

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman, Nov. 26: H. T. Atkins was here from Milford, Utah, with two cars of cattle.

On Friday morning at Millerville, Nev., a small burg ten miles from Carson, Adam Uber, a barber, shot and killed Hans Anderson, because the latter refused him a drink.

Frederick R. Rakeman, formerly janitor at the government immigration station on Ellis Island, New York, committed suicide in San Francisco about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning by jumping off the Folsom-street wharf. His body was recovered.

Mrs. Amanda Ferrell, known about Alameda, Cal., as May Smith, committed suicide last night by turning on the gas in her room at the Park hotel. It is the old story of a heart-sick, despondent woman with a young lover, from whom she was separated.

Roy Charter, the fourteen-year-old son of L. C. Charter, who recently moved into a house on Tenth street near Harrison, Oakland, Cal., is among the missing. His mother is distracted over his disappearance and a determined search has been commenced for him.

After a 4,000-mile tramp from Westport, Essex county, New York, to San Francisco, Daniel McConnel, aged 65 years, ill and infirm but hopeful, lies at the city prison there as the city's ward while waiting for a tardy recognition of his claims by the United States government.

At Alameda, Cal., Sunday evening Robert Burk, a plasterer, stabbed Edward Hayden, a plasterer, twice in the right shoulder with a pocket knife. Burk and Hayden met in a saloon and, as both men had been drinking and ill-feeling existed between them, a row ensued.

Boulevards, street railways and a sewerage system are the improvements which Sausalito, Cal., proposes. Work on the boulevards has begun, application for a street railway franchise has been made, and the new board of town trustees is now considering the sewerage question.

As the result of a quarrel between Gale Borden and some Portuguese herdsmen at Huron, on the west side of Fresno, Cal., a lad named Frank Dutra is in a dying condition with a bullet in the region of the kidneys, and another Portuguese, Joaquin Antone, is detained as a witness in jail with a gunshot wound in the hip.

F. Pedemonte, wife and family and two hired men, residing at the Italian gardens, Santa Cruz, Cal., had a narrow escape from death by poisoning Monday. All ate heartily of supposed mushrooms at dinner and shortly afterward were taken violently ill. One of the hired men is not yet out of danger.

Rev. Granville Sharp Abbott, D.D., well known as a pioneer among the Baptist ministers of California, died at 7 o'clock Monday night at his home in Oakland, after a serious sickness of more than a week's duration. Dr. Abbott's wife, children and immediate friends were gathered at his bedside when the end came.

A report was received at the sheriff's office, Sacramento, Cal., Tuesday of the poisoning at Elk Grove of a young man named "Frosty" Coons, on Dr. Caple's ranch. A Chinese cook who has fled from the place is charged with the crime. Coons is by some said to be dangerously ill, while others assert that he is not suffering from poison, but from liquor.

The farmers in the Corral Deterra

country, near Salinas, Cal., are being terrorized by California lions, which, during the past few days, have destroyed large numbers of sheep and hogs. The lions have never been known to come down the mountains so far before. Rewards are being offered for their capture.

Troop G, National Guard, of Salinas, Cal., held their annual grand ball at the armory Wednesday evening, and it proved to be a great success. Little Andy Hughes, the 13-year-old Mascot, was presented with a gold medal by the boys of the troop, who hold him in high esteem. At a recent pistol practice of the troop he averaged among the highest, scoring forty-two out of a possible fifty.

As a result of the first stage robbery in the vicinity of Carson, Nev., for fifteen years, the stage running between Bishop and Independence was relieved of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express box, containing about \$1,000. The money represented tax collections being conveyed to the county seat. The hold-up occurred in an exposed part of the road nearly two miles from a railroad station.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Temescal, the parochial residence of Rev. Father L. Serda, its pastor, and Sacred Heart Hall, at Oakland, Cal., probably fired by the hand of an incendiary, was destroyed by fire late Wednesday night. The residence and hall went as a sacrifice to the neglect of the city in providing the district with hydrants, for the firemen reached the scene before they were fairly ablaze.

