

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Roswell, N. M., is becoming noted for its large production of fine colons.

Strawberries are shipped daily from Gardena, says the Los Angeles *Express*.

Butte, Mont., merchants report a better holiday trade than they had one year ago.

Idaho's diamond fields are again attracting attention and claims being staked off.

The Rio Grande Southern railroad has reduced passenger rates from 10 cents to 6 cents per mile.

Morgan county, Colorado, declines to receive more coyote scalps, because the state bounty fund is exhausted.

At Eddy, N. M., the great dam which was washed out last August, causing a loss of \$125,000, has been restored.

The Laramie, Wyo., glass works are to cost \$100,000; of this amount the people are to pay a bonus of \$30,000 in cash.

Deep snow in the South park of Colorado insures abundance of water for irrigation in the Platte valley next summer.

N. W. Mexico college of agriculture at Las Cruces has issued a valuable pamphlet on insect pests of the Rocky mountain region.

Greeley, Colo., papers announce a plentiful fall of snow along the headwaters of the Cache la Poudre. Water will be plentiful.

At Ordway, in the Arkansas valley, Colo., 70 cents a hundred is being offered for 10,000 bushels of wheat suitable for sheep feed.

Wyoming convicts in the Laramie penitentiary, 117 in number, were treated to a chicken and mince pie dinner on Christmas day.

The first rails for the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad have arrived at Florence and will soon be laid for the use of a construction train.

At Greeley, Colo., Mr. C. A. Miloud has just received a present of a 100-pound sack of potatoes. The sack contained just thirteen potatoes.

Charles Bodman, one of the best known engineers of the Northwest, has been arrested at Spokane, Wash., on a charge of smuggling opium.

James R. Tyler, a clerk in the auditing department of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, has died from the effects of escaping gas.

The public school at Lusk, Wyo., has closed because the directors refused to purchase coal, and the children's parents refused to contribute fuel.

Kit Carson county, Cal., contains much rich unclaimed government land which the settlers of that county desire occupied before spring crop planting.

At Cheyenne a mass meeting has been held and resolutions passed by taxpayers demanding a reduction of city officials salaries to a hard times basis.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Reno, Nevada, has been held for the purpose of appointing a committee to

provide for the deserving poor of that town.

At Lamar, Colo., on January 15, another large rabbit hunt will take place, Trinidad, and La Junta will send their crack shots to the bunny shoot.

Trinidad, Colo., has developed a sensation. Postmaster Roosa has filed a suit for divorce and names the city marshal of Trinidad as the cause of his action.

The governor of New Mexico has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the two men who recently brutally murdered ex-Sheriff Doherty, of Moro county, N. M.

Near Montrose, Colo., twelve orchard tracts have just been sold under the Louisenbliser ditch, upon which preparations are being made to plant 5,000 fruit trees.

A petition is circulating at Grantsville, Idaho, requesting the county commissioners to put a bounty of \$1 on coyote scalps and 5 cents per beat on squirrel scalps.

At Trinidad the snow was sufficient on New Year's eve for sleighing, and the streets of the Southern Colorado metropolis were thronged with sleighs and cutters.

Farmers of Montezuma valley, Colorado, are hauling their wheat from thirty to sixty-five miles to Durango in wagons, and make good wages by saving railroad charges.

Golden, Colo., clays have recently been tested in eastern glass and pottery works and pronounced to be the finest and purest known for making glass and pottery.

White Oak, N. M., indignantly denies that miners are starving or that hard times prevail there. The Colorado papers are requested to revise their slanderous statements.

The Eddy-Bissell Cattle company of the Pecos, N. M., valley, has marketed recently 1755 head of fat cattle, mostly old bulls and cows, at prices ranging from \$14 to \$17 a head.

Silver depression has caused Kingston, N. M., to lose its paper. The *Shift*, published by J. P. Hyland, will remove to Rincon, Dona Ana county, N. M., early in January.

In White Oak, N. M., last week artesian water was struck at a depth of 110 feet. The water immediately rose 60 feet to the tube. The water problem has been solved in White Oak.

In Eddy county, N. M., thousands of Texas sheep are being herded in the Guadalupe mountains and the sheriff and assessor are called upon to assess the trespassing Texans for taxes.

Maricopa county, Arizona, schools cost \$98,000 last year, \$45,000 of which went to improvements and new school houses. This is a significant and favorable sign in the coming new state.

The Helena land office has received from the surveyor general plates of recently surveyed lands located in Cascade and Meagher counties. The land will be open to entry February 2nd.

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Las Vegas, N. M., has enjoyed summerlike weather this winter while ice has frozen fifteen inches thick seven or eight miles away. The Las Vegas ice crop will be a very valuable one this year.

Natural gas has been struck at a depth of 255 feet, while a Mr. Blake was boring for water near Farmington, N. M. The people in the San Juan region are much elated over the discovery.

Delta, Colo., has shipped by express during the past four months 231,853 pounds of fruit, 32,992 pounds of vegetables and 529 boxes of eggs. Also two freight cars of apples weighting 32,000 pounds.

The Saguache, Colo., reservoir will soon be commenced. An appropriation of \$30,000 is available for the work and now the title to the reservoir site has been secured the dirt will soon begin to fly.

Trinidad, Colo., appears to be determined to suppress the gambling dens which have so long been a feature as a nuisance upon Trinidad's main streets. The crusade is in full blast there now.

Thirty five-tal tons of the finest Hongkong opium have been seized in the forward hold of the steamer *Gaelic*, lying at the Pacific Mail dock at San Francisco. The steamer arrived last Saturday night.

An aged mail carrier became lost in the snow between Buffalo and Red Rock, Wyo., last week, and wandered in a circle for two days. When found he was about to lie down and die, as he was quite exhausted.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., there is a magnificent display of native grasses on exhibition in the state capitol. There are 100 varieties, and among them blue stem grass five feet long and buffalo grass half that length.

Crested Butte, Colo., the noted coal and coke town of Gunnison county, requires six locomotives daily to haul its product away. From \$18,000 to \$20,000 monthly is paid out among the workmen of Crested Butte.

Boulder county has decided to relieve its unemployed by building a road from Oredell to Orisman. Only married men are to be given work and those who decline to work will receive no relief from Boulder county.

Utah and Ute Indians are said to be organizing for a big hunt outside their reservations. Game wardens have warned the redskins to look out for trouble if they trespass within the White River settlements of Colorado.

From Farmington, N. M., Colonel E. L. Johnson, of Philadelphia, is about to fit out an expedition of six men with pack mules and start on a trip to Patagonia and Cape Horn. He goes to obtain material for a book.

La Porte, near Fort Collins, Colo.,