

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Theodore Appel, a demented man about 65 years old, was found hanging to his bedpost Thursday morning in his room at San Francisco.

A. B. Conrad, a farmer, was killed Friday evening near Junction, Oregon. His team ran away and he and his small son were thrown from the wagon. The boy was seriously injured.

Mrs. Cunningham, aged 60 years, committed suicide at Los Angeles, Cal., Tuesday morning by hanging herself from the rafters of an out-building at her home. Religion unbalanced her mind.

Jack Guinea, a deck hand on a river steamer, committed suicide at Sacramento, Cal., Tuesday evening by jumping into the river from a barge. He had been sick a week and was dependent. He was about 35 years old and unmarried.

L. J. Kuhn, recently a police officer at Stockton, Cal., committed suicide Wednesday in Oakdale by taking poison. He was on his way to the mountains to work in Tuolumne county mines.

John Aylward, a blacksmith, aged 50, died suddenly Wednesday morning in San Francisco. The autopsy showed that he died of valvular disease of the heart. He had been suffering from heart trouble for some time.

John Fenton, a section hand on the Steinman section, was accidentally killed at a trestle on the railroad south of Ashland, Oregon, Thursday afternoon. He stepped off a push car moving down the grade and was caught by the car, receiving injuries from which he died immediately. He leaves a family.

John H. Stewart, 63 years old, who has been living with his wife and five small children on a leased farm in Mission valley, three miles north of San Diego, Cal., for the past years, has been missing for some days. He left home suddenly a week ago and has not since been heard of.

Frederick Sobronder, 25 years of age, disappeared from his father's place, ten miles northwest of Yuma City, Cal., last Sunday afternoon, and nothing was heard of him until Thursday morning, when his body was found in a barn on the farm with a gunshot wound in the head. It is believed he committed suicide.

Francisco Compomanes, convicted of bigamy, was sentenced at San Diego, Cal., Wednesday to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to serve two and one-half years in San Quentin penitentiary. With Mexican politeness the doctor declared himself to be the court's obedient servant, and expressed thanks for the comparative light sentence.

Mrs. McElroy of Fresno county, Cal., was bitten by a rattler in Hill's valley, a little east of Reedley, Cal., Tuesday afternoon. She was unable to secure the services of a doctor until the evening, by which time her foot was greatly swollen. The usual

remedies were applied and the young lady is expected to be around in a few days.

Tempe, Arizona, News: Of the seventy Japanese stranded at Phoenix on the shutting down of work on the Ganage farm, thirty will leave next week for California. Most of the others have obtained work on ranches in the valley or in the city.

Preston, Idaho, Standard: On account of our having been to the Jubilee at Salt Lake last week we are late with this issue, and having another paper to get out this week we only issue a half sheet, for which purpose we use some old patent paper, but we hope to do better in the future, and news of the Jubilee, together with other matters, will be published in our next.

News from Burlington, Skagit county, Washington, says that the residence of A. O. Hongen, two miles north of that place, was burned Tuesday morning, together with a house occupied by his father and mother, and his mother perished in the flames. She was 75 years of age. The father started a fire in the kitchen stove and went out to milk the cows. When he returned the house was in flames, and it was impossible to rescue his wife.

John Rottger, a well-to-do sheep rancher, living about ten miles south of Mendota, Cal., was shot and severely wounded by a neighbor, Wm. Frankwell, Wednesday night. He received a bullet in the upper part of the thigh, and says the shot was fired without any provocation. It appears that Frankwell believed Rottger's sheep were trespassing on his pasture land.

Greenwood Springs, Colorado, Avalanche: The question as to legality of taking part of the last appropriation for the industrial school for girls, to construct dark cells for the punishment of thirteen girls who recently caused a riot in the home, is before the state auditor. They are now in the county jail and tell horrible stories of how they were misused by the officers of the home. The jail keepers speak well for the girls' conduct.

Denver Field and Farm: The co-operative idea in creameries can scarcely be called a roaring success in the far west. In any event the most successful plants are those that are run by enterprising individuals and these men are gradually gobbling up the co-operative establishments and are converting them to their own use, generally to be conducted in a way that makes money for their owners. There is still an undiscovered screw loose somewhere in the co-operation theory.

News has been received of the fatal stabbing of Horace Cadle at Princeville, Crook county, Oregon. The homicide occurred at a country dance held on Beaver creek the night of the 24th. Cadle got into a fight with a stranger outside the building and knocked his antagonist down. The man arose, drew a knife and plunged it into Cadle's head. The latter fell,

struck on his head and the knife penetrated his brain.

John Evans, a cyclist of San Francisco, is supposed to have been drowned in Clear lake, Cal., Tuesday evening. He went bathing about 4 o'clock and as he did not return in a reasonable time his companions went to the lake shore in search of him. They found his clothes on the beach. The lake has been dragged for his body, but so far without success.

Denver Field and Farm: Mr. Hansen, a creameryman at Wellsville, Utah, is said to have the most extensive pig-feeding establishment in connection with a creamery to be found in the United States. Since January 1, 1898, he has fattened and shipped to market twenty carloads of hogs. The skim milk is carried in cement pipes from the creamery to the piggery 1,600 feet away, and every effort is made to keep the milk very clean and wholesome. The pigs are bought when young and kept till well fattened.

Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang: J. T. Rittenhouse, president of the Southern Wyoming Land Irrigation and Development company, of Kansas City, accompanied by Chief Engineer Thomas Knight, went west on the morning train with a company of eastern people who are going to make an inspection of the company's lands in the western part of the state. The company have 300,000 acres of land in Uintah county, a part of it now being under cultivation and crops are successfully grown. This company has attracted a great deal of attention during the past year.

Denver Field and Farm: There is an effort being made at Greeley, Weld county, Cal., to organize a new company to operate a cheese factory and creamery. The Liebhardts of Denver want to subscribe \$8,000 toward that end if others at Greeley will furnish \$7,000. They will also furnish money to supply farmers in that vicinity with 400 milk cows to be afterwards paid for from the proceeds of the milking. We presume that under this beautiful arrangement the Liebhardts will reserve the right of controlling the sales of all the product.

Peter Clemens, a car builder in the employ of the Vance Mills and Lumber company, committed suicide at Compass camp on Mad river, Cal., Wednesday afternoon. He went to a cabin while the men were at work, and taking a rifle from the wall laid down on the floor, and placing the muzzle in his mouth, fired, the ball passing through his brain, coming out through the top of his head. No reason is known for the deed other than that he had been addicted to strong drink and killed himself in a fit of despondency because liquor had such a strong hold on him.

About ten days ago A. N. Bowman, a colored blacksmith, died at Don Palos, Fresno county, Cal., and was buried. Martin Christian, a merchant of Don Palos, believed he had left no eye buried and Friday did some prospecting with a sharp iron in the shop of the dead man. His find was very satisfactory. One small can contained \$150 and another \$100. He also found a bottle containing two certificates of deposit on a Fresno