

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A curious stone, resembling a reptile, has been presented to the Golden Gate Park museum by S. A. Barker, of San Jose. It is a relic of the early inhabitants of the Pacific coast.

In the court at Boise City, Idaho, George W. Clark, the mail carrier on the Indian Valley Meadow route has been found guilty of robbing the mails. He will be sentenced later.

Marshal Brigham and wife were expected to arrive in Millford last night, says the Beaver *Usonian*, on their way to St. George whither they go to spend a couple of weeks among friends.

The sheep and cattle war has opened early in Colorado. Two hundred head of sheep were killed at Red Cliffs a few evenings ago, presumably by cattlemen who had just held a meeting previous to that.

The *Saratoga Sun* says that plowing is in full blast throughout the valley at this time, and seeding of ground to oats, wheat and alfalfa is progressing this year on a more extensive scale than ever before.

The Evanston (Wyo.) *News-Register* says: C. E. Wantland, of Salt Lake, was in town this week on business in connection with the big lease of Union Pacific land he has lately made to the cattlemen of Uinta county.

Manuel Riveroll, from whose shipping office at Ensenada, Cal., a gold brick valued at \$12,800 owned by the Ybarra Gold Mining company was stolen March 20th, has been arrested, charged with the theft.

Bert Waggon, a young carrepairer, was killed in an accident in the railroad yards at Red Bluff, Cal. His head was crushed between a freight car and the caboose, while he was in the act of coupling them.

Richfield Advocate: Sheep shearing is in full blast at the Crossland corral at the mouth of Willow creek. For the last few days a strange disease, called bighead, has been spreading among the flocks with fatal result.

Charles A. Patterson, a cook employed at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, had both hands and arms severely scalded Wednesday night, by the accidental upsetting of a caldron of boiling water.

In the district court at Evanston, Wyo., County Commissioner John Wilkes has been sentenced to fifteen days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$200, for attempting to approach a jury in the trial of a capital offense.

Two sheepherders were badly poisoned near Douglas, Wyo., by catching water from the melting snow from their tent and making coffee from it. The sugar of lead and alum in the ducking to make it waterproof is very poisonous.

While prospecting last week two boys discovered a cave in the Nantock mountains, Cal., into which they were able to penetrate 400 feet without reaching the end. Numerous large rooms were found containing different kinds of crockery ware.

Dr. Davis' mine in Soldier Bridge

canyon, is beginning to show the result of hard work, says the *Tooele Transcript*. The doctor has a tunnel in about 200 feet and will go in about 500 feet more, and expects to find a good body of lead silver ore.

The Gray Eagle, at the head of Main Bingham gulch, says the *Bingham Bulletin*, made a shipment of very high grade silver ore this week, with more of the same kind in sight, and the property bids fair to become one of the heaviest producers in the camp.

At Elk Grove, Sacramento county, Cal., on Monday afternoon the east-bound overland express struck Ethel Jennick, aged twelve years, and crushed her skull. She died instantly. She attempted to cross the track in front of the train.

The work of laying the foundation for the new opera house, says the *Ephraim Enterprise*, will begin tomorrow morning and will be pushed as fast as the masons can push it. It is expected to have it ready to commence laying brick early in June.

Mercur Mercury: The Geyser is running in a very satisfactory manner, and between forty and fifty tons are put through the mill daily. The mine is looking first class, and a loose quartz ore is now being taken out, of which seventy tons can easily be put through the crusher daily.

A rich body of ore, states the *Tooele Transcript*, was found in the Rover at Stockton, last week, which runs far above the average Stockton ore. The Rover is under lease by Taylor & Erikson, and the boys have worked hard for the success that is now staring them in the face.

The laws of the late session of the Wyoming legislature says the *Laramie Boomerang*, have been printed and bound in book form and several hundred have already been delivered. In the appendix are the rules of the supreme court and the arid land donation act passed by Congress.

This is what the Denver chief of police says: "There is not a gambling house open in this city, and every place that has opened up has been closed by my orders. I am almost tempted to offer a reward to the man who can find a faro table or a roulette wheel in operation."

Grand Valley, says the *Grand Junction (Col.) News*, will have over 12,000 acres of orchard before the year closes, within a radius of from twelve to fifteen miles of Grand Junction. The fruit business is growing to enormous proportions, and in the years to come it will require thousands of people to handle it properly.

Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle: Chris Veager, a well known miner from the Cochise district, reports that on Thursday last a remarkable strike was made in the lower levels of the Lobe Star mine, owned by Denver people. Chunks of free gold as large as a silver dollar appear in the white quartz. It is said to be worth \$3,000 per ton.

Harker's canyon gold is still the talk, remarks the *Mercur Mercury*, though the strike has simmered down

until now it appears that the deposits are not so extensive and rich as at first supposed and the gold is worth about \$16 per ounce. The men who vouched for the fact that the gravel ran from \$35 to \$60 per yard have all faded out of public view.

A dispatch from Rawlins, Wyo., says: The Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining and Milling company will commence work on its property near this city on Monday. A force of men will be put to work in the tunnel, which has been driven 185 feet, and it is expected regular shipments of silver and copper ore will be maintained.

Richard S. Heath has won his suit against the *San Francisco Examiner* to recover \$10,000 damages for libel. The jury returned a unanimous verdict awarding Heath \$2,500 to compensate him for being pictured in print as one of the participants in a barroom brawl when, in point of fact, he was not present at all, but was at home with his family.

William Boyle, a packer of San Francisco was caught and horribly mangled Tuesday morning by the freight elevator used between the sidewalk and basement in front of the store. The unfortunate man was alone in the basement at the time of the accident, and it is believed that it was fully twenty minutes before his lifeless body was seen by the engineer.

DeLamar (Idaho) Lode: For a couple of days of the week the DeLamar mill was operating under minor difficulties, caused principally by the light lining of the furnace, which has been repaired, and first quality 8-inch fire brick now makes a lining that will withstand great wear, and the mill is now working up to its capacity, handling forty-five tons of ore each day.

Last Tuesday Le Grand Richards, a son of George F. Richards, met with a painful accident, says the *Tooele Transcript*. He was on a wagon which was being loaded with hay, and in going from the stack to the scales, the wagon caught in the stack and threw the boy out, the wheel running over his arm, breaking both bones just above the wrist. Dr. Davis set the arm and the boy is doing nicely.

Park City Record: The Utah Central is now receiving fair share of the ore shipments and several cars per day are being hauled to the Salt Lake smelters. The new cars recently constructed for that class of freight are giving splendid satisfaction and are much handier for a short run than the box cars heretofore used for that purpose. The little road should enjoy a profitable summer.

The *Grangoville (Idaho) Gold Miner* says the white men have been ordered off the Nez Perce reservation. If this order is enforced it will work a serious damage on the country at large, as well as to individual interests. It is estimated that 20,000 acres of leased land is being farmed within the reservation limits, and a large portion of this is already sown to flax and wheat. If the settlers are removed these crops will be a loss.

Daniel Thomas, a well known colored man, who for year or more has been a resident of this place, says the *Tempe, Ariz., News*, has been accidentally killed by being thrown from a