

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The old Wyoming State *Tribune* plant will be moved from Cheyenne to Rawlins this week, to be consolidated with the *Rawlins Republican*.

A little girl of Cheyenne got hold of a bottle of sugar-coated cathartic pills, and swallowed the lot. Two doctors saved her life after great difficulty.

A species of worm resembling the army worm has made its appearance in San Diego, (Cal.) Its work is very destructive, potatoes and other vegetables especially being injured by it.

Pluche (Nevada) Record: Land entries in considerable quantity continue to be made from the Muddy valley. Over 1,500 acres were entered by three parties last week.

Manager Lester of the Northwestern theater circuit, has disappeared from Tacoma, Wash., suddenly, leaving debts behind him. He was a society man and an expert poker player.

George W. Baker, editor of the first Democratic morning paper published in Philadelphia, a California pioneer and an associate of Broderick, Gwin and Terry, has just died at Wilcox, Arizona.

The Brigham City Woolen Mill will start up this week, according to the *Bugler*. They look for a lively and prosperous run this season. Some 10,000 pounds of wool are on hand or in sight with which to begin work.

While digging in Dr. H. H. Pierson's yard at Sacramento, Cal., a man's spine struck an iron box, which apparently has been buried for a long time. The box was opened and in it were found \$140 in \$20 gold pieces.

The work of loading the 80,000 ties at Medicine B.w., Wyo., has begun. All these will be used in improving the road bed of Wyoming division and they will be distributed at different points of the road.

Salina Press: About 700 cattle were shipped from this point Thursday in parcels in Colorado. The cattle comprised a lot gathered up by Hans Tot of Monroe. They will be put on range the coming season and get in shape for the eastern market.

American Farm Item: A letter from Leland Drake, formerly of Pleasant Grove but now of Petron Basin, Idaho, elicits the fact that that country is fairly being settled by Utah people, and many are going up there from Utah county and from Pleasant Grove in past years.

Charles Cunningham, the Umatilla county (Wash.) "sheep king," owns 14,000 acres of wooded land and has enough more under lease to make nearly 60,000 acres. He has 20,000 sheep, of one sheep to three acres. Ten thousand of his sheep were wintered without a pound of hay or grain.

The outlook for cattle all over southern Arizona, says an exchange, is the best it has been for some time. While the ranges are out in extra good condition, they are not overstocked like they have been for the past few years, and prices are jumping up in a way to make the cattlemen wear broad smiles.

K. B. Dixon, while riding over his

stock range, near Roseburg, Or., one day last week, came upon a wildcat, which immediately took to a tree. Having no gun he picked up a stone and hurled it at the animal, striking it with such force that it fell upon the ground dead.

A Colfax, Wash., firm is issuing due bills to ranchers in payment for produce in the form of small cards stamped with the amount due and date of issue. These the ranchers turn in toward the purchase of goods as they need them, and also pass from hand to hand in payment of debts.

Max Marks, of Oroville, Cal., has a curious book. He has taken the various death notices or cards as they have been printed from time to time during the past eight years and pasted them in a book, thus forming a history of the deaths that have occurred in his locality.

The *De Lamar (Idaho) Nugget* states that some promising claims have been taken up in the creek just below Blauville. Very rich flat has been found on the divide between the two gulches for a number of years, and now it is thought that leads have been discovered. A half interest in one claim has been sold for \$1,000 cash.

The *Glenwood Springs (Colo.) Avalanche* says: A report was circulated Saturday evening that while digging a cellar in the south part of the city, two boys had unearthed an old tub not containing \$1,265. It developed, however, that the sum of \$12.65 had been uncovered, and that it was found just below the surface of the ground.

G. W. Martin has shown us a sprig taken from a pear tree, says the *Maui Messenger*, which proves the necessity of immediate spraying of fruit trees. The twig was covered entirely with living insects crawling about eating the life from the budding buds. The spots resemble an iron rust and to the naked eye nothing of an insect nature is visible.

The *Merced (Cal.) Express* says: The *Vivian Sportsman's* club expects to receive from Texas, in a few days, a number of wild turkeys. They will be distributed in future county. They should be permitted to live and increase, for they would be a novel addition to the game birds of California. They should be protected by a state law for some years to come.

J. H. Pierce's little boy and Mr. Herrington's son have been playing "Santak and Evans" lately, using a small 22 rifle in their fun, says the *Red Bluff (Cal.) Sentinel*. The Herrington boy accidentally shot the Pierce boy in the left thigh, the ball entering the front and emerging in the back, making a flesh wound which is not dangerous.

Between sixty and seventy prospectors, under the supervision of a Mr. Gehl, of Salt Lake, have passed through Evinston in the past week, says the *Register*, headed for the gold placers of the upper Green river country. Men who worked there placers last year made from \$5 to \$9 a

day, and this year, with improved appliances, better results are looked for.

Superintendent John McNally, of the Virtue mine, at Baker City, Ore., reports a rich strike in the 470-foot level. It is one of the richest ever made in the Virtue and owing to the great depth, it being the deepest mine in the state, is considered all the more valuable. The news of the strike practically demonstrates that many properties have great possibilities as development progresses.

The farmers of Midway, according to the *Wasatch Wave*, have at last hit upon a sure plan to exterminate ground squirrels. They have a tin box in the shape of a stove pipe with a nozzle at one end and a hand bellows at the other. The operator kindles a fire in the box with chips and sulphur, inserts the nozzle into a squirrel hole and pumps the smoke in with the bellows. It is said that every squirrel in the hole quickly succumbs.

The *Cheyenne Sun* says the Union Pacific and the Gulf have already made contracts for the shipment of 170,000 head of cattle from the South, which will be shipped north through this city over the Cheyenne & Northern. Pastured cattlemen state that this number will be increased before the season is over. Two years ago 240,000 cattle were shipped through the city, which broke the record. The amount this year, it is predicted, will exceed 200,000.

Brigham Bugler: George House has resided for seven years on the extreme northwestern edge of the Bear river bay, the northwesterly arm of Great Salt Lake. He informs a *Bugler* reporter that during those seven years the lake in that vicinity has receded two miles. Fences that were built out in the briny water are now left high and dry. The fall in the lake has been upwards of one foot. Mr. House thinks the lake is slowly drying up, at least in these parts.

While standing with several gentlemen in the lobby of a hotel at Miles City, Montana, on Tuesday, Captain A. McC. A. Webster, of the Twenty-second United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Keogh, was shot in the back and will be crippled for life even should he recover. A big .44-revolver fell from some one's pocket and was discharged when it struck the floor. The owner of the pistol is not known. The ball lodged against the spinal column.

Millard County Blade: Many sheepmen have been in town the past week purchasing supplies for the homeward drive. As a rule, the past winter has been more than usually favorable to the wool-growers that have wintered in the western desert. The sheepmen are fast learning that early spring driving is expensive work. They begin to realize that by staying a month longer on the winter range, the sheep gain needed strength for the return to lambing grounds and the summer range.

The *Denver Times* says Henry Blake has just returned from a prospecting trip into western Colorado and Utah, and says he found large bodies of platina, 25 cents a pound, and black and brown colors, the latter color being of a good quality. A New York syndicate