

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman: H. Conant marketed nine cars of cattle from Kelton, Utah.

During the Idaho fair at Boise next week, there promises to be some good racing, as fast trotting stock is arriving there daily.

W. H. Elkins, who shot and killed his brother-in-law near Livingston, Cal., last June, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Emile La Forest, who was until fourteen months ago a train dispatcher residing in San Jose, Cal., is alleged by his wife to have kidnapped his 7-year-old daughter, and warrant for his arrest on that charge has been issued.

Dr. Emile de Corval of San Francisco had a visit from burglars early Sunday morning. They secured two diamond rings worth about \$100, but were frightened away before they could make a thorough search of the house.

A daring burglary was committed Monday afternoon in the supreme court building, San Francisco. Some time between 2 and 3 o'clock burglars entered the apartments of Edward Smoot on the second floor and stole jewelry and clothing valued at \$500.

Rev. Fennimore F. Young of Oakland, Cal., the head of the so-called "School for Christ," and the editor of a paper known as "Messiah's Advocate," is wanted in that city for having beaten his 14-year-old daughter on Saturday night of last week in a brutal manner.

Highbinders are said to be once more patrolling the streets of Chinatown, San Francisco, armed to the teeth, and, from all appearances, bent on mischief. In the dark alleys of the quarter the police are arresting the hatchmen and in almost every case weapons are found.

Juan Vierra, a large land owner in San Luis Obispo, Cal., was shot and killed Wednesday night by Jose Lopez. Vierra has been in the habit of visiting Lopez's residence, and in the absence of Mr. Lopez has, on several occasions, insulted Mrs. Lopez. Wednesday night he called, kicked in the door and was killed by the woman's husband.

The desperation of the highbinders is being demonstrated daily. Heretofore they have hesitated about attacking a white man, but at an early hour on Sunday morning they departed from their usual custom, and but for the timely arrival of a police sergeant and several of his men they would have added a victim to their record.

A sensational suit for \$50,000 damages was begun in Judge Van Dyke's court at Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday, by Mrs. Mary R. Crandall against Mrs. Clara D. Crandall, formerly Mrs. Thompson, for alienating the affections of her former husband, Edward E. Crandall, a well known hardware dealer.

Word reached Redding, Cal., Wednesday morning by the 6 o'clock stage of a disastrous fire that wiped out of existence the town of Bieber, in Lassen county. The village school-master, Mr. Pennebaker, lost his life in the flames. The fire originated in the kitchen of the Ford hotel, and was discovered about 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. Volker, wife of Conrad Volker, a pioneer resident of Red Bluff, Cal., was burned to death at their home Tuesday night. It appears that Mrs. Volker started to go down some cellar stairs with a lighted lamp in

her hand, and when on the top step, stumbled and fell, breaking the lamp and spilling the burning oil over her clothes.

It was announced Wednesday at Oakland, Cal., by relatives that Mrs. R. W. Kirkham, possessed of one of the largest landed estates in Alameda county, had died without leaving a will. The information has come as a surprise to many, as it was believed that Mrs. Kirkham would divide her property among her daughters, as she herself had planned, and not as the late General Kirkham had arranged for.

Another effort is about to be made by the boss bakers of San Francisco to establish a uniform scale of prices for bread. To that end a special meeting of the Master Bakers' Protective association has been called. At that meeting the subject of bread prices will be considered and an attempt will be made to settle on a scale of prices that will be uniform and binding on all the members of the association.

The breach of promise suit of Arthur Melcher of Boston against Mrs. W. E. Hadley of San Diego, Cal., has ended in a verdict of damages for the masculine plaintiff. According to the evidence adduced at the trial in Auburn, Me., Mrs. Hadley, who is a niece of Congressman Dingley, had promised to marry Melcher, and almost on the eve of the wedding, went away and married W. E. Hadley, a hotel man of San Diego.

The long-pending suit for dissolution of the Sunset Irrigation district was brought to issue before Judge Webb in the superior court at Fresno, Cal., Monday. The Sunset district is one of the largest in the state and comprises many thousands of acres of irrigable land on the west side, including a small slice of Kings county. The suit is brought to dissolve the district on the ground that it was organized by fraud. A contract of \$1,500,000 is involved.

