NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Railroad Suggested for a Burlington Link to the Coast.

MINER KILLED BY A CAVE-IN.

Struck by a Railway Train—First Alaska Execution—Supposed Desperado Caught.

Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever, the public schools of Centralia, Wash., have been closed by the city council, acting as a board of health.

Tie-Kee-Yelle, "Three-Fingered Charlie," a Cake Island Indian, has been convicted of the murder of one of his tribe and sentenced to be hanged at Sitka. This will be the first legal execution in Alaska.

Nader Angelo, an employe in the New Almaden mine, Cal., was killed in a cave Tuesday. He was examining a new excavation to ascertain if it was safe for timber, when a cave occurred and he was buried alive. A large force of men went to work immediately, but the unfortunate miner was dead when they reached him.

Three men named Eldred, Spaulding and Hodge, who live in Sacramento, Cal., were going duck hunting Tuesday morning in a two-seated wagon, and while crossing the railroad track the wagon was struck by a freight train and completely wrecked. One of the occupants, Chester W. Eldred, received injuries that may prove fatal. The others escaped with a few bruises.

George Denson, a rancher living at Ensenada, Lower California, was found dead in his cabin Sunday morning by Fred Richardson. Richardson was on his way from San Quintin to San Antonio landing to drag the bench for the bodies of the three sailors drowned Friday off the steamer Pedrero. Richardson found Denson lying on the floor, evidently having died not long before. The circumstances pointed to poisoning, but whether suicidal or accidental Richardson could not tell.

Mrs. Carrie Clark, a widow 35 or 38 years of age, was found dead in bed at Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday morning. When discovered she had in her hand a cup of chloroform, which she was holding to her nostrils. It was at first supposed that she was a victim of foul play, possibly of some burglar. Her trunk, however, showed no evidence of having been ransacked, and no motive was apparent for the crime. It was then supposed that she had committed suicide. The landlady and others who knew her, however, say the idea was to the habit of inhaling the deadly drug in order to relieve her from nervous tentacles.

The railroads are putting in new automatic scales in Omaha on which trains of stock can be weighed when running at a speed of from four to five miles an hour. In this way much valuable time can be saved, as it is always desirable to get the stock out of the cars as soon as possible after it has been received at the yards. There are four pair of these scales and it will require eight men to be added to the force to work them. There will be a day and night shift of one man each in charge of a scale. This new manner of weighing will be inaugurated in January 1.

Confined in the county jail at Caldwell, Idaho, is James H. Tate, the man who is believed to be one of the parties who held up the Silver City stage a short time ago, relieving E. B. McGowan and others of their valuables. He is better known as "Tex." He is said to be a desperado, and the officers believe they made an important catch. Tate bears an unenviable reputation. He is said to have served a term in the Walla Walla penitentiary, and since his release he has not reformed. He is believed to be the party who recently held up Jerry Kinney, the Short Line conductor, at Caldwell.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: Nine Mexicans charged with the murder of the Mormon Elder Heaton near the Mormon colonies a few weeks ago were brought from the south last week and lodged in the Lake jail. It will be remembered that the Elder was robbed of two barrels of molasses. He found one of the barrels had been cached, and while waiting to catch the thieves, the thieves jumped onto him, cut him to pieces, and then burned what there was left. The curios at once took the trail, and have succeeded in unearthing the men whom they have good reason to believe are the murderers. A deputy was told that the fellows would all be shot at an early day.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: It has been too long the custom in Deming, when a marriage takes place, for the riff-raff community of society to repair to the place where the nuptials have been consummated, elaborately prepared to awaken the echo of the surrounding hills with anything other than needed harmony, and generally the hub-bub continues without interruption until the groom, or some one on his behalf, treats the crowd to something stronger than applejack or mulled cider. Happily for peace of society, the legislature enacted that such rowdyism is unlawful and that those engaging in such an unlawful assembly are guilty of a misdemeanor.

Colonel William Bailey, of New York, representing an eastern syndicate, has purchased the Tacoma and Lake Park railway, extending to Lake Park, ten miles south of Tacoma, Wash. They will make it standard gauge and early in February will commence building a fifty mile extension, taking it nearly to Cowlitz pass. This extension will tap one of the richest timber and mineral belts in Washington. The direct object is to reach the Elbon river coal field this side of Cowlitz pass, where coal veins have been opened eight to twelve feet thick and exposed in such a manner that they can be cheaply mined. Coal and timber will be brought down an easy grade to tidewater. Timber along the line is so heavy that in many places it will run 5,000,000 to 8,000,000 feet to the quarter section. The syndicate's intention is to eventually extend the road through Cowlitz pass to the Columbia river near Walla Walla, 250 miles. In northwestern railroad circles it has long been believed that a railroad built through Cowlitz pass will form the connecting link for the Burlington or some other transcontinental line building westward between the Union and Northern Pacific. It is considered the most available pass north of the Columbia river.

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