NEWS OF THE WEST.

Exciting Encounter With a Huge Wild Cat in California.

A DELICATE SURGICAL OPERATION.

Wolf Hole in Wyoming—A Brutal Father Too Lightly Punished.

—Other Items.

Saldon valley, Nye county, Nevada, has 40,000 sheep grazing within its boundary.

Villa Grove and Harrison, in the San Luis valley, are to have new postoffice depots.

United States District Attorney Clement Wood, of Idaho, has sent in his resignation.

"Possums" are said to be quite numerous in woods along the river Platte near Plattsmouth, Neb.

Trinidad, Colo., is making an effort to get a wooden mill established in that prosperous center of wool growing.

Two antelope were killed in one herd near Clayton, N. M., last week, by a hunting party from Raton, N. M.

The cave dwellers' relics will soon be stripped of all items of interest. Two specimens name have gone down from Silverton, Colo., to the Chicago fair for loan of relics.

The Eddy and Roswell, N. M., railroad will be pushed to completion in February or as soon as the construction force can be spared from the great dams being built at Eddy.

Nevada people sold their money out of the state to buy flour with. While the Greenfield mills at Reno is completed to relieve Nevada wheat farmers of the lack of a home market for first-class Nevada flour.

A Wyoming game protecting society has been organized in Rawlins, and as the game has been nearly all killed off in Wyoming by pot hunters, it seems like locking the stable door after the horse is stolen.

Saratoga, Wyo., papers lament the serious and gloomy prospect before home and cattle men on the range about the head of the Notrh Platte, snow and dry weather this year destroyed the feed.

Rebecah Hendricks, a colored girl of 13 years, has been elevated to Denver to an attempted surgery at the Fair. As she is not mentally well balanced, it is suspected she has been led into the crime by others.

A petition with ten signatures has been presented at Bonner, and Judge Le Fevre has ordered the board of commissioners of Ravalli County to call a special election to extend the question of incorporation.

Today (Monday) sixty lunatics from the California state asylum here are entrained on the cleanest Lunatic asylum in the new asylum at Czech, Mendocino county. The patients selected are all men, and some of them are of violent disposition.

In Idaho successful experiments have been made with bees brought from Oregon and California. Several colonies have been located at Montpelier, Idaho. The white sage of Idaho will be now turned to a profitable use, says an exchange.

The deaths in Denver during November were 145, or 19.82 per 1,000. While far below the average of Eastern cities, this is a very high rate for Denver, says the News. Dr. Lennon says the city is in poorer sanitary condition now than at any time for four years.

The Oakland Water Front company (Cal.) has filed an answer to the suit of the city of Oakland to recover the Oakland water front. The answer is most important, being the first of the suits which is now pending in the Alameda county superior court to determine to whom the ownership and title to the water front of the city is vested.

On Tuesday afternoon the sixteen-year-old son of W. T. Lesher, one of Canon's, (Colo.) prominent citizens, was playing around the iron railing in front of the court house, when he lost his footing and fell down the corridor leading to the jail, a distance of nine feet, striking on his head. The young man was picked up unconscious and grave fears are entertained as to his recovery.

Millard County Blade: James C. Owens, one an old and esteemed resident of Millard county, has returned to Fillmore with his family from Arizona, and will again make his home in this county. During his absence, Mr. Owens has resided in Show Low, where he was Bishop for several years. During the early days he was an active worker in repelling the frequent attacks of the Indians, and has ever been an earnest and consistent citizen.

Charles Brown on Saturday pleaded guilty in the charge of battery upon his five-months-old baby. The child was beaten in a most fiendish manner, its face being badly bruised and its body black and blue. The defendant's wife pleaded for him, saying that she could not exist without his support. Brown was fined $50 with the alternative of serving fifty days in jail. The court reprimanded California old salt have a law providing whipping at the post for such brutes as Brown.

The ladies of the various church societies have interested themselves in the success of the free reading room to be established over the postoffice, says the Park City Record, and at a joint meeting it was decided that instead of giving a supper for the benefit of the institution, as at first proposed, the ladies would give a dramatic entertainment which would guarantee a fund sufficient at about $150. It is proposed to fit the room in a neat manner and supply it with choice books, periodicals and papers.

Dr. A. J. Rhoes assisted by Dr. O. Tiler has had performed a very delicate and difficult surgical operation on the little Dorlinger girl who has been on the point of death for some time from an empyema of the in the pleura cavity, says the Pueblo Chief. The doctor made an opening into the pleural cavity at the left lung directly under the shoulder blade and inserted a drainage tube from which was secreted about one gallon of matter. This has great relief immediately after the operation, and she is now gaining rapidly with good indications of final recovery.

Public Orator, Thomas Llewellyn and Teodisio Martinez were out Saturday quail hunt Friday and had with them a social dog. The quail was in the best condition since last year. They heard him barking and Robert, and the boys ran and encountered a majestic wild cat, which they concluded to secure if it, and when they got out of the range of bullets they found that the "varmint" is a considerable animal, with a monkey gray coat. One of the junior tech shot and killed the cat, and scared the dogs up a tree. The mountain cat was from up to date—Las Animas Chieftain.

There was a wolf hunt last week in Lincoln county, Wyo., by the Jimmerings. Big Tom and Wm. Lehman were the principal members of the party, and three large gray wolves were captured. These two great men each had their hounds on the trail, from the wolves they captured the region. Therefore here a few kind of such kills likely to that neighborhood for gray wolves. Two such hounds were two 2 pounds kills by them, and they have been shaking them in other times. It is feared in this neighborhood that the hounding of the wolves down there will give them by here, and a regular wolf hunt is talked of here.

As J. W. Hutchins, of San Bernardino, Cal., was out in the line of his business in some local town on Friday night he saw a big wildcat. He started back to the house for his gun when the cat gave chase and caught him by the leg just as he reached the house, inflicting severe wounds by persistent efforts and vigorous kicking he managed to free himself from the ferocious animal, which then ran at Hamilton's little son, about 5 years old. Was was playing near, but the father seized it off before it reached the boy. Being a Mallon either in the kitchen, the animal sprang at it, and jumping to the window sill, the strong jaws began to crush it in the gun. Hamilton closed the door, entrapping the beast in the kitchen, and then entering another door of the house, secured his gun and shot the cat while it was still in the act of crushing the gun. The animal was extremely to be feared, considering, as it would not have made such a fuss about.

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