

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman, Jan. 18: J. H. Larkins was here from Beowawa, Utah, with four cars of range cattle.

Ed Harris, colored, is in jail at Pocatello, Ida., charged with arson, it being alleged that he set fire to trestle-work near Collinston on the Utah and Northern.

A marriage occurred at Cheyenne, Wyo., Wednesday, the contracting parties being Lieut. L. B. Simonds, Eighth U. S. Infantry, and Miss Louise Marshall, a belle of Cheyenne. The young couple left for Salt Lake after the ceremony.

While fighting fire in the Fairview tunnel near Williams, Ariz., Monday, two men named Matthews and Lyons were caught by falling earth and buried for a time. When extricated it was found that both were very seriously injured and Lyons died in less than an hour, while it is not expected that his companion will recover.

C. W. Wesmer of San Francisco is planning to go to the Klondike by balloon. He proposes to use the big balloon made for the Chicago World's fair, which was held captive, and he will be accompanied by James Thompson of Cincinnati, A. Andrews of Chicago and E. Klemke of Pittsburg, all experienced aeronauts.

A man named Johnson was fatally wounded at Thompson Falls, Mont., Tuesday by a constable who had been called upon to arrest him for pulling a revolver on a brakeman of the Northern Pacific, who attempted to eject him from his train. Johnson died 15 minutes after being shot, the bullet passing through his stomach.

A dispatch from Wallace, Ida., says that Mullan is following the footsteps of Canyon creek, in the Couer d'Alene, a miner whose presence was undesirable having been waited upon by a masked committee and invited to leave. With the memory of Fred W. Whitney fresh in mind, he hastily complied with the invitation. The cause of dislike for him was the allegation that he had worked for the Bunker Hill and Sullivan company.

At Leadville, Colo., Tuesday night, a tragedy occurred resulting in the killing of Mrs. Andy Smith, W. R. Slate, a contractor, being the man who did the shooting. He fired two bullets into the woman's brain, and then killed himself. Slate was an admirer of the Smith woman and had been associating with her during an estrangement between her and her husband. When he learned they were to be reunited he grew frantic and did the shooting.

A sensation is anticipated today in connection with the lynching case at Genoa, Nev. Three witnesses have been subpoenaed who, it is expected, will reveal the identity of at least two more members of the lynching party. At an earlier stage of the investigation several witnesses testified that Constable Grey had stated that he recognized the leader of the mob and several of the lynchers. Tuesday Grey was a witness to contradict this testimony.

The following telephone message was received at San Jose, Cal., Wednesday night from Director Schaeberle of Lick observatory: The very unusual phenomenon of a bright meteor in broad daylight was observed here today by E. F. Coddington, fellow in astronomy at the observatory. It was seen in the west shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon at an elevation of about 8 degrees above the horizon, moving very rapidly toward the north in a path slightly in-

clined toward the earth. It increased in brightness along its course and disappeared suddenly in a clear sky, without any explosion being heard.

A Chinese convict by the name of Ah Sam was shot and almost instantly killed by the guards at Folsom, Cal., prison Monday, while making a break for liberty. The dead convict was sent from Sacramento last Saturday to serve two years for assault with a deadly weapon, making the third time he had been sent to state prison for a similar offense. He was a vicious man, and was held to be mentally irresponsible by most of those who knew him.

While the Cabinet saloon, Prescott, Ariz., was crowded with hundreds of people, Mrs. Bell, the wife of a mining man, entered with a babe in her arms, and, placing it on the bar, left with this farewell: "The father of this child deserted me and this babe, caring more for whisky than either of us. I wish to tender now his child, so that his appetite may be gratified to the extent of the deposit." There was a wild rush for the youngster, seventy-five men coming forward to ask for the waif. The probate judge was called on to settle the controversy, and has taken charge of the child.

J. P. Collins, of Alexander Valley, near Healdsburg, Cal., committed suicide Monday by shooting himself through the heart. The young man filled a sack with rocks and tied a rope around it, attaching the other end of the rope to the trigger of a shotgun. He then lay down, and, placing the muzzle of the gun to his heart, pushed the sack away with his foot, discharging the contents of the gun into his heart. His parents were away from home at the time, and on their return were horrified to discover the body of their son lying in front of their home. Collins was about 22 years old. The cause of the suicide was melancholia.

