NEWS OF THE WEST.

A City Councilor Shot and Killed in California.

$10,000 FOR UNREQUITED LOVE.

Suit for Unlawful Imprisonment.—Accidentally Shot.—Two Men Drowned in the Yellowstone.

The Manti *Reporter* plant has been purchased by Miss Christina Mickelsen, who will continue the publication of the paper.

George W. Parker, a prominent resident of Ukiah, California, and a member of the city council was killed on Tuesday night at a late hour by J. D. Sherman, a vaquero in the employ of B. Marks, a merchant and stock raiser. Both parties to the affray were slightly under the influence of liquor at the time. The coroner's jury found a verdict of self defense, but Sherman was afterwards jailed on a charge of murder.

B. H. Waterman, a former living near Elmira, California, has brought suit against Sheriff Henderson of Solano county, for $20,000 damages for false imprisonment. About two months ago the grave of Mrs. Celia Clark, at Elmira, was opened, the body exhumed and despoiled. Suspicion pointed to Waterman, who was arrested about three weeks ago, but on examination, for lack of positive proof, was discharged. Waterman sought legal advice, and was advised to institute legal proceedings against Sheriff Henderson for the amount named.

The new paper advocating the free coinage of silver announced at the Trans-Mississippi congress, made its appearance with the first number at Chicago on the 20th, under the name of Coin. It is an illustrated weekly. Its mechanical appearance is good and neatly edited. Its offices are in the heart of the city on the ground floor and next door to the clearing house and First National bank. It starts with a circulation of 10,000. The paper will be issued under the editorial management of W. H. Harvey, formerly chairman of the executive committee of the Trans-Mississippi congress. Hon. J. S. Dougherty, of Texas, contributes the chief article in the number just issued.

Daniel J. Murphy, the stock raiser, and son of the late James Murphy, met a tragic death on Tuesday, at his farm near Milpitas, seven miles from San Jose, California. An inquest was held and the testimony submitted went to show that death was caused by the accidental discharge of a pistol which he was cleaning preparatory to going on a hunting trip. At the time of the occurrence, about 9:30 o'clock, Murphy was seated in his office. A Mr. Costigan, had passed by the door to this office but a moment before and saw the deceased sitting in the rocking chair, examining the revolver. When he returned in a few minutes he found Mr. Murphy fallen forward, his bare head resting on the threshold. He gasped three or four times and died.

Mary Alice Pierce of Denver has filed in the district clerk's office a suit for breech of promise of marriage against Knud Rasmussen for $10,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges in her complaint that on December 18, 1891, the defendant promised to marry her within a reasonable time, and that this promise was several times afterwards repeated. That September 1, 1892, he agreed to marry her in the summer of 1893. That on May 20 last the defendant told her he was not going to marry her, but had another person in view whom he was going to marry. That she, the plaintiff, always relying upon his promises, has always remained single. That her feelings have been so worked upon that she has been under the care of a physician, her health being much broken through blighted affections and anticipations never to be realized.

A special from Laurel, Montana, says R. C. Lamoure and Edward Purvis were drowned in the Yellowstone river here about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Both men were employed in handling the ferry boat, and while making a crossing the boat was swamped in an eddy, straining the cable until it gave way. The men jumped from the boat into the water, and being unable to make any headway against the swift current were drowned before aid could reach them. Charles Abshire, a passenger, remained with the boat until it struck a pier of the railroad bridge, a few hundred feet below, and capsized. He was fortunate enough to secure a plank, and, after floating nearly a mile, succeeded in reaching shore.

An American, C. D. Bailey, has had a long and tough wrestle with Mexican justice, and, according to his version of it, has been underneath most of the time. Writing from Esperanza, Mexico, Bailey says that in 1883 he bought property in the City of Mexico, acquiring an indefeasible title. His tax receipts showed that he never failed to pay the government's assessments, but two and one half years ago, while he was absent, some one "denounced" his property as abandoned, and it was sold. He returned sixteen months ago and began suit. Although the supreme court acknowledges his right it will not give him possession, and the man who is in the meantime wasting the property, as the lawyers say. Bailey's pleas for relief to this government and warns Americans against investing in Mexico, saying of our southern neighbors: "They smile in the faces of foreigners and embrace them, thinking only of means to rob them."

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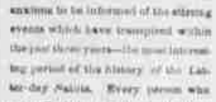

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