NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Crazy Man Drowned While Swimming the Yellowstone River.

THE EXTERMINATION OF WOLVES.

A Child Accidentally Forced to Death —Guarded Rewarded— Other Items.

C. E. Palmer, ex-county assessor and a well known stock and ranchman, of Pitkin county, Colo., died very unexpectedly on Monday evening, after an illness of only three days.

Arthur Hawley was mistaken for a deer while hunting in the mountains of Benton county, Ore., and was shot through the body just above the hips with a large rifle. It is more than likely that Mr. Hawley's injuries will prove fatal.

A party of fishermen on Monday, at Aspen, Utah, found the body of James Brown, entered, to a small lake just above town. Brown has been missing for several days. The presumption is that deceased walked or fell into the lake and was drowned.

The two and a half year old child of John Pugsen was forced to death at Butte, Mont., on Monday. Her dress caught fire while playing around a smouldering pile of rubbish. Every shred of clothing was turned off her before assistance arrived, and she died but a few moments.

The work of exterminating wolves is being prosecuted vigorously by ranchmen in the northern part of the state, says the Laramie (Wyo.) Boomerang. Hundreds of the animals have been driven into Wyoming by the prairie fires recently raging in northern Nebraska.

Virginia (Nevada) *Chronicle*: Four members of the C. & C. gang sneaked and beat squaws near the Nevada brewery last night. The squaws live in wickiups near the brewery, and the young ought-a-waits go to their pen or shoots during the night and set upon them, beating and wounding them shamefully.

A proposition having been made to the Cheyenne shopmen to increase the future piece-work rates if a reduction of wages was accepted, the men have offered to accept the reduction under the following conditions: First, that the men should be allowed to work six days each week; second, that a day's work should constitute nine hours; third, that all men thrown out of employment in consequence of the A. R. U. strike should be reinstated.

During the parade at Helena, Mont., on Monday night the flowers in a car caught fire from the shower of sparks incident to fireworks to cheering. There was a quantity of Roman candles, red fire and other accessories of the pyrotechnic display, and in a moment the flowers began to explode. This together with the blare, frightened the horses drawing the float, and they began to run. The men on the float jumped and escaped without injury, except Mr. Barbour, who saw his son broken.

Butte (Mont.) *Inter-Mountain*: Two Park school districts recently became embroiled in a controversy relative to the location of the state capital. Both districts were too signalled to engage in a fist fight, and their friends suggested that the best way out of it was to fight a duel. The Amazonian clan was asked to nominate its champion and selected politician. The "duellists" were to stand within twenty feet of each other, and only one pistol at a time was to be taken in hand. The one who fired low either or accidental his opponent got by a well-directed blow was to be declared the winner.

U. P. Davis, from Louisville, came to Denver, says the *News*, a few days ago and took lodgings at the Lankershim block. He met a couple of friends who were as poor as himself. The friends of Davis were grubbed with beer and Davis gave them permission to call on him whenever they needed a shave. Last evening they called while Davis was out. The razor pulled hard and they began to search the barber's drawers for another. They found a roll of $27, which they stowed away, in a corner and hastily left the building with the money. Davis complained at headquarters last night.

On Tuesday morning a stranger, showing unmistakable symptoms of insanity, appeared at a ranch on Silver Bow creek, Mont., and created considerable commotion by his crazy antics. His face was covered with blood and he said that he had fallen from a train. He could give no coherent account of himself, other than his name was Salisbury. He became so violent that he was driven from the ranch at the point of a gun. Later in the day he started to swim the Yellowstone river, and, when half way across, was seen to sink. He came up once, threw up his hands wildly, and then went down.

Red Lake Reservation.

There is considerable alarm among intending settlers in this part of the country lest the 20 townships of the Red Lake reservation upon which final reports have been made by the government surveyors shall not be thrown open to entry this fall. Hundreds of men have been quietly exploring the land, and many of them have selected claims for location and only await the opening to make settlement and put up their homes. Some hesitation is said to be felt at Washington about issuing the order for opening before spring, but an understanding of the real situation, it is thought, would convince the department that the fall of the year is the best time for such opening.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A Leg For the Prince.

The Prince of Wales has received a curious present in the form of a leg of mahogany 40 feet long and 42 inches in diameter. The sender is Prince Karko Kontoma of west Africa, who has never met Albert Edward, but has heard from my sources of his fame as a soldier, sportsman and whist player. The leg is a somewhat unwieldy size for a gift, but it is understood that the Prince of Wales proposes to turn it into furniture.

Money Work Both Ways.

The proper girl of a family often doesn't wash her face for several days, thinking it is not good for the complexion. If the boy makes the same claim, he is whipped.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

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