

grabbed his red-headed brother-in-law about the neck and together they danced up and down in a frantic manner. They were crazy with joy. Mrs. Fitz in her box close to the ring, laughed and cried alternately and tried in vain to get through the crowd to embrace her husband. After some minutes, Fitz was escorted through the crowd to his dressing room and his wife followed.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman, March 18: J. C. Peterson of Logan, Utah, was bere with four cars of range cattle.

Louis Tremmel, who murdered Fred Stabler a short time ago in Wyoming, was sentenced on Thursday at Cheyenne, to twenty years' imprisonment.

A severe shock of earthquake was felt in Ukiah, Cal., at 11 o'clock Tuesday night. The vibrations were from north to south and lasted about ten seconds.

At San Diego, on Tuesday, Nicholas Carreello and Juan Garcia quarreled over the affections of a young woman. Carreello stabbed and killed Garcia, and escaped to the hills.

The California legislature has passed a proposed constitutional amendment providing for home rule for counties. It provides that counties may adopt charters for their government in which salaries may be fixed and under which elections may be held.

Harriett Kribbs, a four-months-old baby, died Tuesday, at Oxnard, Cal., from injuries received from a fall from a bed. The accident occurred Saturday morning, and while the baby seemed to be suffering nothing serious was anticipated.

Laramie Boomerang: W. E. Howard has secured a position in the auditor's office of the Oregon Short Line, at Salt Lake, and will leave Laramie in about ten days. Mr. Howard is an excellent office man and is familiar with railroad work. His family will remain in Laramie a month or two.

The William Tell cattle company of Paraje, New Mexico, has purchased four ranches that formerly belonged to the Monticello land and cattle company. The ranches are located near Monticello, Socorro county. Three of them are for pasture and the fourth will be devoted to the growing of alfalfa.

The two-year-old daughter of H. C. Park, a prominent resident of Bakersfield, Cal., was drowned in an irrigating ditch Tuesday afternoon. The child was playing with her brother, a few years older than herself, and fell into the ditch, containing fifteen inches of water, and was drowned. She was not discovered until life was extinct.

Ralford Ross, a student at the Oakland, California, high school, made a plucky and successful attempt to stop a runaway on Tuesday, on a crowded thoroughfare. The horse, which had broken its hitching straps, ran down the street at a lively gallop, dragging a light cart. Ross leaped into the cart after a sprint and secured the lines,

reigning down the horse before it had proceeded much further.

From the San Luis valley, which has been called the wheat granary of Colorado, come reports to the effect that the farmers generally are preparing for a largely increased acreage of grain this season. The winter has been long and rather severe. In the upper or greater grain portion of the valley the frost is still in the ground and spring work in the fields will be delayed somewhat.

Conductor Grenameyer of the Colorado Midland railway was brutally assaulted by a gambler, at Cascade on the main line of the Midland Wednesday night. The gambler was drunk and behaved badly on the train and they had an exchange of words, when the train stopped at Cascade the gambler came up behind Grenameyer and struck him on the head with a club, which fractured his skull. The injury may prove fatal. The gambler was arrested.

Deover Field and Farm: The oat crop has been languishing somewhat in Colorado for the last two or three seasons mostly on account of the low ebb into which the horse business unfortunately had fallen. But times are brightening very materially and the horse industry is looking up in such a way as to warrant the conclusion that oats will again be needed as a regular diet all over the country, so that from indications it would seem advisable to plant the grain more generally than was done last year. Now is the time to get the work of planting well underway.

Montana Stock Growers Journal: The last three or four weeks of winter are generally the cause of anxiety to stockmen, and the conditions prevailing at the present time are no exception to the rule. While no live stock losses of any consequence are reported up to date the situation is such as to cause apprehension should a severe storm occur in this section of Montana. The winter has not been what would be called a severe one, but since the middle of January, when it began to this portion of the range, it has been continuous. Much snow has fallen but it has not crusted to any degree, so that feeding has not been interfered with to any great extent. On the ranges of Montana adjoining Dakota and Wyoming there is now fear of some losses as the extreme weather and unprecedented falls of snow have been felt there. On the ranges of the Yellowstone, lower Powder river, Tongue river and the Musselshell the conditions during the winter have at no time been serious, but the long period of low temperature is naturally reducing the condition of cattle from the excellent shape they were in at the beginning of January. While no losses are reported, there is a feeling of uneasiness which is bred no doubt, by the reports of loss which come from the adjoining ranges in Dakota and Wyoming.

The Omaha Bee says that last season 550,000 head of sheep were sheared at and around Casper, Wyoming, and it is estimated that 600,000 will be sheared in the same territory this year. The shearing points are Casper, with four pens; Freeland, Lost Cabin, Bac-

ger, Casper Creek and Wolton. Wolton is the most important outside point. These pens are sixty-five miles northwest of Casper. At this point the Elkhorn road has located pens and dipping works and constructed a reservoir and the Wolton Commercial club has put in a general store. Kenneth McDonald, just in from the ranch, reports sheep in the best condition for years and says he never saw sheep in Australia or South America winter better than the sheep in this vicinity has the past season. There are not many wethers left in the country, sheep raisers having come to the conclusion that it was more profitable to dispose of range stock than to run them. A stock company is here on the ground ready to put in a steam shearing plant. The railway is building a large addition to its already large wool house. When this is completed Casper will have the largest wool house in the West. From the letters received it is believed a great many wool buyers will be on hand and that our sheep men will be able to dispose of their clip as soon as sheared. One wool grower has been offered 7 1/2 cents for his wool as against 7 cents last year. Commission men are anxious to advance 7 cents. One commission house advanced 7 cents yesterday and guaranteed no withdrawal. This is the largest advance ever made on the same terms. These two offers indicate that wool will be worth to the producer from 1 to 2 cents more than last year. Wednesday, March 17, the wool growers of central Wyoming met at Casper in convention to establish the price to be paid for shearing and to appoint a scab inspector. Shearing will start April 1 at Lost Cabin, and at Casper about April 10. The prospects of a tariff have been felt there already. No less than ten eastern men are there trying to buy stock ewes. They are offering \$3.50 per head, delivered after shearing. This is 75 cents more a head than the same class of sheep brought this time last year. It is believed that if the tariff bill passes 1,000,000 head of sheep will be sheared at Casper next year, as there is no business so profitable to the man of small means, and from the number of people there wanting to buy sheep it looks as if everybody wanted to get into the business. All the hotels are crowded with guests, and the Fred J. Kiesel Grocery company is about to open a new general store. Casper has the appearance of a boom. The rate of interest on money has gone from 12 per cent to 10 per cent on local loans.

OBITUARY NOTES.

GERTRUDE TENDT.

Died, at Brooklyn, February 25th, 1897, of cardiac pneumonia, Gertrude Tendt, born October 8th, 1877, at Jönköping, Sweden. She was on her way Zionward, and died firm in the faith. A mother in Sweden, a sister here, and a brother in Salt Lake City, mourn her departure.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's hospital, where she died, and the remains deposited in Mount Olivet cemetery. Elder Samuel W. Richards, president of the Eastern States mission, conducted the services, and many of her