

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A \$20,000 woolen manufacturing plant is to be built at Casper, Wyo.

Six wagon loads of immigrants bound for Oregon passed west through Laramie on Friday.

Grasshoppers are stated to be numerous in the vicinity of Windsor, in the Cache la Poudre valley, Colo.

Some important papers have again been stolen from the files in the county clerk's office in San Francisco.

The Sheridan (Wyo.) county agricultural fair will be held this year on September 19 to 22 inclusive.

Governor Penoyer of Oregon, has pardoned five prisoners serving life-term sentences in the state penitentiary.

The California Associated Cycling clubs will hold their annual celebration and parade on September 9 at San Jose.

Mrs. Harry Isaacs, the wife of a baggage master of the Santa Fe railroad at Los Angeles, Cal., was burned to death on Sunday.

It is reported that strawberries are so plentiful in the Boise market that dealers soon expect the price to come down to 5 cents a quart.

The extensive plant of the Golden (Col.) Pressed Brick company will be running in full blast on 4,000,000 brick for the Denver sewers.

The San Jose, Cal., woolen mills, which have been closed down for the past six months have resumed operations with half a force.

Twenty-one San Jose (Cal.) saloon-keepers have been arrested, for violation of a county ordinance in keeping their places open on Sunday.

The new wharf at Benicia, Cal., is finished and steamers are now landing there regularly. The structure was built by the city at a cost of about \$12,000.

The wine-growers of the state of California will shortly meet to act on the suggestion to put the entire output of wine in the state into the hands of a syndicate.

The first carload of petroleum from the Casper (Wyoming) wells was shipped to Denver on Monday. From all indications, these fields will be as productive as any in the West.

There were 231,000 sheep sheared at and near Casper, Wyo., this season. The season lasted fifteen days and 150 shearers were employed. The price paid was seven cents per head.

The sheep-shearing season about Rawlins, Wyo., is over, and most of the flocks have been driven to the mountains for the summer. About 130,000 were sheared this spring.

The cattle and sheep men about Saratoga, Wyo., are to hold a convention on June 16 to arrange the lines of their respective grazing grounds and settle all differences amicably.

Prospectors continue to locate placer claims on the Big Laramie river in Albany county. The Cheyenne Sun says that several hundred acres were taken up by Cheyenne and Denver parties last week.

The Casper (Wyo.) *Derrick* says that Mayor Hurst, of that city, has gone to Galveston, Texas, to buy a \$20,000 wool scouring plant which will in a short time be brought to Casper and put into operation.

The Idaho *Daily Statesman*, published at Boise, Idaho, reports that almost all the raspberries and blackberries have been killed by the frost. There are some left in sheltered places, but the great bulk of the crop is ruined.

Eugene Parsons, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. John Lyndon, of Los Gatos, Cal., had three teeth pulled out by a dentist on Monday, after inhaling chloroform. He regained consciousness, but at once relapsed into unconsciousness, and death speedily ensued.

Many laborers have been attracted to Portland by the prospect of employment when the flood subsides. Mayor Mason has telegraphed Mayor Ellert, of San Francisco, that Portland is already supplied with a sufficient number of mechanics and laborers.

W. E. Howard has unearthed a valuable violin which has been in the hands of a Wyoming ranchman. It is a Stradivarius violin and was manufactured in 1736. Violins of that make and of a later date have sold as high as \$2,000. They are very rare and are searched for the world over.

Greater part of the employees at the Leiter mine, near Sheridan, Wyo., have been discharged and the works closed down except as far as prospecting and further development for more ore is concerned. Whether the ore became base as depth was attained is not stated.—*Madisonian*.

The faculty of the Nevada state university have taken hold of the matter of saloon men selling intoxicants to students, and propose to vigorously prosecute every such case. One student has been already suspended for conduct unbecoming a young man wearing the university uniform.

While playing near Eagle river, at Mirtum, Colo., on Saturday afternoon, a little 3 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Offield fell into the stream and was drowned. The river at this time of the year is swift, high and dangerous. All efforts to recover the body have so far proved fruitless.

The report that the fruit crop of Lassen, Nev., was entirely ruined by frost appears to be somewhat exaggerated, and it is claimed by the papers as well as from other sources that while the crop will not be of wonderful magnitude, still there will be enough to supply the home market and some to spare.

Cattlemen of Arizona are said to be highly incensed at the frequency of thefts of stock from ranges. The thieves sometimes take as many as seventy or eighty at one time. One of the territory papers intimates that a lynching or two might be beneficial and remarks that Arizona has not had a lynching in ten years.

The sea shore is drawing a great many citizens away from Arizona just now, says the *Prospector*. With the

completion of the north and south road this will all be stopped. The magnificent scenery and grand summer climate of northern Arizona will draw hundreds of tourists there who now go to southern California.

The \$600,000 in bonds issued by the state of California for the erection of a union depot in San Francisco were sold on Wednesday afternoon by the state treasurer. There were a number of bidders for the bonds. Farson, Leach & Co., bankers of Chicago and New York, were the highest. Their accepted bid was \$101.3-16 for each \$100 bond.

Butte, Mont., had quite an acquisition to its population the other day, when there arrived from Michigan a miner's wife. The woman is only 36 years of age, and is the mother of seventeen children, fifteen of whom are living and were on the train with her, the eldest being a girl of about 18 years of age, and the youngest an infant of 14 months.

Wells-Fargo brought in a large consignment of butter and cheese from the south last evening, says the Reno (Nev.) *Gazette*, which, with several additional cases from the Reno creamery, was shipped below. This industry is rapidly coming to the front as one of Nevada's chief resources, and with careful management will rise to great importance.

At Willow Ranch, a little town in Modoc county, Cal., there have been twenty-six cases of smallpox in the last few weeks, and there will be many more, for no pains are taken to keep the patients isolated. It is said that people visit in houses where the disease prevails. Those who had been vaccinated had the disease in a mild form, but others were very ill.

Stephen Smith, a butcher, was run into at Tully road, (San Jose, Cal.), crossing by the Almaden express on Monday morning. Both horses were killed and the wagon was wrecked. Smith's right arm was broken, his head fearfully cut, and he is injured internally. It is not thought, however, that he is fatally injured. Smith's escape from instant death was almost a miracle.

The mandate of the United States Supreme Court, setting aside the decision of the lower court in the libel suit of the government against the Haytian Republic, was filed in the United States District court at Portland, Or., on Wednesday, with a notice to the claimants of the ship that an application would be made on the part of the government for a sale of the vessel.

Mrs. Jennie Porter, a divorced woman, 46 years of age, was found dead on the floor beside her bed in a lodging house on Third street, San Francisco, on Monday. From all appearances she ended her life by taking poison, a small empty bottle having been found on the stand in the room. The woman left letters signed "Mrs. Jennie Frazier," but from all accounts this name was assumed.

The shearing season is over in this vicinity remarks the Rawlins (Wyo.) *Republican*, and the sheep have all left for the mountains for the summer. The shearers finished work at the Milan pens last Saturday night. About 75,000 were clipped at those pens, and