NEWS OF THE WEST.

An Intruder Into a Bedroom Mistaken by a Woman.

CHINAMAN KILLED FOR $5 CENTS.

Sudden Death—Luck Too Tough to Break—Many Odd Ones—Family Crowded.

News from Santa Barbara, Cal., says the entire crop of walnuts in the county, contracted by the walnut growers association, has been sold to a Chicago firm.

Louis Morlan, a man some 70 years of age, who came down from Prescott on Monday for medical treatment, staggered into the Western hotel in Sacramento, Cal., on Tuesday. William Lund, the proprietor, noted that it smelled musty, where the man expired almost instantly.

A Chinaman was shot and fatally wounded in Calistoga, San Luis Obispo, Cal., on a light Tuesday. The shooting was the result of a gambling debt. It appears that the victim was at work last night from Ung Gong. He met him on the street and asked him to pay the money he owed. Ung responded by drawing a revolver and shooting Wong in the abdomen.

Omaha Stockmen, Oct. 7.—H. H. Cleaver, O. Oliver, W. Cosgwich, A. L. Ryan and A. Lorson of Holton, Kan., all brought in cattle.....Jas. Tisdale of Stockyards, Ill., was at the yards having brought in two cars of cattle.....H. G. Clark brought in two carloads of cattle from Marion Lake, Idaho, and John Motley had four carloads of cattle here from Shoshone, Idaho.

Mrs. Virginia Robinson killed a man named Manuel Mc-jerto at San Bernardino, Cal., Wednesday. The woman gave the alarm herself, and the police were quickly on the premises. Tony found Manjarrio lying in a pool of blood with his skull crushed. The woman admitted that she had done the killing, but declared that it was in defense of her honor. She claimed that after she had retired he had come to the back door of her house and demanded that it be opened, or he would break it down. Finally she opened the door, and was confronted by Manjarrio with a razor in his hand. She pushed him away, seized an ax and crushed his skull. The story of the woman is not believed in certain quarters, and the officers are investigating.

Mrs. Thomas Savage and her three children, the entire family of a Rockingham, Oregon, rancher, were burned to death Monday night at their home near Summit station on the Oregon Central and Eastern railroad, about twenty miles west of Corvallis. No information of the tragedy was received until Wednesday, when the charred remains of the mother with her baby in her arms and two boys lying beside a wire mattress, were discovered by neighbors. It was evident that not one of the inmates had been awakened by the fire. They were probably at first rendered senseless by smoke and then burned to death. The house was about 200 yards from the nearest neighbor's and was hidden behind a hill and a clump of trees. No one knew of the fire at the time, and it is not possible to tell now just at what hour it occurred, nor how it started.

One of the most remarkable yields of wheat ever recorded in the Northwest was grown on the Abbott farm near Spokane, Washington, this season by A. L. and L. A. Cameron, and threshed last Saturday. They had a total of thirty-seven acres of wheat, from which they threshed 3,400 bushels, an average of more than sixty-three bushels to the acre. One field of this, measuring twenty-nine to wheat, yielded 2,225 bushels, or an average of more than 111 bushels per acre. The other field would have turned out just as well but for a mistake of wind and with the wheat. The grain grew so heavily that somewhat of it was prostrated by the rainstorm on the 1st of August, and consequently it was not all saved. The land upon which it grew is part of the Robert Hill donation claim, and has been cultivated continuously without fertilization since 1882.

A gentleman from Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, brought in from Sorry's island, two stalks of Kaffir corn, says the Oregonian. This corn was grown on the ranch belonging to Messrs. Spencer and Thomas Jewett, brothers, who are well-known Oregon pioneers. The Jewett brothers planted about two acres of the Kaffir corn last spring. A part of the corn was sown broadcast and grew equally well with that which was planted in hills. Some of this corn was covered by last January, but the water did not affect the growth. Stalks have grown to the height of more than ten feet. The stalks resemble sorghum, having the broad leaves of sorghum or Indian corn. The joints are much shorter than either sorghum or maize. The corn grows on a tassel at the top of the plant, the grains being exposed. It has a tendency to cast seed upon the ground, which in turn have tassels on them. The plant grows to the height of several feet before showing any tassels, being hidden by the leaves of the plant. The plant spears and the tassel grows out of its case. There are two kinds of corn, the white and the red, these samples being of the white variety. The corn when ripe is round and very hard, and is about the size of No. 1 shot or the smallest buckshot. The exact purpose for which this corn will be used in this country is not determined. It is used largely as food for chickens and ducks. It is said to be fine for popcorn, than the genuine American popcorn.

H. A. Wood, a bridge man in the employ of the Santa Fe railway, has a most remarkable escape from serious injury near Bernardino, Cal., a few days ago, and the accident was in every way a peculiar one. Wood fell a distance of nearly forty feet, and would certainly have been killed to pieces, but for the fact that as he fell through the air he chanced upon a guy rope and he was turned a complete somersault, and he insists, he suffered no serious effects, except that his neck feels somewhat stretched, and he is slightly strained. Wood was working with a gang of men at the bridge over Lytle creek, between San Bernardino and Colton, and while near the edge of the bridge he lost his balance and over he went. It so happened that at the spot where he fell a pile of rock lies under the bridge, and Wood was falling straight toward it. But the guy rope saved him. It was stretched away from a derrick to a support below, so was not drawn taut, the result being that when Wood's coat caught over the rope at first gave way a little and then, tightening, turned him completely over and took him down the end he landed upright. The other workmen hurried to where he was, expecting to bring Wood in pieces. Bones, however, and Dr. J. N. Hayes was summoned. Further than the bruising and the effects of the shock, he said the victim was not hurt. It was a narrow escape, however, and Wood's neck is really swollen and stiffened and he was not able to leave his room for a few days