NEWS OF THE WEST.

Desperate Attempt to Wreck a Railway Passenger Train.

WALKED UNDER MOVING CARS.

Killed While Making a Horse Perform —Fault Iron of the Wyoming Ranges —Crushed by a Rock.

The western sheep market has been badly demoralized for several days past.

The Arizona militiamen are circulating a petition asking the governor for a territorial encampment.

It is announced that the bank of San Bernardino, Cal., the oldest in the city, will retire from business.

J. E. Stone, of Soap, Cal., killed a cougar a grizzly recently, every cartridge fired being found in the carcass.

Coal has been discovered on the land of the Sherman Catholic colony in Eden valley, Steadenton, county, Cal.

Alexander McLain, fireman of the Crown mine at Yuma county, Cal., was killed in the mine this week by falling rock.

A disease closely resembling hog cholera has made its appearance at Lodi, Cal. It is nearly always fatal, and several droves of hogs have been destroyed.

The winemakers of northern Sonoma county, Cal., have determined to fix the price of grapes this season at $15 for white varieties and $20 for the quality of wine-grapes, and $18 for Zinfandels, Mataros and Burgundies.

Prescott, A. T., is wondering over the unearthing of a skeleton on Treasure hill. In addition to the bones there were found a bullet-perforated shirt, a miner's candlestick, jack-knife, several bunches of matches and some prospecting cards.

A bar of gold bullion aggregating $70,000 was brought into Yuma, Arizona, the other night from the La Fortuna mines, representing a thirty days' run of the twenty stamps of the mine. It is the largest bar of bullion ever brought to Yuma.

Two Monroe farmers returning home one night found the fence had been moved from several rods on the Great Northern railroad as a dangerous curve place above the track. Wrecks followed. They notified the section men and the rails were restored without delay. The next-round overland passed two hours later. A similar attempt was made about two years ago at the same place, one of the worst on the road for a wreck, as the train travels at great speed. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

Last Tuesday afternoon as the trial of Frank Stuart was going on at Safford, Arizona, quite a crowd had gathered near Jacobson's store and Porter Hamilton undertook to make his horse go through a course of gymnastic exercises and the result was that his horse fell, and Porter struck with his back on the end of a railroad tie. At first it was not thought he was hurt at all but in a few minutes he commenced vomiting and continued to do so for some time. He died of his injuries at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Miss Ormsbia Arrambide of San Francisco has made herself a heroine in the eyes of the people about Monumental Springs, Cal. Monday night a number of lookers-on "fixed" a wildcat in a canyon near the springs. Miss Arrambide mounted a horse, and armed with a rifle of light caliber, went to the assistance of the dogs. She reached the scene just as the lynx cat crawled out on a limb as if preparing to jump. The young woman was tired, but she took a steady shot and instantly her aim was true, and the cat crashed into the brush below dead.

Helena, Montana, Independent: Robert Spellman, section foreman on the Northern Pacific, was killed by a train near the eastern end of the tunnel east of Kent Helena yesterday morning. The accident was a peculiar one and was the result of Spellman's foolhardy carelessness. While he deliberately walked in front of a fast moving freight train, it is believed that he neither saw or heard it; or if he did, that he did not realize how fast it was going and failed to step off the track in time. He was thrown to his head on some rocks.

The Las Alamitos Sugar company filed its articles of incorporation. The capital stock of the company is $1,000,000, of which $400,000 is subscribed as follows: William A. Clark, $250,000; Will A. Clark Jr., $10,000; J. Ross Clark, $100,000, all to Butte, Mont.; and J. T. Miller, $1,000, and E. T. Dyer, $1,000, of Los Angeles. The principal place of business is in Los Angeles and the factory is to be built as soon as men and money can build them, the construction of the branch railroad from Anaheim to the proposed site having already been commenced and machinery ordered for the factory, as are the steel girders and other iron work for the building.

