

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

One hundred thousand acres of oil claims have been located in Wyoming.

On Monday, Luigi Giorno, aged 6 years, was caught under an electric car at San Francisco, and cut to pieces.

An English company has purchased 140,000 acres of land near Vancouver, B. C., and will erect mills to turn out yellow cypress lumber.

Tuesday, October 15, is Potato day celebration at Greeley, Colo. One feature of the exhibition will be a magnificent poultry display.

California is to have a "Banquet of home products," to open on October 16. Great efforts are being made in that state on behalf of home industries.

San Francisco has elected Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper to the National Triennial Council of the Congregational church. She is the first woman to be elected to the council in the West.

The citizens of Boise, Idaho, have agreed to give a \$150,000 bonus to the California, Idaho & Montana railway on its making rail connection between Butte and a California point.

Saturday evening, as two blue jackets of the British steamship Royal Arthur, both of whom were intoxicated, were endeavoring to get off an Equilmalt tram car at Victoria, B. C., one of them, named Blackett, swung himself off and fell in front of the car and was cut in two.

A negro known as "Burl" was badly stabbed in the back Friday night, at Boise City, Idaho. He was talking with a soldier named Hecker in so ally, when the soldier, without warning, stepped behind him and plunged a knife into his back. The assailant escaped.

Charles Miller, a 12-year-old boy, was dragged to death by a horse at San Pedro, Cal., on Tuesday. He was leading the animal to pasture, and had the halter strap about his waist, when a locomotive came along the railway track and frightened the animal, which ran away.

The hottest mines in the world are the Comstock. On the lower levels the heat is so great that the men cannot work over ten or fifteen minutes at a time. Every known means of mitigating the heat have been tried in vain. Ice melts before it reaches the bottom of the shafts.

The secretary of the Oregon board of horticulture estimates that there are 565,000 acres of pit and core fruit in the state, and 1,500 acres of a berry variety. There are 35,000 acres set to prunes, the estimated yield being from 80,000 to 100,000 pounds dried in one orchard of twenty-three acres.

The 6-year-old boy incendiary who was put in jail in Sacramento a few days ago for setting fire to two buildings, managed to set the prison in flames on Tuesday by getting a match and setting fire to a bundle of paper. The blaze was discovered in time to save the jail and inmates from being burned up.

The Laramie Boomerang says that Tom Gunston, of Granite Canon ranch, has announced his decision to leave

Wyoming. The life of Gunston has been threatened and he and his friends are afraid that the threat will be carried out as in the case of Lewis and Powell. Gunston's relatives live in England and they are very anxious to have him leave this section and return home.

A runaway accident, in which Mrs. I. L. Collins met a frightful death, occurred at Orange, Cal., Wednesday. The lady had alighted from her buggy, and while hitching her horse the animal became frightened. Mrs. Collins made a desperate attempt to stop the horse, and in her endeavor her hand was caught in the bridle and held fast while the animal dashed down the street at fearful speed, dragging and trampling the helpless woman. She died in about an hour.

Portland, Oregon, Statesman: Perhaps the best yield of hops on the Pacific coast, if not in the world, is reported from the Nele yard, near Springfield, Lane county. The yard contains twenty-six acres, and from it have been gathered 65,000 pounds, besides 1,200 boxes that were left on the field unpicked on account of discouragement as to prices. Had the whole crop been picked it would have made 80,000 pounds—over 3,000 pounds to the acre. The quality is also excellent.

Deputy Sheriff Martin Aguirre, of Los Angeles, Cal., who was detailed to go down into Lower California in search of Adrian Pavildes, the young daughter of the local Greek consul, and Miss Lepage, her French maid, who mysteriously disappeared about two weeks ago, has returned. Aguirre failed to locate the girls, but he was compensated for his failure by bringing back Francisco Alvarez, alias L. Coacho, one of the most notorious cattle thieves of the country, who has been dodging the officers of Southern California for the past year.

The case of Wong Kim Ark, who alleges that he is entitled to land at San Francisco as an American citizen, promises to become historic, for the question raised is whether a Chinese born on American soil is a citizen of the United States, and who, as such, cannot be excluded by the Geary law. The attorney general of the United States has ruled that such a person is not a citizen of the United States and should therefore be deported. The government is now making a case of record to be passed upon by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The federation of railway organizations will be organized in Denver October 19, and there will be 200 delegates there representing 7,000 working railway employees. The organization will be a powerful one, and it has the endorsement of the majority of the general managers in the western country. The organizations that will be in the federation will be the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

Mrs. W. E. Borah, wife of the Idaho

legislator who addressed a public meeting on the river question in this city last June, left for California a few days ago for her health, as she was seriously ill. Friday Mr. Borah received a telegram stating that Mrs. Borah was well, the cause of the hemorrhage having been removed by the patient coughing up part of a needle. She has suffered for months from hemorrhages. This led to the belief she was a victim of consumption, but physicians stoutly denied such was the case. The removal of the needle explains the hemorrhages.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman: On Wednesday, Hannah Clark, better known as McGinty, had Mrs. Williams, a colored woman, arrested on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The Williams woman, who weighs about 250 pounds, has been stopping at the Clark woman's place on Main street. McGinty ordered her out when Mrs. Williams pulled a revolver on her. Constable Francis arrested the Williams woman. She refused to go, and the constable, unable to get her through the door of a back, took her to the justice's office on a drag. She refused to walk up stairs and had to be carried up on a coal.

Samuel S. Wilson, a rancher, aged 69, shot and mortally wounded William Cox, a laborer, aged 40, at a ranch nine miles from Hailey, Idaho, Friday evening. Cox was removed to Ketchum, Idaho, and is still alive. Wilson came to Hailey and gave himself up. He said: "A dispute occurred between myself and Martin Barry over some hay, and Cox, who is in the employ of Barry, assumed the aggressive, and threatened to take hay belonging to me. I got a shotgun, and Cox, in abusive language, threatened to disarm me, and advanced to execute his threat. He reached for his hip and I shot him in the face."

Albert Brown and James Watt are car inspectors at Laramie. On Wednesday Watt made some commonplace remark which offended Brown, who threatened to strike him with a hammer. Watt, not realizing Brown's anger, said, "Well, you can hit me if you want to," and turned to his work. The words had scarcely been uttered when Brown made a sudden vicious swing with the hammer, striking Watt on the left side of the head, above the temple, crushing the skull in. Some of the fragments were driven through the membrane covering the brain, some of which were exuded. When Brown learned what he had done, he left the town and has not been arrested. Watt may die.

An old bear which has been killing young stock on the Powder river range, near Buffalo, Wyoming, has at last been killed after using hunted unsuccessfully for several seasons. The day after the recent snowfall Jim Morgareidge struck his trail on Red Fork and followed it to where he had killed a two year old beller. From the carcass he followed the trail to Cottonwood canyon, where he found the old fellow and at once began shooting at him. It took six shots, all of them well aimed, to kill him. It made a track eighteen inches long, his hide measured nine feet eight inches long and eight feet eight inches wide, and he weighed 1,400 pounds. Fifteen