

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

An enterprising farmer near Montrose, Colo., is preparing to go into the tomato canning business this fall.

An effort is being made to change the county seat of Cochise county, Arizona, from Tombstone to Benson.

The Grand Junction, Colo., *News* predicts an unprecedented fruit crop in the Grand valley this season. The fruit trees are all loaded with blossoms.

A Southern California judge has sentenced a tramp to twenty years in San Quentin. He entered a house, and after compelling the lady to cook supper for him, robbed her.

The Fidelity Live Stock company at Akron, Colo., last week lost fifty fine sheep from poison, and 100 more were affected. Paris green had been scattered on the range.

Sam Murphy, a Seattle prisoner recently sawed his shackles off by using a piece of steel from his coat collar, after notching it with a knife. He did not escape.

A letter mailed in Prescott, A. T., December 8, 1892, to a gentleman at Tip Top, in the same Territory, reached its destination March 13, 1894. The distance is sixty-five miles.

Jeremiah Brumbaek, an attorney, has sued Boise city for \$50,000 damages for digging a ditch through a street in his addition for the purpose of carrying off the muddy waters of Hull's gulch.

Portland, Wash., police officers have a young tramp in custody. His name is David Boyle, aged 15 years, and he has been on the road for more than three years. His parents live in a small town in eastern Oregon.

S. M. Folsom, late president of the derunct Albuquerque National bank, indicted for embezzling and making false entries, has been convicted on seven counts. Five years is the minimum for each charge.

Citizens of El Paso are again negotiating with the officials of the Texas Pacific for the construction of the White Oaks, which would open to that city the trade of a most wonderful mineral region.

The growth of horticulture in the Grand valley is indicated by the statement of the Grand Junction *Star-Times* that 100,000 more fruit trees will be planted there this spring than on any preceding season.

A party of English capitalists is soon expected at Phoenix, Arizona, who are to construct the Verde canal. Mr. Barclay, the great brewer of London, is one of the party, and a Chicago contractor will also accompany the party.

The farmers about Lockett in the San Luis valley are busy with their spring planting. In that vicinity the amount of grain sown will be decreased by 30 or 40 per cent, while the acreage of potatoes will be largely increased, for the culture of which the San Luis valley is noted.

The people of the White river valley are turning their attention to raising hay and alfalfa for the winter feeding

of range cattle. They have learned that it is not humane nor profitable to expect cattle to live on the range in winter now the grass has become so short and scarce.

Governor Waite, of Colorado, has issued an order to county assessors, directing that the enrolment of the militia of the state shall be dispensed with this year. The governor is authorized by law to dispense with the enrolment on account of the expense incident to the work.

Thomas H. Tod, who killed Pat Desmond at Ogden, Utah, a few years ago, is now doing time in the state at the penitentiary at Canyon City, Colo. After serving four years in prison in Utah for shooting Desmond, he killed an Italian in Denver and received a sentence of eight years at Canyon.

The coroner's jury in the matter of the murder of Mrs. Adeline Eggleston in Antelope valley, Nev., has completed its labor, and returned a unanimous verdict charging O. H. Strickland and wife of that valley as the murderers. The testimony was all circumstantial, but of a strong character.

P. L. Storm, a young man employed on the Chapman ranch, near Evanston, Wyo., was accidentally shot on Saturday. He was roping an animal, when in some way the lariat got around his six shooter and the weapon was discharged. The bullet ranged downward, inflicting a painful wound in his foot.

A correspondent of the *Antonito* (Colo.) *Ledger* states that A. W. McIntyre has just sold at top Denver price 100 head of fine steers fat on pea hay. He will sow 400 acres of peas this spring and will cut the crop twice—in June and September. This hay is claimed to be better than alfalfa if put up in proper shape.

It will require, says the Grand Junction, Colo., *Star-Times*, between fifty and sixty standard gauge cars to carry the wool clip from Thompson's Springs and three other points in Mesa and Garfield counties to the East. All of it goes to Philadelphia. Thompson's sends 500,000 pounds; Fruita, 100,000; Parachute, 100,000; Rifle, 130,000. Total, 830,000.

Sam Johnson has come in from the Ferris mountain country, says the Rawlins (Wyo.) *Republican*, and reports no loss of live stock in the late storm to speak of. Parties in from the Sweetwater range say the loss was nominal in that country; that the snow went off in a short time and considerable green feed is already to be found.

A dispatch from Rock Springs, Wyo., says that Dan Hynes, deputy sheriff of Sweetwater county was run over by a train on Saturday. Both legs were severed from the body. He died four hours later. Deceased was unmarried and 27 years of age. At the time of the accident he was searching the train for county prisoners who had broken from jail.

A lad named Brown, residing at Woodruff, about twenty miles north of Evanston, has been accidentally

shot and has very little chance for his life.—It is the old story of pulling a loaded gun, muzzle first, from a wagon. It was a shot gun, heavily loaded with No. 3 shot. The charge struck him in the left arm pit and came out under the shoulder blade.

Adjutant General Tarsney is engaged this week at Denver in auditing bills for the recent Cripple Creek campaign. He has found a law under which he says the state can make a successful demand on the general government for \$80,000 indemnity on account of the Ute war of eight years ago. An attempt will be made by the adjutant general to collect the money.

Mr. J. S. McClelland, of Fort Collins, Col., had the misfortune to lose 1,000 fruit trees by fire last week. While burning rubbish near his orchard the wind carried fire into the dry grass and weeds among the trees, which quickly igniting, spread rapidly, with the result as stated. The loss is a severe one, as the trees were all bearing trees and gave promises of producing a big crop of fruit this year.

It is learned at Albuquerque, N. M., that Wellington Starkey, a wealthy ranchman at Grass Springs, committed suicide the other day. He had been on a protracted spree, and after writing a note that he could not cease drinking, placed the muzzle of a shotgun to his head, pulled the trigger with his toe and the contents almost blew the top of his head off. He leaves a wife and four children.

The Anaconda, Mont., *Standard* is authority for the statement that the losses to the sheepowners of Montana as a result of the recent remarkable storm will be enormous. The cattle men readily concede an aggregate loss of 20 per cent of the range herds of eastern Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. Later statements in the northern Wyoming press are to the effect that both sheep and cattle losses were overestimated in that section.

Two young men named Hilberry and Tompkins, of Prairie Dog, says the Sheridan, Wyo., *Post*, were camped in a tent over near the head of Lone Tree gulch, where the late storm caught them. The wind blew their tent down over them, and they laid under it for two days before they dared to expose themselves. When they did crawl out they found their horses frozen to death where they were tied up and blanketed.

While a man named Hahn was engaged in slacking lime at his home, near Helena Mont., an explosion took place in the mixture and the boiling lime was thrown over Mr. Hahn and his little son, who was near. The father was badly burned, but the boy was even more seriously injured, as the scalding lime was thrown into his eyes. The inner sides of the lids and the eyeballs were horribly blistered. He may be totally blind.

Herman Roda, who shot and killed his wife in Fremont county, Colo., in 1881, has been pardoned by Governor Waite on the recommendation of the prosecuting attorney and several jurors in the case. The case was rather a sensational one, but Roda always claimed that it was a pure accident. There were no witnesses, and on February 3, 1882, Judge Bradley sentenced him to a life sentence in the peniten-