

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Albuquerque, N. M., is to have a tannery.

Mancos, Colo., is steadily developing its coal mining resources.

At Meeker, Colo., coal sells at \$2 a ton delivered.

Arkansas valley bee men will export bees by the car load this winter.

Florence, Colo., is said to have coal for heating purposes at 55 cents per ton.

At Florence, Col., more than fifty residences are heated and lighted by natural gas.

Near Spar, Colo., a band of twelve or fifteen elk have been roaming about the settlements.

Casper, Wyoming, will have an electric light plant in operation this year.

Montrose, Colo., will run a swimming bath as a result of the development of artesian water at that place.

Lamar, Col., reports a constantly increasing demand for irrigated farms. The supply is exhausted and still the cry is for more.

Rocky Ford, Col., melon growers will reduce their melon acreage this year and go into alfalfa and hog raising on a larger scale.

Near Rifle, Col., Charles and George Mullen have killed a mountain lion which measured nearly eight feet from tip to tip.

Lithographic stone has been discovered in the western portion of Fremont county, Col. It is said to be as fine as the foreign importation.

It is announced on good authority that \$50,000 will be appropriated by Congress for building irrigation ditches for the Navajo Indians in western New Mexico.

D. Curtis, a highway robber of 16 years, at Denver, knocked out a small-sized "scab" newsboy and tore up his newspapers. He was bound over by a police justice in the sum of \$300.

A plucky young woman from Iowa has located near Spokane, Wash., for the purpose of establishing a poultry ranch. She will start in with 1200 or 1500 pullets.

Dyspeptic people at Pomona, Cal., says the Los Angeles *Express*, put red pepper on their strawberries. It does not destroy the flavor, and assists digestion.

The Kit Carson county (Nevada) *Banner* records the pleasant prospect for good crops in that county and says the average for grain has been largely increased.

Lincoln county, Colo., records an abundance of snow for spring moisture on the plains, and sheep and cattle are in good condition. Few or no losses from winter storms.

Navajo Indians in western New Mexico own 1,000,000 sheep, 250,000 goats, 10,000 cattle and about 100,000 ponies. It is said they marketed 1,000,000 pounds of wool last year.

Phoenix, Ariz., has had only four light snow storms during twelve years and the mercury has never dropped

below 45 degrees. Last week, however, they had snowbaling in Phoenix.

Tracklaying on the Cripple Creek, Colo., railroad has reached a point five miles out of Florence and eighteen miles of grade has been completed. It is said the tunnel will be cut through within the next eight or ten days.

Ed. Roach, a Silverton, Colo., miner, started from Silverton for Ophir about a month ago. His snow shoes have been found at the edge of a snowslide and it is now conceded that he is dead beneath the snow.

Jefferson county, Colo., commissioners have been petitioned to appoint a board of horticultural inspectors. Fruit tree pests are said to have greatly damaged the orchards of Jefferson county near Wheat Ridge.

The new masonry dam across the Pecos river near Eddy, N. M., to supply water for the great Hagerman canal, will be finished this week. It means millions for the Pecos valley, says an exchange.

From Hot Sulphur Springs in the Middle park, Colo., Schuyler Button last year sold 2,794 pounds of butter in Georgetown. He says he could sell 1,000 pounds a week if he could produce it.

The *Elk Mountain Pilot* at Crested Butte has changed hands. Mr. J. E. Phillips, who has been proprietor of the *Pilot* since 1880, has sold out to enable him to engage in the more lucrative business of mining.

John D. McCullough, a well-known ranchman near Lander, Wyo., who disappeared some weeks since and was supposed to have been murdered, has unexpectedly returned. He went to Nebraska where he has been lying sick. His return has created surprise.

Antelope are numerous on the Wyoming plains, near Medicine Bow. They have been driven out of the hills by deep snow and are barely existing upon the scant herbage on the plains where the winds have uncovered a little grass.

Parkdale, Colo., kaolin and fire clay is finding a ready market in Denver and Pueblo—the kaolin at the Denver Paper mills, the clay at the Standard Fire Brick factory, which manufactures for the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

The lower San Juan river placers are being successfully worked by the Fitzgerald machine, which saves all the fine gold. The sand and gravel pays from \$5 to \$200 per ton, and the San Juan placers will prove a bonanza next spring.

Garfield county, Colo., has gone into the beet sugar business right earnestly. Grand Valley farmers recently met at Glenwood and decided to organize the movement. A beet sugar convention will meet at Glenwood on February 27th.

Two Arizona stockmen recently found in their pasture a colt that had been killed by some animal. The carcass was liberally strychnined, and the next morning the stockmen found a dead mountain lion near the bait. He

was a monster in size, measuring 9 feet 3 inches from tip to tip.

The fight against the Union Pacific coal combine goes merrily on, according to the Rawlins (Wyo.) *Journal*. Rock Springs coal, it says, has been reduced 75 cents per ton, while the home product from the Dillon mine can be purchased from \$2.50 for nut to \$3.50 for lump.

Juan Antonio Rael, suspected of being the murderer of ex-Sheriff John Doherty at Mora, N. M., some weeks ago was shot and killed on Tuesday night at La Cueva by officers who had a warrant for his arrest. This man Rael, who is almost a full blooded Indian, had previously killed two men.

Kinney McCoy, while engaged on Wednesday afternoon drilling out a missed hole in the Arctic mine at Central City, Colo., caused a premature explosion. His left hand was lacerated. Flying rock from the shot cut his left eye badly, but it is thought the sight can be saved. He has a wife and five children.

Cassia county, Idaho, has a curious rock quarry. The rock is unlimited in quantity and very fine grain. It comes out of the quarry nicely cut and dressed in square shafts or columns from six to twenty inches thick and about six feet long. It is ready for use without the labor of stone cutters.

Coyotes are numerous on the prairie at Soldier this winter, serenading the ranchers, says the *Bellevue (Idaho) Review*. A few evenings since Squire Jeffries's dog Pomp took exceptions to some, went for them in war paint and he was their meat, his bones picked clean only being left to tell the tale.

A pair of deer horns hung upon a tree in the Sierra Nevada mountains by Fremont forty-five years ago, with proper record hanging upon them, have just been found in Lost canyon, Nev. The tree had grown twelve feet higher in forty-five years and the horns had been covered in some portions by the growth of the bark of the tree.

The investigation in regard to Superintendent Morris of the Industrial school at Golden, Colo., is in progress. The charges are to the effect that the superintendent took liberties about the institution that he denied to subordinates. The use of tobacco at the institution proved a strong case, the boys generally getting the tobacco second-hand or finding it about the grounds.

The friends of J. M. Kinnard, a prominent attorney and society man of Spokane, Wash., are alarmed over his mysterious disappearance. He was last seen late last Tuesday night; was then despondent, and hinted at suicide. It is feared that he may have killed himself. Kinnard has served a term as superior judge in Spokane county, and ranked as one of the leading jurists of the state.

Mrs. Chris Evans, wife of the Fresno bandit, and her daughter, Eva Evans, ran against a snag in Oakland, Cal., and their show, "Evans and Sontag Up to Date," came near being at an end. As it is now, half of the show is in the possession of the constable, and in consequence the company had a hard time to dig up the necessary firearms for the performance last Saturday night.