

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The almond trees at Tempe, Arizona, were in bloom February 1.

Saturday's Omaha Stockman: Asa Lucas, of Park City, Utah, a well known patron of this market, had two cars of cattle on sale today.

California business men have asked Congress to name a commission to institute action against Japanese products being brought to this country.

The 4-year-old son of Henry Kublenkamp, of San Francisco, was accidentally burned to death while playing with matches on Tuesday evening.

While superintending the construction of the Santa Cruz, Cal., court house roof Wednesday A. J. Hoar, of San Francisco, was blinded in the left eye by falling mortar. He may lose his sight entirely.

Parties who have returned from the San Jacinto mountain, Cal., report that Mount Taquitz gives out mysterious rumblings and that the smoke is supposed to be of volcanic origin, which is plainly visible.

Two state conventions will be in session in Portland, Ore., on the same day next April. The Republican state central committee issued a call Wednesday for the state convention on April 9th, the date previously selected by the Democratic committee.

It has been learned that Thomas Kinney, who sawed out of the Maricopa county, Arizona, jail last Saturday, is a desperate criminal, who escaped in a similar manner from the jail at Memphis, Tenn., where he was confined awaiting trial for train robbery.

The remains of the late Orla do North, of Evanston, Wyoming, were interred at Sacramento, Cal., on Saturday; Judge North has been a prominent citizen of Wyoming for many years. His wife's parents dwell in Sacramento.

A company has been formed to build a railway from Nampa, on the O. S. L. and U. & N., to Silver City, Idaho, a distance of sixty-five miles. The road will be operated as a branch of the U. P. system into the great gold camp.

Sacramento's Chinese residents are complaining of hard times, and they allege that their troubles are due to the fact that the Japanese are the cause of the troubles. They claim that the Japs work so cheaply that the Chinese have great difficulty in finding employment.

State Engineer Mills, of Idaho, has reported unfavorably upon the application of the American Falls Land, Irrigation & Power company, for the withdrawal of 109,680 acres of land in the Snake River valley for reclamation under the Carey act. The state board of land commissioners denied the application.

Santa Ana, Cal., has finally won its fight against the street railway company. The railway company refused to pave portions of the street over which their track was laid, and now the city has declared forfeited the franchise of the company throughout the entire city, and has given the com-

pany thirty days to remove its tracks, the company began tearing up its property Monday.

Judge Richards, of the Third district court of Idaho, who was talking of resigning in order to engage in practice which would bring him more money than his salary, has decided that his contract with the people who elected him, is morally binding, and he has concluded to remain in office until his term expires.

It is now almost positively known that Mrs. Cody, who disappeared from Tacoma several days ago and was thought to have committed suicide, is demented and wandering some place in the forests along the Columbia river. It is alleged that her mental trouble was caused by spinal trouble brought on by excessive bicycle riding.

The board of directors of the Chino, Cal., sugar factory have voted to make the price of beets \$3.25 per ton for twelve per cent beets. According to last year's average this is considerably more than \$4 straight the factory men say; but the growers take a different position. They held a secret meeting and unanimously resolved not to plant beets unless the factory pays \$4.25 per ton for twelve per cent beets without making analysis. The growers are determined to force the factory to terms.

On Friday last, at Ashland, Nebraska, George Marney, a boy 16 years of age, while attempting to cross the track between the cars of a freight train while in motion, slipped and fell beneath the wheels, which severed his right arm and part of his shoulder from the body. He immediately got up, and picking up his arm from the ground, called to his mother, who was standing in the door of her home not forty rods distance. He walked over to her, and two surgeons were summoned at once, but he died an hour later. He was buried Sunday, Feb. 9.

There is a rumor on the Pacific coast that the whole of the Berling sea revenue cutter service is to be given a thorough overhauling by the treasury department. The officials at Washington, it is said, have had their suspicions aroused by the great volume of the charges and counter-charges from the Bear investigation, and they are becoming more and more inclined to the belief that Arctic voyages under the existing customs, and, perhaps, regulations, are merely opportunities for the officers of the fleet to break away from all restraint and indulge in wild orgies.

Sunday morning, December 26th, James Martin, alias Fenton, alias Forest, a prisoner in the Los Angeles city jail, made his escape. The matter has been kept a profound secret from the public. Martin lost no time in getting outside of the city limits, for he was wanted on very serious charges at Bakersfield and Fresno. A description was sent to all outside constables, but nothing was heard from him until the coroner furnished conclusive information last Wednesday morning that the man killed by a train at Pomona on December 27th was none other than Martin.

The seven-year old daughter of

August Kinnunen was accidentally killed by a neighbor's boy, aged 6 years, near Fort Brigg, Cal., on Tuesday. The boy, with his mother, was visiting the Kinnunen family, and while the ladies were conversing in the yard the children went into the house to play. In a wardrobe they found a loaded rifle. The boy took the gun in his hands and in some manner discharged it, the ball passing completely through the girl's head. At the report her mother ran into the house in time to see her daughter die. The only words she uttered after being shot were: "There will be no tomorrow, mamma, will there?"

News comes from Coulterville, Cal., of the horrible death of Peter Matsen, a Swedish roustabout in the employ of the Merced Gold Mining company. The company owns a number of mines in that region, and Matsen has been in the habit of going from mine to mine to do his work. Tuesday afternoon Al Carmen was taking ore out of a chute of the Potosi tunnel, when he discovered the body of Matsen. The latter had fallen 200 feet into the chute, and fifteen tons of rock had been dumped in on top of him. It is thought that Matsen fell into the opening on Sunday, as he has not been seen since that day, and the rock was dumped into the chute on Monday. The body was horribly mangled.

Joseph McDermott, mate of the ship Golden Gate, visited friends in San Francisco Monday night, and started homeward after the cars had stopped. His friends provided him with a piece of gas pipe as a means of protection against footpads. He had not proceeded far before he had occasion to use it. Just as McDermott reached Lyon street, alongside Calvary cemetery, a man stepped out of the darkness and ordered him to throw up his hands. He did so, but the iron pipe went up with them, and then fell on the fellow's shoulder. With a howl of pain he jumped aside and over the fence. A moment afterward his companion came out of the darkness and made a similar demand on McDermott. This one caught a blow on the side of his head and jumped into the cemetery also, while McDermott continued on his way without further molestation.

Stark naked and nearly frozen, R. T. Davidson was found in a hallway in Los Angeles before daylight Wednesday morning. A physician passing by heard groans coming from the dark entrance and found Davidson lying there suffering from cocaine poisoning. When Davidson had sufficiently recovered to talk intelligently he explained that he was a stranger in this city and was just on the eve of departing for his home in Philadelphia. He had been troubled with a bad toothache and late in the evening had been treated by a dentist, who gave him cocaine to relieve the pain. He wandered about for some time, gradually losing consciousness. He did not remember having removed his clothes, but says he has distinct recollections of having dreamed that he was in swimming at Coronado beach. He had over \$400 in his pockets.

Some boys, while hunting near Fresno, Cal., on Monday, discovered a corpse in a coffin, buried a few inches under the ground in the "weed-patch." The appearance of the ground