

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

About one hundred Chinese are now in custody at San Francisco, awaiting a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals on the defalcation of a merchant.

The Wyoming Mining, Milling and Development company, capital stock, \$1,000,000, with headquarters at Omaha, is a new corporation intending to operate in the state of Wyoming.

Glanders continues to spread among the horses of Tulare and Kern counties, Cal. Twenty-two diseased horses were recently killed by the authorities. The southeastern portion of Tulare county is described as rotten with the disease.

William F. Fennimore, ex-county clerk and clerk of the superior court at Port Townsend, Wash., has been convicted of embezzling \$527 intrusted to his charge. Fennimore was a prominent citizen. He made no defense to the charges.

Local prospectors are anxiously awaiting the disappearance of snow from the hills, says the *Saratoga* (Wyo.) *Sun*, and two weeks more will see many of them actively engaged in prospecting and others developing prospects that they have already located in the surrounding country.

Last February a well-dressed woman left a little boy at one of the charitable institutions at Charleston, S. C. She promised to call a few weeks later and pay board, but nothing has since been heard about the mother. It is now supposed that the boy, who is about 6 years old, was stolen from California.

A Japanese was found dead on the desert near Mojave one day last week with a bullet hole in his head. It now transpires that he was from Los Angeles and was going to the Mid-winter Fair. He had a couple of hundred dollars in his pocket when he started, but no money was found on the body.

In pumping out wells Nos. 1 and 4, on their property at Salt Creek, says the *Casper* (Wyo.) *Tribune*, the Pennsylvania Oil company have struck an inexhaustible vein of natural gas. It is of a superior quality for both fuel and illuminating purposes. It is being used at the oil well for generating steam.

The Great Western Canal company has located a reservoir near the east lateral of the Great Western, about a mile and a half below town, observes the *Idaho Falls Times*. It will have an area of about 100 acres and its average depth will be about twelve feet. William Matthews has the contract to construct the same and already has a force of men and teams at work.

One hundred factory girls employed in Levi Strauss's clothing factory at Sacramento, Cal., went on a short and successful strike Monday. The firm made a general cut of from 10 to 45 cents a day on all wages, and as the girls only earn \$1 a day, they would not stand it. Strauss compromised with the girls, and only half of the proposed reduction will be made.

The *Paris* (Idaho) *Post* says: Bishop West met with a painful accident

Monday last. While loading some cartridges he by mistake undertook to extract the cap from one which had been loaded with powder, resulting in the explosion of the same, taking off one of his fingers and lacerating his hand somewhat. He had the hand dressed in Montpelier and is now getting along all right.

Important changes have been begun in regard to the method of operating a number of the street car lines in the business portions of San Francisco. After nearly forty years of continuous service, the Third street horse cars are to be withdrawn from that thoroughfare, and for the next seven months that street will be without cars. When cars are again seen on Third street they will be propelled by electricity.

At the White Ash mine near Los Cerrillos, N. M., on Monday, a terrible explosion occurred, and two victims of the disaster lie in a perilous condition. The report was heard by other miners in the same entry, who went to their rescue, and upon arriving upon the scene of the explosion found the two men buried beyond recognition. Their almost lifeless forms were taken out as soon as possible and medical aid summoned.

Francis B. Henslowe, an English rancher of San Quentin, Lower California, was robbed in a most unusual manner on Monday evening at San Diego, Cal., when under the influence of liquor. He was suddenly encircled in the dark with a lariat, which tightened about his neck and choked him, while he was dragged from the street and sandbagged. On recovering consciousness he found his watch and money gone.

A week ago Oscar Dalrymple Jr., of Preston, Idaho, a young man 23 years of age, noticed that he was suffering with a cracked lip, as though from a cold. He rubbed it considerably, and the result was that it swelled, until by Sunday his face had assumed mammoth proportions. On Monday morning the young man died, the cause being blood poisoning. The sad and fatal termination to what appeared a trivial matter was a hard blow to his family and friends, says the *Paris Post*.

The cattlemen of the Saratoga valley, remarks the *Wyoming Sun*, claim that the sheepmen are running the range and will soon drive the cattle industry from the country. They say the sheepmen extend their ranges and keep encroaching year by year, until there is hardly a stream south of the Encampment, on either side of the river, that is not in their possession. The cattlemen of Snake river have organized and issued an ultimatum to the sheepmen of that locality.

It seems as though the repeated deaths on the Colorado desert, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, ought to enforce the lesson on all prospectors and travelers of the absolute necessity of a good supply of water. Most of the men who have lost their lives on these desolate sands have neglected this essential part of their equipment. To take an extra pack animal for water would not entail much expense and it

would probably save the lives of those who may lose their way or fail to find water in the usual holes or springs.

A young woman has been arrested at Sacramento, Cal., for wearing men's attire. Her name is Ardelia M. Benham and her home is in Indiana, where she has well-to-do relatives who keep her supplied with money. She left home a few years ago and went to California, where she stayed at a hotel in Red Bluff, subsequently rendering service as a waitress. While acting in this capacity she became infatuated with a Red Bluff citizen named Harry Glass. They agreed to run away together and in order to disguise herself she donned male attire.

A very interesting surgical operation has just been performed at Cowley's Pacific Sanitorium, Los Angeles, Cal. It consisted of removing an abdominal tumor of the variety known as lobular fibroma, and was the largest ever taken out in Southern California, weighing thirty pounds. The patient was an Indian woman belonging to Agua Caliente reservation 2 at Palm Springs, and it is the first instance where an Indian has consented to leave the reservation and travel into town for medical aid.

Some time during the early hours of Tuesday morning, says the *Laramie*, Wyo., *Boomerang*, parties broke one of the fine stained glass windows at the rear of the Catholic church and entering the edifice went to the tabernacle at the rear of the altar, where the valuable and cherished articles of the church are kept and stole some of the articles and scattered others about the altar. The sacrament was scattered about. After completing this work the parties went out of the front doors of the church, leaving them open. Some of the most valued articles of the tabernacle, so far as their intrinsic worth is concerned, were not disturbed. The damage and loss are given at \$200.

The main line of the Burlington system, says the *Cheyenne*, Wyo., *Leader*, will soon be pushed from Sheridan west to Yellowstone park, either through it or south of it to Boise, and thence to San Francisco. The Montana branch, now under construction and to be completed by October 15th next, makes direct connection with all the Northern Pacific points, including Portland and Puget Sound cities and by a further advance of 125 miles to Great Falls, direct connection with the Great Northern will be made for all western points. The small reduction in wages, considering that employment will be given when it is so badly needed and considering that the climate in this particular region of country is most delightful, excellent camping places and purest water in the world, etc., will not be antagonized by any fair-minded people.

Two fishermen will never forget the sixteen-hour struggle they had for life on the bottom of a boat while drifting, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, about San Francisco bay. They are Ballito Bartali and Manuel Recotal. On Monday evening at 6 o'clock, when the wind was blowing twenty-eight miles an hour, they were coming down the bay from the direction of San Mateo. When off Hunter's point a small squall struck their boat and it