

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Theodore Durrant has again been removed to the death cell to await the hour of his execution, which has been fixed for 10:30 a. m., January 7.

John Broumfield, a colored man, charged with selling liquor to Indians, pleaded guilty at Pocatello Thursday and was sent to jail for thirty days.

Col. G. G. Hunt, who has been detailed to command the department of Colorado during the temporary absence of General Otis, arrived in Denver Tuesday night.

Talla Driscoll, a young lady of Moscow, Ida., accidentally shot a young man named Walter Craig, at whom she playfully pointed a pistol. The ball struck Craig on the nose and has not yet been located.

The recent rainstorm in Washington has seriously interrupted railroad traffic for the past forty-eight hours, and a Chinook wind, which is converting the snow in the mountains into water, threatens considerable damage.

Quarantine Officer Rosenau of San Francisco has received authority from Washington to refuse pratique to vessels which cross the quarantine line or allow the pilot or any one else to go ashore before the quarantine officer has come aboard.

At Boise, Idaho, Wednesday, the poor marksmanship of Officer Phillips narrowly averted a tragedy, when the officer fired five shots at Hugh Lindsay, a rough character, who was resisting arrest. None of the wounds are serious.

In the district court at Laramie, Wyoming, George Nagle, just turned 21, is suing his guardian William A. Robins, claiming that the latter has made loans aggregating \$60,000 and all now uncollectible, without proper authority from the court.

Ed L. Parker attempted to kill C. J. Sheets and his wife late last night at a Los Angeles, Cal., lodging house and then committed suicide by blowing out his brains. Parker had won the affections of Mrs. Sheets, and the shooting was the result of an attempt by Sheets to effect a reconciliation with his wife.

The United States steamer Mohican, now at Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, will go in commission for a cruise around the world with a crew of naval apprentices. The boys must be between the ages of 14 and 17, and must be shipped with the consent of their parents or guardians, until they are 21 years of age.

John Healy, who died in a New York hospital on Tuesday night from wounds supposed to have been inflicted by George H. Lincoln, positively refused to identify Lincoln as the man who stabbed him. It is believed the reason for the refusal is that before the cutting affray the men were the best of friends.

Portland, Ore., men will send a raft containing 5,000,000 feet of sawed lumber to San Francisco. This raft will be 396 feet long and 53 feet wide. The contents of this one raft, if cut into inch boards and laid end to end, would make a footwalk from New York to Chicago, with enough over to build several houses at each end.

A dispatch from San Jose, Cal., says Kenneth Duncan, formerly a Methodist minister in Chicago and San Francisco, has been returned to the insane asylum at Agnews, from which institution he escaped on Tuesday. On coming to town he promptly stole a bicycle and sold it to a pawn broker for \$3 and it

was this offense that led to his capture.

Prof. Willard B. Rising, dean of the college of chemistry of the university of California, has received the honor of an appointment as member of the American committee for the third international congress of applied chemistry to be held in Vienna next July, at which it is expected that the most famous chemists of the world will be present.

The estate of the late Josiah H. White, the pioneer miner who made a fortune with Walter E. Dean at Tombstone, Ariz., has been appraised at \$289,453. The inventory which was filed Thursday in the Alameda county court, Cal., discloses valuable personal and real property in Alameda and Sonoma counties and in Bloomington, Ills.

As the outcome of a dispute among some members of the crew of the ship Bohemia now in port at San Francisco, First Mate Holman and Seaman Charles A. Benjamin, the former with his face badly cut, are in the county jail, and Charles F. Steadman, another sailor, is at the hospital with a bullet in his thigh. The men may recover.

Joseph E. Ray, a commercial traveler from Philadelphia, was arrested at Boise, Idaho, Wednesday on a charge of robbery. He went to the express office to get some baggage stored there, and threatened to shoot the young man in charge because the latter refused to let him have it without payment of charges. He terrorized the clerk and got the baggage.

William Smith of Oakland, Cal., is determined to kill himself. Early Monday morning he took ten morphine pills and followed the dose with an attempt to cut his throat. He was prevented from carrying out his intention, but says that he will end his life as soon as he gets out of the receiving hospital. It is thought that the overdose of morphine he took saved his life.

