

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Duncan E. McKinley was chairman of the California electoral college, and eight votes were cast for McKinley and one for Bryan.

W. H. Claggett seems likely to get the position of U. S. senator from Idaho. On the second day's ballot his vote was raised from 30 to 33; it takes 38 votes to elect.

The body of an Indian, buried in a sitting position, with numerous trinkets of the stone age, was found at Spokane, Washington, on Monday. The deceased evidently was buried at a very remote period.

Henry Miller, 48 years of age, fatally shot himself in a San Francisco gun store on Monday. Miller was despondent because of being out of money. He has three married daughters in Chicago. He was worth \$200,000 at one time.

Kaspar Burri, 60 years of age, shot and killed himself at San Francisco on Monday night, because he was out of work, and had no money to get food or lodgings. He has a brother living at Hitzkirch, Switzerland.

Mrs. Frank A. Haine and another lady were caught in a snowslide near the Congress mine, Ouray, Colo., on Wednesday, and carried down the mountain a thousand feet. Mrs. Haine was killed.

The Flagstaff, A. T., postoffice has been raised to an international basis, and from that office hereafter money order and other business may be transacted with every country in the postal union.

The famous Vulture mine, which has produced \$1,000,000 in gold, was sold at Prescott, Arizona, Tuesday morning by the sheriff under a trust deed held by Eastern capitalists. The price bid was only \$15,000.

A dispatch from Shelton, Wash., says that Erick Lingren, a logger, was killed on Monday at Simpson's camp by a heavy log rolling over him on the logway. He was 35 years old and leaves a widow and three children.

At Bisbee, A. T., Thursday morning Manuel Fontes killed Ramona Rivera, with whom he was living, and committed suicide. A revolver was the means used, and in both cases death was instantaneous. Jealousy is the cause ascribed.

On January 15, George Braddon, a slag pusher at the smelter at Trail, B. C., while pulling a pot and walking backward, fell into another pot of molten metal in his path. Braddon was burned from his neck to his heels. The chances for his recovery are slim.

San Francisco Chronicle, Jan. 14.—Lorin Farr, a well-known Mormon leader, railroad contractor and ex-mayor of Ogden, who is making a pleasure tour of California, arrived from Los Angeles yesterday and is staying at the Occidental.

At the balloting for senator in the Idaho legislature on Thursday, Claggett received 31 votes, a loss of two from

the day before, but still one more than the first day. Dubois received 26, the same as the first day. There is talk of some other Populist than Claggett being agreed upon.

The land owners of Alta Irrigation district, Cal., have secured an injunction against J. D. Pillsbury, collector of the district, enjoining the sale of the property for delinquent taxes for 1895-96. The sale would have commenced Thursday. Another legal fight has been inaugurated.

A two-year-old daughter of Edward Hotell, who lives about eight miles northwest of Ukiah, Cal., was bitten by a shepherd dog Monday last and Friday the child showed every symptom of hydrophobia. Physicians were called and the wound was treated. Sunday the physicians pronounced the child out of danger.

George Dickson, a retired farmer of San Rafael, California, committed suicide Monday night, cutting his throat and wrists with a razor. Dickson had been somewhat out of his mind of late on account of money losses, and has been acting strangely. A few days ago he was seen bumping his head against a telephone post. He leaves an estate worth \$100,000.

News has been received of the horrible death of the little 3-year-old daughter of H. O. Overton of Rock Creek, California. On Monday the child was playing in the kitchen and losing her balance fell into a boiler of scalding water. She was immediately rescued but the water was so hot as to completely cook the flesh on the limbs and body.

Nephi Republic: The new commissioners acted wisely in appointing D. E. Wilcox of Nephi to the position of county physician. The doctor is well known in medical circles as one who is thoroughly conversant with his profession. At present he is the physician of the U. P. railway at this point. His appointment has created a great deal of favor in many circles, and as he is known as a most conservative man, an affable gentleman, and one who will fulfill the position to the best of his ability, there is no reason to question the action which the present commissioners have taken.

Manti Messenger: The Mutual Improvement Associations of Manti have effected an organization on the line of literary and social entertainments, and dubbed it the M. I. League of Manti. The present officers of the M. I. A. are at the helm. The spacious hall over T. A. Hoggan's store has been procured for a reading room and a place of the League's regular entertainments. Clyde Metcalf, son of the hotel man, met with a very painful accident last week. A crowd of boys were playing in the street and in a rough and tumble Clyde had his leg broken above the knee in two places. Dr. Olsen was called and made the boy as comfortable as possible in his precarious condition. He is improving rapidly and will soon be able to be out.

A railroad wreck occurred on the

Santa Fe road at Santa Fe, N. M., on Tuesday night in which 2,300 sheep were killed. Eleven double deck stock cars went over an embankment and only 500 head of sheep got out of the heap alive. The accident was caused by the breaking of a flange on a car wheel. Fully 500 people were on the scene all night slaughtering, barbecuing and carrying off the crippled sheep.

Wednesday J. Magnala, J. Trolli and F. Mazarini were fishing for salmon in the Salinas river near Gonzales, Cal., when Trolli and Mazarini started for Gonzales, leaving Magnala still fishing. As Magnala failed to appear Friday morning his companions went to the place where they had left him and found him lying on the sand dead. It is supposed he was taken with cramps while fishing and had perished from exposure. He was 24 years old.

While a sheepman from Utah was crossing the railroad tracks with team and wagon Sunday morning at Rock Springs, Wyo., a switch engine came along unnoticed until it was right on him, and too late to get out of the way. The engine ran into his team, mauling one of the horses so bad that it died shortly afterwards and demolishing the wagon. He barely escaped being thrown under the wheels of the engine. The name of the man was not ascertained.

Two masked robbers entered the store of D. B. Stanton at Bonanza, Wyoming, on Saturday, and holding a revolver at the head of the proprietor, ordered him to give up the cash, which he refused to do. They then bound him and proceeded to help themselves. They secured about \$35 in cash, leaving checks and a gold watch untouched. Mr. Stanton was not discovered until 10 o'clock next day, when he was found covered with blood from a blow on the head and completely exhausted.

The government has shown an extraordinary generous spirit in appropriating \$2,000 to buy provisions for the Yuma Indians this winter. The Mesa Free Press says the magnanimity of this act will be apparent when it is remembered that there are 3,000 Indians or more on the Yuma reservation. The economy of the Indians in the matter of food is proverbial, and therefore it is quite likely that 3,000 of them can feast comfortably on \$2,000 worth of provisions until next crop time.

A gang of young thieves has just been captured at San Rafael, Cal., by Constables T. J. Treanor and George Agnew. The four culprits are Oliver James, aged 11; Edward Beach, aged 11; John James, aged 8, and Gordy Beach, aged 9. They were thoroughly organized, Oliver James being the leader. Their headquarters were in an empty barn belonging to Sidney V. Smith, and in tunnels made under the railroad bridge near West End station. The gang was captured on Wednesday after entering the house of E. C. Musch. They had burglarized a church and several small stores.

Laramie Boomerang: The annual spring shipments of lambs from Larimer county, Colorado, just across the