

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

William Murphy, who was killed at San Jose, Cal., by a shock from a live electric light wire which has been put in carelessly, was to have come into possession of a \$12,000 fortune in a few days.

Mrs. V. Schmidt was shot through the arm Friday afternoon by her 8-year-old son Valie at Petaluma, Cal. She was in a woods and the boy was shooting at a target with a 22 caliber rifle. The wound is not dangerous.

The Union Pacific company has become interested in having a wagon road built from Green River, Wyo., to the Ashley valley in Utah, the intention being to divert the large freight business from the valley to Green River instead of to the Rio Grande Western.

Charles Asmus, a hunchback, was hanged at Kalama, Wash., on Friday, for the murder of James Greenwood. He has a brother in Utah, of whom his last remark was, "My brother is a big man, but he has a small heart." The trouble with Greenwood was over the fact that he would not pay a debt he owed Asmus.

John B. Denner, known as French John, who came to California in the early fifties and mined on Dog creek, Cal., for over forty years, dropped dead on the road to his cabin Thursday night. His body was found face down in a small stream crossing the road. He evidently died of heart disease.

Mrs. Ellen Fury, residing on the San Bruno road, near Sunnyside, Cal., was run over and killed by Southern Pacific train 5 at 8:40 o'clock Monday morning, while attempting to drive a cow from the railroad track opposite her place. Her legs, thighs and arms were broken, and her breastbone and several ribs fractured. She died in a short time.

Henry Greenberry was drowned on Buehard's beach, near Bolsa Chica, Cal., Friday afternoon. Greenberry, together with two other men, was coming in over the breakers in a small boat when the craft was capsized. The other two men reached the shore, but Greenberry went down in plain view of his companions. The body has not yet been found.

Benton Clements, a seventeen-year-old boy, was instantly killed Thursday afternoon while hunting near San Bernardino, Cal. The youth and a companion were driving in a cart. Clements had his gun standing between his feet, and in some way the stock slipped and dropped through the slats in the bottom of the cart. The hammer of the gun caught and the load was discharged. It struck Clements full in the right breast, tearing a hole through his body, penetrating the lungs.

A passenger on the steamer Topeka, which arrived at Port Townsend, Wash., on Friday, tells a story about the recent successful landing of two boat-loads of liquor at Juneau during the absence of the customs collector, who was in the mountains. One boat tipped over in the surf, but ten casks of

the beverage were found next day on the beach. They were piled up on the wharf awaiting the return of the collector, but in the meantime, saloon-keepers hearing of the affair, made a raid and carried off the entire lot.

Evaston, Wyo., Herald: The Mormon Church choir, assisted by several others of the congregation, gave a very enjoyable entertainment at their church in this city on Wednesday evening. An admission fee of twenty-five cents was charged for the benefit of the church to help keep up incidental expenses. The entire program was well rendered, but we cannot mention each separate piece in this limited article. The audience, which comprised all the house could hold, was highly delighted with their evening's entertainment and will go there again when a similar opportunity is offered.

Mrs. Addie D. Geer has brought suit for a divorce from Levi R. Geer, of San Francisco, on grounds of cruelty and failure to provide. The good looks of Mrs. Geer made trouble in the family. Her husband, in consequence of jealousy, abused her, and four months ago he deserted her and went to Washington. Before that time he had become intemperate and dissipated his property, including a ranch of 700 acres in Colusa county, where they formerly had their home. The jealousy of Geer is said to have been so great that on one occasion in a restaurant he slapped his wife's face because, as he thought, she spoke too pleasantly to a waiter.

Denver Field and Farm: Thus far winter has never been surpassed in Colorado as favoring the feeding of live stock and the sheep are doing remarkably well. It has required less than the usual amount of feed and the gains are fully as good as if the lambs had been kept under high pressure. The sheep are in strong, healthy condition and are in fine form to withstand severe weather should any come. If the feeders can now get good prices for their stock this winter will be put down and remembered as a marker in the business. Prices will be governed largely by eastern and southern demand and no one can predict what this may be. During the past week it has been somewhat improved.

Sacramento Record-Union Feb. 1: Tomorrow will be the last meeting of President Tanner in the Pythian Castle, as he leaves on Monday for San Francisco, the Mormon headquarters of California. Since he came to the state, a year and a half ago, several branches of the Church and Sunday schools have been organized, and the number of members has been greatly increased. Those desiring information concerning the Mormons will have an opportunity tomorrow to hear the leading exponent of Mormonism on the coast. During his short visit to this city a number of discourses have been delivered and the organization of the Sacramento branch perfected. He leaves others, who have been called to the ministry under him, to look after the interests of the branch and the proclaiming of their doctrine here.

The following from the Sacramento

Bee, is a sample of the way Senator Wolcott's speech on the Monroe doctrine is received in the West: Wolcott, of Colorado, in the United States Senate today, delivered a speech in which he plainly demonstrated that he does not believe very much in the Monroe doctrine, and that his heart is exceedingly warm towards England. He made use of the same old fraud and take about blood being thicker than water, forgetting that the census of 1890 shows that Denmark, Norway and Sweden combined furnish us with as many citizens as does England, that Ireland gives us twice as many, and Germany three times as many. No matter what Wolcott may say, the Monroe doctrine is good American principle, and Cleveland's interpretation of it in his Venezuelan message had only one fault—it was not strong enough.

Captain J. R. Crocker, one of Grass Valley, Cal.'s, oldest citizens, died at his home on Sunday evening of heart failure. He has been prominent in business circles for many years, and in early life enlisted in the Mexican war. Later he was engaged in military life on the then frontier in Western Kansas and Nebraska. There he served under Indian fighters to protect the immigrants from raids by the redskins. He also fought against the Indians in Utah after crossing the plains, and was in the campaign against the Plutes in 1860, taking part in the battle at Pyramid lake. He settled in Placerville in 1864. After living there several years he spent a year or more at Carson, Nev., and from there came to Grass Valley, in 1865. While at Placerville the civil war broke out. He helped organize a military company at that place, and when sworn into the service joined the company stationed at Fort Alcatraz, San Francisco.

## OBITUARY NOTES.

JOHN THOMAS ASHMAN.

Died at Fillmore, January 24th, 1896, John Thomas Ashman, son of Patriarch John Ashman and Ann his wife. Deceased was born at Woodhouse, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, March 29, 1832, and came to Fillmore with his parents in 1864. He married at the age of seventeen years Elizabeth Steel, who has borne him eleven children, eight of whom—six boys and two girls, now mourn the loss of an indulgent father.

Brother Ashman was an energetic and valued citizen, and has been elected to many offices of trust, both municipal and county, all of which he filled with honor.

He had a lingering sickness (muscular rheumatism) and suffered with heroic fortitude for many months. All was done for him that science and loving friendship could suggest, until at last he knew that he must cross the span which separates this from a higher life. Then he called his family and friends around him, like unto one about to leave for a foreign mission; he counseled his sons as to their future course in life, and gave instructions to his friends about his temporal affairs, as one who had borrowed strength from beyond the veil; he even named those who should wash his body after death, then resignedly passed away.

There was a very large gathering at the funeral on Sunday the 26th. The long cortege was led by the Fillmore brass band playing appropriate music. The speakers chosen by the deceased were Elders Joshua Greenwood, James A. Melville and Bishop T. C. Callister, all