

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

An Indian has been sent to jail at Westminster, B. C., for selling trout out of season.

Whitcomb county, Wash., has built nearly eighty miles of wagon road during the past two years.

Estimates on the amount of wheat to the Kittitas valley, Wash., place it at from 40,000 to 50,000 bushels.

A petition will be sent from New Westminster, B. C., to Ottawa in favor of extending the franchise to women.

The total exports of California wines for January amounted to 575,549 gallons aggregating a value of \$267,891.

Recently at Jerome, Arizona, a miner was walking in a drift, his light went out, he fell into a chute and was killed.

The city council of Tacoma, Wash., has passed an ordinance levying a tax of \$1 a year upon every bicycle owned in the city.

The next municipal election at Redlands, Cal., will probably be fought on the question of high license vs prohibition.

Frank H. Sanborn, a carpenter, was thrown from a horse in Everett, Wash., the other day, and received injuries from which he died soon after.

While in an intoxicated condition in Phoenix, Arizona, one night last week, Charles Stahl, a cook, fell into a water ditch and was drowned.

The light rainfall thus far has caused the novel practice of irrigating in midwinter at Riverside, Redlands and other interior localities in California.

Charles Flester, the condemned murderer at Grants Pass, Or., is still in a comatose condition, and it is generally conceded that he is suffering from paresis.

Governor Hughes of Arizona has appointed Mrs. Rebecca G. Phillips, of Phoenix, as a member of the board of education of the territorial normal school.

Gov. McConnell has called the Idaho immigration congress for April 2, in Boise, and has invited each of the states in the northwest to send five delegates.

Beginning the first Tuesday in May the Oregon State Grange will hold its annual session in McMinnville. About 150 delegates are expected to be present.

Prescott, Arizona, mechanics and business men were caught rather heavily by the failure of the American Building and Loan Association of Minneapolis, Minn.

Hundreds of hogs have recently died in the vicinity of Cazadero, Cal., the result of a disease that causes the animals to break out in sores. One farmer lost 100 head.

The Los Angeles city council by a unanimous vote Monday afternoon adopted an ordinance making a horizontal cut of 50 per cent in water rates for the ensuing year.

Prof. David Starr Jordan, president of the Stanford university, lectured before the Sacramento lecture associa-

tion on Thursday evening on the subject: 'The mission of the fool killer.'

Lizzie Driven, a twelve-year-old girl, was drowned near Iniquish, in King county, Wash. She was subject to fits, and it is supposed she was seized with one and fell into the water.

The Yuma Indians have buried large quantities of watermelons in the sand so as to have plenty of them during the winter. They keep melons stored in that way for over six months.

The other evening the 11-months-old child of James Feeley of New Whitcomb, Wash., tipped a cup full of hot lard over her face, burning the whole surface, eyelids and all, in a frightful manner.

The mayor of Portland has suspended all the members of the city fire commission because he did not like their politics. The commissioners had declined to support the mayor's political party.

At a ranch near Phoenix, Arizona, a playful mule reared and caught its head securely in the crotch of a tree. Its struggles were unavailing, and only by cutting down the tree was the animal released.

On Thursday the infant child of E. C. Atwater, of Helena, Mont., fell from a high chair and broke its neck. The mother was in New York with an invalid child at the time of the accident to the babe.

John Orlsen, of St. Helena, Cal., committed suicide Thursday, by taking carbolic acid. He had been addicted to drink and financial reverse made him despondent. He leaves a widow and three children.

Charles S. Hubbard, a farmer living near McMinnville, Oregon, committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself through the head with a rifle placed under his chin. Financial difficulties were the cause.

The Root Springs, Wyo., Miner, gives two and a half columns to a 25-round prize fight between Dick Case, alleged to be from Salt Lake, and Billy Lewis, of Denver, which ended in a draw.

In the case of Fred Reinhardt, the switchman killed in the Union Pacific yards at Green River, Wyo., on the 16th inst., the jury returned a verdict that the fatality was accidental, and the railway not to blame.

Benton Clemmens, a 17-year-old boy residing at San Bernardino, Cal., while out hunting recently, was accidentally shot and killed. His gun, out of the buggy, was discharged, and the charge, entering young Clemmens's shoulder, caused his death.

A prospector named W. W. McNeelly, of Tombstone, Arizona, who has been suffering for several weeks from a painful wound to his eye, lost that organ in a very peculiar manner one day last week. While sneezing the ball of the eye burst and the sight is gone.

Gez Conn, a Chinese cook in Marshfield, Ore., plotted a didn't-know-it-was-loaded rifle at Robert Moe in inn, and pulled the trigger. The bullet struck the collar bone on the right side

and rebounded, as it was only 22 caliber, but the Chinese was nearly frightened to death.

A special from Santa Ana, Cal., says: Jose Sepulveda, a bright young Mexican boy, 16 years old, who resided with his mother on South Main street, was shot down like a dog while he was on his way to a dance near the Southern Pacific depot Monday evening. There is no clue to the murderer.

At the Hoonah Indian mission, 80 miles from Sitka, Alaska, a short time ago, a double murder was committed, the particulars of which have just been received. One of the chiefs had been ailing with an incurable disease, and an Indian doctor was waiting on him. The chief died, and his friends killed the doctor; then the friends of the latter caught the man who did the work of assassination, and killed him.

The mandate of the supreme court of the United States, affirming the decision of the United States district court for the Los Angeles, Cal., district in the cases of Clune, Stanwood and Rose, convicted by Judge Rose for complicity in the railroad troubles during the great American Railway Union strike, arrived from Washington Wednesday. Thursday the commitments were issued and the men entered on their sentence of eighteen months.

Arrangements are being made by the United States authorities to move the Mojave Indians up from the agency to the vicinity of Fort Mojave, Cal., where 80,000 acres of land will be put under irrigation for them. The valley in the neighborhood of Fort Mojave will be soon settled up with a thrifty class of farmers, who will supply the towns along the line of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad with fresh vegetables daily throughout the year.

Through the failure of the last Arizona legislature to pass an appropriation bill, the financial affairs of the territory have been in a curious mud-jug for the past year, the board of control assuming the power to appropriate territorial funds to pay current expenses. This action was brought into question Tuesday in an action of E. S. Wakelin, of Phoenix, against the territorial treasurer, F. J. Cole, for the payment of warrants refused liquidation while cash was in the treasury. A bill is now before Congress which if passed will allow the board to audit and pay one main item in the appropriation bill, which only failed because a wrangle over its provisions was carried on till after midnight on the final day of the legal session of the legislature.

Three hundred mining men and prospectors left Spokane, Wash., Monday morning for Colville Indian reservation in anticipation of the President signing the bill extending the mineral laws to the north half of the reserve. During the past summer several hundred claims were staked out on the reservation, it being a legal point as to whether the mining laws were not already in force. Most of those now going to have been there before, and their purpose now is to stand guard over their claims. Miners and prospectors are also coming down from the camps of British Columbia. The reservation is now covered with snow, but the weather is mild, and as fuel is plentiful no hardships are anticipated.