NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Western Union Telegraph Manager Found Dead at Hastings, Neb.

SUPPOSED MURDER AND ROBBERY.

Frightful Sawmill Accident—California International Midwinter Exposition—A Tramp's Fate.

News has just been received of the killing of J. E. Moffitt by Joseph Kelsey, near Cooks Peak, N. M., both were from Kingston and the killing occurred over a cattle and horse trade.

A terribly accident occurred at a sawmill at Spokane, Wash., on Saturday. Geo. H. Maxwell was engaged by a revolving shaft, whirled over it, dashed a hundred times against the floor and ceiling, crushed, mangled and torn to pieces till his body was hurled across the room, a shapeless mass of flesh and broken bones.

John T. Cutts, appointed receiver of the First National bank at Great Falls, Mont., which suspended in July, has made a statement showing assets exclusive of stockholders' liability, $1,317,145, with liabilities $1,31,37. At a meeting of creditors at Helena a proposition was made depositors to take time certificates, payable in five equal installments—twelve, fifteen, eighteen, twenty-one and twenty-four months from date. Depositors will probably accept.

An unknown man, about thirty-five years of age, was found cold with a bullet through his head about 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, lying near the railroad track near Cactus, twelve miles east of Grand Junction, Colorado. He had nothing upon his person that would identify him, indications being that he had been robbed, but as the murderer's injured so little was thrown except that three men were seen to pass the pump house in Palisade the previous night, and he is supposed to be one of them.

A party of Indian and gentlemen visited the Indian mission one day this week writes the Kootenai (Idaho) Herald. They say there was never so large number of Indians there as at the present time. They are living in tepees and are kept busy gathering and drying berries for winter use. There is among the new arrivals at the mission a charming maiden, still in her teens, a regular Pocahontas of a creature. Her beauty and a prospective allotment of rich bottom lands, it is said, had their effect on one of the young men of the party, and a courtship is now in vigorous prosecution.

At least one hundred stock growers in the vicinity of Rawlins, Wyoming, have been interviewed, and the general opinion is that there will be practically no winter range. One prominent sheep man, who went over his winter range south of the Union Pacific, states there is no winter feed, which he attributes to the cold wet spring and hot dry summer. The spring being so cold, grass did not start, and, when it did, it was burnt up by the dry hot weather. This includes the winter sheep ranges in Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming, in area a scope of country 200 by 300 miles square.

There is no doubt that the occasion of breaking ground for the California International Midwinter Exposition will be a memorable one in the history of the Golden state, says the San Francisco Chronicle. An effort is to be made among public and private officials and heads of firms of every kind to have Thursday next declared a holiday after the noon hour, and there is no doubt that this generally expressed desire will be heeded. The gathering on the grounds will run into the hundreds of thousands. Civic and military organizations of all kinds, bands of music and choruses of singers will be present. Speeches will be made by able orators.

Fred Martin, local manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, was found dead on Saturday morning in Hillenbrans grove, north of Hastings, Nebraska. The supposition is that he committed suicide. Assistant Superintendent Horton of the telegraph company stepped into the local office, introduced himself, and began checking up the books of the office. Shortly after Martin excused himself and stepped out of the office, ostensibly to cash a check at a convenient drug store, visited the insurance offices, paid his August assessment, and mailed the receipts and some cash to his wife. The letter was the information for the theory that he had taken his life. The searching party found the body about one-half mile from the Delcrap residence. At the telegraph office inquiries as to whether or not Martin was short in his accounts, could not be obtained; if Martin is an old pioneer and has held several positions of trust, he was easily recorded for Lou years. He leaves a wife well provided for.

A Church on Wheels.

The chapel car Emmanuel, appropriately named "the church on wheels," arrived at the Northwestern depot yesterday and left three quarters of an hour later for Dakota, on the Northwestern, in the special flagged train from Boston.

As the title would indicate, the car is used for dispensating the gospel among railroad men whose limited time prevents them from church attendance. The car is the second one built for this purpose, the first, the "Triumph," having been designed by John D. Rockefeller, and by him and his associates presented to the American Baptist Missionary Union. The new car is 70 feet long and 10 wide, with a seating capacity of 150. It embraces a chapel room, study and reading and dining apartments. The interior is beautifully finished in antique oak. A handsome organ and melodeon, both the gifts of the manufacturers, further enhance this missionary palace.

In charge of the chapel are the Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, Oregon people, and it is their intention to make the Pacific coast their field of operation. Oregon, Idaho, Washington and California will be their objective states.

The regular routine of the ministry is to be followed at every stopping place. Sermons, singing school and song service and prayer meetings will be conducted. When practicable, churches will be organized and left as evidences of the chapel's work. In addition to the evangelical work thus described the car will be the base station a complete library of the latest books, and tracts will be distributed to all who will receive them. The cards hung on the car doors and the engine and telegraph instruments furnished business men and others with a means of communication with the world.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Cure for Lung Disease.

The consumption of Dakota, which is already somewhat of a health resort, is to be increased by a new enterprise. It has taken some time for people to realize that not only such diseases as those and come to the Western but that it can actually be cured here in cases of very considerable gravity. A doctor in the town of Watertown, Dakota, proposes now to an eastern place capable of lighting the town hall, market, free library, technical schools and part of the street lamps.—New York Tribune.

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