NEWS OF THE WEST.

"War" Declared by Property Owners on a City Council.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICAL JOKE.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Collector —A Jail Breaker Recaptured —Other Items.

The plant at Aspen, Colo., known as the Holden Inversion Works, has been sold under the sheriff's hammer.

A. Y. Hatch, who broke jail last Sunday morning at Canon City, Colo., and was captured in an abandoned mine has been sentenced to sixteen years in the pen.

Denver's death rate for October, according to the News, was 11.14 per 1,000 per annum. Reducing possible contracted sixes here it was less than 10 per 1,000.

At Rock Springs, Wyo., a number of Italian miners got into an altercation. During the melee Joseph Scolly, a mining boss, was disagreeably stabbed in the abdomen. Two Italians were arrested and placed under $1,000 bonds each to await the result of Mr. Scolly's injuries.

Nampa (Idaho) Leader: A train load of sixteen carloads of cattle were loaded here yesterday for Omaha. They were a fine smooth lot belonging to Crawford Bros. They were laden on sleds but when they reach the market they will be thrown in and sold as corn fed steers.

Henry Meldrum, a blacksmith of the North Star mines at Silverton, Colo., was sandbagged and robbed by two men at the lower part of town on Thursday evening. It was an hour before he regained his senses. He lost a watch and a chain, a diamond ring and $60 in money.

John Gibson, a well known miner, was fatally injured in the Portland mine at Burke, Idaho, on Thursday morning. Fifteen shots had been put in, before he left the mine the explosion took place, inflicting terrible wounds and bruises that resulted in death in a few minutes afterwards.

Captain Patrick Henry Ray, who was indicted by the grand jury at Lander, Wyo., for brand g cattle belonging to settlers while off the reservation, was arraigned in the district court on Thursday and pleaded not guilty. He entered bonds for his appearance at court and went back to the agency.

An attachment has been issued against the Hamilton Gold and Silver Mining company of Georgetown, Colo., in favor of C. B. Bullock et al for the sum of $14,161.55. The property of the company, consisting of the Centennial and other mines, town lots and houses in Georgetown have been levied upon by the sheriff.

Thomas O'Neill, who was shot through the breast early on Tuesday morning at Cheyenne, Wyo., on the sidewalk by the Tivoli, by Charles Routier, has succumbed to his injuries. Michael O'Neill, brother to Tom, who was shot in the left leg twice at the same time by Routier, is not considered in a dangerous condition, although he lost a good deal of blood.

W. J. Cornell, the San Diego (Cal.) superintendent of a Sunday school who has a certified extensive as proprietor of a baby-farming institution in El Cajon valley, has been sentenced to eighteen months in the county jail. Cornell is charged with the baby at tempted to blackmail a Denver man with whom he was in correspondence relative to the sale of a supposition child.

Battery A will hold its annual practice shoot with field pieces next Sunday, says the Nebraska Enterprise. The range over which the shoot will take place is a mile and a quarter in length. It is not nearly so easy to make a battery with the big guns as it is with a rifle. Nonwithstanding this, the feat was accomplished several times last year, at which shoot Josh Healy was the most successful workman.

Three prominent citizens of Ukiah, Cal., were painfully wounded on Wednesday night while playing a practical joke on Hecklauder, a cyclist weaver. The jokers attached a string to a "click-clack" arrangement, which was fastened to Hecklauder's window. Hecklauder discharged his shotgun filled with duck shot at the pictures and each carried off a good load of lead. Doctors were summoned and the metal extracted. None of the injuries men are totally hurt.

War has been declared at Santa Rosa, Cal., by a large number of property owners on the city council on account of the action of the council in levying a tax of 25 cents per $100 for the payment of the new waterworks bonds. Fifty prominent property owners, representing $1,000,000 worth of property, tendered their taxes due for other purposes, but in lieu to pay the water tax, on the ground that the bonds had not been sold and that the council has not the right to levy the tax. Long and expensive litigation is expected over the matter.

A number of English capitalists who have been at Yankton, S. D., several days investigating the methods of John M. Pierce, claim that they have been victimized to the extent of over $1,000,000 in fraudulent and bogus bonds, school warrants, etc. Pierce arrived there ten years ago and has allured quotidianly transactions prospered and that branch offices were opened at Holyoke, Colo., and Spokane. Pierce secured a large amount of capital from England and has fled. It is his will distinct, and lately evidence of an embezzling character has been disclosed.

The mysterious disappearance of W. J. Chapman, deputy collector of internal revenue, from Leadville, Colo., some days ago is puzzling. The officials say they know of no reason why he should have disappeared, unless he has wandered off in a fit of temporary aberration of mind. About September 1 last, Chapman, it is said, went up into the mountains to hunt down a lot of moonshiners. On this trip he got lost and was compelled to remain out all night, exposed to the weather, without any covering or shelter. When he was found he had contracted a severe cold, and since that time his mind has appeared to be somewhat off its balance at times.

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