

## NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Six-Year-Old Girl Attacked by a Coyote in Arizona.

### SHOCKING AFFAIR IN MONTANA.

An Ingenuous Prisoner—Attempt to Run Down Lotteries in San Francisco.

The Bitterroot valley is becoming a great place for raising small fruits and berries.

Large black crickets are said to be doing considerable damage in gardens in the upper end of the Big Horn basin.

The Buffalo, Wyo., people are working hard to secure a reasonably mail service from that city to the East, and hope to succeed before long.

Luck (Wyo.) Herald says: The ground is getting exceedingly dry and unless we have some rain within the next week or two big crops will be a failure and those will be little help out on the range.

There are a few over 1,700 Indians on the Blackfeet reservation, but they are said to be fast diminishing away. There is not a single Blackfoot Indian on the reservation who is not affected with lung trouble.

The assessed valuation of Montana, county, Wyoming, will, it is said, come very close to the high water mark of \$2,000,000. Montana county has paid heavily on nearly forty wolves during the month of June.

His partings will be at the railroads at Temple, Ark.,—a distance of about 100 miles, a distance of 2000 points, or an average of 200 yards each, they were very rapid and had never known other feed than that.

At Lander, Wyo., a man is making preparations to cross an extensive plain for the purpose of saving and collecting the beautiful native bunch grasses of the desert. He has collected a handsome pitch and resembles somewhat in count the famous Tennessee sea-grapes.

United States Marshal Pinkham has returned from Fort Idaho, and reports the capture of a female outlaw named Melodier at Boise's Ferry. The marshal reported only half of the gang, which were left in the woman's belt.

W. J. Routh, a Montana man, was recently arrested in the north part of Lander county, and bound over to the state of Montana on a charge of a few thousand dollars to account for his conduct in all and every way. Lander, Wyo., the primitive place, the Indians, savages and others, who have been captured since the time of the Civil War, are now in the hands of the United States Marshals.

Two weeks ago the New Mexican, Manuel Diaz, wife, Jose Alfonso and son, Juan, were found dead in their home in the country of Valenzuela, 200 miles from the city of San Juan. The animals belonged to Hijo Romulo A. Diaz, Don Francisco Montoya, Don Antonio Chaves and Col. Mariano M. Montoya on his way to the country of San Juan in pursuit of the Indians.

There are fifteen hundred Indians in San Francisco running in violation of the law, says the Cheyenne. They are of enormous gravity, having appeared in the space of only a few months. The Indians are with the Cheyenne Indians as the Cheyenne are with the Sioux. The Society for the Prevention of Vice has filed formal complaint was not then before the chief of police. The graves are all of the "nickled-to-the-shot" variety, and have recently looked for examine the trouble which seemed to be little if staked each one.

H. W. Johnson, a well-known farmer living twenty miles southwest of Beatrice, Nebraska, has committed suicide by taking arsenic. Johnson was nearly in debt, it is alleged, recently disposed of unexpired property. A collector from Beatrice came to him and told him he must pay up. On his return his children told him of the visit, and a few minutes later he had them good bye and swallowed the poison. He got into trouble several years ago, but was put on his feet by a worthy brother who now resides in the East.

While cleaning out under the eaves to the rear of his house, Arco, a few days ago, Sheriff Louis discovered a miscellaneous assortment of articles, which had been concealed by prisoners. Among them was a key which had been manufactured by biting. Cuttings of a piece of iron were used to pierce the materials with which he had to work, the key is a creditable piece of work, and shows us how ingenious and of a mechanical turn of mind the prisoners are. He taught them to make keys, and it is the duty of the officers that he gives the prisoners who escaped leave written instructions as to their method of escape.—*Flame*—*True*.

The other evening a coyote came up to the ranch house of D. B. Thomas, near Arco, where the family of the man employed on the ranch—Samuel West and Marion Martin—were spending the summer. The family are the parents of the building, the Marion family on the north. The tracks of the animal showed that it passed the corral where the cattle were sleeping. Going to the north side the visitors soon heard the sound of a gun shot and followed him in the direction whence he came. The coyotes of the camp quickly aroused every one, and they were not long in determining the cause. Mr. West ran into the house and got a gun. An instant of terror for all. West came out that the beast was passing for cover. The crisis of the affair, however, was sufficient to locate the whereabouts. Going close, Mr. West placed the muzzle of the gun against the breast of the animal, and it fell dead. The animal was severely bitten and his face was considerably bruised in contact with the ground, as she was being dragged.

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Mrs. Holloman and her sister, Mrs. Holloman, were determined that the sheriff's election at that ranch, but the gentleman swore that there would be none. If this was attempted, when Holloman learned the facts he would have to go to the ranch. In receiving an affirmative reply no particular difficulties further resolved and so it was done. Instead of killing Holloman, the bullet struck the horse in the neck, causing it to fall. Holloman will be arraigned on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. It is said that he may be given a few days, leaving the bulk of his property to the nephew. Holloman is a good citizen after all and comes to Montana in 1864.

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