NEWS OF THE WEST.

Wife of Ben Shooks, the Lawyer, Gets a Divorce.

ENTERPRISE DAM, SIGNAL CREEK.

Arizona the First with Grapes—Commissioner Discharged—Raising Lumber Prices—General News.

Mrs. G. Shooks has been granted a divorce in the superior court from Ben Shooks, who is a lawyer at Tacoma, Wash., on the ground of desertion.

All the telephones at Mare Island, Cal., have been removed and in a few days will arrive from the East. The government has decided to have its own system.

On June 29 C. F. Jeffries shipped from Granada, Hall River valley, Arizona, the first carload of grapes this season from any part of the United States. They are Thompson's seedless, and were consigned to T. A. Thomas & Son, Chicago. This is by six weeks the earliest shipment of grapes ever made in the United States.

Paris, Idaho, Pud: The Bishopric of each ward met this week and took action for the fencing of the cemetery. The fence will be wire, four strands, two boards on top, and cedar posts every eight feet. Parties interested can purchase lots upon helping to construct the fence. James Coldings Jr., the town appointed sexton, vice Charles Gilsey, resigned.

The people of Algodones, a small Mexican settlement near Albuquerque, N. M., are excited over the theft of a big herd of sheep belonging to Don Francisco Armijo and the murder of his two herders, Pedro Lobato and Maximo Sandoval. The supposed murderer, who is driving the sheep southward, is being trailed by a score of determined men, and if caught will be lynched without ceremony.

The Yell county Park party started from Paris, Idaho, safe and sound Tuesday, in wagons, buggies and on horseback, says the Vail. The party consists of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Budge, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Budge, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pending, Misses Annie Budge, Mary Budge, Helen Budge, Birdie Spencer, May Woolley, Maggie Sutton, Fannie Morgan, Messrs. Oliver Budge, H. Smith Woolley, T. A. Clayton, Willie Pending, George B. Spencer Jr., and Miss Aggie Campbell, of Salt Lake City.

At a meeting of the Puget Sound lumber men in Seattle, Washington, on June 25th, the price of cedar lumber was advanced $1 to $3 per thousand feet, the new rates to apply to rail shipments only and to be ratified at a meeting set for July 8th. The rates on siding vary from $14 to $18 according to grade, and shingles from $25 to $34. The weight of No. 1 and No. 2 siding is placed at 700 pounds per 1,000 feet, and of thick finish at 2,000 pounds dressed and 2,200 rough. At next Saturday's meeting the question of raising the price of lumber will be acted upon.

In the United States circuit court at Portland, Oregon, on June 29, Judge Bellinger ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty in the case of D. P. Davenport, on trial for counterfeiting. Charles French testified that he was employed by Special Treasury Agent N. S. Herrin to induce Davenport into making counterfeit silver dollars. Judge Bellinger said: "If this is the kind of testimony there is against Davenport, I shall not let the case go to the jury. It shows that he was induced to make counterfeits by an agent of the government. Nobody is going to be convicted in a court where juries is administered on such testimony."

Beaver (Oregon) George Thomas, who spent some months in the county jail here something over a year ago on a charge of larceny, was brought up before Justice Cowdell this week and mulcted in the sum of $20 with costs, in all $26.35, for having assaulted young Baldwin, a son of Mr. Hyrum Baldwin, last Monday. It appears that Thomas was at work with the boy and some others on a ditch in the northeastern part of town, when he was twitted jeered by the boys, and being of an excitable temperament, he worked himself into such a state that he seized a rock and struck the boy in the back of the head, knocking him senseless. In this condition the boy remained some time, but finally recovered consciousness.

The Enterprise Reservoir & Canal company of St. George is making good progress on the Enterprise dam, situated on Shoal creek, about six miles below Hatton, in Washington county, says the Iron county *Record*. The dam when completed will be eighty feet in height and will store a body of water forty feet in depth, one mile in length and half a mile in width. Its estimated capacity will be fifteen hundred acres. So far, solid masonry has been done on the dam to the extent of twenty feet in height and ninety feet in length. The stone work at the base is twenty feet in width. The dam proper, when finished, will be eighty feet in height and ninety feet in length. The estimated cost will be $15,000.

L. J. Tingley, of Colton, Cal., is said to have fallen heir to a fortune of over a million dollars. He is 32 years of age, and his grandmother was Mary Hall, of Philadelphia, who left an estate consisting of $100,000 from the Fourth spoliation claims, and Congress has passed an act that it be paid at once. The balance of the fortune consists of 200 acres of land in Philadelphia, 400 lots in the city of Washington and 30,000 acres of land in Tazewell valley, Va. Mr. Tingley will receive one-seventh of this property. He says that the first use he will make of the money will be to build a Christian church at Colton. He lived on the Ohio river for many years, and about twelve years ago a great freshet swept away five buildings belonging to him, leaving him a poor man. From there he moved to Kansas, and the grasshoppers devoured his substance. He then went to Nebraska, and the drought frightened him to come to California.

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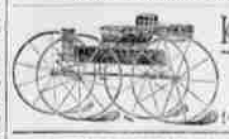

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