WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Discovery of Gold Bullion Stolen Four Years Ago.

A WYOMING EDITOR GETS OFFICE

Hurt in a Mine.—Had Enough of Lightning Rods.—Settlement of an Irrigation Case.

J. V. Demuth, of Pocatello, Idaho, upon whom Dr. J. M. Benedict, of Salt Lake, performed a difficult surgical operation a few days ago, is recovering his health.

Receiver Elmer Johnson of the United States land office left Del Norte for Alamosa on the 11th and has not been heard from since. Johnson's friends are at a loss to know why he does not return.

Chatville (Colorado) Gem: Geo. Buchanan, employed at the Creole Creek mine, lost his hand last this week while at work. It seems that he was shifting down a chute and tried to catch hold of a prop to stop himself when the prop gave way and a chunk of coal fell on his hand, injuring it quite badly.

The committee selected some time ago by the Uncompahgre Valley Beet Sugar association to collect subscriptions from the merchants to be used in the purchase of beet seed and machinery for the cultivation of the beets, reported on Tuesday that nearly $900 had been collected for such purpose. The Montrose county, Colorado, people are taking hold of the subject of beet culture with a great deal of enthusiasm.

The Arizona Construction company of Peoria, Ills., which brought suit recently against the Gila Bend Reservoir and Irrigation company for $40,000, withdrew its suit at Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday, and paid the costs. The reservoir and irrigation company will now take possession of the canal and hereafter sell water and conduct business regardless of the Peoria company. The cause of the withdrawal was the knowledge of the fact that the Peoria company was not incorporated under the laws of Illinois.

A dispatch from Lewiston, Washington, says: On Friday night about 11 o'clock a fire broke out in the City hotel at Asotin. The building was frame and the fire spread rapidly. There were ten guests at the hotel besides the proprietor's family, and they were awakened to find themselves surrounded by flames. Mrs. Myers and her two children were taken out badly scorched. George Gibson leaped from an upper story window and escaped with slight injuries. Frank Sherry, who aroused Gibson, hesitated to leap and was burned to death.

James Cole, of San Bernardino, Cal., found on Saturday a $110 silver nugget, which he sold to an assayer for $100. It was conveyed "Vulture mine." Next day another bar was found of large size. Both were lying in a ditch where the water from Cole's sluice is carried off. Some four years ago Calvin Good, superintendent of the Vulture mine in Arizona, was murdered while carrying bullion to Prescott by three Mexicans. One was afterward shot by officers, while the other two escaped in this direction. It is believed that the find is part of the bullion secured by the robbers at that time.

Work has begun in earnest on the South Side canal, in Yuma county. One hundred and forty teams are at work on the dam. A $30,000 pumping plant is being constructed on the mesa to supply the new town of Chrysotile and the laborers on the canal with water. The canal, with its branches and reservoirs, will irrigate 300,000 acres, and with the dam, which will be of solid masonry, will cost $2,000,000. The dam will be fifty feet high and 1500 feet long, and will form a reservoir eleven miles long. The canal will be fifty miles, carrying eight feet of water, and will be 125 miles in length. It will take two years to complete the work. Five hundred men will be employed.

The express business of the Rio Grande Western road has for years been in charge of the Denver and Rio Grande Express company, with headquarters in Denver. A change is about to be inaugurated. The Western Express company was incorporated on Saturday in the office of the secretary of state to operate on the Rio Grande Western system. The new company is capitalized at $2,000,000 and has at its head two of the Western's leading officers in Denver. The principal office will be opened in this city and a general express business will be transacted. The directors are D. C. Dodge, C. C. Smith, George R. Dodge, Robert Harkness and William F. Cotton.

A joke is told on P. C. Krauss at Echo in connection with the lightning rod swindle. When Krauss realized that he was caught in the net in the tune of $50, he told the man he could take down the rods, he did not want them. The lightning man with his usual urbanity and willingness to comply with anything says "All right" and pulling a yellow slip of paper out of his pocket says, just sign this and we will take them down. Krauss looked at the paper then at the man and backing away replied, "Sign that, you let your line I won't sign anything, take your rods away but I won't sign any more papers," and the smooth-faced, slip-tongued dispenser of fire rods walked away with Krauss' note for $50 safely concealed in his inside vest pocket.

