NEWS OF THE WEST.

Citizens of Butte, Mont., are Displaying Practical Sympathy.

SNOWSLIDE AT CREEDE, COLORADO.

Sheridan, Wyo., Has an Eye to Local Improvements.—Sheriff Sales in a Cabin, Etc.

Sheridan, Wyo., expended nearly $70,000 in improvements last year.

Over 200,000 trout have recently been hatched in the Wyoming state fish hatchery, and 600,000 eggs are on the ways.

The Sacramento (Calif.) city trustees have accepted the offer of the committee of safety to furnish 100 special policemen without pay to patrol the city and keep it free from tramps and roughs.

Says the Lafayette Republican: Two colored people in the city last Wednesday evening for the purpose of engaging an African colony. It is understood that a company has been sent to the dark district to secure a location for the proposed settlement.

A Great Falls, Mont., paper says that engineers are at work at Belanche Falls surveying a site for the location of the railroad from Marias Duty to north of that point. The Great Northern is to build a bridge across the river at that point and will make that the main line to Great Falls.

Butte Bicycle fan been here for several days, says the Rock Springs, Wyo., Miner, waiting the final settlement of the transfer of the Mary Helen mine to a Chicago syndicate. Five hundred dollars have been placed on deposit as a guarantee of good faith by the purchasers. Dr. Wallace is in Denver waiting final negotiations.

Aspen, Colo., lawyers are said to have discovered that the law regulating jury trials has not been complied with for a year past, and, as one lawyer put it, every prisoner in the penitentiary today, who has been sentenced from Pitkin county during the past twelve months, can be liberated by taking the case to the supreme court.

The citizens of the western half of Yuma county, Colo., have met and appointed a committee of seven to solicit and distribute aid for the needy. Coal, clothing, provisions and seed grain are needed and must be secured. The committee is now waiting on the legislature and chamber of commerce at Denver for aid, and it is hoped to appeal to the people in the east.

James Tait, a man living alone twenty miles from Butte, Mont., has been found dead in his cabin, and from the appearance of things suicide was the cause of death. A bullet hole in the right temple was found through the thick hair of the corpse, and the indications are that the fire has caught from the old-fashioned chimney. The interior of the cabin was scorched and smoked and the dead man's face was terrible.

A snowslide occurred upon Campbell mountain near Ouray, Colo., on Wednesday afternoon, on account of the heavy snow fall, which narrowly missed causing a death. Samuel Whalen was driving a four horse team of the Mineral Theater company. When near the lodge mine the slide was encountered, burying the leaders. With a great effort the horses were extricated and brought back to town.

On Tuesday night, says the Rock Springs, Wyo., Miner, the sentinel at the fort observed a Chinaman trying to break into the drug department of the station, and ordered him to halt. But, instead, the Chinaman took to his heels and ran for his life. Quickness, on the sentinel's part, saved the Chinaman's life in quick succession, as he dodged the flying missiles. He was finally run down, secured, and is now enjoying a cell in Uncle Sam's.

A Greeley, Colo., coroner's jury has returned a verdict finding that the disaster which occurred near Ulmer