Omaha Stockman, Sept. 28: Gibson & Guthrie sent in four double-deck loads of sheep from Brigham, Utah. ....W. Heap Jr., of Montpelier, Ida., was in the city last night. ....The Wyoming ranges are in pretty bad shape this fall," said J. C. Gilland, a well known range cattle owner of Cheyenne the other day. Until the middle of August but the season had been exceedingly dry and the grass short, but since that time Mr. Gilland says that rain has fallen in abundance, the grass was started to growing and the prairies now present the green appearance that it does in the spring. The grass will have no chance to mature before cold weather sets in and will be absolutely worthless for hay. The ranges will be unfit for winter cattle and it looks now as if the stock would have to be taken out." This is Mr. Gilland's view of the situation at the present time.

IRON COUNTY PROSPECTS.

Current News Items from that Section.

HARMONY, Sept. 29th, 1896.

To the Editor:

I find the people of Iron county quite decided in their opinions on political questions, and very many express their views in a very intelligent manner, showing that they have given some consideration to the various questions at issue. While one says "Give us silver, silver," quickly proceeds among both sections of the great political parties, there is a very strong element in this section of southern Utah who, while they offer no objection to the development of gold and silver mines and the free coinage of silver, consider that the development of the natural resources of their own country would bring about a better condition financially and that the benefits derived would be more lasting; hence they say "Give us iron, too! We have the ore in abundance and iron, too, of the richest quality, five miles from a railroad through this county and Cedar City and Vicinity would become a great manufacturing center for iron and steel."

Men are not only sanguine but enthusiastic in this matter and to them the word "can't" is not known. They loudly hope the efforts now being made by Thomas Taylor and others will finally prove successful and capital furnished.

The sheep industry in this county has proved a great blessing and benefit to the people generally. One company known as the Cedar Co-operative herd has disposed many thousands of dollars annually among the people, a gentleman giving figures as follows: $17,000 for herding, freighting and supplies to herds; $16,000 in wintering a herd of $30,000 for the year, and this large sum not nearly all distributed among the people of Cedar City. The company have now in business twenty-seven years, and never failed to pay a dividend of from 8 to 15 per cent. They commence with 3,000 head and their herd to-day numbers 23,000. In addition the company own fifteen quarter sections of land in the mountains, used for grazing purposes. The company also run a sheep store which is well stocked with goods, and they consider themselves to be a good conditioned concern.

Iron county is to be commended for its efforts to sustain and maintain home industries. I was shown very good leather for sole and other purposes; two calf skins tanned exclusively with the sumach process deserve especial mention as first class goods. The leading men seek to promote and encourage those industries of various kinds by patronage, and they usually hold yearly fairs for the exhibition of these varied products. One will be held this year in Cedar City. In order not to be behind their neighbors north and south they are now putting in a complete roller mill for the manufacture of flour, the estimated cost being about $6,000 for machinery and the enlargement of flume and reservoir. I was somewhat astonished to learn that the latter had increased over 50,000 gallons of flow, principally from Coal canon, this year, the necessity for laying a canyon to a storage reservoir being done away with short crops, the old burr mill only turning half time. It is to be hoped the farmers will feel encouraged and plant more extensively, and keep the new mill well supplied and stop this drain financially to flour.

This part of Utah is no exception to the north in the almost total failure of the fruit crop; but a wise providence seems to have implanted in the mountains are filled with the so-called wild fruits—elderberry, raspberry, chokecherry and other kinds, and the people generally are availing themselves of the opportunity afforded and gathering them in abundance, so that the good housewives are making their jellies and preserves as of yore.

I found the grain crop generally very light, in the early spring months, and the snow on the mountains almost a failure. The grain suffered for lack of water but the later rains have been beneficial to insects and the corn crop which is considered very good and many are sorry they did not plant more barley. I was much surprised when informed that the three settlements of Harmony, Kanarra and Hamilton's Fort intended a little over 5,000 bushels of small grain, about 3,000 of this wheat, the balance oats and barley. The people are thinking of having good corn crops. I am told they had 11,000 bushels last year of small grain.

Dairying in the mountains I find is largely carried on in this section. Many families leave the valleys and make their homes in the mountains, making cheese and butter. They are now returning to their permanent homes, it being somewhat frosty in the hills. Sheep are largely owned in the mountains and many are engaged in shearing them, the practice being to shear three times in two years.

I had the pleasure of an introduction to the good lady who was the first white female child born in Utah, Aug. 9th, 1847, she being present when one of her grand children was being blessed by the Elders last Sunday. Just fancy the third generation! How time flies! TWIN BROTHER.

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