NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Peculiar Accident Results in the Death of a Colorado Miner.

FATAL EXPLOSION OF POWDER.

A Murderer's Sentence Commuted—Shocking Mishap To a Child, etc.

While sawing slabs at a Fitchburg, Colo., saw mill on Monday, C. J. Hindman met with a painful accident. His hand was caught by a small saw splitting the hand and arm open to the elbow.

Application has been made to Governor Osborne, of Wyoming, to commute the sentence of Frank Hewett, who was sentenced to hang for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Horn, at Dixon, Wyo., to life imprisonment.

Gus Breese, an employe at the lime kiln at Lime creek, Colo., was blown Monday afternoon up an explosion of giant powder. The powder was frozen and the man was thawing it out, when one of the workmen accidentally dropped some hot iron on the pile and the explosion followed. Breese was instantly killed, his body being horribly mangled.

Arrangements have been perfected by the residents of San Diego, Cal., jointly for the planting of castor-oil on a large scale, and a company has been organized to handle the product. A factory is to be erected to cost $50 to $60,000, and the plant will be extended as rapidly as the supply of castor-oil beans increases. The beans grow wild in Lower California, but it is believed the output can be largely increased by cultivation.

Pioche (Nevada) Record: Work was resumed at the Yuba mine last Monday, and the installed test of the mill is pleasant to hear. The mill will be put in good working order for first thing, after which some prospecting will be done. It is a good sizer mine that will pay expenses these days, but the Yuba is one of them. Every pocket of ore yields a little, with its silver and lead, and does a ready sale at the Salt Lake and other markets.

Says the Marysville (Calif.) Times: "News of a rich and extensive strike on the Snow Flake, East Marysville, has reached town. It is also reported that another contact, 100 to 400 feet below the present workings, has been uncovered that shows fine results in a 4-ft. p. Ore tested last week from the breast of the drift on the Snow Flake, which was then in 70 feet, returned $10 and $35, respectively, for second and first class ore. At that time the stringer was 18 inches wide, but now it is claimed that the ore only has increased at a greater ratio in quality."

A special from Mount Cristo, Wash., says: A snowslide struck the dynamite house of the Pride of the Mountain mine Friday, and buried two miners. The alarm was given and a force of seventy-five men set about to rescue the imprisoned men. Louis Erickson was covered head downward and was taken out dead. William McCarty was struck on the back of the head by a broken stick. Wm. Kelly was struck in the face. W. E. Smith fell on a stove, burning his forehead, but was not seriously hurt. Four others were cut painfully about the heads. All of the men were rescued alive but Erickson and are doing well.

Michael Shoman, a well known mining man of Spokane, Wash., returned on Monday from his mines in the Okanogan district. He reports the find of a veritable gold volcano at the very summit of the Cascade range of mountains, near Slate creek. Two young men from Anacortes named Smith and Smith discovered the lodge. Shoman says that the boys after a week's work with the crudest of implements have sinned up $12,000 with plenty of the same rich dirt in sight. Nearly all the miners in this section of the country have flocked to the new El Dorado and staked out claims.

Mary Fikens, aged 13 years, was painfully if not fatally injured on Monday night at Londonia, Colo. The little girl is a well-known figure around the Rio Grande depot, where she sells specimens to the passengers on the through trains. Monday evening she was at the west bound train as usual. As the train started she had made a sale. She raised her hand to receive the purchase money when she slipped and fell, her left arm being thrown under the wheels of the first coach. The entire train passed over her arm and the child did not make a single outcry. The arm had to be amputated at the shoulder.

Louis Doucher, a miner employed in the Portland, at Cripple Creek Colo., met with a peculiar accident in the mine a few days ago which resulted in death. He was working in the stope with of the 450-foot level and had split his holes and was standing with 6 men other miners at the station, 250 feet away, ready to come out for lunch when the charges exploded. A small piece of rock was driven along the drift, which struck him with force enough to fracture the skull back of the right ear. The deceased was a good miner and leaves about $10,000 in cash to his widowed mother. In addition the Portland company pays free insurance on men killed or injured while in their employ. He will receive one year's full pay or about $1,200 from the insurance.

The coal excitement for Western Idaho is being again stirred through the visit of Union Pacific officials to the Horseshoe bend coal prospects to investigate in probability as a supply point and whether it would justify the construction of a branch line. We learn that they were not satisfied with the Horseshoe Bend district and give no promise of a road. We are pleased to note that Mr. Lewis Allen has taken advantage of the occasion to write the Boise Statesman that he can show the Union Pacific officials or anyone else something to open their eyes if they will take the trouble to pay him a visit. The great number of unadvertised coal prospects in this county and the satisfactory results obtained from testing samples is good ground to believe that an investigation by a coal expert would show up some wonderful coal fields.—Boise Signal.

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