

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The farmers of Colorado are in great fears of a water famine the coming season, owing to the light fall of snow.

The Oceanic Steamship company's steamer Alameda, now on her way from Australia to San Francisco, has on board \$3,500,000 in gold. This is the largest amount of treasure ever brought into San Francisco by a single vessel.

In an effort to secure the building of the main line of the Oregon Short Line through Boise, Ida., the following committee has been appointed: Peter Sonna, chairman Calvin, Cobb, Mayor Alexander, C. N. Miore, H. B. Eastman and S. B. Kingsbury.

The Pacific Borax company, of which F. M. Smith of Oakland, Cal., is president, has decided to establish a plant to manufacture boracic acid in this state. An immense factory will be built at Dagget, 25 miles north of Los Angeles on the Santa Fe railroad and in the Mojave desert.

It was learned at Stockton, Cal., Monday that last Saturday night R. A. Henderson of that city was blown from a railway train just this side of Altamont tunnel. He escaped with a few bruises, though for two hours and a half he lay dazed and part of the time unconscious in the freezing wind.

A cattle deal involving the sum of \$50,000 was closed in Denver Wednesday, the contract being between I. W. Rice & Co., and George Adams, a Monte Vista cattleman, the latter selling 1,500 head of Hereford cattle and leasing to the company the Ady-Derkle ranch of 8,000 acres, seven miles southeast of Hooper.

At Leadville, Colo., Friday, William Tate, a sporting man, was found guilty of gambling and conducting a gambling house by the district court. Judge Owens presiding. This is a result of the crusade inaugurated some time ago against the sporting fraternity, and the decision has created considerable excitement.

Stock raisers of Fresno county, Cal., are circulating a petition which will shortly be forwarded to President McKinley. The unprecedented drought has been hard on stock, and in the petition the President will be asked to proclaim that the stock may graze on certain portions of the Yosemite Park reservation during the coming season.

Fifteen Chinese who were smuggled into this country from Ensenada, Lower California, through the port of Anaheim, have been captured in San Francisco. They were landed on Tuesday night by an unknown vessel. The celestials had a total sum of \$5.25 in their possession. They have been taken to Los Angeles where they will be examined.

Suit was filed Monday against Clarence J. Berry, the "Klondike King," who left Fresno, Cal., a day or two ago to sail for Alaska. The complainant, James Bethel of Selma, seeks to recover \$25,000 damages for the loss of an eye, which he claims was destroyed by Berry in a violent assault by the latter on June 10, 1892. An officer has gone to San Francisco to serve the complaint.

Within three weeks San Francisco will be one of the most strongly fortified harbors in the United States and will have a fleet of war vessels capable of holding its own with any country that has more ships than Spain can send to the Golden Gate. The monitors Monterey and Monadnock have been ordered there, from the south; the Baltimore is to come from Honolulu; three

torpedo boats will be sent from Puget Sound, and the cruisers Charleston and Philadelphia are being prepared for service at Mare Island, as is the gunboat Yorktown.

The Twin Springs Placer company, operating in Idaho, has just completed the purchase of all the Plowman and Branstetter ground at Idaho City, including the water of More and Elk creeks. The ground covers an area of 1,00 acres and it is said that the purchase price was about \$100,000. The Twin Springs company will run six giants this year and twenty next.

In order to determine as far as possible the extent of the damage to fruits in southern California, caused by the heavy frosts in last December, the Los Angeles, Cal., Times secured the services of a conservative man familiar with horticultural interests, to make a thorough investigation of the matter, as the estimates of the loss were greatly at variance. As a result it is conservatively estimated that one-third of the fruit of southern California was more or less affected, the heaviest burden of the damage falling upon the lowlands of Riverside.

When Victor E. Nelson sails next week to take his consularship at Bergen, Norway, it will be with all the ardor of a man who has been separated by 5,000 miles from the object of his affection, for behind the placing of this San Franciscan in a little eighteen-hundred-dollar a year commercial agency stands your Uncle Samuel, robbed of his traditional long coat, short trousers, tall hat and beard, posing instead as a rosy god of love. In this case it is politics as well as love that makes the world go round, or makes the man go round the world, which is the same thing. It is not every day that the consular service is used as a matrimonial bureau.

