

chin, up through his mouth, and almost to his brain. He is still alive, but will probably die.

The decomposed remains of Ben Durif, an old rag-picker, were found Saturday in the bay at the foot of Fillmore street, San Francisco, by Chris Lutz, a boy. Durif had a rock wrapped in a sack tied to his body when found, and there is every indication that he committed suicide. The body appeared to have been in the water nearly two weeks.

Prohibition is something of a gold mine to the taxpayers of Fort Scott, Kan. There are a number of saloons in the place, and it is customary to haul up the proprietors every month and inflict the statutory fine. Fort Scott has been gradually raising the limit, and now the saloon-keepers are each fined \$150 a month, a tariff which considerably lessens the taxer.

The California board of health has been investigating the condition of the Russian river in the vicinity of Guerneville. It was reported that on account of some impurity in the water many persons who bathed in the stream were afflicted with blood poisoning. A number of horses which had sore mouths drank in the stream, and they also were poisoned. An effort will be made to ascertain the cause of the trouble and correct the evil.

The town of Wenatchee, Wash., is to be moved two miles from its present location to a point on the bank of a river. It is a pretty fair sized town, too. All the buildings will be moved in the usual way to the new location. There is not an adequate supply of water where the town now stands, and in addition the citizens are incensed at the avarice of the owners of the present townsite, who have fixed the price of property at a very high figure.

There have been four deaths from heat at Fresno, Cal., within two days. Never before in the history of Fresno had there been a death from heat. The thermometer began to rise after the thunder-storm on July 4th, and reached 111 degrees Thursday, the same Friday, and 110 degrees Saturday. This is no unusual summer temperature, but the air has been exceedingly oppressive, and there has been little wind, which probably accounts for the fatalities.

Henry Faunk, a native of Switzerland, aged about 40 years, came to Chino, Cal., Saturday evening, about 6 o'clock, and took a room at the Germania hotel and immediately retired. Nothing more was seen of him until 5 o'clock next evening, when the proprietor of the hotel noticed a sickening odor in the hall. In looking for the cause he found Faunk's body in the room. Judging from the condition of the corpse, he must have expired soon after retiring. The cause of death is unknown.

One thousand acres of growing grain was swept by flames Saturday night in the country east of Stockton and between Oakdale and Knight's Ferry, Cal. The harvest was to begin this week, and the heavy drops were brushed from the ground in a few hours, entailing a loss of \$12,000. How the fire started is not known, but the country has been so dry the last few days that small fires have occurred frequently from unknown causes, but

did not get beyond control. Several barns were burned.

Friday evening a party of boys, six in number, went in swimming on the west branch of the Feather river, some twenty miles above Oroville, Cal. The smaller boys went to where the water was about eight feet deep, while the larger boys went to a deeper hole. George Neal, a boy 11 years old, began to sink, but caught two of his companions and came near drowning them.

They managed to escape from Neal, but were unable to rescue him. The older boys dove for the body, but when Neal was taken from the water they were unable to resuscitate him.

Phoenix, Arizona, Republican—Mrs. Standage, aged 73 years, fell Wednesday afternoon from the top of a hayrick, where she had climbed to gather eggs, and broke her neck. Deceased was a pioneer of Mesa City, going there with her husband among the very first who took up land on the barren plain and bravely started in to bring to it the waters of the river. A son was Wm. M. Standage, deceased last year, formerly water commissioner and supervisor. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Church of Latter-day Saints, and was attended by hundreds.

Ellis Darling Kild, an eighteen-year-old lad residing with his parents at 241 Riton street, died Friday evening after a brief illness. He was employed as the driver of an express wagon by the Stetson-Renner Drayage company, and upon his return from work on Wednesday evening complained of feeling ill. Dr. Sempel Newman was summoned, and diagnosed the case as one of a complication of appendicitis and cholera morbus, aggravated by eating three or four green peaches on an empty stomach. Although everything possible was done to relieve the patient, he gradually became worse and died.

Rix Shaffer and Elmer Bowles quarreled on the street in Merced, Cal., on Sunday and Shaffer shot Bowles, who died within an hour. Both had been up all night, drinking, and were intoxicated. After quarrelling a while, Shaffer told Bowles if he did not let him alone he would shoot him. Shaffer then went after a revolver, and returning a few minutes later, the quarrel was renewed. Shaffer warned Bowles a second time and then started away, Bowles following him. After walking a few steps, Shaffer turned and said, "Don't come another step or I'll kill you." Eye witnesses differ as to whether Bowles backed away or still followed Shaffer. At any rate Shaffer shot Bowles in the stomach, inflicting a wound which soon caused death.

Robert Estroup, the son of Michael Estroup, who lives on Mud Creek, in Umatilla county, Oregon, was evidently not born to be hanged, as he possesses a neck strong enough to snap a five-eighths of an inch rope after a twenty-five-foot fall, and he lives to tell of his experience. The rustic youth, after brooding over many imaginary wrongs, on Friday decided to settle the matter with himself and "shuffle off this mortal coil" in a manner in keeping with his rural surroundings. He secured a new five-eighths of an inch rope, and in order to avoid intervention selected a tree in a remote cor-

ner of a field and mounted a limb, fully determined to leap into eternity. He climbed out on a stout limb fully twenty-five feet from the ground, and after carefully adjusting one end of the rope to a limb and the other to his neck, jumped off into space, expecting that a slack of about ten feet would break his neck and make a painless exit into another existence. He had not figured on the muscular strength of his bull neck, however, for though the jerk knocked him senseless, the strength of his neck was too much for the new rope, which snapped like twine, and when Robert again opened his eyes in consciousness he found himself wallowing in an irrigation ditch, that no doubt helped to break his fall and saved him from receiving any broken limbs. He is now wondering how it all happened and why his neck was not broken or his head pulled from his body. The physicians of his neighborhood are now making an examination of the young man's neck construction.

News comes that water for domestic use is selling at 65 cents a barrel in Williams, Arizona, and it is hauled 100 miles, the nearest source of supply. The arid portion of the Territory is always very dry in summer, but no such draught as that which now prevails has ever been experienced since the territory was settled. The rainfall during the winter was small, not sufficient to fill the reservoirs, which are depended on in summer, and the result is a water famine. Rumors of the situation have been frequent recently, but parties coming in during the past week confirm the story, and say the situation could hardly be exaggerated. At Williams the supply for the use of the 1,500 people who live there is hauled from Crezier, a station 100 miles distant on the Atlantic & Pacific, and by the time the water reaches the town it is counted worth 65 cents per barrel. Not only at Williams is this true, but Flagstaff and other towns are suffering. The effect on stock has been awful. The carcasses of animals which have starved for water are numbered by thousands. The cattle men foresee this coming and shipped out everything that still had strength to reach a shipping point, but still large herds were left, and they have simply famished. The cattle which were sold went at a reduced price for the double reason that so many were put on the market and that the owners were forced to accept whatever was offered. The stock went east, north and west. The situation promises to become worse as the season advances. All streams are dry, and where wells formerly existed they are failing. The prospectors coming in say that half the towns in northern Arizona will need to depend on the water imported from points varying from 100 to 200 miles distant. The drought has simply put an end to prospecting, the miners being driven out of the country.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Hurried meetings of all the gold state delegations were called as soon as the convention adjourned this afternoon, and the New York contingent went to a near-by club house and began work immediately. They were not in an amiable