

## NEWS OF THE WEST.

Bitter Slope of a Young Man Caught in a Circle of Flame.

PROPOSED ANTI-SLAVERY LAW.

Utah 100 Years Old—Virtually a State; Country Hard—Establishing a State Line, Etc.

The original United States attorney general recommended that the state of California file suit against Nevada to enjoin it from the west coast post office from the parts of the state where it was believed that the state had been completely taken from California.

An interesting account is given of the expense which has been incurred in the construction and maintenance of a road through the mountains for 145 years. It was through the efforts of the people that the road was completed, a cost of \$10,000,000. The road is now in good condition.

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The Union Pacific company will have 200 thirty-foot cars made ready to serve the miners in the mountains. They will meet the arrival of the miners of western Wyoming, whose needs have been anticipated and suggestions taken advantage of by the Hawley company. These cars will have all the conveniences of a first-class car, and will be well equipped with water tanks, lights, etc. They will have raised couplers and initial heads. With an unobstructed view over the door of the upper deck. They will have eight inches wide leather chairs above each floor, and will be fitted with Janey couplers and air brakes. The company have purchased the thirty-foot cars from the Hawley company, and this will be the first time that such a number of old cars will be reconditioned and temporary decking. From time to time orders will be accepted for thirty-foot double-deck cars.

James McComb, of Little River, arrived on Saturday in Ogden, Utah, to see his son. He had been in the Low Gap, and left the country road at the first ascent, fourteen miles north of Hank in order to visit a friend who lives on Pine Ridge, about five miles from town. He had an extremely narrow escape from a bear, which was now ranging in that section of the country. Shortly after his departure from the divide he entered a narrow canyon, when he was overtaken by a large bear on the eastern side of the canyon, and he rode leisurely along. He finally reached a sharp turn in the trail, whence his view towards the east was unobstructed, and he saw a large bear. He then discovered that the bear had entered the canyon on the east, and obviously intended to get in that direction. There remained then the alternative of returning and passing in the dark, or of riding straight through the rough which he was traveling, were steep and precipitous as to render escape by scaling the mountain impossible. He turned his horse and prepared for a retreat. He had passed the point of safety, and knew now that the bear had also crossed the canyon on the west, thus practically imprisoning him in a circle of flame. His horse at this time began to act like the danger of the position and soon stopped. He then realized the impossibility of escaping through the narrow defile. He turned his horse and attempted to scale the steep mountain back to the south. He had to be very careful, as the bear had proceeded west, directly in the rear of the flames, hoping, no doubt, against hope, to discover some method of escape further down. McComb knew that it would be impossible to scale the mountain, so he plunged down into the bottom of the canyon, where he found a stream of water, and continued his retreat. Hearing his name in the calling of the flames, McComb determined to make a stand, so, to save his life, he glanced up the canyon and discovered a small oasis, the stream having a descent of about twelve feet. He quickly scaled up the rock, and made his way to the top of the bank, and behind the curve of the water's edge, in the rock sufficiently large to form a place of safety from the flames, for that was the case. The water was there, and the oasis was established just for the time being, so he was safe, in the meantime the flames spread rapidly, and before long the trees and trees directly over the path of the flames were consumed.

McComb remained behind the oasis, about two miles away, between the two flames, until nine o'clock Sunday morning, when he was compelled to change the fire having closed in all vegetation. He made his way through fallen branches and burning brush, and considerably difficulty, he reached the little oasis for his exciting adventure.

Twenty Years a Teacher.  
CARRIZELLELLA, Ky.—I have been a teacher for twenty years, during that time have had experience in all branches. Now I am entirely free from it, after using German Letter Register, which is a must in the nation that it never interfered with my school duties. A.

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