From reports from the central part of California apricots, plums, almonds and cherries have been completely ruined by the heavy frosts of the past few nights. It has burnt the pits till they have turned black and will commence dropping off the trees in a day or two. The fruit which holds on to the trees will not mature as it has been frozen till it will eventually shrivel up. The orchards in the vicinity of Linden, Lodi and Acampo will not produce sufficient early fruit for the families of the owners. The apricots in these particular sections are very fine usually and command a good price, so the loss to the orchardists will run up into the thousands of dollars. The late fruit is not affected.

The will of Herman Liebes, of the North American Commercial company has been filed. No value is placed on the property. Geo. Liebes, dSiney Liebes and Julian Liebes, sons of the deceased, and Isaac Liebes, his cousin, are named in the will as executors and trustees. When the final settlement is made, four years hence, the greater part of the property will be divided equally among the three sons, who are trustees, and a fourth son, Edgar Liebes. The two daughters, Leonie Liebes and Elsie Liebes, will get nothing, because it is stated they have already been amply provided for in the settlement made with their mother. Each will, however, receive monthly, until she is married, the sum of \$10, to be regularly paid her by the trustees. Many bequests of small amounts are made in the will.

Three weeks ago Ferdinand Mayer and Eugenia Meyer were married. Wednesday morning Mayer committed suicide. The couple lived at 131 Fifth street, San Francisco, where Mayer

kept a butcher shop. Wednesday morning about 6 o'clock he arose and told his wife that he was going out to get some medicine, as he was feeling ill. She saw nothing in his manner of actions to excite suspicion, and went to sleep again. Half an hour later she looked for him, and found that he was not in the shop, as usual. She then searched for him upstairs, and found his lifeless body in a closet with a bullet wound in the temple and a revolver in his hand, with one chamber empty. Death must have been instantaneous. No one heard the report of the pistol.

Assistant United States District Attorney Knight of San Francisco said that telegraphic instructions had been received from Washington to dismiss the star route cases. These old suits tained from the government by systematic frauds practiced in the charges made by mail contractors and subcontractors for the carriage of the mails. These suits went to the United States Supreme Court in 1887 on demurrer, and slumbered there three or four years. Mr. Knight says it would be useless to prosecute them as the government has no evidence on which a judgment could be had. The routes were in Montana, Nevada and adjacent territory.

Walter Sanger Pullman, one of the twin sons of the late Geo. M. Pullman, the palace car magnate, was married Wednesday to Miss Louise Lander West of San Francisco. The unexpected alliance of one of the heirs to the Pullman millions and the Californian beauty, took place at the home of the Rev. John Bakewell, rector of Trinity Church, on Telegraph avenue, Oakland. Late Wednesday afternoon Mr. Pullman, unaccompanied, made his appearance at the county clerk's office in the Alameda county court house. He made application to Deputy County Clerk Mason for a license to marry. He gave his full name as Walter Sanger Pullman, a native of Illinois, aged 23, and at present a resident of the city and county of San Francisco. The name of his intended bride he gave as Louise Lander West, a native of California, aged 24, and a resident of the city and county of San Francisco. The license was made out in due form and Mr. Pullman rejoined Miss West. Taking a carriage they drove to the home of the clergyman, who performed the ceremony. In the parlors of his home the clergyman's wife and a Miss Robbins, a friend of Mrs. Bakewell, acted as witnesses. After the ceremony, the couple went away as quietly as they came, without making explanation or leaving any address and the clergyman was in ignorance of the identity of the couple he had married. The acquaintance of the young couple is at most of a few weeks standing. Mrs. Pullman, who resided at the Palace Hotel with her sister, Mrs. Hugh McDonnell, is a daughter of the late Charles H. West, who was a pioneer of 1849, having made the trip around the Horn with the earliest gold seekers. He became a banker in San Francisco and was at one time very wealthy. He left but little property, and his daughters made their own way in the world, teaching in the public schools. Hugh McDonnell, who is now young Pullman's brother-in-law, is a wealthy mine owner of New York city. The late general Frederick Lander was an uncle of the Misses West and they are the nieces of Judge Edward Lander of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Pullman, the bride of the young Chicago millionaire, is of medium height. She is a Chataine with a profusion of reddish brown hair, steel blue eyes, long eye lashes, and an attractive face.