WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A Terrific Sandstorm Rages for Hours in Arizona.

DYING FROM EXCESSIVE SMOKING.

An Eight-year-old Boy Inflicts Intolerable Torture on his Sister.

The Minersville Irrigation company are about to build a big dam at Rocky Ford, at the point where it was washed out two years ago. The reservoir will cover two square miles.

James Lindsay, a former resident of Beaver, has brought a $5000 damage suit against the Beaver River Irrigation company. He alleges they have flooded his claim near Milford with the water in their reservoir. The matter will be brought on for trial at this term of court.

A contract has been entered into between Mr. F. H. Clayton and Professor Emery as chemist an arizona well was just commenced. It is contracted for it is to be bored. It is contracted for at $10 for a depth of 100 feet, and will probably cost altogether about $1000. They have found shale heavily impregnated with petroleum.

Summit County (Coalville) Tribune: Edward Vanden of Kansas is very low with what is one call a cancer caused, undoubtedly, by excessive smoking. It is stated that it is the same as that which caused the death of U. S. Grant. He is in a critical condition, no means to get medical aid or even the necessaries of life, and is suffering untold agony every minute.

Manti Reporter: Wednesday night about 11 o'clock as Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Tom were retiring to bed they heard a timid knock at their door, and upon opening it found a basket upon the doorstep containing a five weeks' old baby of the female gender. The little stranger was given a warm welcome, and the unusual occurrence has the Lower Manti matrons and children busy ever since with such adornments.

Idaho Falls Reporter: Mr. W. W. Crosby, for the past year bookkeeper for the Consolidated Implement company, left Sunday night for Milford, Utah, where he will take the management of the branch house of that institution. Milford is at the terminus of the Utah Central railroad. Mr. Crosby made many warm friends during his stay in Idaho Falls who regret to have him leave, but are pleased to learn of his promotion. He lived in Milford for some time before coming to Idaho Falls, occupying the position of agent for the railroad company.

In the latter part of December W. E. Harwood of Oroville, Cal., disappeared, and no trace of him could be found, though search was made. Friday his body was found in a deep shaft about a quarter of a mile from the town. He was engaged to marry a young lady in Stanley, Kan. After his disappearance she wrote to the officers at Oroville and a gold ring belonging to Harwood's father was found in the house, saying she had dreamed he was drowned in a deep reservoir, and if there were any near she desired them to be searched. The shaft in which he was found was partly filled with water, and it was within a few yards of a large reservoir.

The Arizona Construction company of Peoria, Ill., has brought suit against the Gila Bend Reservoir & Irrigation company, whose offices are at Peoria, and the City Bank of Los Angeles, which bank has the obligations in trust against the real estate and water franchises of the canal and dam are held. The Peoria company expended $1,750,000 in the construction of the dam and canal on which they claim there is still due $93,000 with accrued interest. It is also alleged that the great Wolfley dam has sunk, requiring $20,000 monthly for repairs. Many cultivated farms are already under the canal, and a receiver is asked for to take charge of the canal as its value will not determinate.

Idaho Observer: There was a little excitement in the Franklin county hill. Dancing was banned as the county seat—a very good and fine with ample accommodations for the holding of courts. A Salt Lake town company hoped to take out a city covering 1000 acres of land and called it St. Anthony, where there is but one habitation, where a man lives named Moon. The proprietors of this townsite threatened to oppose the division bill unless it might be named for the county seat for the next two years which would give them an opportunity to unload when it might go to Preston. This was done before the bill passed and St. Anthony gets the county seat and Dancing the promoters.

A case of most brutal and almost mortal of inhuman treatment of a child was brought to light in Highland. The victim is little 8-year-old Annie Sanders, and she has been starved so badly that her life is in great danger. The mother has been charged with the crime, although she strenuously denies it, and her little 8-year-old son admits that he is the perpetrator of the torture. He, or non-consciousness, he for purpose Annie Wood; for while the latter shut down a man who died in infancy, young Sebastian must have taken a demon delight in watching the writhing and agony of his little sister. According to his story, and the appearance of the little girl bears him out, he took a piece of rope a few feet in length, tied it about her neck, and managed to raise her off the floor by pulling the rope over the beam of the bedstead and fastening it there. He then took the poker, heated it red-hot and applied it to her body, frightfully burning her about the legs and body. After releasing her she was beaten and treated her with a stick so that her face and head was a mass of bruises and cuts. The neighbors, hearing the cries of the little one, went in, and finding her in such a condition, took her away. They say that the mother is the cause of the affair, as they have not her treat and abuse the little one unless, and although the boy admits doing it, he has probably been coached to tell what he should say, and unreserve the mother.

A dispatch from Phoenix says: Last Sunday in the vicinity of midnight one of the most severe sandstorms known for years prevailed throughout the larger portion of Arizona. It was not so severe in Phoenix as in some other places, but here the air was completely filled with flying particles, which penetrated every nook and cranny of the habitation. Visitors from Tucson say that there for hours it was impossible to see two blocks, and the sun looked as if one were peering at it through a smoked glass. In the room in Phoenix only a few minutes sufficed for the sand to settle on a sheet of paper so much as to obscure writing. If one has never seen a sandstorm such as blows on the desert between Salt River valley and El Paso it is a curiosity. The wind reaches a velocity of from forty to eighty miles per hour, and everything that is found is carried before it. The sand dunes of all sizes on the desert are lifted and shifted from place to place, assuming new and fantastic shapes. Once in a while from the sand blows a gigantic gust of pebbles and small rolling stones across the desert. Then a contrary gust will come (blind a night in the air and obscure everything). The sand particles and even small gravel will sometimes cut the face and hands when exposed to make him feel as if he was being pelted with small shot. Wheelmen on the desert are caught by such storms the only way to protect themselves is to sit down with their backs to it, cover their faces and wait for it to subside. Fortunately there is but few of these storms, and there have been only two that might be called sandstorms during the last two years. The last one came from the southwest, and Sunday, March 26, 1893, a storm came across the desert south of the river, the day was made almost intolerable. One gentleman, a responsible official of the territory, came thirty miles in the storm Sunday, and says that it is the worst he ever saw. In the Agua Fria whole groves of mesquite were blown down, and the drifting sand covered up and all blinded many wood camps scattered along the edge of the desert.

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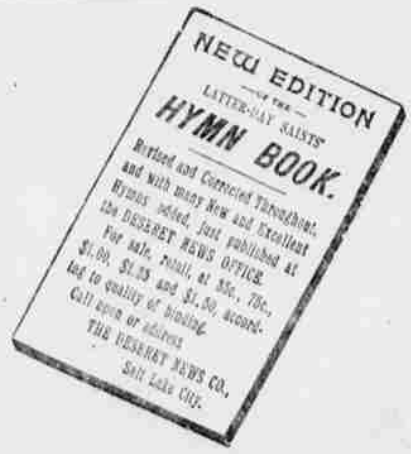
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