NEWS OF THE WEST.

Another Ghastly Find on the Colorado Desert.

PROGRESS OF THE PERRINE COMET.

Discharging Postal Employes—The Great Litigation Between Chase Sprecklers and Sons.

Moist, Idaho, Enterprise: Martin Clark and brother, of Hansel, Utah, are in the valley this week buying cattle.

The Los Angeles, Cal., cable roads are being changed to electric lines, and it is expected that they will be operated by electricity by January 1st.

Recent mining discoveries in the neighborhood of Carson, Nev., have caused no little excitement, and land at Fernley and Dunkeys is being taken up rapidly.

The total enrollment at the Oregon State Agricultural College is now 518. For the first time in its history the girls' dormitory is taxed to its full capacity. The highest enrollment officers in the college was 765.

James Hogan, of Ogden, Utah, one of the directors of the American Railway Union, who was implicated at Woodstock, addressed a meeting in Oakland, Cal., Friday evening, under the auspices of the Alameda County Trades Federation.

Wasco county, Or., will pay $1 county on wildcats, cougars and coyotes, the Stockmen's Union supplementing it with another $1 in each case. A mass meeting of exterminators is called for December 8th, to decide on some means of exterminating the pests.

Another mystery has been added to the many that the sand route near the Colorado river has furnished in the finding of the body of a man near a wagon Friday. A prospector saw, some one hundred feet from the road connecting Yuma with Tucson and Interstate towns, a wagon and horse, and near the wagon a dark object, which, as he approached, he discovered was a human being, but he was too late. The spark of life has gone out several days before, and the remains were, of course, in a bad condition. The prospector hurried to Yuma and notified the authorities of his ghastly discovery. A justice of the peace selected a jury and went to the scene. An examination of the remains failed to disclose any signs of foul play. In one pocket was an envelope addressed to J. W. Perry at Los Angeles.

Professor Schaberle says, in speaking of the comet discovered at the Lick Observatory on the 17th inst., by C. D. Perrine, that Professor Campbell has computed its orbit from observations made Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. While it is impossible to determine the comet's path accurately from these three observations, the result shows very satisfactorily the distance and position of its orbit. The plane in which the comet is moving is inclined 141 degrees 25 minutes to the plane of the ecliptic and passes through the point of the ecliptic. The comet is now about 84,000,000 miles from the sun, but this distance will decrease and reach a minimum of about 28,000,000 miles on December 16th, at which time its angular distance from the point where its path intersects the ecliptic will be 273 degrees. After December 16th the distance from the sun will again increase. The object is not quite visible to the naked eye, but its brightness is increasing very rapidly. It will undoubtedly be visible without telescopic assistance in a few weeks. It must be mentioned, however, that the orbit is coming close to the earth.

The San Francisco postal employes have conversed that the new postal administration is one of the most exasperating they have ever worked under. Many of the carriers and clerks begin to think that Postmaster General Wilson is a tyrant. It is said that he has ordered a clerk to stand by the side and counter of men and report minutely on their movements. Under the new regime the wearers of Uncle Sam's uniform are disciplined more strictly than the police. Women whose duties are invariably performed by patrolling sergeants. One of the causes which the mysterious agents of the postmaster general have been investigating pertains to the custom of taking furloughs under the excuse of illness. Under existing rules if a clerk becomes ill he is allowed to draw full pay, but he must return to the "charge desk" or substitute who does his work. But if the clerk's pay is $4 per day he has to pay the extra but $1.60, thereby earning $2.40 while not working. It has been observed that there have been so many cases of illness among the clerks that the department at Washington is uneasy over the sanitary conditions of the city by the golden gate. There is a reason for "illness" other than a straight leave of absence, because when clerks are only in name they lose their pay.

Another chapter in the book of litigation between Claus Spreckels and his two sons, A. C. and Rudolph Spreckels, was begun Friday in Judge Seth's department of the superior court. Col. Claus Spreckels, through his attorneys, applied for and was granted an injunction against the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar company, Russell J. Wilson, Manager; S. Wilcox, Charles S. Wheeler, Rudolph Spreckels and B. J. Hollister, restraining them from proceeding further in an action brought by them in the circuit court of Hawaii, at Honolulu, on the October 3d of this year, to oustate Claus Spreckels from owning or dealing in 9,000 acres of Hawaiian land on the island of Maui. The Hawaiian court granted the injunction prayed for by the company. It was claimed by them in their petition that when, in 1884, Claus Spreckels turned over to the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar company the lands he had held in trust for it, he withheld from the transfer 9,000 acres. They claimed that the whole number of acres held in trust by him was 24,000, whereas he transferred to the company only 15,000 acres. The land was part of what was known as the Atherton Kaiulani. The further proceeding in which the restraining order of Judge Seth is intended to apply is that instituted by the Sugar company to recover the 9,000 acres of the Atherton Waikiki, now in the possession of Claus Spreckels, and also all of the profits which have been derived from it since the date of the transfer of the 15,000 acres from Claus Spreckels to the sugar company.

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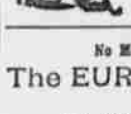

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