NEWS OF THE WEST.

Money for Construction of Deming-Mexico Railway Subscribed.

PASSENGERS MUST NOT BE ARMED.

Cats to Destroy Gophers and Squirrels—Buried in a Landslide—Shot With His Own Weapon.

There is some talk of a telephone line being constructed between Wilcox and the Pearce mines, Arizona, in the near future.

Up to March 1st less rain had fallen in Los Angeles, Cal., than for any season since the government record has been kept there.

The small boy with the slingshot is getting to be a great nuisance in Kingman, A. T., on account of the great damage done to window glass.

The government plant for the improvement of the Snake river between Huntington and the Seven Devils country, Ore., was sold in Huntington recently.

Twenty-one hundred ounces of strychnine have been distributed by the commissioners of Walla Walla county, Wash., to the farmers of that county for use in trying to abate the plague of squirrels.

The Santa Fe railroad company has issued orders to its New Mexico and Texas depot agents and conductors to allow no men to board the trains with guns. They must leave their arsenals in the baggage cars while en route.

A brood mare belonging to J. C. Tyler, of Red Bluff, Cal., gave birth to three colts, two of which were male and one female. Two of them were stillborn and the other lived about twenty minutes. All three of the colts were perfectly formed.

The payroll of the United Verde Copper company at Jerome, Arizona, last month for men employed at the mines is said to have been $[illegible]. In addition to this, the company expends many thousands of dollars monthly for timbers, supplies, etc.

A surveying party from Phoenix, Arizona, have recently been making a reconnoissance for a road to the Box Canyon of Salt river for the Hudson Reservoir and Canal company, in order to haul in material for the construction of a dam at that point.

A landslide west of Portland, Oregon, on Sunday morning completely buried the house of Donald McDonald, at the bottom of a ravine. His daughter, Isabelle McDonald, aged 1[illegible], and Daniel Campbell, aged [illegible], were buried in the ruins and killed.

A young man named Andrew Francis was riding on a load of hay near Visalia, Cal., on Sunday, and had a 22-caliber rifle between his knees. The weapon was discharged and the ball entered under his chin, ranged upward and lodged in his head. The wound is pronounced fatal.

William W. Main, a California pioneer, died in San Francisco last Thursday, in consequence of an accident. Monday he ascended a ladder to fasten a hook in the wall in the store of Main & Winchester. The ladder slipped and he fell to the floor, sustaining concussion of the brain.

An article published in the Two Republics in the City of Mexico states that information has been received there that the money for the construction of the Deming-Mexico railroad had all been subscribed, several contracts made and that work will without doubt be begun within the next ninety days.

A farmer in Umatilla county, Or., who has eight cats, reports gophers quite scarce on his premises. Twenty squirrels a day, he says, is no unusual catch for his cats. Coyotes live largely on squirrels, but owing to their fondness for mutton and fowl, their numbers have been largely reduced by scalp hunters.

The mining industry offers a field of operation for the new woman. It is said that one of the best mining experts in Arizona is a woman, and the best posted person on mines on the Klamath river, Oregon, is Mrs. Clara Wood. She can give the history of every mine on the river from the mouth of Cottonwood creek to the Salmon river.

The Santa Barbara Cal., county board of education has recently adopted a new schedule for grading teachers' certificates, the object being to secure uniformity among the counties of Southern California. Certificates granted under their new schedule will be interchangeable, so far as permitted by statute, in the following counties: Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Diego and Orange.

An example of the great slump in price of horseflesh in the last five years is a recent auction sale at Pomona, Cal., where several horses that would have had a ready sale anywhere five years ago for $80 or $90, were knocked down to bidders at $5 and $7. Teams of carriage or light farming horses that would have brought in 1890 and 1892 $140 or even $180, were sold at $42. Several large, well-shaped, fairly well-bred horses between six and seven years old, were sold for $30, and similar animals would once have brought $125.

Serious damage has resulted from the discharge of a small quantity of oil into the harbor at San Pedro, Cal. The oil is from the Los Angeles wells, and was loaded into the bark Enoch Talbot for shipment to San Francisco. When the vessel was in the harbor taking on cargo the oil from the tanks in the bark became mixed with the water that had leaked through her hull into the hold. The mixture of oil and water was pumped out into the harbor, and the oil spread all around, being borne by incoming and outgoing tides. Great damage has been done to the single item of oil getting smeared on the painted sides of boats. It is difficult to get it off and expensive to paint over it. The greatest loss will probably be to the shell-fish industry, and particularly to growing oysters. The oil seems to be a deadly mixture for all kinds of shellfish. R. Hillier, who started 12 years ago growing oysters from a few of a variety brought from Guaymas, Mexico, said on Sunday that he expected to have the first crop of marketable ones next fall. He said that he would have made hundreds of dollars if the fish had not been killed by the oil. Many clams, cockles and scallops have also been killed.

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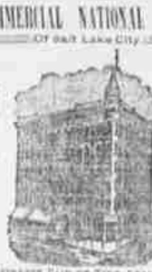

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