NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Convict in San Quentin Prison, California, Beats the Record.

A TRIPLE MURDERER SUICIDES

The "Divy" Question.—An Aged Lady Found Dead in Bed.—A Dastardly Deed in New Mexico.

A recent report from Reedley, Fresno county, is to the effect that the farmers in that vicinity will have a better crop of grain this year than last.

The executive committee of the County Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in San Diego will try to have the next international session held at San Francisco.

At the special city election held at Auburn, Cal., recently, the proposition to bond the city in the sum of $30,000 for the purpose of providing a system of sewerage was carried almost unanimously.

Oliver Stewart deliberately committed suicide at Superior, Mont., Wednesday morning by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a sharp hunting knife. Domestic infelicity appears to have been the cause.

At the next meeting of the California prison directors, Quan Ah Chee, who, nearly twelve years ago, was imprisoned in San Quentin for his natural life for murder, will be recommended for pardon, and in a day or two thereafter he will walk forth a free man.

Leo Barrows and Melvin Snyder despoiled two fine plate windows in the Buffum block, San Bernardino, by scratching names on them with a diamond. Sunday they went to Santa Ana, where they were arrested Tuesday and charged with malicious mischief. The owner of the building says he will prosecute them to the full extent of the law.

The news has been brought to Las Vegas, N. M., of a most atrocious crime committed at Pagosa Springs, 115 miles out. Two bodies beaten almost into a jelly with stones and supposed to be those of Manuel Maldonado and a she-gambler in the employ of Trinidad Griego, were found tightly bound to wandering burros. The faces of the unfortunate men were beaten almost beyond recognition.

Governor Hughes of Arizona has appointed Dr. George E. Goodfellow of Tucson territorial quarantine health officer to cooperate with the California state board of health in the matter of establishing quarantine stations on the line of the Southern Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific roads, east of the Colorado river, in the event of Cholera, and to arrange other precautionary measures.

Says the Wasatch Wave, May 23rd: Mrs. John Nelson, aged 70 years, was found dead in bed on the morning of the 16th inst. The funeral services were held at the residence on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Nelson was a woman of whom but little is known, even among her nearest neighbors and friends. She has been a great sufferer, having been partially blind for a good many years and totally blind for several years past. She has also been deaf for several years. The family have lived here for about twelve years. She leaves a husband, but her children have all died before her. Through all her sickness and affliction she would not allow anybody to come in to help her. She was Swedish, but the Swedish people say they could not get acquainted with her. This accounts for the apparent neglect.

Within a couple of months from now every dive in town should be closed says the San Francisco Chronicle. The present licenses of the dives extend over a period of three months, and the ordinance adopted by the supervisors last Monday night provides that hereafter no license to sell liquor shall be granted to persons conducting places where women are employed or suffered to attend in any manner to the wants of patrons, or where theatrical performances or exhibitions are given. The plan is to refuse licenses to such places when their present privileges expire, and unless the law is deserted invalid by the supreme court the city will be rid of the dives in a very short time. The divekeepers are alive to the gravity of their situation. Already they have taken steps to annul the law. At a meeting held on Thursday in the Scorza music hall about 80 divekeepers were present and they held an animated discussion on the subject.

William Benford Lacy, a young druggist who committed suicide in Santa Ana, Cal., last Tuesday night by taking a half handful of morphine powder, was a triple murderer and hailed from Anniston, Ala., where the murders were committed about three years ago. A letter has been received from J. W. Willet, a prominent attorney of Anniston, asking if one William H. Lacy had really killed himself in Santa Ana. He further stated that Lacy was a triple murderer and that there were three indictments for murder now against him. About three years ago Lacy shot a prominent citizen of Anniston down like a dog without a moment's warning, to avenge a supposed wrong done a friend, and then to clear himself, like Murrell, turned upon the only two witnesses of his unfamiliar crime—one of whom was a boy only 13 years old—and mercilessly shot them through and through. Then he hastily took his departure from Alabama, since which time he had been a resident of Santa Ana under the name of William Benford. Last Tuesday a telegram came to a sister of Lacy's in Anniston, informing her of his tragic end, and this proved to be the first information the officers there had of his whereabouts. Although Lacy was, for the past few years, disabled, he made money and friends, and the information received now that he was an atrocious murderer can scarcely be believed.

Six months ago Thomas Harris, a colored man, was sent to San Quentin, Cal., to serve a three-year term for breaking out of the Red Bluff jail. Just about the time that Harris opened the garb of a convict the grass paces began to disappear from the cell windows. At first this was not noticed, but every day one or two more would be missing and the officials worked themselves into quite a state of excitement wondering where the glass had gone. There began to float about rumors of a conspiracy among the convicts to break jail. It was whispered that the glass had been secreted in the cells and was being used to saw through the floor and afterwards to dig a way out under the prison walls. Warden Hale ordered a minute search made at every cell, but no splinter of glass could be found anywhere, and the wonderment of everybody grew greater. All the time the excitement among the convicts increased. It was not for a week after the alarm began to disappear that the mystery was made plain. Then, one morning Harris, the colored prisoner from Red Bluff, was discovered sitting in a corner of his cell with one of the missing wicket panes in his hands. Every few minutes he would bite off a chunk of glass, which he chewed and swallowed with apparently the greatest relish. Of course the matter was reported to Warden Hale. Harris said he has eaten all the glass for which he (Hale) made a search was made. He did not want to let anybody know of his peculiar appetite and so had not said anything about it. Harris is a well-built negro, 28 years of age. Before he was sent to San Quentin he was a laborer, and was for a long while attached to a circus. His capacity for manufacturing and swallowing sword and sharp glass astonished him to earn $100 a month. It was he was first confined to work by sickness. He did not eat glass any more than he was and had determined to cure himself of the practice. But the warden was accustomed to the gritty diet that he found he could not properly digest his food without a moderating sauce of glass as an digestion for fish to devouring the wicket panes. He was told by the warden to let the panes alone and he would be furnished with a daily allowance of broken lamp chimneys, bottles, etc. He accepted the offer on condition that he will not get sick, practice what he is content, or leave jewels to travel with a circus or museum. Chaplain Dunstone has watched Harris at his queer meals lately and he says he never saw the night and numbers. The f now's meals seem to fit on each other perfectly and grind the glass to a fine white powder before swallowing it.

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Bell, Thos.	131	2,000	20 00
Bell, Thos.	132	2,000	20 00
Bell, Thos.	133	2,000	20 00
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