While momentarily crazed, after long months of sickness and a contemplation of the death that would result from his complaint, John W. Lawhorn hurled himself from a third-story window at the East Bay sanitarium on Telegraph avenue, Oakland Cal., Monday afternoon, and was almost instantly killed. He was found upon a cement sidewalk that runs along the south side of the building by some nurses as he lay in a pool of his own blood. He was carried quickly into the sanitarium and a doctor called, but it was all over within five minutes and the next summons was for the coroner. Lawhorn had dropped fully forty feet, striking on the top of his head, and braining himself.

An unknown elderly woman was discovered by Policeman William Gaynor, of San Francisco, at the corner of Leavenworth and Eddy streets, about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, suffering apparently from a fit. She was taken to the receiving hospital, where at 8:40 o'clock she died. Dr. Fitzgibbon says, either from the effects of strychnine poisoning or epilepsy, he is unable to determine which. Being urged repeatedly to give her name, she said she was Mrs. Emily —, and stopping at that, would say no more. Later on, in response to the questionings of a hospital attaché, she said her name was Mary Williams, and to Dr. Fitzgibbon just before her death she said her name was Jennie Webster, and aged 54.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the territorial secretary of New Mexico Wednesday evening of the White Oaks & Kansas City railway

The incorporators are: J. A. Eddy, W. A. Hawkins, H. A. Connor, G. L. Christie and W. H. Austin. The directors are C. D. Simpson, Scranton, Pa.; B. S. Harmon and G. C. W. Lowry, New York; John A. Eddy, Denver; C. B. Eddy, W. A. Hawkins, Max Frost, New Mexico. The capital stock is \$4,000,000. The road runs from near White Oaks, Lincoln county, N. M., to a point on the New Mexico-Texas line, in Union county, about 250 miles north, connecting with a road of the same name, to be chartered under the laws of the state of Texas. Surveyors will be put in the field immediately.

Further particulars regarding the agreement recently entered into by the Japanese, the Pacific Mail and the Occidental and Oriental steamship companies, are now at hand. Arrangements have been made to bear in equal proportion all the expenses of navigation incurred by the three companies, although the distribution of profits shall be subject to the amount of the receipts gained by them. Under the agreement the Occidental and Oriental and Pacific Mail are each to reduce their number of steamers to three, although they each run four at present. The agreement will be carried into practice as soon as the steamers of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, now being built in England, arrive in Japan.

Coroner Robert Baldwin, of Oakland, Cal., is positive that Joseph H. Raeside, the turfman, was murdered, and is making every possible effort to penetrate the mystery surrounding his death. At his request District Attorney Charles E. Snook has detailed County Detective Henry Herbert to the case, and the latter is now co-operating with Constable Jack Cronin and his deputies in the work of investigation. The officers have subpoenaed a number of witnesses for the adjourned inquest, and it is expected that the murder theory will be quite clearly established. A number of the friends of the dead man are lending their assistance, and the circumstances of the case are sure of a searching investigation.

The government Alaska relief expedition, under the immediate charge of Gen. Merriam, commander of the department of the Columbia, is fully equipped to leave Portland, Oregon, in February by the steamer George W. Elder. The personnel of the expedition consists of a total of eighty-seven officers and men as follows: Capt. George Buhlen, in charge of transportation and quartermaster of the expedition; Capt. D. L. Brainard, commissary of subsistence, in charge of distribution of supplies; Capt. B. Eldredge, Fourteenth Infantry, in charge of escort, with Lieut. E. W. Clark, Fourteenth Infantry, his subordinate; First Lieut. Guy H. Preston, Ninth cavalry, in charge of the pack train, with First Lieut. J. A. Ryan, Ninth cavalry, his assistant, and Lieut. F. M. Kemp, assistant surgeon. There are 101 mules and nine horses in the pack train.

Miss Mildred Amidon Clark, well known in San Francisco musical circles, committed suicide Monday afternoon by shooting herself in the mouth, at her home, 2218 Webster street, the bullet passing into the base of the brain. She had been indisposed for two or three days, suffering from a cold, and Monday and the day before was abed, though not thought to be seriously ill. Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock her mother left the room to be gone a few minutes. She had scarcely got outside the room when she heard a pistol shot, and hurriedly returning, found her daughter dead, the still smoking revolver by her side showing whence the report had come. Death had been instantaneous. A physician was immediately summoned.