

couple of men raking the streets. Some men have to be hit with a club before they see the point.

Saratoga, Wyoming, Sun: We are in receipt of a letter from Foster Kearne, of Beaver Creek, saying he had struck oil in a well on his ranch. It seems he sank a well on his place to obtain water for domestic purposes. At a depth of five feet he obtained abundance of water, but it is so strongly impregnated with oil that it cannot be used. He says he has found on his place, in the past few days, great deposits of oil, and requests to be informed if any one conversant with such matters comes his way.

Boiler, Idaho, officials have received word that a man supposed to be Jack Davis, known as "Diamond Field Jack," is under arrest at Santa Rosa, Cal. He is wanted for a murderous assault upon William Tulman, a sheepherder in Cassia county, Idaho. There have been several murders in that section growing out of a war between cattle men and sheep men, and it is believed that the capture of Davis will lead to disclosures fixing the responsibility. All the murders are supposed to have been committed by men in the employ of cattle men.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Avalanche: Market Gardener Josiah Sampson's wife, who lives half a mile from town, got pretty badly hurt Monday evening. Some of her cows not coming home, she set out to hunt them about nine o'clock. She went up on the Mesa, and on returning she stumbled over some rocks, and in rolling down her face was cut, several teeth were knocked out, and her body was badly bruised. With a great effort she managed to reach home. So painful are her wounds that she is confined to her bed.

News has been received from Prattville, Cal., giving details of a fatal accident which happened last Friday. Three sons of C. G. Boller, who resides about three miles from Prattville, were in the woods when a heavy thunderstorm came up. The boys sought shelter under a large pine tree, when, without any warning, the tree blew down, crushing the younger boy, aged 7 years. It was necessary to saw a block from the tree before the body could be removed. The head, chest and legs of the unfortunate boy were crushed to an unrecognizable mass.

Kansas City Drivers' Telegram: A report recently came in that Texas fever had broken out among cattle near Coffeyville, Kan. The government has investigated the disease and decides that it was the fever. Albert Dean requests us to refute the statement and we are very glad to do it. The Telegram, as it has frequently stated, would be tickled to see Uncle Sam impose a penalty upon the first newspaper or newspaper correspondent that announces a case of Texas fever before being authorized to do so by the government. This thing of sending fever reports over the country and then diagnosing the case afterward ought to be stopped.

Chicago Drivers' Journal: The tightness of the money market is going to make a big difference in the number of cattle and sheep fed this fall. Farmers are unable to get loans on the best kind of security, and so the number of

stock fed will depend largely upon the amount of ready cash that feeders can raise. That feed will be cheap is a foregone conclusion. Old corn is now selling in many places at 15 cents per bushel, and an extensive feeder here at the yards is laying in a big supply of it simply because he feels that it will be a good investment when put into stock. While it is probable that the supply of feeding cattle will not be as large as usual this year, there will likely be enough to supply the demand.

Oito Durbrow, a boy of 12, who, with several companions, newshoys, left San Francisco about two weeks ago on an Indian-killing expedition, returned home on Monday. He and his companions had started out with romantic notions about the excitement of life among the Indians. They were on their way to the mountains in search of the red man in his native lair, and got as far as Reno, Nev., not without many exciting adventures with unromantic trappers. There his companions, tired, hungry and somewhat out of repair, proposed robbery as a means of replenishing their pockets. They even selected a victim, but Durbrow could not be persuaded to enter into the plot and took the homeward track.

A story is printed in Los Angeles that an old gentleman and his wife who reside at the corner of Fourteenth street and Central avenue went away some days ago to spend a brief period at the beach. They had just moved into the house and none of the neighbors knew their names. When the old couple returned home they found the house had been looted by burglars during their absence. The thieves had carried away nearly everything in sight. Clothing, silverware, jewelry, even several choice pieces of furniture were not overlooked. A son of the old couple, who is said to be a missionary in India, had sent his parents some valuable trifles, which they prized very highly. This was also taken. Neighbors saw men moving about the premises, but supposed they had business there.

Prescott, Arizona, Courier: J. D. Moore returned Monday from the Beaver creek section and confirms the report of the drowning in that creek last Wednesday of N. H. Hutchinson, his father-in-law. The old gentleman, with his niece, a little girl, attempted to cross the creek in a buckboard. While crossing he dropped one of the lines, the horses swerved, the buckboard upset and its occupants were brown into the torrent. The girl attempted to assist the old man, but he struck savagely at her and she swam away, telling him that she could not help him. She was carried down the stream 100 yards before she got out. Hutchinson's body was found twelve miles below, in the Verde, back of John Woods's ranch, the following day. He was 72 years of age two days before his death, a pioneer in this section, and a most worthy man.

Twin Bridges, Idaho, Monitor: A fatal accident occurred at the Ruby Hill Mining Co.'s works on Wednesday, by which John Maguire, a well known miner of Alder gulch, was instantly killed and John Strom, another, was painfully injured. The claim on which the men were employed is about nine miles from Vir-

ginia City, and is worked by drift ing Maguire was the drifter and Strom was his helper. The former had put in what is known as a false set of timbers and driven the splings to the face of the drift, when a run of sand occurred which knocked down the timbers, burying Maguire under the debris and knocking Strom backward into the drift, bruising his arm so severely as to paralyze it. As soon as possible assistance was procured and the body of Maguire was dug out and conveyed to Virginia City, where the remains were interred.

Wednesday afternoon, Jessie, youngest daughter of W. S. Henry, residing about five miles westward of St. John, Kansas, was accidentally shot by her eleven-year-old cousin, Claud, son of D. J. Henry of Rose Valley township. Young Henry was visiting his uncle's family and the two children were in the house playing, when the boy picked up a target rifle, and, not knowing it was loaded, pointed the gun at his little cousin and pulled the trigger, with the above result. The ball took effect in the child's forehead. Mr. and Mrs. Henry were absent at the time of the fatal accident, but an older sister was at home. The parents were notified as soon as possible and a messenger was dispatched to this city for medical assistance and Dr. Winner immediately started to if possible, give relief to the unfortunate child, but upon examination pronounced the wound fatal.

George F. McConnell, grand keeper of records and seals of the Knights of Pythias, residing in Portland, Oregon, is a defaulter to the extent of \$3,000 and a fugitive from justice. McConnell has been missing since last Tuesday, and it is thought he has gone to his former home in Canada, hoping to escape extradition. The first intimation of McConnell's peculations came to light last October. During a meeting of the grand lodge the announcement was made that the reports of the grand officers would be received in the afternoon. During the recess hours McConnell confessed to his intimate friends that he had embezzled about \$800 of lodge funds. He stated that drink caused him to violate his fiduciary trust. He promised, if granted immunity from prosecution and given another chance, to forewear drink and make good the amount of the theft. Under such a promise his friends prevented an exposure and gave personal notes to cover the shortage discovered, and McConnell was re-elected. To guard against further dereliction on his part an amendment to the constitution was enacted providing that all subordinate lodges from that time on should remit to the grand master of the exchequer instead of to the grand keeper of records and seals. Also that the former retain \$50 a month of the latter's salary till the delinquency was wiped out. McConnell made no effort to mend his ways after so much leniency was vouchsafed him, but kept on his course. A week ago he disappeared, and the supposition is that he has gone to his former home in Canada, realizing that exposure of his rascalties might consign him to the penitentiary. Steps are being taken to have him extradited from the British provinces should he be found. His family are yet at Portland, and his