

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

While waiting for the noon train for Pleasanton, at Menlo Park station, Cal., Tuesday, Mrs. Tray of the former place was struck and seriously injured by the pilot of the approaching engine. Under the belief that she was on a side track, Mrs. Tray stood in the center of the main track as the train approached, and before the engineer could bring his train to a standstill the woman was struck from behind and thrown aside. She is internally injured, and her recovery is doubtful.

A letter from Rawlins, Wyo., says: Range stock in this portion of Wyoming is suffering severely on account of the storms of the past week. Snow has fallen to a considerable depth along Snake river and on the Rio desert and has been crusted over by alternating thaws and cold snaps so that cattle and sheep cannot get to the feed underneath. Owing to the immense number of Utah sheep wintering on the ranges feed is scarce and unless warm weather changes conditions very soon the loss to stock owners will be heavy.

Chicago Drovers' Journal: Frank Tubbs has returned from a trip to Colorado. Regarding the sheep situation, he said: "There are on feed in Colorado about 275,000 sheep and lambs, which is 50,000 more than a year ago. The bulk of these, of course, are fed in the vicinity of Ft. Collins. Lambs are looking extra good and show the benefit of liberal and judicious feeding. Feeders have been able to get an abundance of shelled corn at 37¢@42¢ this year, and plenty of hay, and all say that they are going to get their lambs in prime condition. It will be about the first of April before these lambs will come forward regularly."

A dispatch from Rawlins says that a Utah sheepman, whose name could not be learned, had a narrow escape from a frightful death at Solon station, Wyoming, Saturday. He was driving a bunch of sheep across the Union Pacific track when his wagon was struck by an eastbound passenger train. Both horses were killed and the wagon demolished. The driver was thrown some distance, but escaped without serious injury. At Latham station a train ran into a bunch of sheep and killed 150 of the number.

Among the guests at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, is K. Inouze, an official of the Japanese government, who has come to America on an official mission to study many matters pertaining to the management of railroads. Mr. Inouze is a lawyer by profession and is the counsel for the department of communications and the bureau of legislation, besides filling the position of acting secretary of the house of peers in the Japanese parliament. He says that he will spend about a month in the United States, and will then go to Europe to pursue his investigations. He came from the Orient on one of the Empress steamers.

The supreme court of California, on Monday, decided that the increase from sheep, whether of lambs or the

wool grown upon them, was the property of the mortgagor. The mortgagor in the action calling forth the decision, after the making of the mortgage, sold a quantity of the wool and lambs, and the mortgagee claimed this was illegal, he being entitled to the increase and to the crop of wool. The supreme court held: "As the lien of the mortgage extends only to the property described therein, and as the mortgagor remains the owner of the property mortgaged, he has an unrestricted right to sell or dispose of its fruit or increase."

Damon Gebhardt, a pickle vender, and Harry Anderson, a gambler, were shot and dangerously wounded by William O'Keefe, a sure-things gambler, in a Los Angeles, Cal., saloon, on Tuesday evening. O'Keefe objected to the attention Anderson paid to a certain woman, and becoming angry he was forcibly ejected from the place by the proprietors. He returned shortly with a revolver and immediately began shooting. Gebhardt was struck in the side by a bullet and is in a dangerous condition. Anderson, in attempting to take the pistol from O'Keefe, was shot in the groin, a serious wound being inflicted. O'Keefe was arrested with difficulty.

Mitchell Gatter was trampled under a runaway team at Oakland, Cal., Tuesday afternoon and died in twenty minutes from the injuries received. The runaway team belonged to C. B. Gueuther, baker, who is a son-in-law of the deceased. It was left standing in front of the bakery and the horse took fright at a passing team. Gatter, who was on the sidewalk, made an attempt to stop the horse but was thrown down and trampled upon. Two of the wheels passed over his chest. When assistance reached him he was unconscious. He was carried to Gueuther's house but expired before a doctor could be summoned. Gatter was a native of Germany, aged 59 years, and leaves a wife and six children.

William H. Brenner, an elderly man, who had been in the grocery and liquor business in San Francisco for a number of years, was knocked down by a Butter street dummy on Monday night, and died from the injuries Tuesday morning at the hospital. Brenner was crossing Butter street when an east bound train came up the grade. Either he miscalculated the distance or the speed at which the dummy was approaching. He had just reached the inner rail when he was caught by the dummy and hurled to the pavement with such violence that the sound attracted the attention of pedestrians for a distance of half a block. The victim fell across the north track, with his heels close to the dummy. His skull was fractured.

Sarah Lear, the 5-year-old daughter of Ross Lear, a farmer of Rosewood, Cal., was fatally burned last Saturday evening. The father was burning brush in a field, accompanied by his two little children, who played about among the flaming weeds. He was engaged in his work and when about 150 yards from his children turned around and saw his little daughter's

clothes on fire. He ran to her and tried to extinguish the flames, but did not succeed until she was badly burned from her waist up over her breast, face and arms, and he himself was seriously scorched about the hands and arms. The child received early medical attendance, but it was of no avail, and she died at the hospital Monday night. The little sufferer, though entirely conscious all the time, never uttered a cry from the time she was burned until she died.

At Anaconda, Mont., Thursday morning, about 8 o'clock, Frank Dresser, a gambler, shot and killed his wife and her paramour, Sherman Ransom, whom he found together in bed. Dresser was on the night shift at the gambling house where he was employed, and going home went straight to his room over the saloon where Ransom was employed as bartender. Dresser and his wife had quarreled and had not occupied the same room for several days, and he had evidently expected to find Ransom there. He broke in the door and found things as he expected. Mrs. Dresser pleaded with her husband and he shot her first and killed her, and fired three shots into Ransom, who was still in bed. Dresser had one bullet remaining in his weapon and says he contemplated killing himself with it, but found that Ransom was not dead, and so fired the last shot into his body. Dresser gave himself up after the murder.

A serious affray took place at Keswick, Cal., Monday morning about 6 o'clock. Five smelter men live in a cabin on the side hill. Two of them, Frank Curtis and Charles Donohue, had been out all night on a spree and just returned as a man named Nauman was dressing preparatory to going to work. Nauman sat on the side of the bed and was putting on his shoes when Curtis made a pass at him with a pocket-knife, cutting his throat and exposing his wind pipe. Donohue took hold of Curtis to pull him off when Curtis turned and assaulted him, literally cutting his coat off and inflicting a wound on his arm. A man named William Barnes heard the noise and started to go into the cabin as Curtis was coming out. The latter knocked him down with a rock, and then pounded his head in a horrible manner. It is thought that Barnes will die. Nauman's wound is not fatal.

On Monday the accidental discharge of a 22 caliber rifle ended the life of Albert Cooper, an eighteen-year-old boy, at Stevens, a station on the Asphalto branch road about fifteen miles west of Bakersfield, Cal. Cooper and two friends left Kern City on a hand car in the morning for a rabbit hunt. At about 4 in the afternoon they were ready to return, and placed their guns on the floor of the car. Cooper was standing in front of the car. One of the party had already loaded it, and the other lifted their hunting dog from the ground and placed him on top of the weapons. There followed immediately the discharge of Cooper's rifle, the bullet entering the abdomen and perforating the aorta. Death ensued within fifteen minutes from internal hemorrhage. The firing of the gun must have been caused by the dog striking