# NEWS OF THE WEST.

## An Aged Man Killed by Children Coasting.

### RELIC FROM AN INDIAN GRAVE.

### Why Barbers Can Work on Sunday—An Avalanche Shed—Family of Bear Killers.

Cassigre grows wild west of Tulare lake.

A Tacoma, Wash., judge has decided that shaving is a necessary work, and accordingly released two barbers accused of violating the city ordinance against working on Sunday.

The citizens of Santa Anna, Cal., have appointed a committee of five to take charge of the entertainment of visiting tourists in attract whom that city is going to make great efforts.

The Wyoming Agricultural college has issued a bulletin stating that the new forage plant, sacaline, or giant knot grass, is a failure in Wyoming because it is not sufficiently hardy.

Herman Maier, recently a marine on the United States steamer Baltimore, was found dead Tuesday afternoon in a room in a roominig house, San Francisco. The room was full of gas which was flowing from a jet which had not been turned off.

On Tillamook rock, Or., the other day a dog went mad and began chasing the men all around the place. After much hard work and screaming they finally succeeded in locking the animal in the dining room, where, after a time, in his mad frenzy, it butted its brains out against the wall.

On Monday ex-Sheriff J. M. Stanley, assisted by his wife and son George, killed four bears on their ranch near Ukiah, Cal. The largest of the animals weighed 700 pounds, and was killed only after a desperate struggle. Snow in the mountains is driving the large game down into the valleys.

Some of the small stockmen along Eagle creek, Mont., boiled their calves this season as a protection against wolves and the experiment proved successful. In former seasons it was not unusual to have one-third of the calf crop killed by wild animals, but this year no loss at all was suffered by those who adopted the above precaution. Next season most of the ranchmen intend virtually will result to this simple and apparently efficient remedy for the wolf pest.

Five sleeping cars on the west-bound overland rolled down an embankment one mile east of Truckee, Cal., Tuesday morning. The train was turning a sharp curve at a speed of 15 miles an hour, when the cars left the rails and went over the twenty-foot embankment. The sleeper Flores made a complete revolution, and the tourist was turned bottom side up. Strange as it may seem, none of the passengers sustained injury other than slight bruises or cuts from broken glass. Many of the passengers were taken out through the car windows.

There was an exciting scene at one of the hotels at Los Angeles, Cal., Tuesday. Hans Hansen, an advertising solicitor, whose home is at Oak Hill, Napa county, was eating dinner with the other boarders at the house, when a woman rushed into the room and, throwing her arms around his neck, declared that he was her husband, and the father of her two children. To the amusement of the guests she declared that she had not seen Hans for six years, and that she would not let him get away from her again. Hans indignantly denied that the woman was his wife and fled.

Receiver McNeil, of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, is the possessor of a relic taken from an old Indian grave near Wallula. It is one of the large silver coins, or medals, made by the United States government during the Jefferson administration for distributing among prominent Indian chiefs by Lewis and Clark on their famous trip across the continent to Oregon, nearly 100 years ago. The medal is about two inches in diameter, or about three times the size of a silver dollar. On its face is a bust design of Thomas Jefferson, with the following encircling inscription: "T. H. Jefferson, President of the U. S., A. D. 1801." On the reverse side is the crossed hands emblem of friendship, with a pipe and tomahawk, and the words "peace and friendship." The medal is battered and worn, and was probably in the possession of some Indian chief for years before it was buried with his corpse.

After being knocked down by a swift flying sled at Seattle, Wash., Tuesday morning, Moses Somerfeld, a aged solicitor for the Commercial Tea company, is lying at the Providence hospital expecting death at any moment. The snowfall of Saturday and Sunday had made the hillside streets fine places for coasting, and everywhere were to be seen boys and girls with their sleds. Among those on a sled was warren Hastie, 13 years old, and Jessie Armour. The children boarded the sled at Ninth street, the girl in front, and as they sped down the sidewalk the boy saw a cart suddenly appear before him on Eighth. He called out to the driver, and by a rapid dip with one foot guided the sled away from the wheels, narrowly missing them, only to strike with great force against the old man, who had approached from the side. Somerfeld was thrown from his feet and struck on the back of the head.

The railroad company has built a big snowshed over the track just above Upper Soda, Cal., where the avalanche comes down from Mount Bradley—or more properly it might be called an avalanche catcher—for the purpose of the shed is to catch a snowslide when it comes down the canyon and scout it over the railroad track into the Sacramento river. Some idea can be had of the immensity of this snowshed when we come to consider that there have been thirty carloads, or half a million feet of lumber used in its construction. The shed is 650 feet long and about 100 feet wide. The floor beams, that hold up the roof, are 8x16 inches, and the posts on the lower side of the track are 8x16 inches also. The floor is laid of two-inch plank and sailoned. The snowshed throughout is braced from one end to another with big timbers, bolted together. The structure is built on a curve, and the floor (or roof) is run up the side of the hill where it is bailed in the bank, so that when the avalanche comes down it will go right on over the floor into the river. The job has given employment to forty odd carpenters and probably cost $20,000.

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