NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Woman Outwits the Officers by Going to Bed.

A BABY SCALDED TO DEATH.

Murderer Robs a Saloon and Eight Men—Fatal Accidents—Hot Weather—Minor Mention.

The grape crop of California this season will be short, not more than two-thirds of what was expected.

The weather of the Pacific coast this season is the hottest of the season. In California on the 20th the thermometer reached 107 and at Reno, Nev., 103.

The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, of Westport, Cal., fell into a bucket of boiling water on Tuesday and was scalded to death before assistance arrived. The tub was standing on a porch, and during the temporary absence of the mother the accident occurred.

Mary Lothes, a young woman employed as a domestic in the family of Attorney Edward L. Wells, San Francisco, fell from one of the seventh story windows of the house Wednesday afternoon and sustained injuries from the effects of which she soon afterwards died. At the time the accident occurred she was cleaning a window, and reached out over the sill so far that she lost her balance and fell to the concrete sidewalk fifteen feet below.

Martinez, the escaped Tehachapi murderer, and a companion broke into a saloon at Mojave, N. M., Wednesday, compelling eight men to stand still while they swept $500 off the faro table into a sack. They made a hasty retreat, the gamblers covered with revolvers, and escaped to a part of the county where Martinez has many friends, and the officers are afraid to follow them.

Crazed by the desertion of a faithless lover, Josephine Seitz, whose people live a short distance from Shoemaker, Cal., was admitted insane on Saturday. The warrant for the arrest of the young woman was sworn out by her brother, after the screaming family could no longer conceal the fact of Josephine's insanity. The girl has become very violent and has a mania for destroying things, especially her clothing, which she would frequently tear from her body. The insanity manifested was caused by unrequited love.

Mrs. Ellen E. Finn, of San Francisco, has outwitted the sheriff by going to bed in her ex-husband's house. She and John T. Finn were divorced, and she agreed to take $1,000 in settlement of the property. The money was paid, but she refused to move from the premises. She determined to fight for possession of the house and lot and wanted Finn to move. She had him arrested three times for assault and battery during the controversy, and each time he was discharged as not guilty. Then she unsuccessfully sought to have him declared insane. Last Friday he procured from Justice of the Peace Cook an order for her ejectment. A deputy from the sheriff's office forced her out of the house. She soon returned, removed her clothes and went to bed. Wednesday Justice Cook directed that she be arrested. The sheriff's deputy found her still in bed, and not properly attired for a walk through the streets. When he returned to the court Justice Cook contended that he was to blind. How long Mrs. Finn can remain in bed will be tested. As soon as she leaves the house for a sitting she will be prevented from re-entering.

Eugene Bertrand sprang a rather sensational suit in the supreme court at San Francisco Saturday. He wants a divorce. He declares that he was the victim of an unfortunate entanglement. With one or two other young men he paid attention to a young woman named Nathan, who was employed as a servant in the house in which Bertrand lived. He was then boarding his uncle in the shipyards at North Beach, from day to day he was enthralled by the mother and sister of Miss Nathan and given his choice between cold lead or marriage. As he his decision he says in his complaint: That at the time of said marriage plaintiff was a man of great timidity and nervousness and very susceptible to the influence of fear, threats and intimidations. That previously to said time he had become acquainted with the defendant, but never intended or expressed any intention to marry her. That on the day of said marriage the brother and sister of the defendant, with the latter's husband and consort, went to the place where plaintiff was then employed, and in an excitable and violent manner threatened to then and there shoot the plaintiff and undertook that he should unless he at once accompanied them and married the defendant. That said manner and threat frightened plaintiff and then and there very naturally believed he was so compelled with their and his sister to marry the defendant. Had they not, would immediately execute said threats and do so. That the reasonable fear of the plaintiff that the defendant would carry out the threats made by her brother and husband, and that the reasonable belief of the plaintiff that he was so compelled to marry the defendant, caused the plaintiff to go through the form of marriage with the defendant. That immediately after the wedding the defendant and her family separated from the plaintiff and have ever since, and the plaintiff has not seen or heard from the defendant since. The plaintiff is a young man and has no interest in the affair as he states it.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SEVENTIES.

Elders George Goddard and George Reynolds Stake a Trip to Bannock Stake, Idaho.

Idaho Farmer News.

Elder George Reynolds and I left Salt Lake City on Friday, July 12th, by the 6:30 p.m. Union Pacific train for Bannock Stake, for the purpose of holding a two-days Sunday school conference at Rexburg. We reached Market Lake station (250 miles from Salt Lake City) at 4:45 a.m. Saturday, and took breakfast at the eating house until 5 o'clock.

There we were met by President Matthew Nelson with a team to take us to Rexburg, 22 miles west. We left a little before daybreak and soon crossed over a portion of the Snake river, the bridge being several hundred feet long. On our way we passed through Menan, Lafferty, and Hartman wards, and over another bridge more than 500 feet long, which also spans the south fork of Snake river. These two bridges cost nearly $30,000 and keep them in repair from a very heavy portion of the county. The settlers this crop of acres was cut, but a high wind during the past three days had made it almost impossible for them to lend any. The grain was heated and left it needs considerable cutting before it is fit for harvesting.

We reached Rexburg at 9 o'clock on Saturday, and were soon met at the house of Bishop T. J. Hughes (son of the late Thomas Winter, Bishop at the Fifth Ward, Salt Lake City). During the two days' meetings reports were given by the majority of the bishoprics in districts throughout the Stake, several exercises by the children, besides remarks by the visiting brethren, also by one or three referred missionaries, President Thomas E. Ricks, his counselors Ross, Rigby and Bennion. A large gathering of teachers and Sunday school workers, and other authorities, met between the morning and afternoon meetings on Sunday at which meeting [illegible] was given to the improvement throughout the Stake, several exercises by the children, besides remarks by the visiting brethren