NEWS OF THE WEST.

Byron Richens Dragged to Death at Colonia Diaz.

BLAKE'S CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA.

Butchers Was Skip with Employes' Wages—Lives After a Shot in the Brains—General Notes.

The board of regents of the Nevada state university have decided to rebuild at once the mechanical building, which was recently destroyed by fire.

The board of regents of the University of Arizona have decided to secure an agricultural farm. A tract of 640 acres five miles from Tucson is under consideration.

The newspapers of Oregon are advocating the establishment of the support allowed the annual state fair at Salem. Oregon allows $5,000 a year, and the fair is seldom a success.

The reduction of the duty on opium has proved disastrous to the manufacturers of the drug in Victoria, B. C. Only three out of the eighteen factories are left in the business.

The aggregate value of the taxable property of Arizona territory, as returned by the county assessors, for the year is $17,519,422, being an increase over last year of nearly half a million.

Prof. G. I. Blake, of the Kansas University, believes he has discovered a sure cure for diphtheria. It is a gargle mixture consisting of two-thirds weight salt and one of water through which an electric current has been passed. Physicians think the discovery a valuable one.

The Victoria, B. C., Colonist of Sunday, publishes an extended review of the business and prospects of Victoria and Vancouver. It says that throughout the province there is more cheerful feeling among all classes of business men, the outlook being most encouraging. It says that the mines of British Columbia will produce from 500 to 600 per cent more than any year during the past five.

Mrs. Mary E. Hallar, the proprietress of a lodging house in San Francisco was found dead in a room in the rear of the house Sunday. One of the lodgers noticed a strong smell of gas throughout the house and traced it to the room occupied by Mrs. Hallar. When an entrance was effected it was found the woman had deliberately planned her death. Every aperture in the room was tightly closed and the gas turned on full force. The deceased was a widow, about forty-two years of age.

Wm. T. Mead and Robt. L. Wright have been engaged in the wholesale butcher business in Los Angeles, Cal., and have got into arrears with their employes' wages. Sunday night the partners disappeared. The opinion of the sheriff's office is that Mead and Wright have cleaned up all the money they could and will never come back. It is the opinion also, at the sheriff's office, that the employes of the firm will lose nearly $5,000 in wages. The firm owes the foreman at the slaughter house over $600.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: A sad accident occurred at Colonia Diaz on October 27th that resulted in the death of Byron Richens, the 12-year-old son of O. Richens, of that colony. The boy had gone out to catch a horse to be used in taking the family to a meeting, and in riding it with out a saddle, the horse, in some manner, threw the boy, the rope entangling around his neck on a "half hitch" and around his left arm so tight as to tear the flesh to the bone; the horse ran, dragging the unfortunate boy to his death. When found, the clothing was entirely torn from the body, which was horribly mutilated. The deceased was an exceedingly bright, intelligent boy and a general favorite among his companions. The father of the deceased, Mr. O. Richens, second counselor to the Bishop at Diaz, is well known in this city, and the Headlight, together with his many friends, extends heartfelt sympathy in his great bereavement.

On the night of October 28th last an unknown man shot himself with suicidal intent in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The bullet which was fired from a 38-caliber bulldog revolver, entered the right side of his head and passed through the brain. He was still alive when discovered, but on account of the fatal nature of the wound it was believed that he would die before the receiving hospital was reached. Strange to say, the supposed dying man not only reached the hospital, but is still alive and likely to recover. The day following his arrival at the receiving hospital Police Surgeon Weil, after making a thorough examination of the terrible wound, consented to send the would-be suicide to the city and county hospital. A consultation of the doctors was then held, and as the man appeared to be slowly dying, it was decided to remove the bullet as the last hope of saving his life. The deadly missile was found imbedded in the brain on the left side of the head, and, after considerable difficulty, was removed. In a short time the patient recovered consciousness, but was unable to speak. By his actions he clearly indicated that he knew what was going on about him, and frequently pointed to various articles which he desired. Monday he was given some paper and a pencil and asked to write his name, and also his reason for attempting to do away with himself. "I guess not," he wrote, "my secret will be buried with me." Since his desperate attempt to kill himself every effort on the part of the authorities to learn his identity has proved futile. He steadfastly refuses to give his name or tell why he had shot himself.

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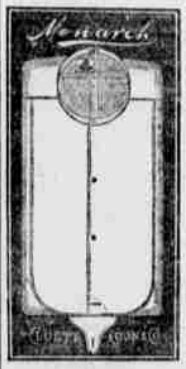

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