NEWS OF THE WEST.

Great Trouble Fighting Mosquitos Around Granada, Colo.

RESERVOIR UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Beds of Mineral Soap at Newcastle, Wyo.—A Child Accidentally Drowned.

Late arrives indicate that Nebraska's wheat crop will leave many thousand bushels of being a failure.

P. M. Fontenel, one of the best known sheep men of southern Colorado, has just died at Denver, from injuries received about two weeks ago by a horse falling on him at Denver.

Myriads of grasshoppers are reported on the southwestern divide west of Albuquerque, N. M. The railroad trains smoothe as oil, but from fear slaughter that the wheels slip upon the engines, and sand has to be used.

A large reservoir is being constructed near Saratoga, Wyo., for irrigating purposes. A test water dam across a natural basin, storage a reservoir that will store sufficient quantities of water to irrigate sections of acres of this land in the Saratoga valley.

The Glenrock (Wy.) Herald says: A large herd of cattle passed through here Sunday, among which there was a thoroughbred buffalo bull, the half-breed and several half-breed cows, at the head of which, many old-timers told of the "good old times when the buffalo and the noble red men roamed the plains."

A Denver syndicate that has several hundred acres of fine placer ground near Hassman Dead, has commenced to work their ground on a large scale, says the Caldwell, Idaho, Argus. They are putting in a system of sluices and the latest improved appliances of saving the gold.

The vast beds of mineral soap in the vicinity of Newcastle, Wyo., is it is said, have been opened up and large quantities of it are being shipped to eastern points. It is largely used as the finishing coat for plaster, taking the place in a very satisfactory manner of stucco, which has always been used for that purpose.

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Montour, aged 12 years, was drowned on Wednesday evening in an irrigating ditch on the ranch of A. E. Hyslop, four miles north of Gunnison, Colo. The little lad was trying to catch minnows in the ditch when he fell in and an hour later his body was found, life being extinct.

Wheat harvesting in many portions of Nebraska and Dakota, Colorado has commenced. The yield is reported to be less than the average, but the quality is excellent. The straw is much lighter than usual, but the stunted growth has not extended to the head except in those fields approaching the sandy sections of the state, where the crop was much burnt.

It has been a good many years since the settlers of Montana have felt so buoyant as they do at this writing, says the Rocky Mountain Husbandman. Stock is nearly every section of the state wintered well and the range is ever where good, and it does seem that it is possible that anything can occur to prevent a fine crop of beef and fairly good prices.

A man interested in seven claims in the Kennedy mining district, who recently arrived in Reno, says the new mining camp is no place for a man without money, for there is no demand for workingmen, on account of the lack of capital among the claim owners. He says there are a number of men there now who consider themselves lucky when able to "chase" one meal a day.—Reno (Nev.) Gazette.

A special dispatch to the Denver News says that the cotton tree left behind a nest of pests in the shape of clouds of mosquitos around Granada, Colo., which make the putting up of hay a serious task. In many cases fires have been kindled in the evening in order to protect stock which was almost wild with pain from the bites. Men in some of the hay camps are compelled to wear mosquito hats over their faces to protect themselves from the bites of the swarming myriads. No one in this section has ever seen the like since this section of the valley was settled.

The Grand Junction (Col.) Star-Times advocates the construction of good wagon roads from that city toward the northwest, by which direct commercial and postal communication would be secured with the heavy settlements along White river in Colorado, and with Vernal, a thriving town in eastern Utah, which is surrounded by a productive agricultural and fruit growing country. The same is true, says the Star-Times, of Work, Utah, and adjacent territory towards the southeast, whose people would gladly make Grand Junction their trading point if good roads were built for their accommodation.

The machinery that was shipped here for the lager beer brewery by H. H. and Robert Santsch, who had entered into a supposed partnership with Casper Becker of the Washoe brewery, remains the Reno (Nevada) Gazette, is likely to be worked up by the lawyers for brewing trouble in place of beer for awhile. Since the arrival of the machinery there has been a misunderstanding between the partners. Becker holds the machinery for freight charges he paid, to the amount of about $1,000. The Santsch, acting under advice of their attorney, took some pieces of their machinery, and a replevin suit was immediately commenced by Becker, which was set for next Thursday, and is expected to settle the question.

Unappreciating.

She was a very cultured and fashionable young lady, albeit she was only a Texas girl, and she was a resident of New York. A gentleman calling on her parents had an opportunity to have a brief tete-a-tete with her.

"I presume," he said, "that while you grew up you will marry, as all little girls do."

"No," she replied languidly. "No. I hardly think I shall."

"Indeed! That will be so disappointing."

"Possibly it may be to mamma and to the young gentleman, but not to me. I fancy," and she lolled back in her chair quite tired to death, "don't you know."—Detroit Free Press.

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