

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Planting at the canaigre farm at Tempe, Arizona, began this week.

Arizona has a blind Papago Indian who plays the violin with much skill.

After September 1st the Western Union Telegraph company will reduce its schedule of charges in Nevada and central California.

Frankie Thompson, the ten-year-old son of Hiram Thompson, a farmer living near Ryan's Slough, Eureka, Cal., was drowned Monday while bathing in a creek near his home.

David Walters, aged 73 years, was struck by a broad gauge local train at Oakland, Cal., Monday night, and was fatally injured. The old man was crossing the street and did not hear the train approaching.

Charles McCallum, chief officer of the steamer Gypsy, while boarding that vessel at the foot of Broadway street, San Francisco, Monday evening, fell from the gang plank and was drowned. He was 48 years old and unmarried.

Louis Nichols of Pacific Grove, Cal., brought to town a monster oyster shell that had been dug up in the southern part of the county Monday. The shell was about eighteen inches long and fourteen inches wide, and it weighed about twenty pounds.

Thursday, at Franklin, Idaho, a young son of Samuel Parkinson caught one of his fingers in a hay rope, badly lacerating the member. Dr. Canfield, who attended him, found it necessary to amputate the first joint of the finger and the boy is now getting along nicely.

George Collier, a well-to-do stock farmer residing on the Merced river, twelve miles west of Turlock, Cal., was kicked over the heart by a horse Wednesday afternoon and received injuries from which he died an hour afterward. The deceased was about 30 years of age and leaves a mother, four sisters and a brother.

Two young men, Frank Sherman and Harry Dixon, were drowned at Asbury station, a short distance from Long Beach, Cal., Monday morning. Sherman, who was nineteen, got beyond his depth, and Dixon went to his rescue, when both were washed out into the breakers. The boys were campers from Eagle Rock valley, near Paradise.

In the St. Lawrence mine at Butte, Montana, Tuesday evening the cage gave way and fell 1,200 feet. Peter Ryan was in the cage and was killed. It is also believed that John Manning and John Campbell, and two other men who were near the bottom of the shaft were caught by the cage and killed. A force of men is removing the debris.

William Williams, a bachelor who has resided at Corvallis, Oregon, for the past 27 years, purchased a revolver from a gunsmith Sunday afternoon deliberately walked out on the sidewalk and shot himself through the brain. Deceased had been employed as an engineer at Fischer's flouring mill, but was recently obliged to resign on account of illness.

Preston, Idaho, New Era: The lightning played havoc on Sunday last. It burned out all the telephones in this part of the country, so that communication between here and Franklin is entirely cut off. It split a telephone pole on Main street, knocked a horse down, and made several ladies nervous. We have not had such an electric display in this valley for years.

Perle Wilton, a well-known mining man, lost his life Tuesday in an attempt to save that of his brother Lawrence. The latter was overcome by foul gas in the Early Bird mine, near Palouse City, Wash. Perle descended and had him hoisted to the surface. As Perle reached within ten feet of the top he lost his hold on the rope and was dashed to death sixty feet below.

George Parmillion, a farmer living on the Gueroville road in Green valley, Cal., was found dead in bed at his house Tuesday forenoon. He was a bachelor and lived alone. The neighbors saw him up around his place early in the morning. He was found dead about 10 o'clock. Parmillion was about 69 years old. It is believed the cause of his death was heart disease. He was a prominent farmer.

The Breeder's Gazette says: At the present time it costs about \$16 per head on an average to send bullocks from Chicago to England. The cost varies from \$15 to \$20 per head, according to space rates on vessels and the insurance rates. The amount of shrinkage cattle undergo on the trip is very little except in bad weather. If cattle eat well on the voyage they often show quite a little gain when they land. No grass western cattle are exported.

Buffalo, Wyoming, Bulletin: It is currently reported that Henry Holgate has left the country. Three weeks ago this morning, he disappeared after visiting the bull camp. He drew \$1,500 from the First National bank of Buffalo, and he got a horse from his partner, Merritt stating that he was going over into the basin to buy cattle. He had also money for investment from Sheridan placed conjecturally as high as \$2,500.

Monterey, Cal., witnessed a most peculiar phenomenon Tuesday night. Shortly after sunset a beautiful and perfectly formed rainbow appeared in the sky to the south of this city. No rain fell at Monterey, but the sky had been cloudy, and it is thought that the tail end of the recent storm in the southern part of the state reached here. The weather has been intensely warm and sultry, and an earthquake was looked for, as all indications were of that nature.

A. M. Ramey, a prominent merchant of Los Gatos, Cal., was found lying in an unconscious condition on the road between Los Gatos and Campbell Thursday. Mrs. G. B. Jackson of San Jose found the man and had him brought to his home, where he was attended by three physicians, who give no hope of his recovery. His back is dislocated and he is otherwise injured. The cause of the injury is a mystery, but the supposition is that he became

overcome with heat and fell from his buggy.

The incendiary who burned a barn on the Dixon ranch near Elk Grove, Cal., last Sunday night was captured at an early hour Tuesday morning within a quarter of a mile of the scene of his crime. When caught he was hiding in a hayloft, and offered no resistance. Later he made a confession, in which he acknowledged that he set fire to the building and declared that he did so through his love of Miss Annie Dixon, who owned the property. The prisoner's name is James B. O'Reilly. Miss Dixon had refused to receive his attentions.

Yuma, Arizona, News: A horrible accident occurred Friday morning about 4:30 o'clock at Maricopa. A Mexican attempted to board an east-bound freight train and his foot slipped, he was thrown under the wheels, the body being dragged about 100 yards. None of the train crew saw the accident and the train did not stop. A little later the body was discovered lying on the track. The head and limbs were torn from the body and scattered about. The remains were identified as those of Miguel Pardo, a Mexican, aged twenty-seven years, who had been working as a section hand on the Southern Pacific east of Yuma.

A special from Tillamook, Oregon, says that Charles Lamb, a lad 9 years old, son of O. C. Lamb of Vancouver, fell down a cliff 250 feet at Netarts, and wonderful to relate was not killed, though the chances of his recovery are still doubtful. The boy was ascending the hill at Maxwell's short beach, when he stumbled and fell, rolling over the jagged rocks and falling from shelf to shelf until his mangled body rested on the beach 250 feet below. A physician was hastily summoned. No bones were found broken, strange to say, unless his skull is fractured. The boy, however, received internal injuries, and his face was fearfully lacerated and bruised. His skull was laid bare in several places. At last accounts he was unconscious and resting easy.

The bodies of two sailors were recovered from San Francisco bay Wednesday, one at the foot of Howard street and the other at the foot of Washington. The former was discovered by Latty Hanley, and was identified as the body of Arthur Whalley, a native of England, 35 years old. He was a member of the Sailors' union. The body had been in the water at least ten days. It is supposed that Whalley fell off the dock while drunk. The other body still lies at the morgue, unidentified, except as that of a man who applied for a bunk on the ship Cedarbank a few nights ago. The request was refused, and as the wanderer turned to go down the plank he slipped and fell into the water. Every effort was made to rescue him, but proved futile. The body had been in the water two days. Deceased was a man of about 35 years, poorly dressed.

Sioux City, S. D., Tribune: It is quite probable that, from necessity, because of a scarcity of native cattle, a great many cattle feeders will this season buy and feed western range steers, who have never done so before. This is a condition of affairs encourag-