NEWS OF THE WEST.

Fatally Injured by Falling Eight Feet.

CHINESE PARSON WAS GAMBLING.

Killed in a Railroad Accident—Beast of a Rabbit Hunt—Heir to $20,000.

Lee Chuck Hay, a Chinese Baptist minister in San Francisco, was arrested on Thursday for aiding a Chinese lottery.

Henry Blanken, a San Francisco grocer, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by swallowing a large quantity of rat poison. He went into a saloon and called for a glass of water. When it was given him he dumped into it a whole box of rat poison and gulped down the dose. He was removed at once to the receiving hospital, where he died at 6 o'clock. Blanken had been drinking heavily for some time, and had been away from home two days.

Because she smoke cigarettes, Mary Gilderly, aged 70, has been refused readmission to the county infirmary at Oakland, California. She was in the infirmary for many years, but, in spite of all that could be done to correct the habit, insisted on smoking cigarettes in bed. She was quite feeble and it was feared that she would set fire to the building. The superintendent warned her repeatedly and then ordered her discharged. She appealed to the supervisors on Wednesday, but when they learned the facts they refused to let her return to the infirmary.

T. O. Griffiths of Wardner, Idaho, has received a letter from a solicitor in London informing him that he has fallen heir to the snug sum of $20,000 or thereabouts, in round numbers, says the Wardner News. It seems that they have been trying to find him for several months past and have only just succeeded. This money has been left him by an uncle who died three months ago. Mr. Griffiths has been working in the Bunker Hill for a number of months past, having come from Lead City, S. D., where the solicitor in question has been vainly trying to reach him.

Chris Uncken, a well known character of Susanville, California, while gathering red berries between General Dickinson's residence and Lime point Thursday morning missed his footing and fell eighty feet into the bay. In the descent he struck several times on the rocks, which inflicted a severe scalp wound, broke his wrist and badly injured his hip. It is also believed that his spine is affected, as his lower limbs seem paralyzed. Uncken was rescued from the water by a man who saw him fall. He was taken to the county poor farm at San Rafael, from which place he probably never will return.

The Fishermen's union has been defeated in Tacoma, Wash. Last week it formed a union and advanced the price of fish one cent per pound, which the dealers paid without a protest. Monday they gave the dealers notice that they would have to go to Old Tacoma for their fish hereafter. Tuesday the fishermen shut the net line off from fish, but Thursday they weakened and promised to deliver the fish as before at the railroad docks. A scarcity of fish caused the formation of the union and its attempt to force the dealers to go to Old Tacoma, where most of the fishermen live. The dealers won the day by threatening to move goods and catch their own fish.

In April last Sam A. Taing, brother of Deputy Sheriff Thomas Taing of Fairoaks, Cal., on the Mexican line, shot and killed Santiago Scelza, a Mexican desperado who was wanted for murder in Orange county. The Taing brothers tried to arrest Scelza and he stepped back and pulled out for his hip pocket as if to draw a weapon. Sam Thing was behind his brother, who did not have his gun ready. Sam, fearing his brother was to be shot, fired and killed the Mexican. The coroner's jury exonerated Thing, but since then on investigation has been going on by the Mexicans at the instance of the relatives of the dead man. Correspondence upon the subject passed between the state department and the Mexican minister on foreign affairs. The result of the investigation was the arrest of Taing on Monday on a charge of murder. The complainant is Sacramento Martinez, a sister of the dead man. Taing's examination is set for December 22nd.

At Garfield, Wash., on Monday, 100 men and boys turned out to the coyote hunt. They walked from two to three miles apiece, or an average of at least five miles, making a total of 750 miles but were trudged through the muddy stubble fields and summer fallow, and notwithstanding the climbing of a butte nearly 1,000 feet high. And when the final round-up was made on the butte, and with baited breath, each member of the ever-narrowing circle drew closer to the patch of buck brush that formed the center, like unto no evidence of the anticipated coyotes. Closer drew the circle, until the interest was thoroughly beaten, resulting in the capture of one poor little white rabbit. The disinclusiveness of the situation seems to have struck everybody and put them in a good humor. There was more than 100 men, nearly every one of whom was armed with a gun, and there was the miserable little rascal as the only visible result of the day's hunt. However, there was one coyote killed some a fer the hunters were first formed.

