

The horticultural department is preparing experiments with hot beds wholly above ground. These are much less expensive than the old pits, and where they have been used seem quite as efficient. The farm department is conducting extensive feeding experiments. Were the experiments so far advanced that they might be discontinued now, the animals used could be sold at a profit of nearly \$400.

The domestic arts dining room is still providing entertainment for various companies. Mrs. Coley had recently as her guests all the members of the senior class—fourteen in number. President Tanner has entertained several companies, among them the gentlemen of the local press, and on another occasion, the new local trustee with her friends. After next week the cooking class will be discontinued, and cold lunches in solitude will replace the social, delicious and inexpensive lunches of the cooking class of '97.

NEWS NOTES.

By the breaking of a saw in the Moodyville mill, near Vancouver, B. C., Saturday afternoon an employee named McCarthy was killed, being nearly cut in two.

Mrs. Julia Zazinski, who has been living at St. Joseph's hospital in Tacoma, Wash., is dying. She turned her 100th year in February, and until her present illness was in full possession of her faculties, and could thread a needle without glasses. She could speak German, Polish, Dutch, French and English.

Saturday afternoon John Staley, aged about 60, from Los Angeles, was driving to the water front at San Diego, Cal., after a load of sand, and when on the Southern California railroad track leading to the wharf his wagon was struck by a locomotive. Staley was instantly killed. His skull was crushed.

A windstorm caused one fatality near Olympia, Wash., Saturday. Miles Jeffries, who lived about five miles from Olympia, started to drive home from town in a buggy just before the beginning of the storm. About three miles from the city and during the height of the storm a tree fell across the carriage and killed the occupant.

Lieutenant Leo Moore of the Fourth Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, stationed in the north of Ireland, is in San Francisco. He has visited the principal cities of the East and South, and shot alligators in Florida and deer in Texas. Lieutenant Moore will leave for home in a few days by way of Salt Lake City, Denver and Chicago.

L. H. Fink, a mining man from Nevada, dropped dead on the sidewalk on San Francisco, Saturday afternoon, from heart disease as it is supposed. He went there a few days ago with his wife, who is an invalid, to secure medical treatment for her. There are several children of the deceased living in Silver City, Nevada.

Saturday afternoon a boy named Eddie Johnson, aged 12 years, was jumping rope on the lawn in front of a house in Santa Rosa, Cal., when he

tripped and fell on his head. He was unconscious when picked up and carried into the house. Two hours later he died without recovering consciousness. Death was caused by concussion of the brain.

Cyrus H. Pierce, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Los Angeles, Cal., was run over and killed by a train on which he was a passenger near the home Saturday night. He was coming in from Santa Monica and was standing on the platform of the coach next to the last. In some way he fell between the cars and was crushed, dying almost instantly.

Two Indians, a man and a woman, were drowned in the harbor at Vancouver, B. C., on Saturday afternoon. The Indians, while drunk, started out in a canoe to cross the harbor, and in a squall the canoe capsized. Two other occupants managed to cling to the bottom of the canoe, and were rescued. Harry Chapman has been arrested on the charge of supplying the Indians with liquor.

The case of the people vs Otto Olsen, charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Minnie Ayers, the eight-year old daughter of Mrs. Mary Ayers, by administering whiskey on May 30, 1896, came to a close at Eureka, Cal., Saturday. On motion of the district attorney, Olsen was discharged. He had two trials, both both juries disagreeing, and he was also before the supreme court on a writ of habeas corpus, which has not yet been passed upon.

The Sonoma county, Cal., horticultural society had an important meeting Saturday afternoon. Most of the session was devoted to a discussion of the sugar beet industry. Dr. Julius Koebig of San Francisco was present and urged that Sonoma county farmers get ready for the cultivation of the sugar beet. It is probable that a good many acres of beets will be sowed by farmers this spring, for it is regarded as almost certain that a factory will soon be erected there.

Peter Olsen, a feed merchant, was sandbagged by two highwaymen early Saturday evening on Twenty-fourth street, Tacoma, Wash., and left in an unconscious condition. He was found by workmen and taken to the police station, where several doctors are endeavoring to save his life, with little hope of success. His skull is fractured back of the ear and his face is black and blue with bruises. His pockets had been rifled and a watch stolen. The thieves overlooked a \$10 bill in his vest pocket.

St. Johns, Arizona, Herald: Apostles John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant, of Salt Lake City, Utah, preached at meetings held in Assembly hall, last Saturday and Sunday. At these meetings the attendance was so great as to tax the capacity of the large hall. A large number of visitors from the southern portion of the county were in attendance. Messrs. Smith and Grant started late Sunday afternoon for the railroad, by private conveyance.

The Malad Enterprise announces the death of Mr. Joseph A. Stewart, father of Mrs. J. S. Houtz, whose death occurred Tuesday, March 23, at Malad.

The immediate cause of death was pneumonia. Deceased was 59 years of age and resided at Tropic, Utah, up to within the past seven months, since when he has lived with his daughter in Malad. Services were held at the Mormon meeting house Friday.

The health authorities of Livermore and Pleasanton, Cal., are searching for a Chinese leper who escaped from them on Friday. The Chinese was employed on the Cresta Blanca ranch, and first attracted attention when he began to lose some of his fingers and toes. Health Officer B. C. Bellamy of Livermore examined him on Wednesday and was convinced that he had leprosy. Arrangements were made to have him taken to the county infirmary, but before the officers reached the ranch the sufferer fled. The case is a marked one, and the officers of all the interior towns have been warned.

Mrs. Marie Marshall, an old lady who was run down by a San Francisco, Cal., street car Saturday night, died early Sunday morning of her injuries. She was reputed to be worth \$25,000. Her husband died many years ago, her only remaining relative being a niece, Mrs. Josephine Rogers. The eccentricities of the old French lady, who was 83 years of age, have caused much comment around where she lived for many years. Mrs. Marshall was always in great fear of losing her wealth, it is said, and devised novel means of protecting it. She seldom went out and was bewildered by the wailing gong of the gripman in charge of the car which caused her death. The injuries she sustained were not necessarily fatal, to a stronger person, but on account of her age she was unable to recover from the shock.

Union Pacific Agent Sweet of Cheyenne reports that the freight transfer business at Cheyenne is increasing and that on Wednesday of last week 450,000 pounds of freight for western points was transferred at the Cheyenne transfer depot, says the Laramie Boomerang. During the month of January there was handled 900,000 pounds more freight than during the same month in 1896, and during February 1,200,000 pounds more than during February, 1896. Before the institution of the depot, freight from eastern cities for Cheyenne and points west was handled by the local freight system, which often caused vexatious delay in the transportation of goods, as cars were held at shipping points until sufficient goods were collected to load a car for western points and then it was stopped at every intermediate station for which it contained shipments. Under the present system all freight loaded at Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Omaha and Council Bluffs, for Cheyenne and points west of Cheyenne, is loaded into sealed cars billed to Cheyenne and sent by fast freight, the cars being opened there and the freight transferred. Full cars are made up there for San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Portland and Butte, and all way freight is loaded in cars in station order for intermediate points between Cheyenne and Pacific coast terminals. Over forty men are employed constantly at the work of transferring freight.