NEWS OF THE WEST.

Capture of a Murderer after Four Years' Search.

BURNED TO DEATH IN HIS HOME.

Big Irrigation Work—A View of Cleveland's Legislators—Is at Fault—Attempted Poisoning.

Meeker, Colo., Herald: A Rio Blanco citizen who is carrying in Denver and frequently looks in at the 100 legislators and their 120 secretaries, says to a friend here that they are, with few exceptions, as many a set as ever got together in any state for the purpose of making laws for an intelligent people.

Tuesday, about noon, Marshal Cook of San Luis Obispo, Cal., captured Ramon Molinas, a Mexican, who has been wanted for four years for the murder of Josh Pace in Panoche valley, thirty miles from Fresno. Cal. Molinas is a desperate character and says on his face and very the scars of encounters innumerable. He has been a cowboy-rustler in the mountains for about three years, and when taken he was off his guard. He confessed the killing. The Fresno authorities have been notified.

From the top of the tall three-story building at 51 Stevenson street, San Francisco, at a height of fifty feet above the ground, two painters were buried to the pavement Wednesday by the breaking of their scaffold. One was killed instantly and the other died Wednesday night. The men were William Blake of Harrison avenue and William J. Buckley of Broadway, Alameda, Cal., both have families.

Nathan B. Dennick, a native of Canada, aged 61 years, was burned to death Monday afternoon at his residence in Santa Cruz, Cal., under suspicious circumstances. Early in the afternoon Mrs. Dennick told him that she was coming to town and he responded that he would be down on the lounge until her return. When she came she discovered the fire department responded to the alarm. All doors and windows of the house were locked so that entrance had to be forced. When the fire was well under control the body of Dennick was found in the room. Nearly every piece of clothing was burned from the body and the corpse was badly burned. Near him was a can of coal oil. Alongside the body was found some money. There is a division of sentiment as to whether it is a case of murder or suicide.

Work has been resumed on the tunnel of Turlock irrigation system, California, under a contract entered into with Judge J. A. Wayne in the spring of 1895. The work was stopped at the time of Judge Ross's decision against the Wright act. At present forty men are at work on the lower end of the tunnel, as the upper end is filled with water backed up by an irrigation dam to be used to divert water from the Tuolumne river for the Modesto and Turlock districts. There remains 250 feet of a tunnel out of a total of 600 feet to excavate. Wayne's contract is for the payment of about $300,000 for putting the entire system in working order, so that the water will run over the entire district, which comprises 170,000 acres.

News from Independence, Oregon, says that an attempt at suicide and wholesale poisoning occurred out on the Ben Mason place, a few miles south of the town last Sunday morning. The facts of the case so far as learned are as follows: W. W. White, a county charge, has been stopping at Mrs. Mason's. The man is old and feeble and is a fit of despondency made an attempt to take his own life by taking a dose of strychnine. The Mason family are early risers and about 8 o'clock Sunday morning they heard strange noises coming from the old man's room. An investigation showed that White was in great agony and every indication pointed to his being a case of poison. A physician was called and the old man was relieved. As soon as White recovered he admitted taking poison, and he also confessed to having attempted to poison the whole family by putting strychnine into the well and the water pail. He further said that he has put poison in the horse trough for the purpose of poisoning the stock. He said that he wanted them all to go together. The members of the Mason family were thrown into the greatest consternation by this cold-blooded confession. There is every evidence that White is partially insane. When in his normal condition he does not appear to have a vicious disposition, but lately he has had fits of despondency.

LITERARY NOTES.

Senator David B. Hill has written an able paper for the February number of the Forum on the Future of the Democratic Organization. The Present and Future of Cuba is the title of an interesting and important article from the pen of Mr. Fidel D. Pierra, chairman of the Cuban Peace delegation. Hon. William Woodville Rockhill, assistant secretary of state, has contributed a timely article reviewing the steps that have been taken toward reforming our consular system. The results of Cardinal Satolli's Mission is the title of a paper by the Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn. Miss Alice Zimmern contributed an article describing the aims and objects of the leading Ladies' Club of London, Mr. Frederic Harrison the eminent English critic reviews the New Memoirs of Gibbon; other articles are: Dr. Rice's Problem of Elementary Education; Speedy Financial and Currency Reform Imperative, Hon. Chas. N. Fowler; The Cure for a Vicious Monetary System, Senator W. A. Peffer; Poe's Opinion of The Raven, Joe Benton; The Criminal to the Open, Josiah Flynt.

The Review of Reviews for February makes A. Pizo for the Protection of Useful Men from bores and "societies," and all well-meaning people who bother the life out of public men by letters and calls on the pretext of seeking assistance to some worthy undertaking. The editor of the Review publishes letters on this subject from the late Gen. Francis A. Walker, written only a few weeks before his death. The principal topics treated editorially are the Anglo-American arbitration treaty, the Cuban situation, the prospects of the Nicaragua canal, the recent elections in United States senators in the different states, and the relation of the great corporations to political campaign funds. There is also the customary resume of the significant foreign events of the past month. The editorial pages, like the other parts of the magazine, are richly and suitably illustrated.

Popular Science News, New York, is a superior journal in the field in its copies, and contains much of value to the student, the mechanic, the artist, the scientist, and the housekeeper. Its articles are devoid of that excessive technicality in terms that rendered others so valuable magazines difficult reading, its language being simple, humble and appropriate. The February number has a large num of information in the realm of invention, natural history, electricity, medicine, hygiene, etc. The art in logical arrangement is a special feature of the number, containing over 100 excellent illustrations and forty articles on the latest topics, that will give an idea of the wide range of subject covered.

Astronomy in the Midland Monthly of Des Moines that excellent magazine now gives to the world the solution of the historical question of Who notified the War Department of John Brown's proposed raid on Harper's Ferry, and what was the information made? Ex Governor Boies, in the February Midland, assuming the owns full share of responsibility for the act, relates the whole story of the anonymous letter with a modesty which precludes further question. Governor Boies's admission will compel a rewriting of the history of the John Brown convention. Other interesting features of the February Midland are the latest portraits of Nellie Grant Sartoris and her son and two beautiful daughters; a portrait of Carmen Romeli, painted by her mother, with an appreciative review of her poems; a sketch of Jasmin, the poet of humanity; a pioneer story, Dodimanna, by Maria Wood; A Pioneer Editor's Experiences, by Hon. John M. Bradford, and Guest at Vera Cruz, by Col. John W. Emerson.

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