

NEWS OF THE WEST.

Witches Crushed Under a Forty-ton
ONE.

SPAKE RIVER TO BE HARNESSED.

Seventy-five Pound Rails for the Desert
—A Fast Steamer—An Attractive
Boulevard.

George Morgan, a wealthy young
gentleman who resided near Sacramento,
died Tuesday evening from a fracture re-
ceived in a runaway accident last
Saturday.

Thomas Ward, who said he "came
to the States some seven years ago," has
been missing for 30,000 miles, having
been reported absent from San Fran-
cisco, and thousands of
travelers former ward politicians of
San Francisco.

The Tomahawk, A. T., Prospector
says that the Union river, which
emptying into the Colorado, is a right of
way to Nevada. House Pacific, and
the work, will cost \$2,000,000,
it is started at once, and Arizona
will be the greatest irrigation sys-
tem ever planned to the Pacific.

John Maria Liles, a noted guide and
service Indian agent of Arizona, is
dead. The incident in connection
with which he was killed was the
Camp Grant massacre in 1869, to
which he was a witness. He was
an old Indian who spoke English
and was a reservation and they
never left him.

Twenty thousand men have been
employed at Spokane, Wash., on
which a big timber, flour mill and a
large electric plant are to be built.
The timber will come from the
mill says the architect. Committee will
raise a quantity of 1,000 barrels of flour
per month. The power required by all of
these improvements is to be gener-
ated entirely water driven from the Spokane
River.

The Southern Pacific is going to lay
several thousand steel rails through
the San Joaquin pass, between Lodi
and Sacramento, Cal., a distance of
about forty miles. In order to do
this, it is necessary to drag the
rails over the mountains in the high winds
leaving the cross ends on the rails
not holding them badly as the trains
pass over. The rails will stand Eve-
ning high. The first shipment of
rails received at Lodi, Calif., has
been received in 100-foot, one-half-pound
rails and were used in the San Joaquin

A small illicit distillery was seized
in Fresno, Calif., Tuesday by Deputy
Sheriff Harvey Coffeen of Fresno. It
is managed by M. S. Stoenen, an Armenian
full dealer, who for two years past
has been running up salves from into
country, operating his still in the city without
any effort at concealment, and peddling
his brandy. He was unaware
that he was violating any law, and was
most surprised when arrested. His
still was small and simple, but
it produced a good deal of brandy
and it looked old enough to have been
used by Noah after he came out of the

ark.

Andy Hart, a roofer, employed at
Herr Island, Cal., met with a fatal
accident Tuesday afternoon. He was
one of twelve men engaged in placing
an eight-inch barrel gun on board the
Monarch, when the tackle rope by
which the gun was suspended, broke,
falling down, and the gun, with
weights forty tons, caught the
roofer against the skids and crushed
it so fully from the knee down, so that
when he extricated the skin was
torn and the bone exposed, but not
broken. He died before medical aid
could reach him. The accident was
caused by the rope around the gun
detaching. He is the fourth victim
of the Monarchs where the fire
had necessitated the strength of the
men.

The largest vessel of its size, plying
the Pacific coast, the new steamer
Under Inn, was built on Lake
Tahoe, Cal. Its speed is 25 knots an
hour. The boat is being constructed
for passenger traffic. It will hold
100 passengers and cost \$20,000. Propulsion will
be by means of screw propellers.
The measurements are length over all
108 feet 9 inches; beam, 17 feet 10
inches; extreme draft, 8 feet. The
boat will have two decks, and will accom-
modate 200 passengers. The frame
of the boat has been set up and the
stays are now being put on. When
finished it will be taken apart and
shipped to its destination, going by
the Panama Canal.

There is no time to lose and
the steamer will be ready for pas-
senger traffic in the middle of

February.

The owners are D. H. and G. T. Hills of Nevada.

FIVE-CENT LODGING HOUSES.

Rooms in St. Louis are conducted
on a queer plan.

"Out in St. Louis they have a new
kind of decent lodging houses," said
one man, who spent last week in Mis-
souri's "future great" city. "You
know, in that town," he continued,
"decent lodging houses are thin.
For a nickel a tramp can get a glass
of beer, a cigar in sit, an all night
and a bowl of soup in the morning.
The problem of one of these places
now is that his lodgers sound very
like members in a company on straight-
back chairs, so he has to open a new
room. In front of each row of chairs he
screws a heavy top about three feet
from the floor. The tramps, after hav-
ing paid their nickel, sit in the chairs,
over their heads on the tops and sleep
all night, least I. But the strong
part of the scheme is yet to be told.
It is the manager's duty to wake the
lodgers every morning, and he
does it by taking a long-starter and
shaking the traps with all might,
so that the houses are not
awake, and their tired bodies are
asleep again. Then he returns to the front of
the room and asks the question:—"Wash-
ington, D. C.?"

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