

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

John Steadman, a pioneer of Helena, Montana, dropped dead on Saturday from heart disease.

The Colorado papers note that a carload of threshing machines passed through that state last week, en route to Salt Lake City.

Some of the Colorado papers are jubilant over the fact that they have "a governor with a veto." They think he is a friend in need with the present legislature there.

Glenwood, Colo., Avalanche: We elected a mayor last spring, about a year ago this time. Guess he has died. The way some parts of the town smells he must have been buried within the city limits. Yes, he was the board of health.

Theophilus Schupbuck, a tanner, went insane at Santa Cruz, Cal., on Wednesday night, and committed suicide by shooting himself.

Mrs. G. W. Ferris, widow of the late G. W. Ferris, constructor of the great Ferris wheel, died suddenly at her home in Riverside, Cal., Monday night.

Three San Francisco guests at the Gilroy Hot Springs, Cal., recently felled a live oak tree, a foot in diameter, by firing rifle balls into the trunk. The job consumed \$60 worth of ammunition and much time.

Emille Robert, a butcher, at Bakersfield, Cal., committed suicide on Wednesday, by cutting his throat with a razor. He became despondent through long illness.

It is reported from Elk mountain, Colorado that the snow is from five to seven feet deep, there being more snow at that point than at any time in all the past. People are said to be traveling on snow shoes and wagons will be of little use before the first of May.

On Tuesday night the Los Angeles city council, after a series of prolonged sessions, rejected two miles of finished asphalt paving on Main street in that city. The result of the long controversy was a surprise to everybody, because the contractors were supposed to have everything headed their way.

ST. PAUL, March 29.—Maj. Geo. White, of the United States army, died at his home in this city today as a result of a fall on the street last week, which revived an ailment of a long standing. White originated the idea of having Lincoln's birthday made a legal holiday, Minneapolis being the first state to enact such a law. White was a native of Massachusetts; served during the war in Smith's battery of Chicago First artillery; afterwards entered the regular army and was retired Dec. 15, 1890.

Seventy-six specimens of rare plants, ordered by Kew Gardens, England, are on exhibition at the establishment of the National acclimatizing association,

in Santa Barbara, Cal. They will soon start on their long journey to represent Santa Barbara in the largest botanical gardens in the world.

Portland, Ore., Oregonian: Daniel Whalley, a fireman on an engine of the North Pacific Coast railway, was severely burned by blazing oil Wednesday afternoon at San Anselmo, Cal. Whalley was pouring the oil into a can when it ignited and exploded. His injuries may prove fatal.

In the superior court at Modesto, Cal., Tuesday morning, the judge granted a decree of foreclosure in the action of John Nicholls, a Dutch Flat banker, against George Vivian for \$5,200. After the order had been made it was learned that Vivian had died in this city three hours before the order was made. The death of Vivian complicates the litigation.

St. Johns, Arizona, Herald: Apostles John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant, of the Mormon Church, arrived in St. Johns last Thursday from Snowflake, Navajo county. Messrs. Smith and Grant are on a tour of inspection of the various Mormon settlements of this territory, having just come from those in Maricopa and Graham counties. The gentlemen are now on their way back to their homes in Salt Lake City, Utah.

John O'Brien, the old man who was burned at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ingram, in Oakland, Cal., ten days ago, died Friday morning. It was at first supposed that O'Brien had been attacked in his room by thieves, but it is generally understood that while attempting to light a lamp he set fire to the bedding. He was terribly burned and was unable to give a lucid account of the affair.

Deputy Coroner Harry Quella of Oakland, Cal., met with a serious accident Friday while engaged in embalming a body. The rubber tube connecting with the tank containing the embalming fluid became detached and the liquid squirted into Quella's face, causing the victim to writhe with pain. He was taken to the hospital, where an examination showed that the right eye was so badly burned by the acid that it will be impossible to save the sight. The left eye, while also injured by the fluid, can be saved.

Plans have been completed and work will begin at once on an elaborate pleasure resort at Oak Park, Sacramento, Cal., which will be one of the most complete things of its kind on the coast. The grounds will contain a baseball park, a three-lap bicycle track, a grand stand 200 feet long with ten rows of seats, a theater and amusement hall capable of seating 1,600 people, a skating rink, clubroom, restaurant, grounds for trap shooting and a rifle range.

Prescott, Arizona, Courier: A placer miner brought in from Willow creek, a few days ago, three nuggets worth \$22.50, \$16 and \$10, which are picked up on top of the ground. Willow creek flows from a northwesterly di-

rection through the northern suburb of Prescott and has never been considered a placer gold stream, though nuggets have been found on its banks and in it bed from time to time. The nuggets recently found were exposed by action of flood water without doubt. There are many promising gold quartz claims near the head waters of Willow creek.

Elmore, Idaho, Bulletin: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. de Haven came in from their sheep camp yesterday, bringing with them a human skull that one of their herders found a few days ago near what is known as the Cottonwoods, about fifteen miles from here, on the Grand View road. Some of the other bones of a skeleton were found near by, also a number of pants buttons and a few shreds of clothing, but nothing could be found that would furnish any clue as to who the unfortunate fellow was. Old-timers are certain that they are the remains of a prospector named Forsyth, missing for thirteen years.

It is said the Santa Fe Railway company is determined to break all records for transcontinental travel, and on April 1st will inaugurate a seventy-one-hour schedule for their "California limited" between Los Angeles and Chicago. This makes a cut of exactly twelve hours. The days for leaving will be changed from Mondays and Thursdays to Tuesdays and Saturdays, and instead of leaving at night the train will start on its return at 8 o'clock in the morning in order to reach Chicago and St. Louis in the morning. The cut will be made by increasing the speed between Los Angeles and Kansas City.

Pocatello, Idaho, Herald, March 24.—The entertainment given at the Mormon tabernacle last evening attracted as many if not more, people than any similar affair has done for some time. The tabernacle was packed with people and from the attentiveness and frequent applause there is no doubt but that it was an artistic as well as a financial success. The program was quite lengthy consisting of songs, as solos, duets and quartets, recitations, a negro skit, instrumental music and ended with an operetta. With the exception of a few minor incidents and slight hitches that occur in most entertainments of this kind, it can be classed as a very good amateur performance. There was a more or less degree of proficiency, but without an interesting program was rendered.

The spring farming operations in Western Nebraska came to a sudden termination Saturday evening, when a regular March blizzard arrived. A fine snow fell most of Sunday accompanied by heavy wind. Monday it froze hard. The warm weather of the last week had removed most of the frost from the ground and the farmers had commenced to plow. The prospects for crops this year are very bright. The ground is in excellent condition. Many of the old farmers say that the ground was never known to be in better condition. A larger acreage of small grain will be planted this year than ever before. The corn crop will also be large. The acreage of alfalfa will be doubled. The price of live