

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Counterfeit bills are in circulation throughout Wyoming and is causing a good deal of trouble.

William Wagner, a Montana miner and prospector, is believed to have perished in the upper Cle-Elum country, in Washington.

Greeley, Col., farmers are holding back their potatoes in expectation of realizing higher prices, and they are confident that they will get them.

It is said that the cost of the trial of the Graham county, Arizona, mail robbers will exceed \$20,000. It comes high, but it breaks up one of the worst gangs of criminals in Arizona.

Stage robbing between Bowle and Solomonville is becoming so popular, according to the St. John's (Arizona) Herald, that passengers when they reach the secluded spots rob themselves, and then telegraph for a sheriff.

Joel Hull, living about a mile southwest of Santa Ana, Cal., started duck hunting and was found dead in a swamp next morning. It is thought that his death was caused by the attack of a vicious bull. The body was badly mutilated.

The Carson (Nevada) Tribune says Dorsey Noteware filed application Saturday morning for the purchase of nearly 10,000 acres of land in Elko county. The land will be purchased by a company who will doubtless improve the same.

George Thornton, a Cripple Creek miner, had both hands blown off and was seriously injured about the face and stomach by the explosion of a box of caps held in his hands. How it all happened the unfortunate man cannot tell.

The murderers of Pasquale Milesi, whose mutilated remains were found near his home in Raymond, Modoc county, Cal., about three weeks ago, are thought to have been at last located. Two half-breed Indians are suspected of having committed the murder.

Ranchmen in the valleys south of the Yellowstone Park report that elk are coming out of the park in large numbers. The heavy timber and deep snow in the park make it impossible for the animals to stay there during the winter, and they come down into the valleys to feed.

An Indian named Pixley stabbed a Chinese on Monday at Carson, Nev., because the latter refused to give him opium on credit. The Indian mounted a horse after committing the deed and rode up Carson street, shouting that he could not be taken. He is still at large.

Another freight car burned at Laramie, Wyo., Sunday, and the greater portion of the contents, including a quantity of household goods, were destroyed. This makes the fourth car to go up in smoke of late, and the general belief is that the trouble is being caused by a firebug.

In San Francisco on Saturday morning a car on the Fifth street line dropped about ten feet at the intersection of Howard. The ground gave way and car, driver and horse all went down. No one was hurt, but all were

measured with mud and traffic was blocked several hours.

Chin Wab Man, a Chinese merchant doing business in Fresno City, Cal., was assaulted and robbed late Sunday evening by four blinders, who are thought to be the same men who have been committing outrages in Chinatown for the past two weeks. He was robbed of \$345.

A messenger from the mountains above Raymond, Cal., reports the arrest of Charlie Hart and Jim Haskell, two Indians, for the murder of Pasquale Milesi, whose body was found a short time since horribly mutilated. Evidence against them is said to be convincing.

Julius Iben, postmaster at Magalia, Cal., was standing in front of his letter case when a gentleman stepped up and inquired for a letter. As Mr. Iben reached forth to take down the letters he was stricken with paralysis and fell dead. He was 63 years of age and a native of Prussia.

The claim of Judge I. P. Caldwell against the Albany county (Wyo.) National bank for \$10,000 attorney fees has been dismissed in the court at Denver and the injunction of Mr. Caldwell denied restraining the bank from selling certain property of Mr. Caldwell's to satisfy a claim of the bank for \$5,800.

The Denver police and detectives are making strenuous efforts to clear the streets of men whom they consider unsafe to be at large. On Monday officers placed under arrest twenty-five men whom they charge with vagrancy. Several resorts in the lower part of town were raided and the inmates were taken to the county jail.

George Terly left Moun Lake, Mont., on Wednesday last to walk to Boulder. When nearly in sight of the town he fell exhausted, and remained exposed to the weather for almost twenty-four hours. Finally he was discovered by the stage driver and brought to Bodie. His feet were so badly frozen that they will probably have to be amputated.

A Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church, San Bernardino, Cal., took fire on Monday evening and hundreds of children crowded in the church stampeded, some jumping out of the windows and others rushed for the doors. Several were made of less bruised, but none were fat or injured. The fire was promptly extinguished, but the audience dispersed without their Christmas offerings.

It is stated that Cheyenne shopmen will make an effort to have the order closing the shops January 1st rescinded. The plan that the men intend to adopt is to sign an agreement to accept the Denver schedule and appoint a committee of three or five men to go to Omaha and wait on General Munger Dickison and General Superintendent McConnell.

Owing to a scarcity of wood, and the impossibility of packing any from the mountain while the ground continues to melt, says the Silver Bell (Arizona), the Old Dominion Copper Co. has been forced to suspend work in the mine

for ten days or two weeks. Pumping will continue, of course, and as soon as the weather becomes settled wood will be delivered in quantity.

While silver mining countries are suffering during the depression in the price of the white metal, says the Phoenix, Ariz., Gazette, Arizona, with her rich gold mines, is prosperous, and the mining world is looking to her for relief. Gold in large quantities is a good thing to have, and though we dislike to see silver states suffering, we are thankful that we have so many good gold propositions to fall back on.

The recent mysterious disappearance of Henry Brieger, a Redwood City, Cal., upholsterer, has caused a small sensation. Brieger arrived there from San Francisco a short time ago with his wife and two small children. On Wednesday of last week he told his wife he was going to Mountain View to look for work, promising to return the next morning. He has not been seen since. His family are almost destitute.

State Veterinarian Greenwell (Colorado) says that never in the history of the state was so much cattle rustling going on as at present. Reports are coming in from all over the state that this is going on, and although the cattle inspectors are doing their best to stop it, it still exists. The rustlers are nothing more than cattle thieves, and their method of operation is to separate the cattle as far from the herd as possible and then burn out the brands.

The day for delivering sentence and deciding the motions in the arrest of judgment for a new trial, in the case of the state of Nevada against Mrs. Anne M. Hartley, was again postponed until Saturday, Jan. 5, says the Carson, (Nevada) Tribune. Affidavit was made that Mrs. Hartley was too ill to appear for sentence. If they allow her to die she will be dangerously ill as long as convenient. It is an old trick of hers and has baffled physicians before.

The Helena (Mont.) Independent says that Charles Jones, the last surviving member of the gang which held up the Northern Pacific express near Greyhills in August last year, came out better than his three companions; they are dead, while Jones escaped with a ten years' sentence to the penitentiary and a fine of \$100 for the murder of one of the posse that attempted to capture the men on the Blackfoot reservation on October 3rd following the robbery.

L. J. Rehe received a letter a few days ago which was dated January 14, 1878, says the Nevada City Herald. It was written at San Juan and was of importance and requested an immediate answer. In some manner it was mislaid, and it has lain all these years under some recess of the furniture in the postoffice. In moving the furniture Monday it dropped out and was delivered to Mr. Rehe. The letter was written by O. B. Swan, who was at the time postmaster at San Juan.

Mrs. Thompson, the divorced wife of Charles Thompson, formerly a ticket broker of St. Louis, arrived in Botte, Mont., on Monday, in company with a detective, stole her four-year-old daughter from the rooms of her ex-husband and got out of the state before it was feared that she had been in