

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Smallpox is prevalent in Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Rico, Colo., Odd Fellows will build a hall to cost about \$20,000.

Nevada's penitentiary cost the people of that state \$65,000 for 1893-94.

Delta county, Colo., farmers are preparing their land for spring planting.

Meeker, Colo., flour mill has had to suspend operations for the want of grain.

Nevada is shipping some immense blocks of silicon from American flats to the San Francisco fair.

Eureka, Nev., offers \$50 reward for the detection of indiscriminate dog poisoners.

Old Fort McDowell, on the Verde river Arizona, has become a frontier pleasure resort.

The Fort Morgan, Colo., irrigating canal is causing the farmers both trouble and expense.

Evans, Colo., is agitating the question of establishment of electric light and waterworks in that town.

California has paid out \$187,000 in bounties for coyote scalps and still has 117,000 claims of the same kind against it.

At Ridgeway, Colo., for the first time in several years the Uncompahgre river has been frozen over for several days.

La Mesa, N.M., Mercantile company, engaged in the manufacture of brooms, has sold this year its entire product in California.

Mancos, Col., has a boom coming. The La Platas are attracting a concentrated interest of gold hunters from all over the state.

Washington county, Colo., will receive an addition of fifty families this spring through the Burlington railroad agencies.

A Jefferson county (Colo.) diaryman named Q. T. Feitch, reports his cows as yielding a revenue of \$93 each during the last year.

Near Halley, Idaho, the snow on the Sawtooth mountains is five feet deep on the level and forty to fifty feet deep in the gulches.

The Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs closed its convention on Friday, adjourning finally without day to meet in Los Angeles next year.

Grant county, New Mexico, cattle sales in 1893 amounted to \$250,000, and did not perceptibly diminish the number of cattle in that county.

The Great Northern railroad has made a contract with Washington men for 250,000 cedar ties, to be used in Montana and North Dakota.

The Theater Comique, a notorious resort of Tacoma, Wash., has been leased by the Salvation Army and will be used for their religious services.

Florence, Colo., will not permit Chinamen to locate there. A citizens' committee calls upon them when they arrive and escorts them to the depot.

In Costilla and Conejos counties, Colorado, more grain is being held

over by farmers for next year's market than has ever been known before.

An enterprising thief at Los Angeles has entered an optician's establishment and carried off something like \$500 worth of gold-rimmed eyeglasses.

The Trinidad anti-gambling crusade has struck the church socials. No more lotteries, ring cakes, raffles or prize gambling will be permitted in Trinidad.

Idaho live stock men report a splendid winter. On Lost river only eight inches of snow has fallen in the valley and live stock is wintering without feeding.

Conejos and Costilla counties, Colo., export large quantities of field peas. It is a very profitable crop and is used when crushed to feed hogs, horses and cattle.

W. H. Duboise, a soldier in the Fort McKinney, Wyo., hospital corps, took poison on Wednesday evening in the room of his innamorata. Jealousy was the cause.

At Virginia City, Nev., people have to take in their thermometers at night to keep them from being frozen and burst by frost, at least an exchange declares so.

Steamboat Springs, Colo., will this year become the center of a creamery business. Grand county ranchmen are going into the dairying business on a large scale.

San Luis valley, Colo., farmers feed their wheat to hogs and realize \$1.25 a hundred on it by selling the pork at \$4 a hundred. They boil the wheat and mix with field peas.

In Stevensville, Ravalli county, Mont., a man has recently been convicted of stealing a car load of hogs and getting away with the proceeds before detection.

At Rico, Colo., last month the pay rolls for three silver mines amounted to a total of \$39,300, and the Rico Sun wants to know what's the matter with hard times in the San Juan.

Captain Jones of the Selma Salvation Army was placed in jail at Fresno, Cal., on Wednesday evening, having defaulted in paying a fine of \$75 for beating a drum on the streets of Selma.

California prospers apace. At the close of last year, it is said, the state had a population of 1,500,000, and since 1880 the assessed value of property has just doubled.

Sandy Peterson of Great Falls, Mont., has brought suit for \$20,000 damages against George Hinds because the latter threw around his neck a lariat, causing him severe injuries.

The right of the Southern Pacific Railway company to collect fare for local travel within the limits of the city of Oakland, Cal., is likely to be brought to a test in the courts at last.

There have been a good many persons vaccinated in Laramie, Wyo., during the past few weeks, the result largely of the rage of smallpox and other contagious diseases in the east.

Dillon, Mont., has let its waterworks contract to a Butte firm of contractors

for the sum of \$46,500. Work is to begin in February, and the water is to be let into the mains before the end of June.

Near Virginia City, Nev., in Six Mile canyon, milling operations at the mines have been stopped by severe weather. The sun never shines in Six Mile canyon during the winter, says an exchange.

Lovelock, Nev., challenges the world at the Midwinter Fair. It will have on exhibit iron, lead, copper, bismuth, antimony, nickel, cobalt, borax, silver and gold, all produced at Lovelock or its vicinity.

The Gunnison State, Colo., fish hatchery is reported in fine condition. Millions of young trout in all stages, from the eggs to six inches in length, are on hand preparing for next spring distribution.

On Rock creek, Wyoming, a herd of cattle was observed from the Union Pacific trains storm bound for about thirty days. They are reported by the Laramie Boomerang as having slowly starved to death.

At Grangeville, Idaho, four girls sleeping on the floor of a cabin while two strangers occupied the girls' rooms above, have been crushed to death in their sleep by a snowslide which came upon the cabin during the night.

Fresno has come to the front once more with a "rapid transit divorce," says the San Francisco Chronicle. The decree was granted in an hour and twenty minutes after the complaint was filed.

A serious defect has been found in the Riverside (Cal.) county prohibition ordinance. Nothing is said in the law about forbidding the "barter" of liquor. It will be amended soon to remedy the blunder.

Arizona bee men in the Salt river and Gila valleys are very active this year, and the prospect for an immense crop of honey was never better before than it is this spring in the vicinity of Phoenix.

Berthoud, Colo., makes the best record on a hog feeding experiment wheat and barley chop feed. Twenty-nine young shoats and one large old hog realized G. F. and J. F. Welty \$507 at \$4.60 a hundred pounds.

A falling cottonwood tree, which was being cut down by some Mexicans at Phoenix, Ariz., fell upon a carriage containing Mrs. E. Ganz, two children and a servant. All were more or less injured and the carriage demolished.

Near Summerville, Colo., one night last week Charles Donath, a miner ran a race for life with a mountain lion which disputed his passage over the snow. As Donath had snow shoes and the lion had none, Donath reached town first.

A Butte, Mont., convict released from the penitentiary was arrested within twelve hours after his release, tried for forgery, committed within thirty-six hours, and was back in the penitentiary within three days of his release.

At Fruita in the lower Grand valley, Colorado, last week, a new Methodist church was dedicated. After the sermon the bishop appealed to the congregation for \$700 to pay off the church debt and \$710 was promptly subscribed.