

are being laid, a tramway to bring the coal from the mine to the road is being built, a large engine to bring the coal from the mine to be set in place, bunk houses, etc., to be erected. Altogether Morrison is about as lively a place just now as there is in Sanpete county, and the labor furnished, and materials such as lumber, ties, etc., purchased, is scattering considerable money among the boys.

War has been declared at Santa Rosa, Cal., by a large number of property owners on the city council on account of the action of the council in levying a tax of 25 cents per \$100 for the payment of the new waterworks bonds. Fifty prominent property-owners, representing \$1,000,000 worth of property, tendered their taxes due for other purposes, but refused to pay the water tax, on the ground that the bonds had not been sold and that the council has not the right to levy the tax. Long and expensive litigation is expected over the matter.

A number of English capitalists who have been at Yankton, S. D., several days investigating the methods of J. L. M. Pierce, claim that they have been victimized to the extent of over \$1,000,000 in fraudulent and bogus bonds, school warrants, etc. Pierce arrived there ten years ago and his alleged questionable transactions prospered so well that branch offices were opened at Holyoke, Colo., and Spokane. Pierce secured a large amount of capital from England and handled it as his will dictated, and lately evidence of an astonishing character has been disclosed.

Boulder, Colo., had a hold-up at 11 o'clock on Wednesday night in the Bowen hotel. A stranger applied to the night clerk for a room. He asked the price of the room and when told, the fellow pulled out a \$5 bill and placed it on the counter. When the clerk stooped over and opened the money drawer to give the supposed guest his change the fellow hit him a fearful blow over the head with a sandbag. He remained unconscious until found at 11:30 o'clock. In the meantime the hold-up had robbed the money drawer and left the hotel and nothing has been seen of him since.

According to the Virginia (Nevada) Enterprise Comstock was shaken incessantly between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock last Sunday morning by a seismic disturbance, and timid people were thoroughly frightened. The tremors started shortly after 2 o'clock and were almost incessantly felt until twenty minutes to 3. Down in the mines the shocks were felt plainly. The center of the disturbance is apparently Mt. Davidson, and it is of narrow scope. All of the shocks felt here have apparently been felt at Carson, but no further away from the Comstock.

A. Y. Hutch, who broke jail at Canon City, Colo., on Sunday morning, is again behind the bars. He was found in an old coal mine near Williamsburg. When discovered he fired on the sheriff, the bail narrowly missing him and the powder burning his face. The sheriff and a deputy each returned the fire, but the prisoner had retreated further into the mine and was not harmed. Half an hour afterwards he came out and gave up.

Hutch was arrested some two weeks since at the head of South Hard-scrabble, where he had a cabin full of stolen goods. There is great rejoicing over Hutch's capture.

Here is a notice which appears in the Glenwood Springs (Col.) *Avalanche*: "All persons having grievances against the editor of this paper can have them peaceably settled if they so desire, but if they insist that nothing will suit them but to smash our head, we assure them that if they will step up to the front, we will give them all the satisfaction they desire. But the next one that approaches us from the rear, must abide by the result, as authority has been given us to carry a deadly weapon. This notice to cowards is deemed necessary, because of the numerous attacks from the rear upon our venerable head. H. J. Holmes, Editor."

Charles Brymer shot and killed John Smedley on Tuesday, at Grant, Colo. Smedley owed Brymer for about three months' work which he refused to pay. Brymer asked for his wages again and again and went so far as to strike at him with an ax. This occurred six weeks ago. Last week Brymer walked to Denver, bought a revolver and walked back to Webster, meeting Smedley up Beaver Gulch, when the shooting took place. Smedley, with his teamster, was coming down the gulch with a load of wood, his man driving the team and Smedley holding the brake. Brymer walked up to Smedley, saying, "Now I have you where I want you," and fired. The ball took effect in the right side, coming out of the left side above the heart and breaking the left arm just below the shoulder, killing him instantly. Brymer is a young man, unmarried. Smedley leaves a wife and five small children. Brymer gave himself up next morning.

BRIEF LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

PROVO, Utah, Nov. 23.—This morning in the First district court the jury returned a verdict in the case of Hawley vs. Corey Bros, in favor of plaintiff for \$7140.48. The case of Dennis Sullivan vs. John Beck, judgment and decree of foreclosure by default was granted in favor of plaintiff for \$15,337 together with \$460 attorneys' fees and costs.

On Tuesday E. O. Porter, who formerly worked on the joint city and county building and George N. Coombs of the Tenth ward were put to work by contractor J. P. Keate to repaint all of the exterior wood work on Mr. McCormick's residence. They progressed very well until next morning when suddenly the plank scaffold in which was working directly under the cornice of the house and on which they were standing, gave way and they were precipitated two stories to the cement pavement below which they struck with tremendous force.

Porter was rendered unconscious, having his skull fractured, and sustaining other injuries, while Coombs was hurt internally and about the lower limbs. Both men were taken to the hospital where they received the best of attention. Porter was fatally injured and died Wednesday evening.

Dr. Worthington has charge of the case.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 22.—Thomas O'Neill and Michael, his brother, were shot in front of the Livoli saloon and restaurant by Charles Boulter at three o'clock this morning. The first named died at 10:30 a. m. from his injuries. The bullet entered directly in the center of his breast, passing between the lungs. Michael was shot twice in the right leg, once through the knee cap. The brothers were under the influence of liquor and were quarreling. Boulter attempted to separate them, when they both attacked him. They knocked him down when he pulled his gun, a 38 caliber Col.'s, and began shooting. Three shots were fired, all of them taking effect. Neither of the brothers were armed. The shooting probably was not justifiable, although Boulter claims that it was done in self-defense. He was arrested and lodged in jail to await the result of the coroner's inquest, which will be held this afternoon. The O'Neills were in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad company. They resided with their parents in this city. Both are single. Michael is 23 years old and his brother who is dead, but 24.

PROVO, Nov. 21.—Surveying is being done in Provo canyon on a large scale. It is understood the reason for this is that a large power dam will be built in the mouth of Provo canyon for the purpose of supplying Utah county towns, Eureka and Salt Lake City with light and motive power for operating machinery. The parties at the back of the scheme are said to be the Salt Lake Copper Plant people.

Inquiry at the office of the Copper Plant company elicits the information that the supposition that that corporation is backing the scheme is correct. The surveys referred to, however, are being made, and it is understood they are under the direction of a large corporation which has hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in this city in an extensive plant, and which proposes to utilize the water power of the Provo river in a big scheme to supply electricity for power and lighting purposes to the Utah county towns. At present the promoters decline to disclose their plans of work, but these will come out in due time.

BEAVER, Utah, Nov. 21, 1894.—The town was startled this morning with the intelligence that two transients were dead. One was A. S. Robinson of Garfield county, recently convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and under sentence of two years in the pen. The other was a mining man named Tom Burns, who had been leaved and had consumption.

The Robinson case excites considerable comment. A good many people think the court was unduly severe on him, in view of the fact that all blame for the troubles out of which the prosecution grew was not on his side. Yesterday afternoon he met his attorney and asked about the prospects for getting out on bail pending an appeal. He did not receive much encouragement and expressed himself strongly against going to the pen. He got Sheriff Morris to go with him to a drug store, ostensibly to get some tobacco and while there and the sheriff not