The through freight from the east broke in two a few miles west of Auburn, Cal., Wednesday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock, causing the death of the conductor, Logan E. Shelmon, and the serious injury of Brakeman W. W. Lindley. Both men were standing on top of a box car, a few cars back from the engine, when the accident happened and it was evident that it was impossible for them to save themselves. The grade at that point is quite steep and the train was heavy, consisting of twenty-nine loaded cars. Just after passing Bowman's station (thirty miles west of Auburn), the train suddenly parted a few cars back from the engine and the wheels of the cars thus uncoupled were instantly locked by the automatic brakes. The break occurred at the head end of the car upon which Sheldon and Lindley were standing, and the sudden checking of the train's speed threw them off. Brakeman Lindley struck a little to one side of the track and rolled down the embankment. Conductor Sheldon struck the track with terrible force, and the next moment the train struck his body, causing the first car to jump the rails and turn over. When the wrecking crew arrived on the scene Sheldon's body was found pinned down beneath the wrecked car, and when it was taken out was found to be terribly crushed and mangled. Death must have been almost instantaneous.

There were two small boys in Benton county whose hair stood on end at the sight they saw the other day, says the Prairie Times. They were hunting in the vicinity of Sulphur Springs, on Soap creek. Their dogs treed a varmint. When the boys came up, the animal was sparingly 10 feet from the ground and was gnawing at their dogs. The boys took a good look, gathered were their hair long and he looked awfully tall to Lawrence Stovall of Corvallis and Delbert Baker of Wells, both aged 14. The Baker boy carried a rifle and the other a single-barreled shotgun. The first took a shot at the varmint and wounded him in the hams. Out of the tree he jumped, and the dogs tackled him, but he slapped them over quicker than a wink, and then made for the Stovall boy. "Y-o-u-n-g m-a-n-s-t-a-r-t-l-e-s-t-h-e-w-o-r-l-d-a-l-l-r-i-g-h-t," said the boy, "but I know the time had come when I had to shoot, so I raised my gun and leveled away. He was down within six feet of me, with his mouth open and his eyes shining like two balls of fire." The fine Gridley look effect, and the animal halted. He had been blinded in both eyes, also he had stopped aimlessly. As he drew near the Baker boy, the lad fired again and the ugly varmint dropped over dead. It was a beaver-rat! Just, and was a huge one, as the skin now in possession of the boys proves.

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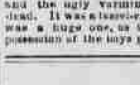

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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Levying the Tax and for the Assessment of the property on the North side of second south street between Second East and Fifth East streets, Salt Lake City, within Sewer District No. 1.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, State of Utah, that said City levies and collects and hereby lays the tax and provides for the assessment of the property on the north side of second south street between Second East and Fifth East streets, Salt Lake City, within Sewer District Number One of said Salt Lake City.

SEC. 2. That the tax levied to defray the expenses of constructing a sewer on the north side of second south street between second and Fifth East streets, opposite the hereinafter described lots, blocks and tracts of land, shall be in addition to and over and above all taxes levied and collected for all other purposes, and it is hereby adjudged, determined and established that the same will be required for the payment of said improvement, and said taxes, tax and parcels of land are hereby assessed in an equal and uniform rate in accordance with the laws of this Territory upon that portion of the north side of second south street to be improved, fronting on said street, and on each side thereof, sixty-five feet back from said second south street, and the said parcels of land are bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the East by Second East street, on the West by Fifth East street, on the North by parcels of land in two thousand Thirteen and 84-100 Dollars ($2013.84) or one and 30-100 Dollars ($1.30) per cubic yard for that part of said improvement that portion of the North side of second south street to be improved, fronting on said street, and on each side thereof