NEWS OF THE WEST.

An Idaho Wife Who is Bound to Win Her Case.

MORMON COLONIES IN MEXICO.

Utah's Pioneer Boy in Wyoming—Infant at [illegible]—Good Times [illegible]

A. Zeller, a young man who registered in Cheyenne, Wyo., Friday, as from Salt Lake, committed suicide on Sunday morning. Zeller is said to have any relatives in Salt Lake.

A number of human skulls and bones were found in the trunk of a tree in Wyoming a few days ago. It was evident that the persons had been killed, but when, and who they were, is a mystery.

Evanston, Wyoming, News Register: The 24th of the coming month will be a memorable day with reference to the Mormon creed the world over, for on that date will occur the 49th anniversary of the arrival of the advanced band of pilgrims who had followed Brigham Young's leadership to Salt Lake City, which was destined to become the centre around which would cluster the dearest traditions of the new faith. The pilgrimage began at Nauvoo, Ill., and it was full of hardships and vicissitudes which would have daunted less indomitable souls. Young's followers were made of very sturdy stuff, and they overcame by sheer difficulties which confronted them, and finally reached their destination, where they laid the foundation of a city.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: The colonies in the republic were first inaugurated by the Mormons some eight years ago. In various colonies, of which there are half a dozen, there are some 2,000 people. They are located in the valleys of San Miguel, Piedras Verdes and Bonita Grande rivers, in each of which there is an abundant flow of water the entire year. The principal colonies are Juarez, Dublan, Diaz, Pedasco and Oaxaca. The latter colony is in Sonora, the others are in Chihuahua. Oaxaca is about 100 miles away from the nearest colony in Chihuahua, and the latter are eighteen to forty miles apart. The colonists raise great quantities of fruit and vegetables and find their principal market in the mining camps at Cornelia, although they ship a great deal to the city of Chihuahua and the City of Mexico. They have a canning factory, which cans a great deal of the fruit grown and produces a quality which equals the best from American establishments. The last two years the output has been limited by the short crops of fruit, owing to the severe frosts, but this year the prospects are especially bright. Deming is receiving a great deal of trade lost at present from colonists.

Mrs. Jane E. Wood of Boise, Idaho, wants a divorce from her husband, John Wood. She says he has earned $500 a month for the past ten years, but refuses to support her; that he gets drunk and makes life decidedly unbearable for her; that when she does not give him the way he sells her bed linens, and is disposed to cruelty and she sues for court to give her a divorce and $5,000 of the property now in Wood's name. About six months ago Wood's intemperate habits and increasing cruelty caused Mrs. Wood to lock the door against him, causing him to camp out. Then Wood went to a newspaper and published the following: "Notice—To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for or pay any bills contracted by my wife, Jane E. Wood, after this date. John Wood." Mrs. Wood no doubt saw in this she had the under trump.

"Notice to All—John Wood never paid any of my bills for my clothes or anything else in the 19 years I have been married to him, with the exception of the bill I got at Mr. Conant's and I paid $12 worth of groceries I got at Mr. Brown's. He is now writing around town with a suit of clothes on that I paid $18 for at Tacoma last August, out of my own money. Jane E. Wood." This settled the business, and Mrs. Wood wouldn't let John come to the house at all, and has kept him at bay for the past six months. It now looks as though a permanent separation will result, as Mr. Wood's pollcon with an intemperate husband has resulted itself into a determination to get rid of him.

THE VORACIOUS CARP.

Clever Bass by Which It Is Exterminating Black Bass.

The German carp is a voracious fish, or a fashion, and the kind of bracts it has is described by W. F. Morgan in The Fishing Gazette. Says Mr. Morgan:

"One day in early June in the year 1894, in Kenagy county, Pa., I was watching the spawning bed of black bass in Portmanie creek from a bridge overhead, when along came a number of large German carp. One made a feint toward the nest, and when scared off the black bass fled. While the bass was in pursuit the remainder of the carp darted in, and in a twinkling devoured the spawn in the nest. I waited out to the bass one hour and found nearly on egg in it. I was told afterward of a similar case in the same stream."

The Pennsylvania report of the state commissioner of fisheries says that "there are few fishes more heartily abominated by American anglers than the carp. Its habits are indeed a redeeming feature in its character, and charge it with many bad ones, the most serious of which is that it is a more voracious spawn eater than the eel," and the angler fear that it will in a few years practically exterminate all the valuable food and game fishes despite the efforts of the various fish commissioners.

The carp furnishes the angler little or no sport, because it refuses to take the ordinary bait offered. Its flesh is not popular with American fish eaters, but it is in European countries, where as early as 1227 it was cultivated in Austria.

It is not known exactly who first introduced carp into American waters, nor exactly when it was done, but Mr. Fuller, a Californian, since June 3, 1876, is believed to have been the man. He is reported to have made the same flight as the introducer of the English sparrow into the United States, and the stranded one who turned English rabbits on to Australia.

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