

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

C. K. Palmer, ex-county assessor and a well known stock and ranchman, of Plateau valley, Colo., died very unexpectedly on Monday evening, after an illness of only three days.

A young man picked up a \$100 bill on the streets of Sheridan, Wyo., the other day. He started to blow in the cash, but was arrested. He compromised by paying back \$70 to the man who lost the bill.

Seventy-pound steel rails are being put in on the sixth division between Walcott and Fort Steel, a distance of seven miles. There are six more miles of the rails to lay to complete the contract on that district.—*Cheyenne Sun*.

A party of fishermen on Monday, at Aspen, Colo., found the body of James Brown, colored, in a small lake just above town. Brown had been missing for several days. The presumption is that deceased walked or fell into the lake and was drowned.

J. H. Brown, a carpenter, 36 years of age, fell from the roof of the new school house building in course of construction on Eaton avenue, at Cripple Creek, Colo., on Monday, and died from the injuries received next evening. He suffered intensely from internal injuries until death ended his agony.

Vacaville valley, Cal., is again disturbed over the labor question, and some unknown miscreants have cut down about 300 fruit trees because the owners employed Chinese and Japanese laborers. Ever since the raid of the Industrial Army last spring there has been more or less unrest among a certain class here.

The work of exterminating wolves is being prosecuted vigorously by ranchmen in the northern part of the state, says the Laramie (Wyo.) *Boomerang*. Hundreds of the animals have been driven into Wyoming by the prairie fires recently raging in northern Nebraska.

The two and a half year old child of John Pogson was burned to death at Butte, Mont., on Monday. Her dress caught fire while playing around a smoldering pile of rubbish. Every shred of clothing was burned off her before assistance arrived, and she lived but a few moments.

Michael Cook, aged 20 years, went out shooting on Monday morning with a companion. Arriving at Washington lake, Yolo county, he undertook to drag his loaded gun from the wagon by grasping it by the muzzle. The gun was discharged. Cook's hand and wrist were so badly shattered that they had to be amputated.

Virginia (Nevada) *Chronicle*: Four members of the C. & C. gang assaulted and beat squaws near the Nevada brewery last night. The squaws live in wickiups near the brewery, and the young toughs went to their place of abode during the night and set upon them, beating and wounding them shamefully.

John Anderson was crushed to death on Wednesday, at Phoenix, Ariz., by ten tons of rock falling upon him while working on a slope in the

Union mine. He was apprised by the boss of the dangerous ground. It was his first shift and he had only worked four hours. Two other miners barely escaped, the falling rock grazing them.

The Leadville, Colo., Water & Power company is to build a pipe line twelve miles in length, and will erect a plant for the purpose of generating electricity to furnish power to the mines and smelters. This will practically revolutionize mining and smelting in the camp by reducing the cost of running pumps and other machinery.

Arrangements have been made whereby persons desiring to make the round-trip from Cardwell to Boise can do so comfortably by taking the stage at 9 o'clock a. m. and returning at 6:30 p. m. A brand new Concord stage coach has just been added to the service and the ride between Caldwell and Nampa is really a delight.—*Caldwell Tribune*.

Samples of opals in the rough, brought in from a newly-discovered ledge in Cochill, N. M., whereon several claims have been located, have been cut by jewelers at Santa Fe, and found to be of a splendid quality of both fire and royal opals. These specimens were taken only ten feet from the surface. Several miners are preparing to develop the claims.

James G. West and Terry Dolan were badly burned on Wednesday at Marsfield, Oregon, by the explosion of thirty-seven kegs of black powder at the government rock quarry. They were preparing to explode 300 kegs of powder, when the thirty-seven were accidentally ignited. This is the third explosion that has happened at this quarry, and the cause is attributed to carelessness.

Reno (Nev.) *Gazette*: The California Press association representing one hundred and seventy newspapers in our sister commonwealth, decided to make an excursion to Reno and Virginia. They meet in Sacramento on Tuesday, December 11th, and by a special train will make a daylight excursion over the mountains, arriving at Reno sometime on the afternoon of the 12th.

Frank Bell and Arthur Ward, who had been spending the evening at the house of friends just outside of Belt, Mont., were returning home when they were attacked by an insane man named Anders, who came upon them unexpectedly from the brush, brandishing a loaded revolver. Two shots were fired before the men could overpower their antagonist, who received some very severe cuts and bruises about the head and face.

A proposition having been made to the Cheyenne shopmen to increase the force employed there if a reduction of wages was accepted, the men have offered to accept the reduction under the following conditions: First, that the men should be allowed to work six days each week; second, that a day's work should constitute nine hours; third, that all men thrown out of employment in consequence of the A. R. U. strike should be reinstated.

It begins to look very much as though Idaho would not be represented at the next session of the Transmississippi congress which will convene in St. Louis on November 26th, says the Boise (Idaho) *Stateman*. Governor McConnell said yesterday he had endeavored to secure delegates to represent Idaho in the coming session but he had not found a single individual who was willing to go and bear the expense incident to the trip.

Mr. Ed Wood, who lives four miles below Caldwell, Idaho, on the Sebree ditch, had a sample of vegetables on exhibition in the office of Gipson & Gwinn, last Saturday, raised on sagebrush land, that surpasses anything for size ever seen in Caldwell. The samples were beets, radishes, turnips, squash and potatoes. One blood, table beet, weighed 17 pounds, while the radishes measured 13 inches in circumference and weighed 5 pounds each.—*Caldwell Tribune*.

Laramie *Boomerang*: The Union Pacific Railway company has just obtained United States patents for 176,000 acres of land on the Laramie plains. This is part of the land covered by the deeds of the Wyoming Central Land and Improvement company. The purchasers of land from this company will be highly gratified with this information, as in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States the patents having issued the title is forever settled.

Springville *Independent*: It is becoming quite common to see a few of our native Indians driving a span of horses and wagon in a civilized manner. Tuesday old Wansits drove through town with his family and family effects, his wives and children sitting in spring seats and wearing shawls and bonnets, as any other ladies might have done. The next thing we may look for is our native dark female inquiring for the latest fashion in dress-cutting.

A telegram was received in Denver on Wednesday evening reporting the drowning of Mrs. G. A. Boyd and a man whose name was not known, in the Castlewood reservoir near Castle Rock, Colo. Mrs. Boyd and daughter were out boat riding on the reservoir with a hired man named George and a man named Stott, a Castle Rock druggist. A sudden gust of wind upset the boat and Stott was the only one who escaped, he managing to climb upon the bottom of the boat.

Manti *Sentinel*: The Sanpete Valley railroad have commenced the shipment of coal. The article is as good if not superior to any on the market, and is selling at \$3 per ton at the depot or at \$2.50 at the mine. Full supply is kept on hand and a train load is brought in three times a week. The purchaser gets a superior quality of coal at reduced prices, and has the satisfaction of knowing that in purchasing it he gives employment to his own neighbors, and assists in developing the resources of his own immediate neighborhood.

During the parade at Helena, Mont., on Monday night the fireworks float caught fire from the shower of sparks and set the fireworks to blazing. There was a quantity of Roman candles, red fire and other accessories of the pyrotechnic display, and in a moment the fireworks began to explode. This to-