Messrs. Sourwine and Jack Geyser, who were arrested at Pocatello, Ida., Monday, charged with so brutally assaulting Frank McCune, were arraigned before Judge Holson Tuesday and pleaded not guilty. The officers are collecting evidence against the men and when they appear in court for hearing it is expected that things will be made decidedly interesting for them.

Cripple Creek, Colo., is about to lose three of its most notorious gamblers. They are Sam McDonnell alias Texas Sam, Tony Abbott and Bobby Burns, all of whom are now preparing to leave the noted mining camp, and seek fame and fortune in Alaska. They will take their gambling paraphernalia along and reap a rich harvest from those who see fit to call on them in the icy regions.

A member of the Standard Oil Co. writes from New York to a friend at Port Townsend, Wash., that the coming season will see that big corporation operating extensively on the Pacific coast. Its oil mines in Alaska will be developed and the output brought not only to the cities of the Pacific slope for distribution west of the Rocky Mountains, but also for shipment to South America, Asia and Australia.

George Bennett Walters, a prominent labor leader of Butte, Mont., committed suicide Wednesday morning at his home by shooting himself through the head. Walters was a clerk by occupation, and at Tuesday night's meeting of the Clerks' assembly he was a can-

didate for walking delegate. He was defeated, getting 13 votes out of 130. This and inability to get work, made him despondent. He was 45 years of age.

At Nevada City, Cal., Robert J. Holland died shortly after midnight, Dec. 28th, of injuries inflicted by Thomas Evans late Monday afternoon. While Evans claims to have acted in self-defense, the killing is commonly regarded as a cold-blooded murder, and some talk of Judge Lynch is heard. Evans is in a steel tank in the county jail and presents a pitiable sight. He has collapsed completely and has refused to leave his bed.

The 10-year-old daughter of Simon Barringer was accidentally killed at Blenbair, near Fort Bragg, Cal., Wednesday evening, by her brother, two years older. The boy had been out hunting, and returning home was met by his sister, who wanted to shoot the rifle. The boy refused and a playful struggle ensued for possession of the gun. The cartridge exploded and the bullet pierced the child's heart, killing her instantly.

The Building Trades council of San Francisco have indorsed the actions of Labor Commissioner E. L. Fitzgerald in urging at Washington, D. C., on their behalf the annexation of the Hawaiian islands, advocating the eight-hour labor law, supporting the anti-immigration bill and striving to have a clause inserted in the specifications for the new postoffice in that city requiring that all the stone be dressed in San Francisco.

At the suggestion of W. C. Ralston, who is now in New York, Tiley L. Ford of the Miners' association, California, will prepare resolutions in favor of the creation of the cabinet of secretary of mines and mining in the President's cabinet for adoption by the American Institute of Mining Engineers and federations of miners throughout the east. Mr. Ralston has enlisted Francis C. Newlands, of Nevada, and Representative Loud in the cause.

The body of an unknown man was found Tuesday morning at the water tank, Maricopa, Ariz., a short distance from that station. The man had been struck on the back of the head with a mesquite club that was found a short distance away. The skull was crushed. The body was recognized by a local hotelkeeper as that of a man who arrived on foot Monday and told him he was a teamster on his way from Phoenix to Tucson. No clew to the murderer was found.

Colorado will not be numbered among the western states which are forming a combination to biennially inspect the books of the large eastern life insurance companies. Insurance Commissioner Vivlan said such a biennial investigation was folly unless a serious condition of affairs existed in the management of some of the large eastern companies. He is of the opinion that it is not the large companies which need watching, but some of the smaller western concerns.

Rosa Medici, aged 19 years, was burned to death at the home of her parents on the Santa Monica road, Los Angeles, Cal. While sitting in front of a grate fire with a baby in her lap a spark from the crackling wood ignited her dress and she was immediately enveloped in flames. She dropped the baby on the floor and ran into the yard where her mother turned the hose on her, but her injuries were so severe that she died shortly after. The baby was not injured.

The artesian water works company of Alameda, Cal., is considering the matter of bringing a suit against the Alameda, Oakland and Piedmont elec-