NEWS OF THE WEST.

Curious Fossil Found in Sandstone Rock at Laramie Cathedral.

A WOMAN'S DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

Fatal Quarrel Over a Game of Cards —A Judge Drowned— Gold-ups.

Judge E. A. Wiswall, of the superior court of Vancouver, Wash., was drowned at Clatsop beach on Sunday while bathing in the surf.

Machinery is being purchased in Denver city for the new mill of the Tellurite Consolidated Gold and Mining company. It will have sixty stamps.

A large and merry party of newspaper men from Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., outfitted in Green River last week for a month's hunting and fishing trip up toward the National Park.

The Phoenix (Ariz.) Enterprise says: A story was circulated on the street yesterday that a well known freighter named Baker had been drowned in a canyon known as the Box, on the Hassayampa, between here and Wickenburg.

The records of the gold bullion at the United States assay office at Helena, Mont., show the past week ahead of any week for the last two years, amounting to $129,084.24. This is the largest week's business in the history of the office, not only in amount, but in the number of bars, melted and assayed, 130 being handled.

Robert Bieler, Louis D. Ball and a man of the name of Clow became involved in a row at the Park theater, Great Falls, Mont., at an early hour Sunday morning, and it is alleged that Bieler and Dolan threw Clow out on an upper box in the floor below. The distance is about twelve feet and Clow was picked up in an unconscious condition, carried to his room and surgeons were called.

On Sunday night three half-nps entered the mess house at the Moose mine at Cripple Creek, Colo., and stole about $60 worth of property. William Latham, the cook, had just retired, and when he heard the noise in the room, asked who was there. Three guns were poked in his face, and, with an oath he was commanded to cover his head and keep quiet. The robbers then very leisurely proceeded to break open a number of trunks and satchels and took everything of value in sight.

According to the Lander (Wyo.) Clipper, a puff of wind, a puff of smoke, struck in front of the Shoshone agency school building and then passed over the east wing, and its passage lifted a section of the roof, about fifty feet in length, and deposited it, in the yard, damaging the building about $500. At the time the wind came up there were a number of children playing in the yard and the dust drove them inside for shelter. The roof came down in the dormitory spot which had been occupied by the children.

The wife of Joseph Greenhauer, proprietor of the Cripple Creek slaughter house, located two miles west of Cripple Creek, Colo., shot herself through the heart on Sunday evening. The woman has been acting very queerly for some time. That morning she told her husband that she intended to kill herself and buried herself all day writing letters and selecting the clothes she intended to be buried in. She requested her husband to go to the spring for water and as soon as he left the house she ended her life. Death was almost instantaneous. Greenhauer was the last woman's second husband. Her first was John Schultz, who died in the Pueblo insane asylum about three years ago. In addition to valuable real estate owned by the deceased in Denver and Leadville, she had $1,500 in the Bi-Metallic bank and $200 on her person. Her total possessions were estimated to be worth $10,000.

At Wilson Jct., a railroad station twenty-five miles west of Colfax, Washington, on Sunday, John Braithwaite shot and fatally wounded a man named James Low, over a game of cards in a saloon. Both had been drinking freely. Braithwaite accused Low of cheating and the latter took from a slingshot the lead in the form. They scuffled and Low drew a knife. Braithwaite then whipped out a revolver and shot Low through the right lung. The wounded man cannot survive. Braithwaite took to the brush, but was captured at midnight and is now in the Colfax jail. The prisoner has been running from Portland.

Jesse Cahill was brought back to Butte, Mont., from Pocatello, Idaho, on Monday, under arrest and charged with being concerned in the dynamite explosion at Minerva, a few weeks ago, by which a Northern Pacific engine was blown up and a train load of passengers narrowly escaped injury.

Prof. J. D. Conley was given a sweetmen this morning of a Lodi friend in one of the rocks to be used in the construction of the cathedral, says the Laramie, Wyo., Boomerang. It is a shell exactly like a miniature buffalo bone, being a carbonaceous deposit in the sandstone. The solid part corresponding to the bone is about an inch in diameter, the horn about an inch long and three inches from tip to tip. The specimen says that it is a new variety of fossil. This specimen was found by Michael Bergh, who is the lone march of the time at the cathedral. Prof. Conley has been making a collection of fossil found in this area of rock and the masons have been saving them for him. This is the curiosities treasure. It is in the upper Pale zoic, just overlying the red rock in the geological formation. Other specimens that the professor has found in the cathedral rock is the fossil pinon, which closely resembles a giant shell oyster. Also the stromatus, which looks like a water shell from water lilies. The fossil is an animal and not shell fish. Another is the specimen of the sponge, also fossil shell. These specimens serve to identify and locate more definitely the geological formation of the sandstone lying east of the city.

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