

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

on the railroad track, where they were cut to pieces by passing trains. The mangled remains of these negroes were discovered Sunday morning. Several trains had passed over the bodies and identification was impossible. Collins, the assailant of Miss Allen, was captured by the pursuers early Sunday morning. He was taken to the scene of the attempted outrage, and notices sent out for people to gather to aid the lynchers.

A great crowd assembled at noon Sunday. The negro was taken to the banks of the Suanez river. There he was hanged and his body riddled with bullets. The corpse was then cut down, weighted with stones and thrown into the river. In eight months fourteen negroes have been put to death in L'vayette county for assaults on white women. In November last a young lady was assaulted, it was charged, by a band of professional ravishers. For this crime eight negroes were killed in the course of a few months. In May Miss Armstrong was assaulted and murdered, for which three negroes were put to death. These, with the three killed for the assault on Miss Allen, make fourteen.

LA PORTE, Ind., June 11.—Indian has a youthful murderer in Gilbert Bowsher, four years old, who killed Bernice Collins at Monticello, his victim being a toddling infant of two years. Bowsher, who was in company with two other boys, passed Bernice on the street. The latter spake to Bowsher's companions, but refused to notice him. This angered young Bowsher and, laying in wait for the Collins child, he attacked her with stones and before her piteous cries for help brought relief she was dead. The authorities are puzzled as to what steps are to be taken in dealing with the boy, the annals of the state failing to record a parallel case. Both families are prominent.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—An *Examiner* special from Manzanillo says that a letter received by the agents of the Pacific Mail here said that two women and one man, Americans and Collins passengers, landed at Nareganastilla, 50 miles southeast from Manzanillo on May 29 and have been cursed by the Indians there. They are now on mules on the way here.

ST. MALO, June 12.—Particulars have been received here of the desertion of the passengers of the British vessel Why Not by the crew after a fire broke out on the ship on her way to the island of Jersey. It appears the fire was discovered in Why Not's hold on Saturday, and while the sailors were attempting to quench the flames the bucket dropped overboard. A boat was lowered to recover it. The captain jumped into the boat, followed by the crew. One passenger sprang overboard and swam after the boat into which he was reluctantly taken.

The deserted passengers were greatly alarmed and the excitement among them increased when the small boat was seen pulling for Equay, where the crew eventually landed. Taking advantage of the breeze, the passengers succeeded in reaching the Why Not near Equay. The matter is being thoroughly investigated by the local authorities. The captain of the Why Not, although not under arrest, is closely watched by the police.

Laramie Boomerang: A local company with a capital of \$50,000 has made a contract for the sinking of an oil well in the immediate vicinity of Green River City, Wyo.

Laramie Boomerang: The government opened the Yellowstone park to visitors on June 1st, and many tourists are wending their way thither, some of them through the Big Horn basin.

Work will be commenced at once on the buildings for a soap factory at Casper, says the Carbon county, Wyo., *Journal*, and the plant will be in running order by the first of July. Soap will be made from the natural oil and soda found in that vicinity.

A large cattle deal has been consummated by Mount Pleasant parties, according to the *Pyramid*. N. S. Nielson and M. Jurgenson disposed of nearly 1,100 head of feeders to the Colorado and Utah Cattle and Improvement company. The stock was loaded at Price. Something like \$15,000 was cleared up in the transaction. The original contract was for 1,500 head, which will be supplied if wanted right now.

J. Bidwell Errington, a horse dealer from Napa, shot and probably fatally wounded Herbert E. Jones on Spring street Tuesday evening. Mrs. Emily Holland, a cook in a restaurant, who was passing near the scene of the shooting, received a stray bullet in the arm, inflicting a painful wound. Jones was in company with Errington's wife when the husband met them and commenced to shoot. Two bullets took effect, one of which lodged in the left lung.

St. Louis, of St. Louis, says the *Laramie Boomerang*, left Rio Springs for the Baby Boy gold property and will put a force of men at work changing the course of the Sweetwater river, which now flows over a heavy vein of gold-bearing quartz. The Baby Boy Mining & Milling company was recently organized under the laws of Kansas, and has a backing of \$5,000,000. Besides the claim of that name, the company owns several other claims in Sweetwater and Fremont counties.

Rasmus Osen, the brute who ravaged his four daughters, has been committed to the penitentiary, says the *Las Vegas Statesman*. Osen lived with his daughters on Mink creek. His wife was driven crazy by his inhuman treatment and for three years has been an inmate of the asylum at Blackfoot. According to the evidence Osen forced his daughters to submit to him, threatening them with death if they ever disclosed the improper relations. During his temporary absence one of them told a relative of her father's crime and he was shortly afterwards arrested for incest. He was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

A strange case of suicide is reported from San Jose, Cal., the young lady being Miss Amelia Reinholdt, an Austrian girl of about 22 years of age, employed as waitress in the Eureka hotel, at the broad gauge depot. The motive which prompted the deed was

despondency, resulting from prospective separation from her young lady friend and room mate, Miss Guein Munson, another employee at the hotel. She fired two bullets into her right temple and died instantly. Either would have been fatal. The young woman had prepared herself by bathing and dressing herself neatly and then standing in the middle of the floor of her sleeping room she pulled the trigger of an old fashioned German self-cocking revolver, falling dead to the floor.

The farmers of Lodi, Cal., who have growing grain are worried at the appearance of a worm resembling the cut or army worm, which has done much damage in that vicinity, especially near Lockford, where whole fields have been ruined by the insect. The crop of watermelons also promises to be short on account of the mysterious disease which attacks portions of the vine, killing the leaves and suckers, yet leaving the roots sound and whole. So much damage has already been done that the farmers are determined to secure the services of State Quarantine Officer Crow of the Horticultural society to come here and investigate. Nothing like the insect, if it be an insect, has ever been known here before, and even though the ravages be stopped now thousands of dollars will be lost to grain and melon growers.

A dispatch from Lander, Wyo., says: Elmer Hank, one of the most prominent men of Fremont county, who retired from the office of county treasurer in January, 1893, has been found to be a defaulter in the sum of \$1,400. An expert bookkeeper employed by the county commissioners discovered false entries in the books of the treasurer which enabled him for the time being to get away with the money. He was notified to fix up the matter and promised to do so Friday last, but did not put in an appearance. The sheriff went over to Washakie, where Hank was employed in a mercantile house, also acting as postmaster. It was then discovered that Hank had left the day before and after his departure it was found that he had robbed the postoffice of over \$400. He was traced twenty-five miles when the sheriff lost sight of him. When last seen he was riding a bicycle.

All things considered, says a Pomona (Cal.) dispatch, there are no more satisfied agriculturists in California than the sugar beet growers at Chico this season. Never have weather and rains been more favorable for their product than this year, and the guaranty of the sugar factory and refinery company assures them good prices for all their beets. Over 7,000 acres of sugar beets have been planted and over 5,000 acres of these will bear prolific crops. The sugar factory will open for the season about July 5th and will run probably until the middle of October. It is intimated that over 100,000 tons of beets will be used and about 10,000 tons of sugar made. The factory in the past few weeks has been connected with the Puente oil well by a gravity pipe line and will have the cheapest fuel of any similar institution on this