WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A Deputy U. S. Marshal's Encounter with a Cowboy in Idaho.

WIDESPREAD EPIDEMIC OF TYPHUS FEVER.

Chinese Swindlers at Work on the Coast.—Shocking Accident while Excavating in Colorado.

Alfalfa, says *Field and Farm*, is quoted from $12 to $14 a ton at Las Cruces, New Mexico, and it looks as though it would be worth fully $15 the coming spring.

John MacDonald has died at Trinidad, Colo., from the effects of a pounding he got last Sunday evening by Manuel Hammed, a spaniard. Hammed has been arrested and placed in jail.

A bloody encounter is reported to have occurred at Bessemer, Colorado, among the Italians employed at that place. One was seriously cut while several are injured. The affair grew out of a quarrel which occurred several days before.

Williams and Gifford of Republican city, Nebraska, last week purchased one hundred and fifty head of cattle of George Tuttle of Axtus, Washington county, to be delivered in February. The price paid was two and one-half cents per pound.

Never before in the history of the Bessemer Steel works has the output for a single week equalled the one just ended. During the past seven days the works have averaged 1200 steel rails—sixty-six pounders. There are at present over 1200 men on the pay roll.

A. Gee, the English civil engineer who, while at work on the Siberian railway, assisted two American seamen who had been sent to the mines to get out of the country, has just arrived at San Francisco, on the steamer Rio de Janeiro from Yokohama on his way to London, England.

The skeleton of John Waters, a well known Arizona bear hunter, has been found in the rocks just below town by James Lands. The remains were identified by some of the deceased. Waters disappeared about the 23rd of November. He is supposed to have been insane at the time of his death.—Tombstone (Arizona) *Prospector*.

Owing to the late cold snaps, says the Nogales (N.M.) *Advertiser*, lack of grass where there is water and the great distances between grass and water, many cattle are dying in southern Pima county. The greatest mortality is among the old cows and very young calves. Stock growers will be very fortunate if they do not experience a loss of at least fifty per cent of their cattle this winter.

Quite a sensation was created in the United Brethren church at Ni Wot, Colo., on Sunday last, by the choir leaving their seats in a body at the conclusion of the Sunday school exercises and taking seats with the congregation. They took offence at some caustic remarks of the pastor, one Rev. Crawford, directed to them last Sabbath, and say they will not furnish any more music until apologies are made.

A special to the Los Angeles *Express* from Flagstaff, Arizona, states: Gold hunters in this locality are still as numerous as flies in June. The recent exciting stories from the territory of the San Juan, stories of the finding of huge nuggets of the precious metal, varying in weight from one ounce to four, have had their effect, and many miners have packed their burros and bind themselves away to the promised land.

Good farming land in Colorado subject to irrigation can be bought at $20 to $300 an acre, but averaging $25 to $30 an acre. The same land, under cultivation, to grain and other farm crops, will pay the interest on $500 an acre, and if given to vegetables and fruits will net twelve per cent on $500 an acre. No comment is necessary on these facts. *Field and Farm* makes these statements.

Nearly all the towns and cities of Northern Mexico except Monterey and Durango are afflicted with an epidemic of typhus fever, and the rates of mortality from the disease are alarming. The epidemic has even reached Eagle Pass, Tex., where the brother of the Mexican consul is sick with it. The health authorities of the government, aided by those of the different cities, are doing every means to control and stamp out the disease.

The report of the mining inspector for 1892 shows that during the year there were forty-three fatal accidents in the mines of Montana and twenty-four non-fatal. There was but one fatal accident in the coal mines, which employ 1500 men. The others occurred in quartz mines, which employ 4500 men. The mining inspector says the number of accidents is small in the percentage much below the which obtained in other mining states.

A New York syndicate is now making a survey for a reservoir and dam on the Big Sandy, near Signal, in Mohave county, Arizona. The irrigation scheme is an extensive one, and the intention is to cover with ditches about 150 miles square. The soil is rich, and every known fruit and vegetable can be successfully raised on these lands. There are also rich mines adjacent. The proposed scheme of irrigation is the most extensive yet undertaken in Arizona.

News has been received here, says the Mohave (Arizona) *Miner*, that a strike had been made in the bottom of the deepest shaft on the Blind Gold mine at White Hills. The strike was made by Baldwin and Lutkovitch on a portion of the Goddess claim leased by them. The ore is full of horn silver and is said to be as fine a showing as is to be seen in the camp. These men have worked faithfully and perseveringly and are deserving of their good fortune.

H. M. Thatcher met with a heavy loss last week. A valuable cow while trying for a drink on the river proved to be very fat for the ice, which gave way and let her into the water to drown. About fifty-seven hogs then proceeded to colonize the cow, which was cut off in the ice, and they too met with the same fate. The loss to M. Thatcher will foot up at least $700, as some of the hogs were imported from Valued at $25 each.—*Montezuma (Idaho) Journal*.

