NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Young Woman's Mysterious Disappearance From Santa Rosa.

BUFFALOS GETTING VERY SCARCE.

Accidental Shooting — Rich Mining Strike—Five Dead Bodies Found—New Lighthouse, Etc.

The Santa Fe railroad pays out $20,000 every month for wages in San Bernardino.

The latest exploits of tramps in San Bernardino is to steal a whole keg from a meat market.

An Orange county constable was held up by five tramps. He threw his gun and scattered the whole crowd to jail.

The lemon growers of Highland have organized an association for the cooperative curing and marketing of their crop.

In order to retrench expenses Bingham, Weston has reduced the salaries of all the city officials nearly one-third.

A new industry is being developed in Orange county, that of manufacturing oil from eucalyptus leaves, which is being used extensively for medicinal purposes.

Work on the new Southern Pacific line is progressing, and it is only a mere fact, says the Champion of that place.

F. Wilram, the owner of 1,900 acres of land near Kiowanos, has made the offer that the land may be cultivated the coming season, rent free, by any one who wishes to do so.

The big run of salmon in Commencement bay, Puget sound, still continues. Fishermen are taking fully 1,000 fish daily. They are mostly of the silver and dog fish varieties.

The Bell Silver valley, in Arizona, has a total area in excess of 1,000 acres, one-half of which is in good bearing. This year's crop is heavy and shipments to the East have already begun.

John Gordon, of Little Horse creek, Lander county, Wyo., has the largest private fish hatchery in the state. He packs are estimated to contain 50,000 trout and a large number of lake fish.

Work has been begun on the new Marrowstone point lighthouse, three miles south of Port Townsend. It will be two stories high and constructed after the style of a Queen Anne village. A large bell will be used as a danger signal in bad weather.

Wolves have become so numerous near Pendleton, Or., that it is proposed to organize a wolf drive. Both White and Indians will be asked to co-operate and make an effort to rid the country north and east of Pendleton of the animals, which pester the farmers by carrying off lambs and by killing sheep.

The San Bernardino supervisors have voted that the sheriff be instructed to furnish each vagrant on his discharge from the county jail with a certificate showing date of discharge. The board of supervisors will not allow any bill for the arrest or trial of such vagrant if arrested within four days after the date of discharge.

It is stated in connection with the arrest of J. S. Courtney for killing buffalo in the national park, that there are but ten head of those animals left in the park, and that the settlers and the park officials are unable to protect them from the poachers and that the true condition of affairs is kept from the department at Washington.

The dead bodies of five men, two of whom are recognized as being Americans, have been discovered northwest of Hot Springs (Mexico), in a wild section of the Sierra Madre mountains. The bodies are supposed to be those of members of a gold prospecting party who left here several weeks ago. The two Americans were from California, but their names are not known here. The others were Mexicans. It is supposed that the party lost their way in the mountains, and died together from starvation and exposure.

A special dispatch to the Chronicle says: Miss Owens, the young woman who so mysteriously disappeared from here last Wednesday, has not yet returned to claim her clothing and baggage at the Eureka lodging house. The police have searched every nook and corner of the town, but not a trace of her has been found yet. Some of the officers think that she was met by a young man, who took her away to the northern part of the county, but they have no positive knowledge in regard to the matter.

On November 24 William Kennedy, seventeen years old, son of P. J. Kennedy, a shoe merchant of Vallejo, Cal., was fatally shot by his own gun. The accident occurred near Napa Junction, seven miles from here, in a mixed field over which he was driving. He shot a lark and the horse jumped forward. In catching the lines the gun was accidentally discharged. The load struck him in the face, carrying away the entire left side from the median line below the eye. He was brought to Vallejo, and died in death in three hours.

The Headlight (Deming, N. M.), says: Carey Allen and George Burke, two young boys, who have been working the Chloride mine for several months past with but slight profit, were rewarded for their labors last Saturday by striking a rich body of ore, an assay of which runs 14 ounces in gold and 36 ounces in silver. This is the same mine that M. Burke worked several years ago and from which he realized a handsome fortune. The recent strike is only a few feet from the old workings and was found by a mere accident, the boys having gone to the old workings to hunt for some drills and thinking to prospect a little in the old diggings before going back to their work, stumbled into what promises to yield them thousands of dollars more than their wildest hopes had anticipated.

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