NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Wealthy Business Man Arrested For Cattle Stealing.

HOW SMALL-POX IS SPREAD.

Shocking Case of Cruelty and Depravity—Boise, Idaho, and the Liquor Traffic.

It is said that Arizona cast upwards of one thousand more votes this year than two years ago.

The Boise (Idaho) *Democrat* asks: Have the game wardens throughout the state attended to their duties as provided by law? They should endeavor to stop the wanton slaughter of deer and other game in both closed and open seasons.

An execution has been issued against the town of Evans (Colo.) to collect $700 costs in a suit which the town commenced against a saloonkeeper and which was finally decided in favor of the latter. This is the first case of the kind on record in Colorado.

Boise has four wholesale liquor houses, two breweries and eighteen saloons. Liquor can also be purchased by the pint at three drug stores, all of which induces the Boising *Democrat* to remark that "what most is being a howling business over at the capital.

On the steamer Gaelic, which arrived in San Francisco on Friday, there are 402 cases of opium, from which the government will receive $114,000 in duties. Most of the drug is intended for Chinese dealers, but is consigned to brokers. Chinese are not permitted to import opium in their own name.

The Rexburg (Idaho) *Star Bonneville* says that coal mines discovered in the Teton basin shows a three and a half foot ledge of as pretty peacock coal as anyone ever looked upon and the quality improves as greater depth is attained. Peacock coal stands next to anthracite, and is largely found in the West.

Missoula, Montana, is taking steps to prevent the removal of the university. At present, it is said, the prospects are that the Missoula Hotel building will be offered to the state free of rent for university purposes and that local capitalists and business men will donate a sufficient sum to maintain the university until there are public funds to do it.

At Fort Benton, Montana, J. C. Anderson, a stenographer in the office of United States Senator Power, has committed suicide, leaving a letter stating that his reason for the act would never be known. He was to have gone to Dayton, O., to be his stay to testify at the trial of a friend charged with forgery and selling passes over the Nickel Plate railway.

About twenty-five teams are at work on the new ditch at the head of the Last Chance, and are working nicely, says the Idaho *Democrat*. This work when completed will be a great improvement to the Last Chance as it will take entirely away from the river and save the stockholders much expensive levee work each season. The ditch will be enlarged the full length and extended several miles farther down the valley.

The good people of Silver City, says the Albuquerque Citizen, are agitated over a horrible case of cruelty and severity which has come to light in the county jail. On account of lack of funds an insane woman was kept in the county jail instead of being sent to the Territorial insane asylum. For a year the poor creature has been immured in one of the obscure cells, and a few days ago it was discovered that she would soon become a mother.

Smallpox has broken out at Hastings's lumber mill at Vancouver, B. C., where 150 hands are employed. The first victim, John Flanders, has been taken to the pesthouse. Flanders wore his roommate's overcoat. The overcoat had been hanging in a hotel where recently arrived Chinese were boarded. It is thought the germs were in the overcoat and Flanders, not being vaccinated, caught the disease, while his friend, who was vaccinated, escaped.

Louis Kipp, a prominent and wealthy business man of Butte, Mont., has been arrested on a sensational charge of cattlestealing. Kipp is the proprietor of a wholesale and retail meat market, and it is alleged that for a year or more he has profited by an extensive system of "cattle rustling" on the ranges, the animals being slaughtered in the mountain canyons and brought to Butte and disposed of. It is stated that a number of other prominent men will be implicated when the case comes to trial.

Idaho Daily *Statesman*: While Col. G. V. Bryan was in Salt Lake he met a gentleman from Denver who represented a new process for working refractory as well as free milling ores. The owners will not sell a plant outright, but will place one in operation on any property, provided there is sufficient ore to justify it, for a royalty of 10 per cent. They guarantee to save more than the fire assay of any ore. Some of the Tip Top ore will be sent to Denver for a test. The owners of the process offer to put in a $12,000 plant for Mr. Bryan and operate it for the 10 per cent royalty provided their expert pronounces the body of ore sufficiently large to warrant it. Mr. Bryan was told such a plant would have a capacity of 150 tons a day.

A Decent Book.

Jay Delaney, a Montana book agent, discovered a curious fact in the Blackfoot book, where he has been traveling in the interests of his employers. The circuit court in session adjudged a man to be the father of a child born in one hundred days. At the bottom of the lower bill of the female is a lead pencil, something like that of the pencil. It is not used as a storage reservoir for food, but a place of refuge for the young when frightened.

Irrigation Figures.

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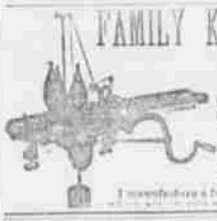

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