The first Wyoming appointment under the new administration was received at Cheyenne on Saturday. E. S. Mercer, editor of the *Northwest Livestock Journal*, was appointed national agent of the agricultural bureau for Wyoming. Editor Mercer is one of the brightest Democratic politicians in the state, and distinguished himself in the late campaign by exposing the schemes of the cattle barons in their plots of invasion and land grabbing. He originated the issue against Warren's and land bill; first published the famous Dunbar confession, and more such fearless warfare on the Cheyenne ring that he was at one time assaulted in his office and at another time his office was sacked and his paper suppressed. Again he was arrested in Chicago at the instance of a cattle king, and thrown in jail on the charge of criminal libel. He emerged from all these rocky experiences victorious, and is regarded throughout the state as the able and fearless champion of the people. He is about to start a new paper to be called the *Wyoming Cattle Journal*. It will be Democratic in politics and has the backing of the leading Democrats of the state.

White Man and Digger.

If any spot on the globe seems especially blessed by nature, it is California. Whether one contemplates her mineral wealth, fruit bearing, vast crain crops, her clean fields, golden wheat or boundless pasturage, the eye is satisfied and the mind entranced. Here pollution and abomination have been the product of the first five years of civilization. Human progress has brought a crowd of a million gentlemen in history, and many wonderful things are yet to come, if one reads aright the signs.

Yet what would all this glorious scene have been if the Yankee had not found possession of it and added it to his goods? The miserable Indian, for the Digger Indian had lived there and had things all his own way. What California would have been if the Yankee had not taken hold of it is shown by the condition of the remnant of Diggers yet found along the mountain streams. Instead of the bewildering array of fruits and foliage which the white Californian now enjoys and also digs out, by the hundreds of carloads, the Digger lived on grasshoppers, worm seed and pine nuts. Once every twelve moons he dug their bodies away by throwing water down into it, never dreaming of anything so degraded would and blessing a few hours. A rich, creamy grasshopper stew was his dish. He knew of all edibles.

Hilton has never given up the idea of exporting its energy from coal without first burning the coal and making steam and turning that steam into power. He has been working at it 15 years in the hope of reaching a dozen or twenty other inventions. He feels sure now that his process for extracting from from magnetic ore by electricity is a success. But he is tired of patents. He will apply for no more. He will simply keep his process and inventions to himself and make all the money out of them he can by using them directly in manufacturing. The magnetic extracting process completed and the necessary plants built, Hilton will next concentrate all his great powers on developing an electric current directly from coal.

Lake Superior frozen so solid as to allow sleigh rides is a spectacle seen for the first time in years.

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WHEREAS, ALMARIN H. SUTCLIFF, on the 3d day of March, 1893, made and published to the public at his place of business in Salt Lake City, Utah, his certain notice in the words and figures following, to wit: "Notice is hereby given that I, A. H. Sutcliff, intend to sell the business and good will of my saloon, located at 155 Main street, Salt Lake City, Utah, to Thomas Kearns and Reed Smoot, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and that the name of said saloon will be changed from the date of said sale, and that all persons having claims against said business should present the same to me for payment on or before the date of said sale, and that the said Thomas Kearns and Reed Smoot will not be responsible for any debts contracted by said Almarin H. Sutcliff, or any other person, in said business after said date." Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, do hereby give notice to the creditors of said Almarin H. Sutcliff, that the said Thomas Kearns and Reed Smoot will not be responsible for any debts contracted by said Almarin H. Sutcliff, or any other person, in said business after said date.

Dated Salt Lake City, March 10, 1893.

THOMAS KEARNS,
REED SMOOT,
Firm of Kearns & Smoot,
By CHARLES SHOOTS, Jr., Attorney.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court of the Third Judicial District, in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of Jesse Fergusson, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST the estate of said deceased are required to present the same, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the undersigned, at the office of Messrs. Dickson, Ellis & Van Cott, Commercial Block, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the same being the place of business of said firm, the place for the transaction of business of said Probate Court, and the place for the administration of said estate.

Dated March 10, 1893.

J. E. FERGUSON,
JOHN GRAY,
Administrators of the Estate of Jesse Fergusson, deceased.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court of the Third Judicial District, in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas Jackson, deceased.

Order setting time for hearing claims.

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID ESTATE HAVING FILED HIS PETITION, PRAYING for the payment of the preferred claims against said estate, and the settlement of said estate, and the same coming on to be heard at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of this day, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said petition should be heard at this time, and that said petition should be heard at this time, and that said petition should be heard at this time, and