

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Cheyenne *Sun* is now published as a morning newspaper instead of an evening.

The Sheriff claim, Cripple Creek, Colo., has been bonded for \$75,000, all of it payable in thirty days. Four veins of good ore have been cut in the mine, which will soon be a large producer.

The Pioche (Nevada) *Record* says the mining industry of the southern portion of the county is coming to the front. New strikes are being made and old properties are looking more promising.

The Seattle & Lake Washington Waterway company, with a capital of \$3,000,000, has been incorporated at Seattle. The company proposes to connect Elliott bay with Lake Washington by a canal.

Says the Hailey (Idaho) *Times*: The ranchers down the valley and their families fought the crickets for two days, with empty oil cans, and succeeded in getting rid of them by steering them to the hills.

Judge I. N. Ruck has just died at Boulder, Mont., at the age of 73 years of general debility and old age. He had resided in Jefferson county for over fifty years and was well known throughout the state.

Forty acres of land in the Payette valley in a diversity of fruit and crops is enough land for any one man, and he can make a better living on it with less labor than any place on the face of the earth. Thus writes the Emmett (Idaho) *Index*.

The first burglary ever recorded in De Lamar, Idaho, was committed a few nights ago, when some one broke in at the back door of the Owynee Meat company's shop, broke open the till under the meat counter and extracted its contents, amounting to the huge sum of \$1.30.

Twenty-two carloads of Washington county beef cattle were shipped from Weiser last Tuesday by John Seiree, of Caldwell, says the Weiser (Idaho) *Signal*. They came from the upper valleys and were bound for the South Omaha stock yards, where they will bring from \$18 to \$22 a head.

The Denver & Rio Grande officials at Durango, Colo., report an increase of freight business both in and out, over June of last year, which was the best month for 1893. The ore receipts of late have been large, while that of merchandise is also increasing, and heavy for this season of the year.

All the bridges in Custer county (Idaho) that crossed the Salmon river are gone with one exception—that of the old bridge about four miles above Challis. The mail between Salmon City and the latter place has to be carried four miles further to get across the river.

A Caldwell, Idaho, dispatch states that the biggest wool deal of the season was consummated there Saturday by which Robert Noble, the sheep king of that region, sold his two years' clip amounting to 600,000 pounds to Jeremiah M. Williams & Co., of Boston. It will require thirty cars to carry this

shipment, which is to be made as soon as possible.

With all her disasters, says the Denver *Times*, Colorado ranks second of all the states of the Union in the matter of railroad construction for the first half of the present year. And with our gold receipts at the mint doubling every month and a general election in sight, we will be able to redeem ourselves.

McMahon Brothers shipped 20,000 pounds of wool to Boston one day this week, says the Shoshone, Idaho, *Journal*. The wool has been laying on the depot platform several days awaiting shipment, but if the low price continues, it will be but a short time until that industry will be but a thing of the past in Idaho.

The Alamosa *Independent Journal* (Colo.) says the condition of crops is better at this time than at the same period in any year since crops have been grown in San Luis valley. The low stage of water may bring some injury to crops later on, but the probability is that rains will be sufficient to carry them through to harvest.

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Advices from Granada (Col.) state that grasshoppers have appeared in large numbers to the south and east of there. Reports from Baca county say that the hoppers are destroying everything in that county, especially in the north. Southern Prowers is thickly covered with young hoppers. Those who have been near Wilde report entire destruction of crops and range, but this occurs only in streaks.

Twenty new tenement houses are being erected by the Sweetwater Coal company at Hopkins, remarks the Rock Springs (Wyo.) *Independent*. Work is being pushed on them rapidly and a majority of them will be ready for occupancy within the next thirty days. They will be neat, comfortable little houses of modern architecture, and are being constructed with a view to warmth and convenience.

The fruit growers are having a hard time of it this year, says the Butte (Mont.) *Inter-Mountain*. The recent floods caused the loss of tons of small fruits. Now it comes hard on the farmers of the Galatin and Bitter Root valleys. Their strawberry crop is just

coming out and ready for shipment, but while the Northern Pacific strike lasts they cannot be shipped. In a day or so Butte will be out of strawberries again.

Commencing next Monday, remarks the Cheyenne, Wyo., *Sun*, the workmen in the shops in this city will labor but forty hours a week. An order to that effect was received from Omaha yesterday, and posted today. There will be no Saturday work after today, and eight hours a day for the rest of the week. The officials at the depot were unable to say how long this would continue, but at least until a revival of business takes place.

If a census of De Lamar, Idaho, were to be taken now, says the De Lamar *Nugget*, it would include more opium fiends, hobos, tin horns and old bums than ever was seen in the town at one time before. However they all manage to subsist beyond our ken, and if hobos, broken down sports and morphine fiends elsewhere are thinking of ambuling into the gulch they are hereby notified that the town cannot hold any more of them and that they had better stay away.

A fatal accident occurred on Friday at the Theresa C. gold mine, St. Elmo, Colo. While going up the shaft to dinner George Corsent was hit by a piece of rock, knocking him against J. P. Cooper, who fell to the bottom of the shaft and was instantly killed. Several men who were on the ladder at the same time narrowly escaped sharing Cooper's fate. Corsent when falling became tangled in the bell cord, which broke his fall and saved him going into the sump, 200 feet below. He is in a critical condition.

The Albion (Idaho) *Bee* says that one day last week Rock creek and vicinity were visited by a terrible hailstorm, which ruined all the small fruit and alfalfa. The latter was nearly ready to cut and now all the storm left is from two to four inches high without a leaf. Some of the hailstones measured 2½ inches in circumference. It cut the limbs off of trees and knocked off what fruit was not killed by the frost. The frost about two weeks ago killed nearly all the fruit, and now the hail has ruined everything that remained.

Mr. Byron Sessions, receiver of the Wm. Crawford estate in Utah, sold a lot of horses belonging to said estate, in Evanston, last Saturday, remarks the Evanston (Wyo.) *Herald*. Twenty-seven horses were sold at auction, and brought an average price; of \$12.78 per head. Some few sold as low as from three to five dollars, and some really good horses sold as low as from ten to fifteen dollars. Verily these are cheap times, and hard times. It is harder work to get the three dollars to buy a horse with now than it was to get thirty when times were good and horses valuable.

Many immigrants are beginning to arrive from Utah, Idaho and other points, says the Otto (Wyo.) *Courier*. One man who has just come in from Utah says there are 150 teams on the road that he knows of and probably a great many others. Times are very close there which is the cause of a great many people moving that would not otherwise. Everybody in that part of Utah is anxious to hear