NEWS OF THE WEST.

Death of "Big Jake," the Largest Man Among Denver's Population.

A CATTLEMEN'S PROTECTIVE ASS'N.

Sad Fatality in Idaho—"Rainmaker" Melbourne Is Unlucky.—Parker, the "Man Eater," Etc.

All hotel and restaurant waiters and cooks in Pueblo, Colo., have struck for a 15 per cent raise. About fifty men and women went out, but their places were filled.

On account of much stock stealing, a county Cattlemen's Protective association has been formed at Gunnison, Colo., with A. Hartman as president. Already it has forty-two members.

Worms are reported to be fast destroying all the box elder trees in Cheyenne, Wyo. These trees were attacked last year, but escaped without much damage. This year the leaves are being eaten from the trees entirely.

Says the Payette (Idaho) *Independent*: It is needless to remark that the railroad strike is working a great hardship on the fruit growers of the Payette valley. With transportation facilities many dollars would be coming in every day for the raspberry crop, which was never greater than at present.

Rainmaker Melbourne is certainly an unlucky man, according to the Cheyenne *Sun*. He is unlucky for the reason that if he had made his contract with the people of Laramie county to produce ten inches of rain during June, July and August, he would have received a good start in July, at least, with no effort on his own part. More rain fell in this city on the Fourth and 5th than has fallen in this locality for two years.

The Wyoming state board of pardons have refused the application of Alfred Parker for pardon, all the members voting in the negative except Governor Waite and J. Warner Mills, who asked to be excused. This action finally disposes of the Parker case, which has been pending before the board for six months. The only testimony offered was a thirteen page letter from General Adams. Parker will be remembered as the "man eater."

A company of immigrants camped down the river near the Beebe hill are owners of several head of buffalo, says the Lander (Wyo.) *Gazette*. They have one full-blood bull, one half-blood and one three-quarter-blood and two half-blood cows. They are fine specimens, especially the full-blood, and are attracting considerable attention from our people. The owners are on their way to Jackson's Hole, where they will take land and endeavor to raise a herd of these animals.

Wayne Badley, son of D. L. Badley, of Meridian, Idaho, has met with a severe accident. He was riding home on a load of wheat when the loose wheat slipped toward the front of the wagon, throwing him immediately under the horses' heels. One of the horses kicked him in the face, mangling his nose and mouth fearfully. Two doctors dressed his wound. The little fellow refused to take either stimulants or anæsthetics and bore the severe operation without a murmur.

Jake Olmstead, better known in Denver as "Big Jake," one of the owners of the "Hub" saloon on Seventeenth street, has just died after an illness of a few days. Jake was known as the biggest man in Denver, weighing about 350 pounds, his tall and mammoth proportions attracting attention everywhere and making him well known to all who ever saw him. Mr. Olmstead was a cowboy up to a few years ago when he located in Denver, in the saloon business, and up to that time was a comparatively thin man for his height. As a cowboy he was known all over the cattle country. He was born in Indiana and was only 34 years of age.

Idaho *Daily Statesman*: Thomas Cahalan Jr., youngest son of T. D. Cahalan, was killed a few days ago while running with Rescue Engine company No. 1, of which he was a member, in one of the firemen's races. The Rescue boys were coming down Eighth avenue like the wind, when Cahalan, who was putting forth all his exertions, stumbled and fell in the road. The wheel of the heavy hose cart struck him in the back, rolled him over and passed over his chest. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and expired about five minutes later. Death resulted from internal injuries which brought on a hemorrhage.

Literary Note.

The unpublished letters of J. R. Lowell written to Edgar Poe during the years 1842 to 1844, to appear in *Scribner's Magazine* for August, will prove more interesting than most of such correspondence, not only on account of the information they give concerning the early literary interests and ambitions of these two famous authors, but especially for their perfect frankness and revelation of the cordial personal relations that marked Lowell's young admiration for Poe, before the days of "The Fable for Critics." They are peculiarly full of the charm of outspoken friendliness and sympathetic appreciation for a brother artist.

Dangers.

When the Liverpool and Manchester steam railroad was projected, all sorts of objections were made. "The smoke would kill all the birds." "The sparks would set the houses on fire." "Passengers could not breathe in a train moving so rapidly." "The railroad would kill all the game." "Thousands of coachmen would be thrown out of employment." "The English spirit of independence would be totally destroyed."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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