NEWS OF THE WEST.

Killed a Doctor Who Failed to Cure a Patient.

REDUCTION IN WATER RATES.

Ex-Gov. Woode's Father Drops Dead—Railways May Libel Those Who Complain of Them.

An Indian has been sent to jail at Westminster, B. C., for selling trout out of season.

Estimates on the amount of wheat in the Kittitas valley, Wash., place it at from 40,000 to 50,000 bushels.

A petition will be sent from New Westminster, B. C., to Ottawa in favor of extending the franchise to women.

The total exports of California wines for January amounted to 370,549 gallons aggregating a value of $261,891.

The next municipal election at Redlands, Cal., will probably be fought on the question of high license vs prohibition.

Frank H. Sanborn, a carpenter, was thrown from a horse in Everett, Wash., the other day, and received injuries from which he died soon after.

Hundreds of hogs have recently died in the vicinity of Casadero, Cal., the result of a disease that causes the animals to break out in sores. One farmer lost 100 head.

A band of Oregon horses, in transit in Kentucky, a few days ago, says the Hailey Times, was taken from the cars at Shoshone, Idaho, and the animals sold for 50 cents apiece.

The Los Angeles city council by a unanimous vote Monday afternoon adopted an ordinance making a horizontal cut of 50 per cent in water rates for the ensuing year.

The mayor of Portland has suspended all the members of the city fire commission because he did not like their politics. The commissioners had declined to support the mayor's political party.

Caleb Woode dropped dead on the street in Forest Grove, Ore., recently. He was 80 years old last month and was around with his usual vigor up to the time of his death. He was father of the late ex-Governor Woode, who was governor of Utah more than 20 years ago.

Gee Coon, a Chinese cook in Marshfield, Ore., potsted a chuck-a-luck-dice-loaded rifle at Robert Moe in fun, and pulled the trigger. The bullet struck the collar bone on the right side and rebounded, as it was only 22 caliber, but the Chinese was nearly frightened to death.

A special from Santa Ana, Cal., says: Jose Sepulveda, a bright young Mexican boy, 16 years old, who resided with his mother on South Main street, was shot down like a dog while he was on his way to a dance near the Southern Pacific depot Monday evening. There is no clue to the murderer.

George Heber was found dead in his cabin at Colton, Cal., Monday, having died of hemorrhage. In his hand was found a sack containing $300 in gold coin. Heber, who was an old man, earned his living by selling oranges on the trains. He was thought to be destitute.

At the Hoonah Indian mission, 80 miles from Sitka, Alaska, a short time ago, a double murder was committed, the particulars of which have just been received. One of the chiefs had been ailing with an incurable disease, and an Indian doctor was waiting on him. The chief died, and his friends killed the doctor; then the friends of the latter sought the man who did the work of assassination, and killed him.

Through the failure of the last Arizona legislature to pass an appropriation bill, the financial affairs of the territory have been in a curious muddle for the past year, the board of control assuming the power to appropriate territorial funds to pay current expenses. This action was brought into question Tuesday in an action of E. S. Wakelin, of Phoenix, against the territorial treasurer, F. J. Cole, for the payment of warrants refused liquidation while cash was in the treasury. A bill is now before Congress which if passed will allow the board to audit and pay the main items in the appropriation bill, which only failed because a wrangle over its provisions was carried on till after midnight on the final day of the legal session of the legislature.

Three hundred mining men and prospectors left Spokane, Wash., Monday morning for Colville Indian reservation in anticipation of the President signing the bill extending the mineral laws to the north half of the reserve. During the past summer several hundred claims were staked out on the reservation, it being a legal point as to whether the mining laws were not already in force. Most of those now going in have been there before, and their purpose now is to stand guard over their claims. Miners and prospectors are also coming down from the camps for British Columbia. The reservation is now covered with snow, but the weather is mild, and as fuel is plentiful no hardships are anticipated.

The United States court of appeals at San Francisco, Monday ruled that railroad companies may file privileged answers to complaints made against them before the interstate commerce commission, and that any statements made therein against the character of the complainant may not be considered libelous, even if they are libelous. The case in which this ruling was made was that of Blanton Duncan vs the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and California Southern Railroad companies. Duncan had preferred charges against the companies and in their answers they assailed his character in such a manner that he at once filed suit for $50,000 for libel. The lower court rendered judgment for the defendants, and its judgment was affirmed by the court of appeals.

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