

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The spring season is coming very early in the Saratoga valley of Wyoming.

The *Express* says the prospects for a full crop of apples about Fort Collins (Colo.) are very promising.

Charles Moore, a fifteen-year-old boy, was dragged to death by a horse at Endicott, Wash., last Sunday.

Fruit buds in the whole valley about Delta, Colo., are said to be in fine condition and a larger fruit crop than was ever before known in that section is already assured.

Mr. Currie, the Utah sheepman who visited Halley last week, says the *Halley Times*, took such a fancy to this region that he intends to return soon, to make his home here.

Owing to the great amount of moisture which has fallen this spring, says the *Lander* (Wyo.) *Clipper*, the range is looking better than it has at this season for the past five years.

Silver Cliff, Colo., has telegraphic communication with the world, after a stillness of six years. The line was completed some days since, but the wires were only connected on Saturday last.

The honey crop is said to be now well under way in the Salt River valley of Arizona. Like all other crops this year, it promises to be a phenomenon in quantity and excellent in quality.

The Denver Manufacturing Exchange has concluded to give an exhibition of Colorado manufactured products at Coliseum hall during the week of the Republican League convention.

A man named Shea, serving on board the *Independence* at Mare Island, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment and loss of pay. While drunk Shea slapped the face of Ensign Harry George.

The rains of the past few days, remarks the *Helena*, Mont., *Independent*, make the hearts of the stockmen glad. Sheepmen also report a big lamb crop, with the young ones in good shape.

Sam Gibson, once a noted swimmer, was arrested for burglary at Vancouver. While being taken to Nanaimo on a steamer he jumped overboard and attempted to swim ashore. The tide carried him away and he was drowned.

The California branch of the Sons of the Revolution offers two medals, one of silver and the other of bronze, to the pupils of the various high schools in the state for the best essay on Patrick Henry.

The late heavy frosts had the effect to kill the fruit prospects of that section very extensively, says the *Virginia City* (Nevada) *Enterprise*. There will not be half a crop in Reno, Carson and throughout Washoe valley.

Chinese and Japanese are largely employed by the fruit growers in California. The fruit growers of Nevada will disdain to employ help of any kind this season, says the *Virginia City* (Nevada) *Enterprise*.

It is commonly rumored here, says

the *Wadsworth* (Nevada) *Dispatch*, that the Whitaker Hall at Reno will close for good at the end of the present term, and the pupils who desire to finish will do so at the Salt Lake school.

Miss Kittie Wilkins, the "horse queen of Idaho," has left for Omaha, says the *Mountain Home* (Idaho) *Republican*, where she went to arrange for the delivery of 100 head of horses that she recently sold in the eastern market.

Mrs. Ignacio Escaba, of Pala, Cal., the aunt and also the foster mother of the girl, Vasilis Escaba, who was murdered by her paramour, Manuel Amalio, in San Diego last March, has died from grief over the taking off of the unfortunate girl.

The porch of Antonio Bustamente's house at Yuma, Arizona, fell at midnight Sunday night, killing instantly his wife and daughter, badly injuring three other daughters and breaking his leg. A little boy sleeping with his mother escaped unhurt. Three other sons sleeping outside escaped.

The frost and cold of last week, says the *Carson* (Nev.) *News*, destroyed all the fruit that escaped the blight of a few weeks ago. Even the vegetables barely above the ground were frozen to the roots. Potato patches resemble prairies that have been swept by fire, and the loss is very heavy.

Large consignments of wool are being received by the Forwarding company for shipment to the East, remarks the *Caldwell* (Idaho) *Argus*. The recent reduction of freight rates has induced the wool men to bring their wool in large quantities. There is something near 300,000 pounds in the company's warehouse.

Augustino Capurro, an aged Italian, was stabbed through the heart in the bar-room of a small grocery store at San Francisco on Saturday night, by a countryman named Mereo Felice, alias "Kreen Kreen." The murder is described as having been one of the most brutal and coldblooded ever committed in the Latin quarter.

The case of the people against Frank Wright, charged with the murder of Blanche Cornetto at Idaho Springs on January 28 last, has been occupying the district court at Georgetown, Colo. The testimony was substantially the same as that testified to at the preliminary examination. The jury returned a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

Laramie, Wyo., says the *Boomerang*, is today the headquarters of a great mining boom. The newspapers of the city have been conservative recently in making statements regarding the mining movement in the hills west of this city. It is a conservative statement now to say that miners are coming here from Colorado by the score.

Charles Acklimire, a hotel keeper, was murderously assaulted by two men at Livingston, Montana, on Saturday night. The men came from behind and struck him on the head with some blunt instrument, knocking him down and severely injuring him. His outcries brought help, which frightened

his assailants away. It is thought that robbery was the motive for the assault.

S. F. Johnson, of Globeville, Colo., had a very close call for his life during Sunday evening's thunder storm. He had gone to his pasture to take in a horse and had almost reached the animal when it was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Johnson was knocked insensible and it was some time before he recovered sufficiently to make his way back to the house.

About dark last night, says the *Halley* (Idaho) *Times*, a school of fish coming up the river halted at the dam at the foot of Bullion street. The news soon spread around town, and scores of anglers hurried down to indulge in their favorite pastime. They were rewarded with good strings, caught in a very short time, all the fish being of good size. From this time on until next winter fishing will be good at all points along the river.

The red sandstone quarries at Bellvue, says the *Fort Collins* (Colo.) *Courier*, are expected to resume operations shortly upon a large scale. These quarries have been idle since early last fall, the suspension of building operations making it impossible to work them without loss, but now that business of all kinds is reviving in leading centers a demand for this kind of building material is springing up which warrants the proprietors in getting to work again.

It seems to be the general impression, says the *Cheyenne*, Wyo., *Sun*, that the soldiers at Green River and Pocatello from Fort Russell will not return for two weeks. It has been thought best to keep them near the state line to prevent the entry into the state of the many commonwealers now headed toward the East from all over the Northwest. The soldiers will remain on duty so long as there is any possibility that the industrials have any idea that they can travel over the Union Pacific.

The general merchants of Rock Springs, Wyo., says the *Independent* of that place, are beginning to realize some of the munificent benefits to be derived from the establishment of the new stage line. Several large bills of goods have been sold by them and shipped to the gold camps the past week, and many more are yet to come. A great amount of this business has been taken from the merchants at Rawlins, and could not have been secured otherwise than by the establishment of the new stage route.

Work on the Prescott and Phoenix road is being prosecuted at a satisfactory rate says the *Denver News*. The line is completed to within sixteen miles of Congress, or about 100 miles from Prescott. A force of 500 men are grading, the bridge carpenters are well along and there is an abundance of ties in sight. The completion of this line next fall, adds the *News*, will give Denver a new and more direct entrance to the splendid Salt river valley of Arizona and to the prosperous city of Phoenix.

Professor R. H. McDowell, of the experiment station, says the *Reno* (Nev.) *Gazette*, has planted a quarter of an acre to hops, and proposes to give hop culture a thorough test. California produces about 1,500 pounds to