The chief of the Sacramento, Cal., fire department is convinced that a firebug has been operating in that city for the past ten days, and in this time thousands of dollars worth of property has gone up in smoke as the result of the incendiary's work. The firebug attacks inhabited dwellings, as well as barns and factories, and the discoveries made by the fire department are said to be alarming in the extreme.

Captain N. H. Crittenden of Los Angeles, Cal., left that city Monday on a tour of the world, especially in the interest of ethnological and archaeological researches. He will make the journey across the continent with his own outfit, using pack animals only until the deserts are crossed. His route will be via southern Arizona, El Paso, Indian Territory and then through the Rio Grande valley to the Gulf of Mexico, which he expects to be about nine months in reaching.

Charles King, a clerk, 26 years of age, tried to end his troubles Monday night by jumping off the Jackson-street wharf, San Francisco. A few minutes in the water changed his opinion regarding the hardness of the world, and he set up a lusty cry for assistance. An officer of the harbor police drew the young man from the water half dead. He was taken to the Harbor hospital, where doctors worked over him for hours, and at last pronounced him out of danger.

Casper, Wyo., Derrick: Messrs. D. and J. Michie have sold and delivered to Spelts Bros., David City, Neb., a

thousand of their yearling wethers, for \$2.85 per head, in Casper. The deal was consummated last week. Messrs. Michie sold and delivered to Miller & Canlin of Aurora, Ill., eight hundred head of ewes. They were delivered in Casper. The price for the ewes was also quite satisfactory to the sellers. They sold, to be delivered to Spelt Bros., early in October, a thousand wether lambs. The price for lambs was \$2 per head.

Sierra Nevada Sullivan brought suit Monday at San Francisco to compel her husband, Cornelius J. Sullivan, to contribute \$150 a month toward the separate support of herself and three minor sons. Sullivan is president and manager of the Pacific States Life Assurance company, and is said to have an income from that source of at least \$300 a month. The complaint charges that on February 1st last he deserted his family and that since that time he has contributed toward the support of his family not more than \$30 a month. Mrs. Sullivan asks that, by the decree, she be awarded the exclusive custody and control of the children.

Oneida, Idaho, Republican: Preston is to have a first class planing mill and sash, door and moulding factory. O. E. Peterson and H. C. Simonsen, of Logan, were in the city the first of the week and purchased the lumber yards of Geddes Bros., and have also taken a five-year lease on the lumber grounds. It is the intention of these gentlemen to at once commence the erection of a building in which they will place planing, sash, door and moulding machinery. They have some twelve machines in all, which they expect to have in operation by the first of next month. They are now in Logan arranging for the removal of their machinery to this place.

W. F. Kasson, the \$250,000 prisoner of the county jail, San Francisco, is no longer an inmate of the big stone building on Broadway. Since Saturday deputy sheriffs have been scouring the city in vain endeavors to bring him back to enjoy the hospitality of Sheriff Whelan. Kasson's departure from the custody of the sheriff was simple. Desiring to obtain some papers from his room relative to the fortune which he lately had come into, he was entrusted to the care of an employee of the office, and together they left the jail shortly after 3 o'clock. The custodian of the prisoner met a friend and, while talking to him, gave Kasson permission to go on alone, which he did, saying he would return, but he never came back.

A man-eating shark, ten feet in length, was caught in the bay near Lime Point, San Francisco, early Monday morning. It became tangled in the nets of Fishermen F. Maggio and G. B. Mayola, and it took them nearly three hours to conquer the fish and get it aboard their boat. The men in their lateen-rigged vessel cast their nets near Goat Island Sunday night and let them float with the tide until off Lime Point. There the fishermen were startled by a commotion in the water where their nets were spread. A huge fish had caught in it and the men set to work to save their nets as well as to capture the monster. The fish in its fight for liberty floundered over the gunwale of the boat, striking Maggio and knocking him down. The fisherman in his fall sustained internal injuries.

Oneida, Idaho, Republican: The Republican's suggestions in regard to the lighting of Preston by electricity seems likely to materialize. The business men of Preston are live and enterprising, and to that fact can the business standing and importance of the town