NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Bolt and Dynamite Prove a Disastrous Combination.

WHISKY SMUGGLING IN ALASKA.

Cowboy Preacher Rice and His Wife Cause a Riot—Found Dead in Bed—Badly Burned.

The Deming, New Mexico, Headlight publishes for the benefit of young men who desire to take advantage of leap year a list of the eligible young men of the town who are said to be faithful to prepare marriage themselves.

The ten-year-old son of James Hixon of Clarendale, Cal., found a dynamite bomb and took it to his mother, who, to make sure that it was not dangerous, put a bolt in it to pick out the dirt. The bolt fell through and the three fingers of the right hand.

Ernest Browne, and elderly Irishman of some means was found dead in bed in his room at Oakland, Cal., Sunday. The gas was turned partly on and the old man had undoubtedly been asphyxiated. He probably had turned on the gas by accident.

The Alaska newspapers are much agitated over the unlawful importation of liquor into the territory. One paper states the recitals of the revenue cutter Wolcott as saying that the method of smuggling liquor from British Columbia ports has been abandoned, and it is now brought in by the regular passenger steamers from Puget sound.

The Fort Steele, Wyoming, correspondent of the Saratoga Sun, says that like news was thrown into quite an excitement Friday night. About midnight the family of a man by the name of Kelso, better known as Spider Kelly, was disturbed from profound slumber by what the female portion conjectured as "a man." Spider was a new playing crape, so Mrs. Kelso grabbed a six-shooter and shot the intruder at it in the direction of the noise. Then she ran to town for her husband. When they got back to the house and had made a light, they found Mrs. K. had killed one of Ed. Kelly's bull calves that had tried to get in some way to escape from the cold.

Bonneagle county, Cal., which is twice as big as Rhode Island, has a population but of 6,000. Nearly 80,000 acres of her rich soil are under cultivation, and a billion of crops has never been missed, so the county has the largest irrigation facilities of any in the state, and orchard and other products flourish with or without irrigation. More than 30,000,000 pounds of fruits were grown in the county in 1895, and large areas have come to bearing since. The acreage of the county is listed as follows: Orchards, deciduous and orange, 20,000; grapes, wine and raisin, 10,000; berries, 1,000; vegetables, 50,000; potatoes, 10,000; beans, 7,000; hops, 2,000; alfalfa, 30,000; wheat, 80,000; barley, 60,000; hay, 70,000; corn, 7,000; oats, 1,000; grazing land, 180,000; unreclaimed swamp, 60,000.

When the section men on the railroad two or three miles north of Oceanside, Cal., went to work Saturday morning they discovered a strange man, apparently asleep, and acting queerly, running about near the track. Constable Stacey was notified and drove to the spot in a wagon, ready to grapple with the supposed lunatic. He proved to be an unemployed man, who had been tramping along the track. He was a Canadian, but his name could not be learned. He was in a terrible condition, his clothing having been torn off and his body badly scorched. Nothing could be learned from him except that he had made a camp at Los Angeles Junction and built a fire. He awoke during the night to find that his clothing was on fire, and in his frantic efforts to extinguish the flames only burned himself worse, as a brisk breeze was blowing at the time. He suffered horrible pain, and was unconscious for a time. When the constable reached him he was almost exhausted, and was wandering about half dazed. The man had a narrow escape from death, and may yet succumb.

There was almost a riot in front of the Los Angeles, Cal., police station Sunday night on account of the arrest of J. H. Rice, the cowboy street preacher, and his wife, who held forth in Salt Lake a few months ago, and had some trouble here. Saturday evening Mrs. Rice was preaching on Spring street and attracted a crowd which blockaded the sidewalk so that pedestrians could not pass and certain alleys could not be entered by Saturday night shoppers. Business men complained to the police, who requested the female preacher to move to a side street. She refused and consequently was arrested and locked up for the night, as she refused to accept bail before Sunday morning. Sunday evening her husband began a harangue on Spring street again, counseling principally a little against the morning papers, which had "roasted" him and his wife. He was challenging the reporters to fight and asking the crowd to contribute the sinews of war, when Police Sergeant Mortine told him that he would not be permitted to obstruct the street for that sort of a harangue. Rice immediately closed, but his wife mounted a dry goods box and began preaching. The police were so sure that pedestrians and even street cars could scarcely pass. He said it was not his meeting but his wife's. She was requested to adjourn to a less public place. She refused and was again arrested. A crowd followed to the police station and blockaded street in front of the station, to the great hooting and yelling. Finally Rice, with a band of religious followers, began marching up and down the street in front of the station, singing hymns. This continued until police commissioner Hartman appeared on the scene and ordered Sergeant Mortine to arrest Rice and disperse the crowd. Rice was jailed and a squad of policemen drove the crowd to clear the street. Some business resulted and a dozen or more were arrested. When the crowd saw that the police were in earnest they scattered and by midnight all was quiet. Rice was released Monday morning and left for his home in Salt Lake City. His wife was released on bail about midnight, and hurried home to her babies, but kept up the night in jail.

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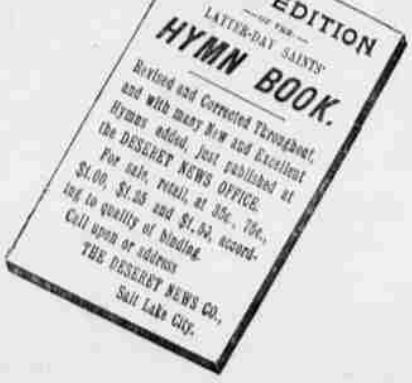
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