

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Dan A. Wood, of Visalia, Cal., was kicked on the chin Friday night by a horse attached to a cart and killed. He left a widow and children.

A small boat containing Gustav Brust and Martin was capsized Thursday at the entrance of Youngs bay, Oregon, and Brust was drowned. Martin was rescued after clinging to the boat for several hours.

George L. Wilson, the deputy sheriff who was shot by Jose Morales near Monrovia, Cal., a few days ago died Friday from the effect of his injuries. Morales shot Wilson while resisting arrest, and is still at large.

A. W. Mille of Alviso, Cal., was thrown from his buggy and killed on the Alviso road, about five miles from San Jose, Friday afternoon. The body was found on a bridge, and it is supposed he was killed by striking the railing.

Postmaster Enderly of Thermopolis, Wyoming, was prevented from killing his wife last week by the intervention of a friend who, it is claimed, was forced to "run from it" to keep from being annihilated by the woman whom he had rescued.

Mrs. Taylor, wife of Harry Taylor at Ellensburg, Wash., disappeared in a very mysterious way last Wednesday night about 8 o'clock. She put her baby to sleep, wrote a note and left it on the table, stating that she intended drowning herself.

Sam Wilkes, who was charged with the killing of William Wiley at Mount Echo, Cal., on December 21st, was examined Thursday before Judge Goldner. He confessed, stating that he was drunk and did not know what he was doing. Wilkes was held for sentence.

Santa Barbara, Cal., has established its usual winter rock pile to afford labor for tramps. The effect is magical. This class of tourists are giving Santa Barbara the go-by. The rock pile will have to shut down unless better patronized, says the Lompoc Record.

Thursday forenoon Frank W. Giepert, a butcher at Redwood City, Cal., died from the effects of a dose of strychnine administered by his own hands a short time previous. The suicide had been indulging very freely in liquor and consequently neglected his duty at the shop.

A young man, giving the name of C. E. Smith, was sentenced to 180 days in the San Jose, Cal., county jail Thursday, pleading guilty to a charge of petit larceny. He says this is not his true name and that he is a son of a superior judge. Evidently he has been well raised and educated.

James Woodbeck, a seven-year-old boy living in San Francisco, Cal., was run over by an Eclipse bakery wagon Friday afternoon. He may die in consequence. The boy was playing on the sidewalk when a small wagon on which he was riding tipped over. The bakery wagon was passing, and before

the driver could stop the horse the wheels passed over the body of the boy.

A man named Snyder, who had lived in the vicinity of Nightingale, Cal., for a number of years, blew the top of his head off Friday morning, about 9 o'clock. He was supposed to be insane. He had always said that he would kill himself. He was a young man, unmarried, and not well known.

John Swanson, a Los Angeles, Cal., blacksmith, possessed of considerable property and apparently in easy circumstances, rigged a shotgun against a chair on Friday, put the muzzle in his mouth and blew the top of his head off. He had a wife and children and was prominent in local politics.

At Dutch Flat station, Cal., on Thursday, Henry Willie, a young man, while jumping from a passenger train fell in such a manner that a pistol on his person struck a rail of the sidetrack, causing it to discharge. Willie was shot in the groin and leg. The wound is dangerous, being from a 44-caliber pistol.

Six days ago Professor W. S. James, professor of penmanship and teacher connected with the Portland, Ore., business college, disappeared. His friends quietly instituted a search, but could not locate him, and nothing was said of his disappearance. Thursday James' dead body was discovered in a little annex room in the G. A. R. hall, where he had shot himself with a target pistol.

Cattle and hog raising is again coming to be an important industry of Lewis county, Wash. Ten years ago it took a good start, but other things appeared more profitable, and there came a time when farmers brought to market hardly enough fat stock to supply the home demand for fresh meat. This year at least 1,500 cattle will be shipped out and probably 5,000 or 6,000 hogs.

A movement is actively on foot by the Mexican Southeastern railway company to build from San Geronimo, on the Tehuantepec railroad, to Tapachula, in the state of Chiapas, opening up the states of Oaxaca and Chiapas. The company has secured a concession for this road, and Engineer William Stewart has left the City of Mexico to go over the ground and determine the general route.

John Archer, a prominent rancher residing near Linden, Cal., was thrown from his buggy near Elk Grove Friday in a runaway and received injuries from which he died soon afterward at his home. He was visiting his ranch near the Grove and was on his return home, when the spirited horses took fright, overturning the buggy and leaving him insensible by the roadside.

Thos. Mohr, a 15-year-old boy was run over by an electric car in San Francisco Wednesday morning and seriously injured. He was treated at the receiving hospital, where it was found he had suffered a contusion of the back, abrasions of face and right

leg, lacerated wounds of the leg and possibly internal injuries. The boy says he was picking up coal from the track and did not hear the car coming.

St. John, Kansas, News: Elder Andrew Kimball of Salt Lake City, president of the Indian Territory mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who has been in St. John for several days holding conference, left for an extended trip through the east Tuesday, taking with him Elders Knight and Kirkman. They will visit Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas, and arrive in St. John again in about six weeks or two months, after which time President Kimball will return to Salt Lake City.

James Nichol, who had up to the last few months been employed as a deck hand on the steamer State of California, attempted to cut his throat with a dinner knife at his home in San Francisco on Wednesday night. He made a deep, but not dangerous gash in his neck. His wife seized him before he could cut himself a second time, and sent for a policeman. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where his wound was treated. He will recover. He gave as the reason for his act that he was out of work and tired of life.

The Vancouver, B. C., chain gang, composed of about thirty vagrants arrested on suspicion of burglary and highway robbery, after going on a strike, during which time they were fed on bread and water for five days, made a desperate attempt to escape Thursday. While some made a noise by singing others tore up the half-decayed boards of the tumble-down cockleshell of a city jail, and but for the timely arrival of the police would have been free to terrorize the public. There are more determined toughs in Vancouver than the present police force can look after, and serious trouble is feared unless more active measures are taken by the authorities. It is said that Pinkerton detectives will be sent for.

Redding, Cal., Exchange: L. A. Lee, the Singer sewing machine agent now stationed here for awhile, ought to be the proudest man in America. He left his wife in Alturas, Modoc county, hoping to return Christmas, but, finding it impossible to do so, wrote to see if she could join him here. She notified him that she could. The snow set in. Nothing daunted, she mounted her horse and followed the stage, keeping in sight all the while. She reached Redding after four days' travel, a distance of 190 miles. As she passed over Hatchet mountain the snow was seventeen feet deep on each side of her as she followed in the track of the stage. It blew and froze, but she rode on, and arrived in Redding Wednesday to spend Christmas with the man of her choice.

Word has been received from Garberville, Cal., that the south fork of the Eel river had claimed another victim. This time it was Johnnie, the 15-year-old son of George Somerville of Brice land, Cal. The accident happened on New Year's Day, when the boy, with two companions went out on the river in a rowboat. As usual at this time of the year the river is