John O. Brown, a young man born in Folsom, Cal., was accidentally killed Monday. He and his brother, Eugene, were taking a carload of lumber from the mill to the yard of the American River Lumber company, and as they were crossing a deep ravine the lumber slid off and Brown was thrown to the rocks below. His injuries were such that he died soon afterward. His brother saved himself by jumping to the bank.

Eugene St. Claire, a butcher of Gila Bend, Ariz., is missing and the opinion among the people of the hamlet is divided between a belief of foul play and that he has absconded. He left Gila Bend ten days ago for a ranch near the Mexican border taking about \$2,000 cash intrusted to him by a butcher named Hyle for the purchase of cattle. He has not been heard from since. A party of searchers have started on his trail determined to solve the mystery.

The warehouse of the Los Angeles Hay Storage and Milling company at Los Angeles, Cal., was destroyed by fire Monday night. The residence of W. W. Lord, the president of the company, was also destroyed. The entire loss will aggregate nearly \$22,000 and the price of hay in Southern California will, it is said, in consequence of the fire, be influenced to the extent of \$1 per ton. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to be the work of tramps. Fully 2,600 tons of hay, nearly 30,000 bales, were destroyed.

Captain J. F. Chapman, one of the wealthiest and best known shippers on the California coast, is dying at his home in East Oakland. Captain Chapman was stricken with an affection of the lungs some days ago, which has become so serious and complicated that in the opinion of his family physician, Dr. A. Lillencrantz, he cannot survive. Relatives and intimate friends

are watching anxiously at the sick man's bedside in his home at 1021 Ninth avenue.

J. A. Robb, formerly of San Francisco, but for the past two years a resident of San Jose, Cal., died Saturday morning at that place from injuries received by falling from a scaffold while placing machinery in the Madera Flume and Trading company's mill. Mr. Robb was well known by millmen and machinists throughout the state, and had invented and patented a large amount of sawmill machinery. He was 67 years of age. He was the father of H. C. Robb of San Francisco.

C. A. Perkins, fireman on a special light engine, was caught between the tender and cab of his machine about 8 o'clock Wednesday night at Red Bluff, Cal., and instantly killed. The engine was ordered to Sacramento and on going out of the yard ran into an open switch and collided with some box cars. The force of the collision forced the tender forward and Perkins, who was looking for signals, was crushed between the tender and the edge of the cab.

A number of the interior towns of California are being victimized by several collectors representing themselves as members of the Gospel army. As a matter of fact the army no longer exists, having broken up last spring when the commander-in-chief and his chief editor went on a prolonged spree. The collectors, however, are still scouring the state for spare nickels and a set of their books surrendered Friday by one of them shows that amounts ranging from 10 cents to \$5 have been collected in all the towns of the state.

A new improvement company is in process of formation at Los Angeles, Cal., the stockholders of which will be the Southern Pacific Railroad company, the Pasadena and Los Angeles Railway company and the Santa Fe and Jones interest at Santa Monica. The object is the general improvement of that seaside resort. Something like \$250,000 is to be expended by these various interests, acting jointly, before the beginning of the next excursion year. The town is hereafter to be called Santa Monica-by-the-Sea.

Louis Smith, the 15-year-old son of George T. Smith, was accidentally shot and killed by his own gun while hunting in South Slough, Vallejo, Cal., Wednesday afternoon. He was sitting in a boat with Willie Hubbard when a flock of ducks was sighted. Smith took hold of the muzzle of his gun, which was lying across the boat. The hammer caught and the discharge followed. The charge went clear through Smith's right lung. It also burned the palm of his right hand. He fell back on a pile of decoys, dead, without uttering a word. Hubbard immediately started for home with his dead companion.

The authorities of Marin county, Cal., fear that several murders have been committed in the Chinese village at Point San Pedro, three miles from San Rafael, and are making investigations. About 450 Chinese live in the village. They are divided into two factions and are constantly quarrelling. It is rumored that several deaths have resulted from these factional troubles. Frequent reports of stabbing and shooting affrays have been circulated, and several Chinese have disappeared, for whose absence no satisfactory reason has been assigned by their countrymen.

Miss Hattie Hellifalch of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived in Caliente, Cal., a day or two ago to marry Frank Potts, a gold-mining contractor of Havilah. Miss Hellifalch never saw Mr. Potts until the day of her arrival and all their courtship was carried on by cor-