NEWS OF THE WEST.

Singular Death of a Visitor at a Fresno, California, Hotel.

A BRILLIANT BLIND STUDENT.

Severely Hurt in a Mine.—A man Nearly Burned to Death.—Terrible Storm.—Other Items.

Tramps turned an entrance to Joe W. Gaston's residence at Lehi the other day and made away with everything valuable they could find in the house.

While leading a horse to water the other day the animal turned and kicked at the little daughter of Samuel Bryson, one foot just striking the face on one side and the other foot striking the shoulder on the other side, causing the little one a great deal of pain. The brute had kicked at the same child before as well as at other members of the family.

On Saturday evening at a dance at Carbon, Wyo., two men got into a row. One had a gun and the other a knife. A man named William Sears stepped in to stop the trouble, and Andrew Wahl, the one having the knife, slashed Sears about three inches under the heart, inflicting a horrible wound, which it is feared will result seriously. The man who did the cutting fled, and is pursued by officers.

A number of machines have been in the city the past few days procuring supplies for the hay harvest, says the Lemmie (Wyo.) Enterprise. Some few have already begun to cut their hay, but as a general thing harvesting will not start for about two weeks yet, as it is believed hay is still growing, except upon the higher mesas or lands contiguous to small mountain streams whose waters are of short duration. As a rule the crop will be somewhat lighter than in the average years.

J. C. Smith a grocery man of Seventeenth street, Denver, had a very narrow escape from being burned to death on Sunday morning. He was aroused from his sleep by a noise and got up and lit a lamp. As he was passing out of his room the lamp exploded and the burning oil spread all over him. Timely assistance from members of his family alone saved his life. They threw blankets over him and extinguished the flames. Smith is a man of sixty years, and was badly burned about the face and the upper portion of his body. He was removed to the county hospital.

Henry Johns was severely hurt in the Chollar mine at Virginia, Nevada, on Sunday morning. Johns was employed as shaft man, and had been repairing the shaft at the 1050-foot level. He was coming up the incline on the Gould's with a stick of old timber. When he reached the station of the 950-foot level his back was caught by the cap of the timber in the roof of the incline, and he was beat nearly double. The giraffe slipped at the station or he would have been cut in two. Johns was removed to the surface, taken home and medical aid summoned. His recovery from the accident is doubtful.

The commission which recently visited Casper, Wyo., and other points in the central part of the state in search of a location for a federal fish hatchery have just been at Sheridan. A dispatch says the party was taken to the location on Wolf creek, ten miles from Sheridan, which offered special inducements for the purposes desired. At one of these places is one of the finest mountain springs of the west, supplying to the spring it feeds nearly 1000 inches per minute. During cold weather the creek never freezes over, the latter condition being essential to the hatching of fish. Besides this there is absolutely no alkali in the water, which fact will commend itself to those interested in constructing fish culture in the West. This same location was recently visited by Major Schnigger, state fish commissioner of Wyoming, who pronounced it the most convenient and in every way the most desirable stream he had found in the state upon which to establish a hatchery.

Lee Gallagher, yardmaster on the Virginia and Truckee at Virginia, Nev., had his left arm cut off near Mound House on Saturday at 4 o'clock by a locomotive. The train had started and Gallagher got into the cab but said he would go out in front where it was cooler. He had been out about a minute when Engineer Thrall heard a cry. He stopped immediately, and looking back saw Gallagher coming towards the engine with his left arm in his right hand. Gallagher said: "Take this, Charley, while I get in." The engineer took the severed arm and Gallagher got into the cab unassisted. The shoulder was taped to stop the flow of blood, and Gallagher was taken to Carson. Arriving at Carson, he took the severed arm in his hand and walked into the baggage room. He was put in a carriage and taken to the house of a friend. He has one chance in four to recover. Gallagher says he went to sit under the headlight, but slipped and fell off. When he saw he was going to lose his arm he tried to get his head under the wheel and cut his life.

There is a young blind student in the University of California, says the San Francisco Chronicle, whose remarkable ability and wonderfully trained senses almost offset the terrible disadvantage under which he labors for success in this world. He can tell the difference between daylight and darkness only by the heat of the sun, yet in his studies and social pleasures he is a leader in his class and a jovial, good-natured, optimistic young fellow who knows there is a bright side of life, who enjoys himself and who has hosts of friends. In mental capacity he is far above the average. He is argumentative to the last degree and participates with vigor in the debates among his associates. He is passionately fond of the society of others, and takes keen enjoyment in music, of which he is an adept. He is no more antagonist at chess and can show people who see, points which might be to their advantage. He is a ready letter writer, and when opportunity affords wields an earnest pen. He is a slow and indefatigable student, and has determined to make his way in life as a lawyer.

The closing of the mill Fifth day witnessed an accident which might have ended fatally, says the Lead Bonanza. After the people had left the mill cleared everything away and then left for home in the evening. In one buggy was Mrs. S. Taylor, Mrs. Trane and Mrs. Levi Phillips with several children and Louis Taylor driving. When near the top of the lane Ben Lott Jr. came riding furiously just passing the buggy on the team; as they were turning into the main road Henry Evans came riding up but he drove in close and his horse was thrown under the buggy tearing the wheel and axle and breaking Mr. Evans and injuring his leg. It is lucky the team is a gentle one and did not run, but the horse was so badly scared that they threw the children out and jumped out themselves as quick as possible before the horse under the buggy could get up. In the excitement Mrs. Taylor was badly injured, her little boy rather on the head, and Mrs. Trane's little girl had a badly bruised leg as a result of the carless riding of a young man. The Bonanza adds: It is bad enough as it is but might have been much worse. The importing of the lives of women and children on such occasions should be stopped at once before it results in a more serious affair.

A peculiar death occurred at Tenaha Hotel, Fresno, California, early on Sunday morning. Thomas J. Dennis, who, with his wife, came here from Waco, Tex., a few days ago, was on Saturday despondent and told his wife and friends that he intended to commit suicide and end his troubles and that he would never see another month. He purchased a small box of poison and told his wife that if she will like to see him kill himself. She tried to take the poison away from him, and failing to do so ran for assistance. When she returned he told her he had thrown the poison out of the window and said he was only joking about killing himself, as he was going to die some easy way. He then dismissed the matter from her thoughts and lay down to sleep. About midnight she was awakened by her husband's heavy breathing and called the hotel clerk. Failing to awake he thought she took her the cause, but within a few minutes her husband was dead. There was every symptom of poison, and as she doubted that he had committed suicide. A post-mortem examination was made and an inquest held, when it the surgeon of everybody. It was found that death was due to natural causes, and that he had taken no poison. There was a tumor on the aorta near the heart and it was this that had caused death.

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