

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Lehi Sugar Factory company is having a large storehouse built 40x75 at the factory in which to store sugar.

The work of killing wolves in the northern part of the state is progressing rapidly, says the Laramie (Wyo.) *Boomerang*.

The Mount Shasta Manufacturing company's box factory at Sisson, Cal., was almost totally destroyed by fire on Friday night. The loss is \$10,000, insurance \$5,000.

While switching in the yards at Ajamoss, Colo., on Friday evening, Anthony Roper, aged 16, and son of John Roper, lost his balance and fell from a car, breaking his neck in two places and dying instantly.

Montana insists that her gold product this year will show a gain of 75 per cent over 1893. Colorado claims 40 per cent, while the receipts at the Denver branch mint indicates a higher figure.

James Harris, a fourteen-year-old boy, is in the care of the police at Sacramento, Cal. He says that his father is a Chicago groceryman. James has traveled all over the country on brakebeams and is now heading for home.

Laramie (Wyo.) *Boomerang*: Supt. John Davis of the chemical works has for some time had a gang of men engaged at the soda lakes in gathering the soda crystals which have formed there during the past season. He now has on the bank 800 tons of soda.

The Los Angeles (Cal.) *Express* says that tramps are appearing at the doors of suburban residences, demanding pie, cake, sandwiches and Vienna schnitzels. Good housewives, adds the *Express* facetiously, will always keep a pan of hot water on the stove for them. They don't want it, but they need it.

A number of ranchmen on the Big and Little Laramie rivers in Albany county (remarks the Green River, Wyo., *Star*) say that they never raised such immense crops of potatoes as were grown there this year. John M. Dearlove has made affidavit that he raised 1,056 bushels of potatoes on one acre of ground.

The Austin, Nevada, fire department makes this liberal offer: On and after this date, when an alarm of fire has been turned in, Eagle Hose Company No. 3 will offer a standing reward of \$2.50 to the person who arrives at the hose house first, with a span of horses, each horse to have on a collar. Harness on the hose cart.

The new lixivation works at Duncan, Colo., are now ready to begin work. If the treatment proves a success there will be a big rush to this camp, and properties which are now doing but very little will be worked to their full capacity, while a vast amount of virgin ground will soon be staked off by new prospectors.

Superintendent Campbell of the Burlington road, is in the city, states the *Denver News*. He says a banking firm in McCook has bought 2,000 tons of hay in Colorado to be fed to cattle in Nebraska. The demand for hay has

been so great that many buyers are in the field and the price has gone up \$2 a ton since the opening of the season.

A mammoth petition is being signed by the people of Aspen, Leadville, Salida, Georgetown, Central City, Cripple Creek, Creede, Breckenridge and other important Colorado towns. It is addressed to the business men and citizens of Arapahoe county, and asks them to stand by the mountains in the fight for silver.

Eugene Tarbarelli, a former employe of the Colorado Iron & Fuel company, has commenced suit in the district court at Denver for \$25,000 damages for the loss of the use of his leg in an accident in the Spring Gulch mine in Pitkin county last November. Tarbarelli was a driver in the mine and in an accident had his leg badly mangled under the cars.

Boise (Idaho) *Statesman*: Deputy Sheriff J. C. Connors, of Silver City, has returned from Blackfoot, where he left at the asylum for the insane an old man named William Maskelyne. The old fellow is said to be as mad as a March hare. He imagines he is a pine tree and interposes a vigorous demurrer to the wind gamboling among the leaves.

S. N. Beach, of Evergreen, Colo., who had the contract to get out timber for four new bridges on Bear creek, was instantly killed on Tuesday morning. He was unloading a large timber from the wagon when it fell across his breast and rolled over his head, crushing him into a shapeless mass. Mr. Beach was the owner of one of the largest saw mills in Jefferson county.

J. Clement, while at work in the logging camp, has met with a serious accident, says the *Truckee (Nevada) Republican*. The accident was caused by a falling tree, and resulted in two broken jaws. Whether the tree hit Mr. Clement in its descent or sprang back and struck him in the face is hard to determine. In some way it hit him and broke his upper and lower jaw.

Laramie *Boomerang*: Word from Cripple Creek, Colorado, says that the Ryan toys are selling about \$7 worth of water there daily from their artesian well. They have just purchased a large engine and boiler and will drill several wells for parties there. One will be for the electric light works there, as it is expected that the city water works will freeze during the winter as they did last year.

A sad accident occurred at Liberty last Saturday, says the *Paris (Idaho) Post*, by which Claud Austin, the 18-year-old son of Bishop E. N. Austin, met his death. He was coming down the canyon with a load of logs, when his team became unmanageable and his brake would not work. He was thrown from his load, and the base of his skull struck a sharp stick of wood, producing concussion of the brain, causing instant death.

Colorado's state treasurer has brought suit in the district court at Denver against the old Commercial National bank and its sureties for \$9,031.43, the

amount of state funds deposited with the concern. The treasurer says that when he assumed the office January 19, 1893, the bank solicited him to deposit funds, and as no depository was designated by law, he did so, and took an indemnity bond in the sum of \$50,000, signed by a number of prominent citizens, who are all defendants.

Ephraim *Enterprise*: Within the next week or ten days the Gunnison roller mill will be completed and ready to commence work. A good run is expected, as this year's crop has been exceedingly good in that locality. Neile Thompson and J. P. Fransen, of this city, the projectors of the enterprise, deserve credit for their work. It will be a great advantage to Gunnison and surrounding settlements, as heretofore they had to go either to Salina or Mayfield for their flour.

A Japanese while leaving the depot at Sacramento on Sunday evening was set upon in the rear of the building by a couple of youths, one of whom knocked him down, and the other relieved him of \$40. The Jap says the youngster who knocked him down was about twenty years of age, and the other a boy of about sixteen years. The spot where the affair occurred is quite dark, and nobody witnessed it, although the street car terminus was but a few yards distant, and people were passing to and from the depot.

A mysterious plague has suddenly broken out at and about Wardner, Idaho, in the Cœur d'Alene mining country, and within the last few days several hundred people have been stricken, most of whom are miners. The local physicians are baffled as to the origin or nature of the epidemic, and local physicians have been called to go to Wardner for consultation. The people are greatly alarmed and surrounding towns are afraid that the plague will spread. No deaths are as yet reported. The medical opinion is that the disease is not dangerous.

John Nicholson was killed and Paddy Mannix fatally injured in an accident in the Mountain Consolidated mine at Butte, Mont., on Tuesday afternoon. They were descending the shaft, when the cage suddenly dropped about 100 feet. The men were thrown against the sides of the shaft and were caught in the timbers. Nicholson's legs, neck, skull, arms and ribs were broken. Mannix's right thigh and leg were crushed, and it is not possible for him to recover. The accident was caused by the engine getting beyond the engineer's control.

Dr. E. N. Griffith, of McAllister street, San Francisco, who branded a baby on the 11th inst., has been tried for cruelty to a child and acquitted. After marking the infant on the thigh with the letter "M" and a bar below the letter, the defendant sent it to the Receiving hospital in charge of a messenger boy. He freely acknowledged that he had marked the baby so that in some future time the mother could identify her offspring. He was nervous and restless until after the verdict of "not guilty" was returned by the jury.

John Fallon got in from Muldoon today and delivered himself up to Deputy Sheriff Sanders, saying that he had killed Willis Jones. Fallon claims to have acted in self-defence; that