NEWS OF THE WEST.

Flatboat Voyageurs from Denver to Chicago.

"PETTIFIELD WAY" IN COLORADO.

Killed by an Electric Car.—Hurt by a Runaway.—Best Planting.—Cache Valley Trouble.

P. C. McGough, contractor for granolithic sidewalks and generally engaged in curbing and paving, was killed at Denver on Monday. He got off an electric car in front of another car moving in an opposite direction, and was knocked down and crushed to death. He leaves a wife and two daughters in Omaha.

Laramie (Wyoming). After passing the winter in southern Colorado and Utah, Fred Brown and his relations in-law in-law are home again. Mrs. Brown and her sister were in bloom, and the singer was unknown to this the top of winter, winter, still lingering in the lap of gentle spring in Wyoming.

Glenwood Springs has been made the victim of a "salted mine" fake such as was a sight to be written in Salt Lake about last month. The concrete curses this time is up to the sisters, is an ordinary mine, the miners another paying run short of lime and cement. It is only three feet wide inches high. The Boss was one Thomas Hankins, and "J. J. Hoey of New York city" was on hand, with a couple of Louisville representatives, to witness the examination. The newspapermen were taking in all the sights and Hankins intended to see Hoey with the people until some one exposed the fraud.

Yesterday Dr. St. John and Allen Frisco embarked at Denver in a flat-bottomed boat, with the avowed intention of going to the World's Fair at Chicago by water. They will make their way to the North Platte, thence to Missouri, then down the Missouri, to the mouth of the Illinois, up that stream to the canal and so into Chicago. They will then present their waterwith caravel to the Columbian exhibit. Dr. St. J. has acquired considerable notoriety in this county during last fall's campaign, by his Populist speeches. He is a Freemason and got the nickname of "the man of many tongues" because of his perfect acquaintance with several European languages. The trip of the St. J. is expected to gather in a big freight rate for the Populist ticket. He and his companion will lecture all along their route on free coinage.

The Johnson suit against the Southern Pacific Railway, in which the widow sues to recover $25,000 damages, came up in the United States circuit court in Carson, Nevada, on Tuesday. H. M. Johnson was killed by falling from the running board of a locomotive in August, 1892. His widow sued for $25,000 in compensation for the suit, but lost. The defendants claim that Johnson was subject to fits and vertigo. Other stories bring out the fact that the engineer had been in the Humboldt river in 1888, where it lay for six months, on account of a wreck. Since that time, it is said the engine has been in poor condition, and the day of Johnson's accident his water and steam were escaping into the cab from the defective flues. In attempting to fix the checkverve while the engine was running, the engineer was thrown off and received injuries from which he died.

A Grand Junction, Colo., dispatch says: The situation in the Plateau valley is daily becoming more dangerous. The sheep men and the cattle men are with sleeping on their arms and an open outbreak would surprise nobody at any time. Thursday morning the residence of J. F. Brock was set fire to between 2 and 3 o'clock and was totally destroyed, the occupants scarcely escaping with their lives. Sunday morning the stables of W. H. Minister were set on fire and destroyed, with all their contents, including five stocks. Both of these fires are charged by the cattlemen to the credit of the sheep men and it will be a matter of great surprise if the strained condition of affairs does not lead to bloodshed before many days. The settlemen are the settlers of the valley and swear that they will not allow the sheep men, who came in this spring, to run them out.

Boise, Idaho, Sentinel: Last Saturday there was a serious runaway down the valley road. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett, with their three-year-old child, and E. S. Watkins, were coming to town in a wagon when one of the tugs became unfastened and the horses started to run. Mr. Bennett was jarred out of the wagon and the wheels passed over his body. No bones were broken, but two deep cushes were cut in his head. Mrs. Bennett was thrown onto a barbed wire fence and was frightfully cut about the face and shoulders. The little baby had a most miraculous escape from death. It was thrown over but in some manner its clothes caught on the side of the wagon. It dangled in mid air for a few minutes, when the wagon gave a sudden jerk and the baby was thrown to the side of the road, cutting its face a little but otherwise escaping no injury. Mr. Watkins remained in the wagon until the horses broke away from it.

Grand Junction, Colo., News: The fruit planting is now completed. It has been found impossible to plant the full acreage contracted for because of the lateness of the season before the planting could be commenced. It has not been considered advisable to plant later than June 1. Nevertheless, there is sufficient acreage to make a thorough test of the capabilities of land in this valley, especially this season, will thoroughly demonstrate the adaptability of a purely arid region to the cultivation of the plant. We have had but one shower the entire spring. Those who contracted to cultivate land were obliged to get their ground ready without the aid of rain, and then will be obliged to irrigate to germinate the seed. This is not the condition any where else where fruits are grown. In California spring showers and frosting are up the plants, but not in Utah. In California the rainfall is depended upon entirely, but, owing to the lateness of our planting, we must expect to do all the work by artificial moisture. The opportunity is at hand to thoroughly determine what can be expected in an arid region. It now behooves those who have planted to give a fair test. It is worse than useless to put seed in the ground and then neglect it. Every man who has planted seed to make this test has the interest of competitive test of what can be done in irrigation. The News-Tribune, as an organ of all those who have planted, and who will fall if it shall publish the results to date, if it does not be broken a failure. It will do its record impartially. If the fruit will not thrive under irrigation it will be its duty to record it for its failure.

A Denver street paper has been established which can be bought for pie. Farmers are using power machines more and more, and the small power engine appears is becoming more popular. The man who has to open his field and the engineer pay.

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