

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

then a crash. Large stones and chunks of black substance came rolling down the side of the mountain, scattering in every direction for hundreds of yards along the valley. The house of Mrs. Hester Yates, on the mountain side, was demolished and the logs scattered in every direction. Mrs. Yates and family, consisting of several small children were buried beneath the debris. The hard substance was over half buried in the mountain side, but striking a solid rock and burst into hundreds of pieces. People for miles around have turned out and are now searching for the bodies of Mrs. Yates and her children.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The Senate committee on fisheries, decided today to report with favorable recommendation the nomination of Commander John J. Brice of California to be fish commissioner. The report will be unanimous.

MADRID, March 20.—It is officially announced that General Weyler has telegraphed the home government that he is satisfied with the course of the military operations in Cuba and has no motive to resign.

CHICAGO, March 20.—The Women's Educational union has adopted a memorial which will be presented to the board of education asking for the compulsory reading of Bible lessons in the public schools. A copy of the memorial will also be sent to every church and religious organization in the city for signatures.

BERLIN, March 20.—The Reichstag committee concluded the first reading of the sugar bill and fixed the import duty at 40 marks on a hundred kilos.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—At a meeting of the House committee on public buildings today the following bills for public buildings were reported favorably by the subcommittee:

Bolton, Ida., \$50,000 additional; Reno, Nev., \$50,000; Santa Rosa, Cal., \$40,000; Salt Lake City, Utah, \$350,000; Alameda, Cal., \$100,000; Tacoma, Wash., \$400,000; Stockton, Cal., \$175,000.

ELICOTT CITY, Md., March 21.—A terrific dynamite explosion occurred here today, killing ex-Tax Collector Claggett and Lee Williams, colored, employed in grading for the electric railroad. The men on the road fifty yards distant were thrown to the ground and stunned by the concussion.

LONDON, March 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Tucker sailed for America today to assume command of the Salvation Army forces there. They will offer liberal inducements to Ballington Booth to return to the fold and, failing in this, hope to win him back by prayer.

General Booth says he is confident his son will rejoin the army. His message to America is "Peace and goodwill."

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 21.—The latest mail from Venezuela brought long expected annual material to establish its case before the Venezuelan commission. There are about sixty maps.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 21.—An explosion is reported to have occurred this morning in the lower coal shaft at Port Royal, near West Newton, Pa. Two injured men have been taken from the shaft. Fire Boss Donnelly and Davis, the water boy, are in the mine and supposed to be dead.

H. S. Wibans of Salt Lake is stopping at the Hotel Glenwood, in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Bertha Bryant, 18 years old, committed suicide in San Francisco Tuesday night because of unrequited love.

Mrs. Charles Parker of Salt Lake has gone to Glenwood Springs, Colo., and from there will continue her journey eastward.

An Anaheim, Cal., man is breaking ostriches to drive single, double and tandem. They will be exhibited at the great Paris exposition in 1900.

J. J. Moffat, twice a deserter from the service of the United States and guilty, besides, of theft from members of the Light Battery at the Presidio, Cal., has been sent to Alcatraz prison for five years.

A reservoir scheme near Curlew, Idaho, is being engineered by workingmen, who expect to bring under cultivation a considerable quantity of Idaho and Utah land under the proposed reservoir.

County Clerk Hart, of Fresno, Cal., is puzzled. A will written in the classic Chinese of Confucius and Mencius has been filed for record, and he is at a loss how to transcribe it into the book kept for that purpose.

In accordance with the last wish of Jacob Samm his remains were cremated in Los Angeles, Cal., Tuesday. Mr. Samm's estate goes entirely to his widow, and consists of securities worth from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

A gasoline stove explosion caused the loss by fire Monday morning of the elegant suburban residence of Geo. Rice, formerly state horticultural commissioner at Alhambra, Cal. The loss was \$10,000 partly covered by insurance.

Monday morning W. G. Pearne was sentenced at Oroville, Cal., by Judge John C. Gray to one year's imprisonment at San Quentin. Pearne was convicted last week of manslaughter in driving over an aged woman a Bigga last fall.

The employees of the Mining Era, which was started a few months ago at Colorado Springs, Col., as a daily mining paper, have attached the printing outfit for wages due them. The paper has not been issued since the first of the month.

John Wilson was killed November 21st last while at work in the engine house of the Sutter street Railway company, San Francisco. His widow and two minor children Tuesday brought suit against the railroad company to recover \$50,000 damages.

One night last week six masked men entered the room of a member of the demi-monde at Williams, A. T., tied her hand and foot, tied a handkerchief over her mouth and finally chloroformed her. They then searched her room and appropriated \$350.

Efforts are being made by friends of Mrs. F. Meier and her son, August, formerly of Virginia, Nev., and Sacramento, to trace them, an inheritance having fallen to the former through the death of her brother. When last

heard of August was on the Pacific coast.

While attempting to steal a ride on the west-bound overland Tuesday morning, near Rocklin, Cal., two unknown men were instantly killed by an engine backing up on the adjoining track. A key check found on one of the bodies bore the name of G. B. Jones, Denver.

A question agitating police circles of Oakland, Cal., is where is Officer C. L. Banks? The impression prevails that he has left Oakland for good and is well on his way to his old home in Summerville, Mass. He is wanted at Oakland as an important witness in an alleged bribery case.

Giovanni Aguir, a native of the island of Malta, who had been a familiar figure on the streets of Oakland, Cal., for fifty-five years, passed away Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hannivan, 604 Filbert street, at the age of 104 years. His mother died when he was four years old.

Monday afternoon John Osborne was asleep on the railroad track near Ben Lomond, Cal., and was run over and killed by a train. A companion who was asleep at the side of the track escaped injury. Osborne was 20 years old, the son of Judge Osborne, who resides on Newell creek, Cal.

Rock Springs, Wyoming, Miners: Steve Angelo and Joseph Faednell have become joint owners in forty-nine acres of land near Ogden, for which they paid \$50 per acre. Mr. and Mrs. Angelo have already gone to Utah to cultivate the land. Joe will follow as soon as he can rent his saloon.

Mrs. Abraham Ninesdobitch procured a warrant Tuesday in San Francisco for the arrest of her husband on a charge of bigamy. The parties were married in Russia, and divorced in Chicago. Some complication arose over this divorce, and the decree was annulled. The complaining witness had Ninesdobitch arrested once on a charge of adultery.

Officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in San Francisco Tuesday arrested Mrs. Kate McNamara on a charge of cruelty to children. When the officers reached the house Mrs. McNamara was drunk and the children were lying, filthy and hungry, about her. She was taken to the city prison and the children were sent to the Youth's Directory.

The newshy's home in San Francisco furnishes meals to the boys at five and ten cents. For his nickel, the boy gets soup or beans or sandwiches or mush and milk or hamburger steak or corn beef hash or pie or cake. With each of these is furnished bread, butter and coffee. For ten cents he may have a banquet of steak, chops, eggs, stew, sausage or fish cakes, served with soup, bread, butter and coffee.

A report received from the sheriff at Kingman, Arizona, Thursday, from Cedar mining camp, states that the body of an unknown man was found in an old abandoned mine shaft Wednesday. The shaft was filled with water and the body was found floating