

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The cut rate of the beer trust in Stockton, Cal., is \$1 a barrel. The cut is to cripple the Eldorado brewery.

It now seems a settled fact that the Mormons will purchase the Casa Grande Valley canal, says the Florence (A. T.) Tribune.

Seattle, Wash., is to have a dog show May 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th. James Mortimer of New York has been engaged to judge all classes.

Henry Pottberg, 17 years of age, an apprentice on the British ship Brablob, fell down the main hatch while the vessel was in port at San Francisco on Wednesday, and received fatal injuries.

The commissioners of Sweetwater county, Wyoming, have voted to build a bridge at Green river and will at once advertise for bids. The city of Green river will contribute \$2,000 towards its construction.

A Chinaman named Wong Hong Lee, was killed at No. 1 mine, Rock Springs, last week. He was struck on the head and his skull fractured by a falling timber. He was brought out at eight o'clock and died at eleven.

The Spokane, Wash., flouring mills have shut down until they can buy wheat cheaper. They say they cannot make and export flour at present prices if they pay over 42 cents a bushel for wheat, which price the Washington farmers will not sell for.

The Pocatello Tribune says one should never judge people by their clothing. The man with fringe around the bottom of his panties, slouch hat, and worn out shoes may be the editor of your local paper, while the man with the tan shoes and red neck tie may simply be one of his delinquent subscribers.

A Chinese shanty in Reno, Nev., was burned recently. As soon as the place could be entered a few persons went in and were shocked by a horrible sight. On the top of the stove lay the body of a Chinese, burned almost to a crisp. Whether he fell on the stove accidentally or took this means of ending his life is not known.

The California manufacturers and producers' association has addressed communications to the trustees of the state asylums for the insane at Stockton and Napa, protesting against letting the contracts for the supply of coal for the institutions to parties handling English coal in preference to those handling California coal.

The guests at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, included T. G. Webster and wife and Mrs. C. F. Richards of Salt Lake; at the Grand there were registered Mrs. M. Judge and Miss F. Judge of Salt Lake, and at the Russ house, Leroy C. Clayton, David Neff and A. R. Curtis of Salt Lake, A. D. Hendricks of Richmond, Utah, and Wm. McDermott, of Clifton, Idaho.

Albert Rieuliff blew out the brains of his wife, Julia, while she slept at his side in their room at the Peace lodging house, Seattle, Wednesday morning, and placing the barrel of the revolver against his own temple killed himself. Rieuliff's step-daughter slept

in the next room. She heard shots and rushing into the room, saw that her father and mother were dead. Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

Bee culture is generally considered by the average farmer a lucrative industry, and in the course of the past few years innumerable small apiaries have sprung up in different localities in San Luis Rey valley, writes a correspondent of the San Diego, Cal., Union. I. Isaac Irwin of Oceanside, Cal., makes the statement that he shipped ten carloads of sage honey to Liverpool, England, last year.

The Oballis, Idaho, Messenger says: C. W. Pratt was found dead in his cabin at Bayhorse, last Saturday night at about 10 o'clock. His death was very sudden, as he had been about town all day, and appeared in good health. Mr. Pratt has been a resident of Custer county for many years, and was a highly respected citizen. He was born at Waterville, Maine, and is about 64 years of age. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mrs. Kate Fitzgerald made the people of Cattle Creek, Col., some trouble this week by acting in a queer manner. Pat McNulty, her brother, who lives up there, brought her to Glenwood and on examination by Dr. Clark, she was pronounced insane. Her actions were of the wildest kind while there and they have been while here and in Leadville. Her hallucination has been that her relatives are trying to do her great bodily injury.

On Wednesday afternoon there was released from the city jail at Los Angeles, a gang of six all round crooks and thieves who were gathered in by the police detectives during the Fiesta week. They went by the names of McPherson, Wilson, Edward Parker, alias Yellow, a mulatto; a one-armed crook named Phelps, a Mexican or Italian called Mendoza, and another young fellow whose cognomen is unknown, except as the "Kid." All are considered dangerous characters to be at large.

One day last week Jack Bryan killed a large black bear on Casper mountain in Wyoming, near Ed Bower's saw mills. The day before he tracked it into a cave, and stopping up the hole he returned the next day with some help. Mr. Bryan lit a torch and went into the hole and the bear knocked fire all over him. Jack retreated to the outside world, shot into the hole and hit the bear in the foot, which brought him out. As he came out Mr. Bryan shot him in the head. He weighed about 400 pounds and was very fat.

The Journal, Rawlins, Wyoming, says: Daniel Pappa, who has been in the employment of the Union Pacific company for the past sixteen years, was struck by the helper engine at Fillmore Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and received injuries from which he died Monday. Pappa was the pumper at Fillmore station. A locomotive was standing just back of the pump house, blowing off steam, and another engine was approaching which Pappa did not notice as he was crossing the track.

It struck him and fractured his right thigh and smashed his left thumb, and forefinger, and cut a horrible hole in his head, back of the ear. Mr. Pappa leaves a wife and three small children.

An amusing incident occurred the other day on the Lemon farm, near Garfield, Wash., says the Spokesman-Review. Burt Lemon and an employee of the farm were plowing when they came across three young coyote pups which had not yet opened their eyes. While they were examining them the old ones appeared and approached to within fifty yards. Mr. Lemon went to the house for a gun and a sack, and placed the young ones in the sack, which was tied up and left in the field until time to go in from work. The old coyotes kept a respectful distance from the rifle, but hovered around. Several turns of the field were made with the plow, and finally, when the men came in sight of where they had left the sack containing the young coyotes, they saw one of the old ones with the sack, puppies and all, streaking it over the hill, and that was the last seen of them.

San Francisco Chronicle, April 30: A party of five young Mormon missionaries arrived in the city yesterday en route to the South seas. Pending their departure they are making their headquarters at the Russ. The party includes A. D. Hendricks of Richmond, Utah; William McDermott of Clifton, Idaho; David Neff, A. R. Curtis and Leroy C. Clayton of Salt Lake City. Neff and Curtis are bound for Tahiti, and the other three will go to Samoa, sailing on the Mariposa today. They will all remain at their posts three years, which is the fixed term with all young Mormon missionaries who go to a foreign country where a strange language has to be learned. They say that a large number of Mormon missionaries are now being sent out to all parts of the world, most of whom are young people, who it is thought are more peculiarly fitted for the work than persons of middle age.

The new Alaskan mail service goes into effect the close of this month. The new service is the most difficult and dangerous that has ever been attempted by the government, as it contemplates delivering mail at Circle City, 906 miles north of Juneau and the most northerly point reached by white traders and miners, every thirty days during the summer months. The route from Juneau to Circle City must be traversed partly on foot or snowshoes and partly on dog sleds, although a small portion of the distance in midsummer may be traveled by water in a light canoe. Some of the mountain country to be traversed is covered with perpetual snow. Last year two Canadian letter-carriers were lost on the trail with their pouches, and nothing has been heard of them since. One American carrier got through safe last year, but he had many narrow escapes from death. The only communication the Circle City people have had with the outer world for years has been through an occasional Alaska Commercial company carrier who managed to struggle through.

The Rock Springs, Wyoming, Miner records another fatal shooting, the victim being a sheep herder, a