

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Bishop Talbot of Wyoming has \$10,000 with which he will begin work on the new cathedral at Laramie.

There is a large inquiry for sheep in Nevada, where it is claimed the business is still profitable, notwithstanding the low price of wool.

Cheyenne, Wyo., is rejoicing over a prospective order that will require all car work to be done at the shops in that city instead of at Omaha.

W. E. Hill, foreman of Holmes & Company's mill at Hawthorne, Nev., shot himself in the head at Candelaria and died instantly.

Camas Prairie, Idaho, put up 180,000 pounds of pork this season and estimates the value at 10 cents per pound—\$18,000—a home product.

The ranchmen on the Roaring Fork, about Carbondale, Colo., have determined to open a grange store at Aspen for the sale of their products.

The late farmers' institute at Bozeman, Mont., was a great success and resulted in making the agricultural college professors solid with the tillers of the soil.

Six thousand five hundred Chinese out of about 15,000 in Oregon and Washington have registered. They are now registering at the rate of about 100 a day.

In order to quell a disturbance in the Salvation barracks at Woodland, Cal., the other night one of the female soldiers thumped a visitor with a tam-bourine.

The Barbers' union of Sacramento, Cal., has disbanded on account of the lack of interest the members of the union have of late displayed in the proceedings.

George H. Chessman, of Denver, has bought the entire Carpenter & Stanley heart of cattle at Fort Cummings, numbering about 3,000 head, delivery to be made before June 1.

An Oregon farmer was driving pickets with a sledge hammer, while his wife was holding the pickets. The head of the hammer flew off and struck the woman in the head, crushing her skull. She will recover.

A. H. Barnes, a representative of an eastern syndicate of newspapers, was taken sick on the west-bound train, and was taken off at Flagstaff, A. T., and died an hour afterward. His home was in Indianola, Neb.

Citizens of Craig, in Routt county, Colo., and particularly the school children, are rejoicing over the arrival of a new bell, which now occupies a place of honor in the school house bellry.

An Oregon farmer had an exciting experience during the recent floods. He drove on a bridge of which the supports had been washed away. Both of his horses were drowned and he barely escaped with his life.

A company has been formed at Riverside, Cal., to erect a 400-room hotel. The capital stock of the corporation is \$460,000. The building will cost \$200,000, and work will be commenced soon.

A Los Angeles officer was endeavoring to seize some stray cattle when he was attacked by the man and his wife who owned the stock. He was badly bruised in the conflict. The man and woman will be arrested.

Articles of incorporation of six telephone companies have been recorded in Prescott county, A. T. The parent company is called the Standard Telephone company, and sub-incorporations cover all the states and territories.

H. L. Darr, a wealthy resident of Portland, Or., has committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun. He was 62 years of age, and had been despondent for several weeks over the loss of a small sum of money.

Dick Ryan, while intoxicated, attempted to board an engine in the Prescott, Cal., yards. He missed his footing and fell between the engine and depot platform, his head striking the platform with such force as to cause death in a few minutes.

Superior Judge Prewett, of Placer county, Cal., has just given out an exhaustive opinion relative to our registration law. He holds that electors cannot vote at the general election on certificates. Their names must be on the printed register used at the polls.

Many business men of Evanston, Wyo., are arranging to go into the chicken business, simply for amusement. Incubators and prize eggs have been ordered and commission merchants solicited to handle the output from these investments.

The Palace hotel and five lots on the northwest of Bennett avenue and Second street, Cripple Creek, Colo., have been sold to Simmons & Donahue for \$37,500. This is the biggest real estate deal ever made in Cripple Creek. It is understood that the purchase was made for Chicago parties.

At last it is possible to buy telephones outright, remarks the *Denver News*. Anybody who cares to have a private line can get the necessary instruments at \$7.50 each. This was announced on Thursday at a conference of the local managers of the Colorado Telephone company throughout the state.

San Diego county, Cal., supervisors have decided to place iron guide posts on the desert between San Diego and Yuma. The posts are to be not more than a mile apart, and will give information as to the direction and distance to various places. They will also tell where water may be found.

Members of the Oakland, Cal., board of supervisors were not very well pleased when they heard that the annex to hall of records had been placed under attachment and was in the hands of a keeper. The contractor is trying to get matters straightened out so that the workmen can get their money and the attachment may be released.

At Paso Robles, Cal., on Friday evening, a large warehouse, 200 feet long by 56 feet wide, with two porches 200 feet long and 12 feet wide, and the

whole containing 30,000 sacks of grain, collapsed. The warehouse is the property of the Southern Pacific Milling company, and the estimated damage is in the neighborhood of \$4,500.

The Idaho Sheep Growers' association, says the *Nampa Leader*, have appointed a committee to wait on the assessors and to demand that the valuation of sheep be reduced from \$2 to \$1 per head. As all values have fallen in the same proportion, it will now be in order for all tax payers to call on the assessor and demand that valuations be reduced one half.

T. W. Driskell, the cattle king of South Dakota, has just returned from a trip through the ranges of that state. He is reported as saying that while on the trip he did not see a single dead animal, and that the losses during the winter will not reach 3 per cent. But these statements were made before the recent storm which has just swept the whole plains country.

The Fort Collins *Courier* states that the contract for excavating for the laying of about 5,000 feet of water pipe through which to bring water onto the college farm for irrigation has been awarded to William Forbes. James Whedbee has the contract for laying the pipe, 3,900 feet of which is to be 12-inch and the remainder to be 6- and 8-inch pipe.

Fifty-five car loads of wheat and flour was shipped from Berthoud, Col., says the *Bulletin*, during the week ending March 21st. The wheat is shipped principally to Texas points, while during the week consignments of flour have been made to Elizabeth, Salida, Leadville, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Aspen, Denver and Central City, Col., and to Marquez, Tex.

At Lauder, Wyoming, a few days ago, Bill Gallagher and a woman with whom he had been living had a quarrel, and Gallagher began beating the woman. A man named John Witman interfered, when Gallagher drew a pistol, but Witman was too quick for him and shot him through the head. The woman had three ribs broken by Gallagher's blows, and is in a critical condition.

The Arizona *Stock Grower* says: A comparatively small number of beef cattle have been shipped out of the territory the last six months. Cattle-men say the prices are such that they cannot afford to sell and their ranges are good and the prospects favorable for their continuing to be fed some months to come, they are in no great rush to place their cattle on the market till better returns can be realized.

The Phoenix, Arizona, *Gazette* states there is likely to be trouble soon between the cattle and sheep men along the line of Maricopa and Yavapai counties. There are several thousand head of sheep, it is said, along the line in the Bradshaw mountains, dodging back and forth from the assessors, and in this dodging process they are encroaching on the ranges of some cattle men who are seriously objecting.

A sensation has been caused in Los Angeles by the arrest of C. B. Platt, a prominent jeweler, and Emil Harris, ex-Captain of the Police Department, who is now at the head of a local detective bureau known as the California State Detective Agency, under