

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The governor of Idaho has appointed Caleb P. Jones, of Malad City, a representative of the state university at Moscow, vice W. E. Borah, resigned.

Nearly every town along the Union Pacific during the present season has had a number of cases of scarlet fever, deaths resulting in several places.

A personal note for \$10 recently came to light in Arizona on which the interest was \$840. The rate was \$1.25 a week. Fortunately the note was outlawed.

Francois Marchand, the Frenchman, aged 88, who was run over by an engine at San Diego, Cal., Saturday and lost his leg, suffered a relapse and died.

Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever, the public schools of Centralia, Wash., have been closed by the city council, acting as a board of health.

Tla-Koo-Yelle, "Three-Fingered Charlie," a Cack Island Indian, has been convicted of the murder of one of his tribe and sentenced to be hanged at Sitka. This will be the first legal execution in Alaska.

A San Diego, Cal., man has the jaws of a man-eating shark, which, when open, are four feet in circumference, and are provided with fifty rows of teeth, seven in a row. The shark from which the jaws were taken was over twenty feet long, and weighed nearly two tons.

The Norwegian steamer Florida sailed Saturday evening from Vancouver, B. C., for South Africa, with a cargo of lumber consisting of 2,500,000 feet, valued at over \$21,500. Just as she was leaving the harbor a coal-trimmer named George Wrightson was killed, owing to a mass of coal sliding on him.

Wesley Halliday, a young man about 17 years old, accidentally shot and killed himself Sunday afternoon while out hunting ducks along the Santa Ana river, Cal. The gun was discharged while the butt was resting on the ground and the muzzle on the boy's arm, during which time he leaped over to light a cigarette.

The new rotary snow plow recently taken to Sacramento, Cal., makes the fifth rotary which the company has purchased. Three of them, including the new one, will be kept in the Sierra Nevada mountains. One is in service in the Shasta, Cal., division, and the other is on the border line between Nevada and Utah.

The Phoenix Herald says: Arizona differs in its methods somewhat from Kansas. In Kansas when a carload of beer is discovered it is put in the lockup; in Arizona they put the beer in the man and put the man in the lockup. The Arizona process seems to be much more satisfactory to the average man.

Nador Angala, an employe of the New Almaden mine, Cal., was killed in a cave Tuesday. He was examining a new excavation to ascertain if it was safe for timber, when a cave occurred and he was buried alive. A large force of men went to work immediately, but the unfortunate miner was dead when they reached him.

Three men named Eldred, Spaulding

and Hodge, who live in Sacramento, Cal., were going duck hunting Tuesday morning in a two-seated wagon, and while crossing the railroad track the wagon was struck by a freight train and completely wrecked. One of the occupants, Chester W. Eldred, received injuries that may prove fatal. The others escaped with a few bruises.

The gobbler was after Patrick S. Dayton, of Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday morning, and in order to escape he jumped from the third story of the lodging-house. He was not killed, but received injuries which will probably confine him to the hospital for a few weeks. Dayton is editor of the Los Angeles Business Review, a small monthly paper. He is an Irishman, about 42 years old, unmarried and apparently of good habits.

George Benson, a rancher living at Santelmo, Lower California, was found dead in his cabin Sunday morning by Fred Richardson. Richardson was on his way from Sao Quintin to San Antonio landing to drag the beach for the bodies of the three sailors drowned Friday off the steamer Pacheco. Richardson found Benson lying on the floor, evidently having died not long before. The circumstances pointed to poisoning, but whether suicidal or accidental Richardson could not tell.

Some five years ago the Lander, Wyo., jail was pretty well crowded with prisoners, among them being one James Walter, who was under arrest for horse stealing. The Rawlins Journal says that Walker, Scott and others succeeded in breaking jail and escaping to the hills, where they were hunted for some days by a sheriff's posse. Scott was killed in a running fight with the officers, but Walker escaped capture and has been gone for some five years. Monday, Sheriff Davis arrested him.

Mrs. Carrie Clark, a widow 33 or 34 years of age, was found dead in bed at Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday morning. When discovered she had in her hand a cup of chloroform, which she was holding to her nostrils. It was at first supposed that she was a victim of foul play, possibly of some burglar. Her room, however, bore no indication of having been ransacked, and no motive was apparent for the crime. It was then supposed that she had committed suicide. The landlady and others who know her, however, say that she was in the habit of inhaling the deadly drug in order to relieve her from nervous headaches.

The railroads are putting in new automatic scales in Omaha on which trains of stock can be weighed when running at a speed of from four to five miles an hour. In this way much valuable time can be saved, as it is always desirable to get the stock out of the cars as soon as possible after it has been received at the yards. There are four pairs of these scales and it will require eight men to be added to the force to work them. There will be a day and night shift of one man each in charge of a scale. This new manner of weighing will be used by January 1.

Confined in the county jail at Caldwell, Idaho, is James H. Tate, the man who is believed to be one of the parties who held up the Silver City

stage a short time ago, relieving E. B. McCowan and others of their valuables. He is better known as "Tex." He is said to be a desperado, and the officers believe they made an important catch. Tate bears an unenviable reputation. He is said to have served a term in the Walla Walla penitentiary, and since his release he has not reformed. He is believed to be the party who recently held up Jerry Kinney, the Short Line conductor, at Caldwell.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: Nine Mexicans charged with the murder of the Mormon Elder Heaton near the Mormon colonies a few weeks ago were brought from the south last week and lodged in the Juarez jail. It will be remembered that the Elder was robbed of two barrels of molasses. He found one of the barrels had been cached, and while waiting to catch the thieves, the thieves jumped onto him, cut him to pieces, and then burned what there was left. The rurales at once took the trail, and have succeeded in unearthing the men whom they have good reason to believe are the murderers. A reporter was told that the fellows would all be shot at an early day.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: It has been too long the custom in Deming, when a marriage takes place, for the riff-raff commonality of society to repair to the place where the nuptials have been consummated, elaborately prepared to awaken the echo of the surrounding hills with anything other than musical instruments, and generally the hub-bub continues without interruption until the groom, or some one on his behalf, treats the crowd to something stronger than applejack or mulled cider. Happily for peace of society, the legislature enacted that such rowdiness is unlawful and that those engaging in such an unlawful assembly are guilty of a misdemeanor.

Gus Stoddard, of Seattle, Wash., woke up Saturday night to find his house whirling through the air and sticks of wood chasing the cat from corner to corner, the earth grumbling, the doors of his house falling from their hinges and the shouts of people ringing in his ears. Stoddard lived in a small house that stood on piling close to the track of the Columbia and Puget Sound railroad in the southern part of the city. He went through this lively experience unharmed. He did not even get rattled, but jumped from his bed and running to the door just as his nose landed in the bay, yelled out "What are you doing?" He was living close to the railway track, and a derailed car struck his house, throwing it into the bay. Stoddard escaped.

Colonel William Bailey, of New York, representing an eastern syndicate, has purchased the Tacoma and Lake Park railway, extending to Lake Park, ten miles south of Tacoma, Wash. They will make it standard gauge and early in February will commence building a fifty mile extension, taking it nearly to Cowlitz pass. This extension will tap one of the richest timber and mineral belts in Washington. The direct object is to reach the Tilton river coal field this side of Cowlitz pass, where coal veins have been opened eight to twelve feet thick and exposed in such a manner that they can be cheaply mined. Coal and timber will