The Bonito (New Mexico) *Blood Light* does hopefully speak. The Tucson *Star* states that more than three hundred of the fine stock of southern Arizona which has been secured has been shipped out of the territory to save them from death by starvation. The past three years have been very severe on the cattle industry of both New Mexico and Arizona. However, there is good reason for hope that the worst is past, and that the next three or four years will see that industry restored and reinstated, on a basis that will make it impossible for such disastrous vicissitudes that have of late proved so disastrous.

Charles Meadows, an old-time newspaper of Grant county, was for several years past has been traveling with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, arrived in Silver last week and renewed his acquaintance with many friends of days gone by. While here he found the nucleus of an organization for the capture of the Kid. He is now at Pinos making arrangements with Governor Murphy concerning rewards, and in a few days will organize his band and take to the hills in search of Kid and his band. Meadows is quite confident that he can capture or kill the Kid and thus secure the reward and also a name which will give him prestige in his wild west show at Chicago next year. He will be joined in the expedition against the Kid by several cowboys from this section.—*Silver City Sentinel*.

John Lawson, employed by J. F. Manners, contractor, has been killed by the falling of an eleven foot embankment at Elsinore, Colo. The men were engaged in laying a sewer pipe through to the creek, and had strike from the contractor to see that the sides of the excavation were well propped. There were two men besides the contractor laying the sewer, Lawson and a negro. All three were standing in the ditch when the side caved in, burying the negro to the chin and completely covering Lawson. The contractor, Manners, succeeded in escaping without injury. When the dirt was removed he was found standing. He about had been crushed, and it is thought death ensued from internal injuries. He was married and about twenty-six years of age.

Some sixteen years ago Mr. Richard Irwin, with some companions, made a claim on Minor Creek, in the Stanislaus district, near Creede, Col., which are now known as the Senator Fair properties, and after doing considerable work left them and went to other parts of the state to prospect. When the Creede mining excitement commenced a year ago Mr. Irwin returned and did some work in the old tunnel on the Alpha claim. Later he abandoned the tunnel and went to work higher up on the mountain and there, after sinking but a few feet, uncovered a large vein of amethyst quartz. This was kept quiet until today, when the discovery was made that they were sacking ore for shipping. Experts state that it is the best looking ore yet discovered in the Creede district. Assays run from 40 to 1200 ounces. This is the most important discovery that has yet been made on the hills adjacent to Creede.

News has reached Great Falls, Mont., of the death of John W. Nalson, deputy United states marshal, which occurred at Homer, ninety miles northwest of Great Falls on the eastern border of Blackfoot reservation. He died from the effects of a wound received recently in a pistol encounter with a cowboy named Barber. It seems the latter used Nalson for possession of a horse. The justice of the peace at Robert became whom the case was tried decided in favor of Barber. The decision angered Nalson, and as he was riding out of Robert he met Barber. They immediately began to quarrel over the matter, and in the heat of passion Nalson drew his revolver and opened fire on the latter, one bullet grazing Barber's leg and the others going wide of the mark. The latter returned the fire, emptying his revolver at his assailant. One bullet went through Nalson's shoulder and another struck his left hand, shattering that member and coming out at the elbow. Blood poisoning set in and Nalson died as stated. Barber gave himself up and a coroner's jury exonerated him. The dead man was 32 years of age and had lived in northern Montana several years.

A unknown Chinaman walked into the store of Sun Kum Wah & Co., at San Francisco, on Monday, and told one of the proprietors that he could sell a white man a roll of pongee silk if he would send the goods to the man's house for examination. The proprietor sent a young clerk out with two bundles of pongee silk, and the pseudo commission agent accompanied the boy. The two walked out to the Western Addition. The man led the boy around different blocks so as to mystify him, and finally brought up some where on what the boy says was Webster street. The two went to the third floor of a house and the man showed the boy for more of the bundles so that he could show the silk to the lady who desired to buy it. The boy waited patiently for three long hours, and even then refused to go until the man of the house locked him out. The boy could speak English to the Chinaman, so he went correspondingly home. A detective has been put on the case. He suspects that the thief was one of the many persons who sell Chinese goods about town, and that he became acquainted at the house where he robbed the boy. He has been there in disguise previously to the silk and then slipped out by a back door with the $40 roll of pongee.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the above company for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held on Monday, January 16, 1893, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the office of the company, 75 West Second South street, Salt Lake City.

ROBERT S. WALLACE, President.

Salt Lake City, January 6, 1893. dae

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wasatch Mining and Milling Company will be held at the office of the company, Room 70, Dooly block, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1893, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers, directors and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A. C. FOSTER, Secretary.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF SALE to me directed by the Third Judicial District Court of the Territory of Utah, in the case of Ann Eliza Young Dee, plaintiff, vs. Joseph Dee, defendant, I will, on the 16th day of February, 1893, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House, in the city of Salt Lake, Salt Lake county, Utah Territory, sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the said Joseph Dee had on the 9th day of December, 1892, or at any time thereafter, in and to the following described real estate and premises, situate, lying and being in Salt Lake county, Utah Territory, to wit:

Lots numbered 3 in the subdivision of the south half of block 86, plat A, Salt Lake City survey, according to the official plat and survey of said city.

Lots numbered 3 in the subdivision of the south half of block 87, plat A, Salt Lake City survey, according to the official plat and survey of said city.

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