills of Mill ward were destroyed by fire. The contents of the house, with the exceptions of a sewing machine and a few other things, were also destroyed by the flames. Mr. Bills and wife were at Salt Lake City, and two children, a son and daughter, were taking care of the place. It is not known how the fire started.—*Vernal Express*.

John Piper has come down from Virginia with his seventeen-year-old daughter, who met with an accident about five weeks ago through falling from a fence upon her head, and which resulted in the loss of her eyesight, says the *Reno (Nev.) Gazette*. The little sufferer's sister, Mrs. Zimmer, accompanied her from Reno en route to San Francisco, where it is thought an oculist will be able to restore her sight, as it is hoped that only the nerves are affected.

State School Superintendent Lower, says the *Boise (Idaho) Statesman*, has returned from a tour of inspection of the schools of Bear Lake county. He says the schools there are in a splendid condition. The new school law, and especially the free text book feature, is well received by the people of that section. He says the attendance of the schools has been largely increased since the adoption of free books. The new method of examination of teachers is having the effect of raising the standard of all the schools.

Another batch of forty or fifty "hobos" arrived in Ashland, Oregon, on a freight train from the north on Monday evening. This gang attempted to take possession of the day coach on the overland train at Grant's pass that morning but were beaten off by the trainmen with clubs and revolvers after numerous window lights in the car had been broken. The freight train lays in Ashland over night before going south, and the town is infested with "hobos" each night, though, aside from the Chinese outrage last Wednesday night, no particular depredations have been committed.

Cassia county, Idaho, is noted for a great many things, but in the matter of goats she is surely entitled to the prize, says the *Salmon City Recorder*. In that county there are 2770 Angora goats, and they are owned largely by one man. The chief characteristic of these goats are their butting proclivities and their odoriferousness. Only persons who are suffering from catarrh in its worst form can be induced to herd them. If they are not kept in