

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Juan Valdez, the Mexican lad charged with having killed Mike Lorden, the storekeeper at Calabasas, Cal., has been held for murder.

O. Adams of Woodland, Cal., whose mind was unbinged by the illness of his mother, left home Tuesday armed with a revolver. When last seen he was running at the top of his speed. The officers were informed and a careful search was made for him, but without result.

There are two men in Rock Springs, Wyoming, who have no use for place in the city council. They were nominated on Tuesday evening as candidates for election, and promptly declined. Their names are H. Salaske and L. L. Datts.

Charles Kapinsky, a San Francisco schoolboy, aged 10, was painfully burned about the face Tuesday afternoon while playing with a toy cannon. The parents of the child did not think the cannon was loaded, but a spark from a lighted match in the child's hand ignited the powder.

It is pretty early for grasshoppers, but these little pests have made their appearance in large numbers on Five-mile and Eight-mile creeks, Wasco county, Cal. The farmers of those sections hope that as the hoppers have made their appearance thus early they will grow large enough to fly away before doing any damage to vegetation.

Charles J. Schultless died Friday night at Alameda, California, from a fracture of the skull. He fell a distance of eight feet to the ground from a platform in a hardware store, where he was employed. He struck upon his head and was picked up unconscious. His skull was fractured across the top from one side to the other. Schultless was 27 years of age. He leaves a widow and a son.

J. C. Kemp died recently in San Francisco in consequence of injuries received from a fall through a hole in the sidewalk fronting property of Edward E. Chever. Margaret and Daniel Kemp, respectively mother and son of the deceased, brought a suit Tuesday afternoon against Chever to recover \$10,000 damages. They allege that Chever was guilty of negligence in permitting the hole in the sidewalk to remain uncovered.

The new California law which forbids divorcees marrying within one year after the decree is entered went into effect some time ago, but it was not until Tuesday that the Alameda county authorities were compelled to withhold a license from a couple anxious to wed. The applicants were Louis K. Walsh and Alice S. Canning, both of San Francisco. The license was issued before it was discovered the lady was barred from marriage for a few months yet by reason of the new law. On making the discovery the clerk who issued the license destroyed it and returned the fee.

Harry Tripp, a lad 17 years of age, of San Francisco, was the victim, the other night, of a cowardly assault that will probably result in the loss of his right. He was standing in front of

his employer's store at about 7:30 o'clock when a wagon was driven slowly past him. As it came abreast of Tripp one of the two occupants threw the contents of a shallow jar in his face. The fluid, either vitriol or other strong acid, burnt his face terribly, and in trying to rub it away from his forehead and eyes his hands were badly burnt. The boy thinks it is the work of two other boys with whom he had a quarrel.

Mrs. Mary Dobelaarr of San Francisco, on Saturday took a dose of strychnine and ended her life as the result of a four days' spree. Mrs. Dobelaarr was 45 years of age, the wife of the owner and captain of the scow schooner Mountain View. The woman had been drinking heavily and without any particular reason took a dose of strychnine in the presence of W. H. Miller, an elderly man living in the Dobelaarr house. He gave the alarm and Dr. Thrasher was summoned. Antidotes were administered, and the woman took them eagerly, as she began to regret her act immediately, but the dose proved fatal.

William Houghton, a six-year-old boy, had a narrow escape from death under the wheels of a Hayward's, Cal., car, Tuesday evening. It was the coal car run on the system, and when it slowed down Houghton jumped on. He fell under the car and but for the fact that his coat caught on a projecting rod he would at once have dropped under the wheels. As it was he was for a moment suspended in the air and then just as he dropped the car was stopped. His right leg was caught under the wheel and broken, but the wheel did not pass over it.

At 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon one of the teachers in the Emeryville, Cal., district school looked out of the school windows and saw a stable in the rear of the school and the shed attached to the school in flames. The alarm of fire was quickly given and 400 children marched at double quick time out of the building. They were wild with fear, and it was with the greatest exertion and presence of mind that the teachers managed to keep them from trampling each other down in their effort to get out of the building. As it was, when the little ones were safely outside the corner of the schoolhouse was in flames. The fire department soon extinguished the blaze.

Electrician Weise of Alameda, Cal., has submitted his report of receipts and expenses of the city's electric light plant for the months of January, February and March of this year. During January the running expenses amounted to \$924.68 and \$472.50 for salaries; for February running expenses were \$776, salaries \$142.50; March running expenses, \$922.11, a salaries \$442.50, being a total of \$3,890.59. During the same period the total receipts were \$4,045.65; gain, \$115.15. The city is its own consumer to a great degree. For January there was received from the city of Alameda for incandescent

and arc lights for streets, railroad stations, etc., \$668.65, and from private corporations \$431.70 for incandescent lights.

The Bodie, Cal., Miner-Index tells of a frightful accident which resulted fatally to Evelyn, the three-year-old daughter of A. K. Myers, one of the electrician engineers employed by the Standard Consolidated mining company a few days ago. Mr. Myers employed an Indian to cut a drain ditch to carry off the water caused from the melting snow. As Mr. Myers was directing the Indian in the work, his little daughter, Evelyn, was standing near by inside the porch railings looking on, and, it seems, unperceived by her father, and before he could possibly have intercepted her, she leaned over the railing just as the Indian was striking a downward blow with the pick, receiving the full force of it, a little above the crown of the head. The child retained consciousness for two hours, notwithstanding the frightful nature of the wound and the great loss of blood, but died an hour later.

A few days ago at Quartzburg, in Baker county, Oregon, Theodore Eby, a miner, was working alone in a stope in the Gifford mine when a huge rock fell from the hanging wall and struck his leg, breaking it about half way between the knee and hip, and pinioning the unfortunate man fast. Within an arm's length of where he stood was a pick. With this instrument he pried the rock from his leg and extricated himself. There was no assistance nearer than Mr. Gifford's house, just below the dump of the tunnel, and the only person there was Mrs. Gifford, her husband being absent. There was only one thing for Eby to do, and that was to get himself out the best way possible. The journey ahead of him required almost superhuman effort. He had to go down on a ladder in a sixty-foot shaft from the stope to the tunnel which was 300 feet from the entrance. He let himself down the shaft by his hands and on reaching the tunnel crawled out, all the time suffering the most intense pain. On reaching the dump he called for help and Mrs. Gifford came to his assistance and helped him to the house and to his bed. Later Mr. Gifford returned home and procured a physician to attend Mr. Eby, who at last accounts was getting along as well as could be expected.

A courier from Covelo, Cal., brings the details of the accidental drowning of Father Jeram while attempting to ford North Eel river Tuesday morning. Father Jeram, accompanied by Thomas Chase as guide, was en route to Covelo from Eden valley. Both were on horseback. When approaching the main fork of Eel river a question arose as to its being fordable. Chase declared that there was no danger and proceeded in the lead, reaching the opposite shore some hundred yards distant safely. Father Jeram followed, and when in midstream his horse sank and the water seemed to lift the priest out of the saddle. He held fast to the reins and was making shore when he reached for a clump of willows that bordered the river. Clinging to them he released his hold upon the horse. The willows were apparently not strong enough to retain him, and he