NEWS OF THE WEST.

A $30,000 Estate Awaiting a Missing Widow in California.

TWO TRAINS BADLY SMASHED UP.

Desperate Attempt to Destroy a California Church.—Mysterious Disappearance of a Hotel Keeper.

Spring has opened up in Grand valley, says the Grand Junction News, for real estate in the vicinity, and general farm work is under way.

An election held at Santa Cruz, Cal., on the proposition to refund the city's debt was defeated by 327 votes out of 37 against it.

The man who accidentally caused the beginning of the fire which swept Seattle, Wash., in 1889, was convicted last week of highway robbery.

Ensenada, Lower California, experienced the first snow fall in the history of the town during the storm that swept over the south a few days ago.

During the year ending March 1st there were more rainy days than clear ones at Seattle, Wash. Rain fell on 159 days, having 172 on which no rain fell.

The February report of the De Lamar, Colo., Mining company, whose profits in three-fourths only, show a total production of $57,555. The estimated profit is $46,146.

Houston, Cal., capitalists are asking a company to come in and purchase or operate the abandoned harvester works which were recently sold under a mortgage.

The names of the Eureka and Morgan mills on Carson river, Nev., have been sold to a Chicago corporation. It is proposed to work them over by hydraulic.

Seven immigrants from Clay county, Nebraska, have arrived in Fairview, Utah, with household goods, farm implements and stock. They have located northeast of the town in Phillips county.

The sheep men are beginning to realize that the Pahsel valley in Humboldt county is no place for them, says an exchange, and are fast withdrawing their flocks, while the settlers are eagerly looking out any new comers.

Albert Boyce, aged sixty years, has made an attempt to commit suicide at Stockton, Cal., by disemboweling himself with a dull case knife, but failed. He is thought to be insane on religious grounds, and was locked up for examination.

A fine marble quarry has been discovered in Arizona near the mouth of Verde river, some thirty miles from Phoenix. The ledge is well defined, about fifteen feet in width and the color between granite white. The quality is said to be excellent, with a fine grain, taking a high polish.

Montana is yet without a state flower, and a lady writing to the Helena Independent suggests the wild tulip or the cactus. The former blooms in May. The cactus, while rich in other directions, does not appear to have a large number of native flowers from which to make a selection.

At Spokane, Wash., a crusade has been started against the white lie as exemplified by all paintings in saloons which hang low so as to be visible from the street. A committee of ladies called on the acting mayor recently with a petition and was referred to the chief of police.

There have been several snowslides near Sierra City and Downieville, Cal. One large one occurred between two mills a few years ago carried large trees with it and filled up the river to a depth of a hundred feet. The residences in the upper part of Sierra City are located, so the inhabitants fear death in some of these slides.

Private Quirk disappeared from his regiment at Fort Apache, A. T., February 15th, after having a sergeant and two men in a sentine mountain. He was not heard from again until arrested a few days ago. The cause of the trouble was an Apache girl, who had acted the private but had mistaken her affections to the sergeant.

Roy Gill has been released from the Los Angeles jail after having served twenty-five days in solitary confinement on a charge such as this. When sentenced to jail he refused to work in the chain gang, saying that it would disgrace him to wear a ball and chain, so he was sent to a cell where he served his whole sentence. The jail officers said that during his incarceration on this misdemeanor Gill he made no complaint.

Two wrecks occurred on Thursday night on the Oregon Short Line. Passenger train No. 2, eastbound, was stalled near Mountain Home, Idaho. Freight train 28 was derailed two miles west of Dubois by running over a cow. The engine and six cars left the track. The engine turned over and the fireman was instantly killed. The firemen was so badly scalded by steam that he died. The engineer was slightly injured.

C. Gerlachik, who recently leased the Arcade hotel and restaurant, at Reno, Nev., has disappeared, and no trace of him has been found. The last seen of him was at 8 o'clock Tuesday night. So far it is known he has taken about $150 in his pocket. Foul play is suspected, for he had settled his bills, amounting to over $100, including his rent in advance, and his leaving and effects leave of no reason why he should leave without saying anything.

Information has been received at the office of the game warden, says the Denver News, that a party of hunters that had been in the special reserve in Yellowstone park were now in Colorado, hunting for the few elected birds protected by the state. The game warden has sent out to Cody to get the trail the robber spots. It is said the game the guards in the Yellowstone board so in the open season, the hunters has succeeded in killing over 200 buffalo. The Colorado hunts are roaming in the wilds of Utah and killed a antelope and bunches about twenty in each herd. The antlers on antelope team.

On Wednesday evening John Sanford (not Samuel Compton) twice in the jail at San Bernardino, Cal., Compton and Sanford are partners in the well-drilling business, and Compton, who is a single man, has, it is said, alienated the affections of Sanford's wife, who, about four weeks ago, left him and took up her abode with her parents. Wednesday night Sanford went to Compton's house and, opening the door, stepped inside and there saw Compton alone in a room with his wife. Sanford at once drew a revolver and shot Compton. The men then grappled and the revolver was again discharged, but with no effect. Compton broke away and Sanford fired a second time with no effect. Sanford then blew himself into the custody of the officers. Compton will probably recover.

An attempt was made shortly after midnight on Wednesday to destroy by fire the church of the Progressive Friends, the St. Joseph Gazette, Cal., at Los Angeles. A man going home in that neighborhood saw the glare in the church. He first awakened the officers in the parsonage and then hastened to the church in the rear. The latter opened and immediately rushed to the church and found the door leading from the bottom to the basement on fire. A bucket was laid from a house hard into the church and an effective stream turned onto the fire before the department arrived. The chief and the fellows in those parts are investigating and were not in the belief that it was the work of incendiaries by the fact that there had been no lights used in the church, either candle, lamp or gas, and the door has been locked of all no strangers and moved forward to which of the building of the church. The matter was reported to the police, who are making an investigation.

A long search has been made for a wager, but it seems to be found, and so an estate of $30,000 is being held in trust until some news of Mrs. Jane Nickerson can be learned, says the San Francisco Chronicle. There is something peculiar about the mysterious disappearance of the woman. Just before her husband died she gave his sister-in-law some of his little children, but was not see her since, so it is said. It was supposed that she went to the county, but from the time that she left Oakland no trace of her can be found. In the will of her husband she was left one-half of the estate, amounting to $30,000, and this money is at her disposal the moment she arrives and claims it. The deceased husband was a well-known business man in Oakland and owned a big ranch in Nevada. He died without any quarrel with his wife he regret to change his will. In the absence of Mrs. Nickerson the public administrator has secured letters of administration on the estate of the deceased and now has charge of the property. It is said a search is the most necessary for steps that he has been nothing of the widow since she went away. He says that it is now quite the business matter since property of the estate for $30,000, to secure to have money on hand to support the children and give them an education. He has to pay some claims that have been filed against the estate. The report made to Judge Ensworth does not show, however, that any search has been made for the missing widow, and in fact it is said that most of those interested in the estate are anxious that she shall never turn up. In the event she does she will be a great deal more money to divide among the heirs and there will be a bigger fight to be cared for by those now in charge of the estate, some of whom have been watching to see they have sent several letters to Europe to make inquiries regarding Mrs. Nickerson.

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