NEWS OF THE WEST.

Unenviable Position of a Theatrical Manager in San Francisco.

GENEROUS ACT OF MINERS.

"Dad" Between Rattlesnake and a Grizzly Bear.—The Cuckoo Game.—Miraculous Escape.

The Nevada *Herald* says flour is cheaper in Austin now than ever before. It is selling at $3.50 per hundred weight.

A. B. Ellman, manager of the Nevada Central railway, dropped dead at his residence in Austin, Nevada, while eating breakfast.

The assessment roll of Elko, (Nevada) county for this year will show a decrease of $100,000 from that of last year, owing to the depreciation of mining property in Tuscarora.

George Roach, a laborer, was caved in on Monday, and almost smothered, while engaged in digging a hole ten feet deep in the rear of a building at Virginia, Nevada, preparatory to propping the structure, which is gradually moving eastward. A bank of earth came down, burying him to the chin. The force of the cave threw Roach against the stone foundation in an upright position. A number of men were engaged in the work, but it is extremely fine from his perilous position. He was slightly bruised, and his limbs wrenched by the weight of the earth.

A power act has been performed by the miners of New Castle, Colo. Unknown to anybody they quietly called a meeting among themselves and decided that each one should contribute a ton of coal towards assisting the poor and needy of their city. By the kindness of the officials of the mines the men will be allowed to work out the price of the coal. This action means that over 300 tons of coal will be distributed and that many a home will be gladdened this winter that would otherwise have been cheerless for lack of warmth. The miners will try to take steps for rendering still further assistance.

Charles S. Lutcrist, employed in an undertaking establishment, has been arrested at Santa Fe, N. M., on a requisition from the governor of Ohio on the charge of forging the name of C. P. Cullinan of Louisville, Ky., to a note at Dunaway, Ohio, to defraud and securing $150 on the same from Palmer Wetter, parlor pitcher at Durango. Lutcrist was released from jail on a writ of habeas corpus while Acting-Governor Miller was examining the requisition papers, and when the requisition has been officially acknowledged the prisoner can be spirited away by friends. The bottle started over him with the inmate from the penitentiary. It is expected he will be captured. Lutcrist is a gay young fellow whose father resides at Middleton, Ohio.

W. J. Narley, a Reno, Nevada, jeweler, en route to Chicago, was robbed at Reno on Sunday morning of $62. As he stepped off the train a fellow passenger who saw Narley receive $100 from one of his agents of Sacramento the night before at Truckee approached him and said: "Look at the numbers on that jail yonder, just around the corner." Narley, entering it, the passenger, another man of plenty of time, persuaded him to look for it, and on the way had the numbers. All went in a saloon and after a drink one threw dice and asked Narley to shake a "sweaty." As he pulled a handful of money from his pocket the confederate grabbed all and fell in the rear; threw with the fellow passenger, the latter vanishing almost before Narley knew what had happened. Just then some one said, "The train is going." Narley ran and caught it, but getting his hand baggage jerked off again, got the officers and caught the thieves at Reno. The latter are in the calaboose near are still at large.

Two young men of Deertrile, says the *Mercury* of that place, were recently spending a few weeks hunting and fishing on the headwaters of the West branch, and they give a graphic description of a duel to the death between rattlesnake and a huge grizzly bear. They had been fishing all day on Chipeyo creek, which is one of the most inaccessible tributaries of the Feather and runs for miles through a deep canyon of crazy rocks. It is only in places that the stream can be reached at all. The ledges of rock along the canyon are the resting places of countless rattlesnakes and in this wild and isolated region have been driven the few remaining grizzlies of the upper Butte county mountains. It is a dangerous place at best for the sportsman armed only with a fish pole, but to get a chance at the finny prize in the creek the young men had laid aside all thought of danger. Toward evening they climbed out of the canyon and stopped on a ledge of rock to rest. On the other side of the canyon rose a perpendicular wall of rock fully eighty feet from the foaming stream below. They were surprised to discover on a shelf at the top of the cliff a monster grizzly bear. He was stretched out asleep, and from his proportions the young men estimated that he must have weighed 1000 pounds. They had no guns and were content to let the monster enjoy his nap. Suddenly their eyes caught the glint of a serpent's form glisting up the jagged side of the cliff. It reached the shelf as we have described the bear. It saw the big intruder, rolled, gave the note of alarm, and then struck livid with its fangs to the jaw. The big bear roared with pain and anger and started to his feet, but the fangs of the snake held and thrown backward and forward. With his paws he tore the reptile loose and it fell on the shelf. Mad with fury, the bear stomped the snake with all might, and for an minute mounted a part of the cliff, which fell with a crash into the river. Instantly, it seemed, the rocks were alive with snakes. Hissing and rattling they swarmed upon the bear and attacked him as a common enemy. Bearing with pain he fought them as well as he could and flung many a one over the brink. But the snakes were too many for him and he started to retreat. The deadly virus was by this time coursing through his veins from fifty wounds, and he fell back struggling and howling. With convulsive movements the bear worked near the edge of the canyon, and fell on to the sharp rocks nearly 100 feet below, then rolled into a deep pool in the stream and was seen no more.

The people whose names or whose relatives' names are to be used in the play of "Evans and Hastings," about to be produced at the National theater at San Francisco, says the *Chronicle*, that city, are strenuously objecting to it. Last Friday morning while a rehearsal was in progress the play was called to the attention of the manager in a manner that just astonished him. When he appeared, short of him she was Mrs. Vic Wilson, the widow of the deserter killed at Salinas. Flint. She did not wait for introductions. Introduced herself. Her title and her character referred on the stage. She wanted to know the law if they indeed spoke using her name. Manager Daly tried to explain that the name would have to be used when a boy announced that somebody wanted to speak to him. Believed at having an excuse for leaving his impromptu visitor, he started for the door. There he was met by a policeman from the Heavy Gang. Beyond was the Brannan killer by the outlaws. He figured prominently in the Bar scandal two years, and is a rather unenviable light. He informed the manager that something was wrong. Suffice for that, a formal rehearsal was postponed, the policeman was dismissed and disturbing the peace were variously talked of when Manager Daly brought them into the theater. They were joined by Mrs. Wilson, and Daly thought the last arrival had been secreted when the office boy whispered something to his ear. Daly turned pale. "Another one!" he murmured. The boy nodded. Then Daly went to the door. He was met by a contingency of the Gallagher family. They insisted that their relative's name should not be used in vain. As Gallagher was one of the deserters shot by the outlaws the presence in a drama is thought by the gloomy speculator to be essential. They succeeded. At Daly's request they put the matter in writing. Daly, though the play is to be staged, sees no end of trouble. The informant was willing to relinquish his name, declaring that if the dead and gones were not allowed to be in peace the living they would shut up the theater. A young scientific of Vallejo was concerned in the scene. He informed his friends that he was going to the theater and fill the fellow who mimicked him full of lead. The result of the performance is awaited with much interest.

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By order of the board of directors.

C. W. LEWIS, President.
W. F. SIGLER, Secretary.

Dated Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 19th, 1893.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of John Smith, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, administrator of the estate of John Smith, deceased, late of Salt Lake City, Utah, all of whom have claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, to the undersigned, at the residence of the undersigned, in Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake, Utah Territory.

Dated August 21st, 1893.

JAMES H. SMITH,
Administrator of the estate of John S. Smith, deceased.

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