

## NEWS OF THE WEST.

How the Fruit Canning Interests of California are Affected.

## "SHOCKING" WITH ELECTRICITY

Shocking Barber and Suicide at Los Angeles.—Terrible Coal Gas Explosion.

The customs officer seized forty cases of stamped opium on the steamer *Dante* on Saturday afternoon at Portland, Ore. The opium was found in the coal room.

William Turner, manager of the Merchant's shipper Transportation company, has been arrested at Portland, Ore., in a charge of smuggling opium. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

George Brown, 14 years of age, son of E. L. Brown, a resident of the base hills, Colorado Springs, received twenty-four pieces of revolver cartridges and a quantity of powder into his old coat to match a switch he had made. The hair on his face and the front of his head was burned, and it was feared he would lose his sight, but the physician now believes the case is safe.

The two brothers who were the culprits in the shooting at Horace Park, Peoria, still a large amount of damage aside taking considerable shooting, cartridges and other articles away. The thieves left the cottage open to the elements and will remain there until they can get another place to run all over the floor; scattered the wearing apparel all over the floor and made a general wreck.—*Central City Chronicle*.

H. Bruner, a German capitalist of San Francisco, submitted proofs of his morning at Hughes' resort, near Mayfield, to vindicate himself in the court with a shot gun and his wife, from Mrs. Bruner, who days ago left an outfit in the country, and took up their abode at Hughes' place. He had two children with whom, having been thus treated for a number of years, and this was to be the cause of his ail.

A coal explosion occurred on Saturday in the house of Charles H. East in Riverside, Cal., and Mrs. C. H. East was severely injured. She is scarcely aware that her recovery is considered doubtful. Mrs. East, who is seventy-one years old, entered the kitchen just as the stove exploded. Her daughter, Mrs. East, was in bed in another room, and was born three days ago. The old lady, in her anxiety to save her helpless daughter and baby, and the stove and attempted to carry out the door. She finally got out, but in so great a hurry she slipped on the broken glass and fell. She would probably have been burned to death on the spot had not Mr. Kidd come in and poured the contents of water barrel over her. Mrs. East is in a serious condition owing to the shock.

G. H. Kubner, of Denver, has met with a similar accident. He has lost both of his eyesight in the explosion. Electricity is a very dangerous thing to monkey with. The Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward electric line passes the door of the saloon at which he is employed. Kubner claims he was not to blame. He was working on the wiring early morning, so hot attached the hose to a faucet and commenced to water the street. He had a bad mind about electricity and did not know that certain causes will produce such effects. Kubner has now the instant looking truculent wire before him. The copper sheath bright in the afternoon sun. "I wonder if this stream can reach that wire," said Kubner to himself. Then he turned off the water and went home. The water struck the wires again, and in an instant the bartender was standing on his head and the hose was playing on him. He received a terrible shock and is now confined to his room.

On Saturday afternoon Special Detectives Harvey and Smith of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad company, and J. W. Bennett, the informant at Homestake, came to the Navajo Indian reservation, N. M., called at the house of an Indian who passed the door of the saloon at which he is employed. Kubner claims he was not to blame. He was working on the wiring early morning, so hot attached the hose to a faucet and commenced to water the street. He had a bad mind about electricity and did not know that certain causes will produce such effects. Kubner has now the instant looking truculent wire before him. The copper sheath bright in the afternoon sun. "I wonder if this stream can reach that wire," said Kubner to himself. Then he turned off the water and went home. The water struck the wires again, and in an instant the bartender was standing on his head and the hose was playing on him. He received a terrible shock and is now confined to his room.

In the county court at Bellingham, Attorney Stiles and Deputy Sheriff Dafford, both of Denver, were fined for contempt of court, the first to the sum of \$25 and the latter to the amount of \$10. The trouble arose out of the trial of George F. Stiles, the Salter, who was charged with a charge out of the Denver justice court on a charge of obstructing and Dafford was sent to take him to Denver when he resisted by a will of his own corpus. As the trial of Stiles was adjourned for writing as the informant to Dafford and the court ordered the present discharged on the ground that the parties in the case were fairly disposed. Before the prisoner could leave the court he again arose on another warrant. As the trial of Stiles was adjourned and the court ordered both the sheriff and his prisoner into court. While the papers were being drawn up, Mr. Stiles instructed Dafford to go out with his man and bring him and they were brought back when near the dock. Farwell commented that the court dealt with Dafford and Stiles in the same manner.

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accounts, their married life had not been a pleasant one. Goss was much more inclined to drink than his wife, and was drinking, which made him querulous. The neighbors heard them quarreling frequently, but he had not been known to use violence toward his wife. On Sunday morning the family was found dead in their beds, the mother lying with her husband, the stepmother lying with her son. There was no sign of struggle. Thus Mrs. Gossman was heard to scream. Almost instantly a shot was heard, followed after a short time by a few shots by a person. An investigation was made, and the police found the bodies of the mother and son, and the stepmother was found dead.

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Hydrocynaphthal. Pastilles,

Seabury's Manufacturing Company, NEW YORK.

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