

up this neglected grain and give it a chance upon the dry lands of Utah, to prove itself a beneficent cereal link between the thrifty husbandman of the closing nineteenth century and his equally thrifty brother of the unrecorded past.

If Professor Latta would not call it wheat, it would be presumptuous in me to give it a name. It has the appearance of a hybrid, partaking of the nature of both wheat and barley, or perhaps rye. The evolutionist who tells us that wheat was once a wild grass, may be able to trace its development, and predict its age.

Mrs. Beauregard only has a little over a pint of this grain which she brought out in a paper sack and kindly gave me a tablespoonful. If Mr. Matheson or any other gentleman desires to give this grain a fair and honest trial to live upon its merits, I will send from my supply to each applicant, thirteen kernels until I have only thirteen left, which I reserve for my own planting.

A. BIRD.

### NEWSY PARAGRAPHS.

T. J. Lillard, a half-breed Indian, has been arrested at Cheyenne with robbing the United States mail. The man denies his guilt.

A strike is on at the Kemmerer coal mines in Wyoming and 100 men have gone out pending the recognition of the union as to who shall and who shall not be employed at the properties.

The King ranch in Monterey county, Cal., has been purchased by the Spreckles Sugar Co. The price paid is said to have been \$300,000. The land will be devoted to the cultivation of sugar beets for the supply of the new factory at Salinas.

A collision occurred on the Oregon Short Line Wednesday at the Portneuf siding, six miles south of Pocatello. Train No. 8 going south collided with a northbound freight, which occupied the siding. The shock was slight and very little damage was done.

The Colusa Parrot Mining and Smelting company of Spokane, Wash., has purchased from W. A. Clark, the millionaire mine-owner, his Butte, Mont., properties, which consist of four mines of value and the Butte reduction works. The consideration is said to have been a million dollars.

A collision Saturday evening between an electric car of the Fillmore street system and a cable car of the Sutter street line, at the corner of Sutter and Fillmore streets, San Francisco, resulted in the almost total demolition of the cable car and the serious injury of three of its passengers.

Robert Smille, the well-known contractor and capitalist of Oakland, Cal., was crushed to death beneath a falling timber at the old Starr mill at Crockett, in Contra Costa county, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was making an inspection of the work and remodeling the old flour mill into a beet sugar refinery when he met his death.

Louis Ortega, the Mexican who was last Wednesday convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Anastasio Avila at Chino, Cal., on October 14th, was sentenced Saturday to the full limit of the law, ninety-nine years' imprisonment in San Quentin. A motion for a new trial was made and quickly denied. The condemned man will be taken to San Quentin.

A Salt Lake blacksmith in the person of Thomas Aldrich is now in Butte, Mont., seeking his runaway wife. Mrs. Aldrich, it is said, made an elopement with a friend of her husband in the early part of November, going straightway to Butte, and taking with her their four-year-old child. The de-

serted blacksmith is ready and willing to forgive and forget, if his wife will only return to him.

The body of Ernest Hawthorne, who disappeared from the Silver Stream district, near Wellington, N. Z., recently, has been found. It had been pressed into a hastily dug grave on the spot where Hawthorne and a man named Stanhope had established a camp. After the disappearance of Hawthorne, Stanhope moved camp and was afterwards arrested charged with forging a check, and is in jail. That Hawthorne was murdered, is beyond doubt.

News from San Gregorio, near Redwood City, Cal., tells of a fatal accident to a young farmer by the name of Joseph Francisco. He was felling a tree Friday afternoon, and before he could get out of the way the heavy limbs struck him. Men engaged in similar work near by came to his assistance. He died within thirty minutes after the accident. The body was badly mangled. The deceased was a native of San Mateo county, aged 25 years, and unmarried.

An unknown man jumped overboard from the narrow gauge ferry-boat, Bay City, when opposite Goat Island, on its last trip to Oakland, Cal., after midnight Sunday morning. A boat was lowered in all haste, but the body of the man was not found. It is supposed that a desire to commit suicide was the motive which prompted the act. None of the passengers had noticed the man until he was seen to disappear over the rail and no accurate description of his appearance was to be obtained from any of the persons on the ferry-boat who saw him take the fatal plunge.

John Trouette, a Frenchman living in Golden Gate, Cal., placed the muzzle of a shot-barreled shotgun at his throat in a fit of despondency Friday morning and pulled the trigger. Death followed almost instantly, as when John Chisau, who employs Trouette, rushed to the scene upon hearing the report of the gun, he found the man lying in a pool of blood, dead. The suicide was a single man, 46 years of age. He had worked for Chisau several months as gardener and his eccentricities had been marked. He was of a morose disposition and often brooded.

A dispatch from San Francisco today says: The transportation companies have agreed upon a passenger rate of \$300 from San Francisco to Dawson City. The Alaska Trade committee is working hard to demonstrate the advantages of this city as an outfitting point for the gold fields. Its agents, headed by ex-Gov. Sharkey, will start for Chicago on Thursday in a special car filled with Alaskan exhibits and a permanent exhibition will be established there. A man will be sent to Washington to work with representatives of northwestern cities in the effort to have Talla closed as a sub-port of entry.

The work of collecting salmon eggs at the California Fish commission hatchery on the Sacramento river, at Anderson, Cal., has just closed. The results of the season's operations are the most remarkable on record. Forty-eight and a half million eggs were collected. This exceeds the previous record by 22,000,000 and is 28,000,000 more than were collected at all the other hatcheries on the coast this year. These eggs will be hatched and the fry planted in the waters of the state with the exception of 3,000,000 that will be sent to Oregon and 6,000,000 that go to the New England states station on the fish commission car today.

Through the combined physical efforts of nearly the entire staff of the city receiving hospital, San Francisco,

John O'Neill, who is trying to starve himself to death, was forced Saturday to swallow about a gill of strained soup. So far as his attendants know this modicum broke his fast for the first time in ten or eleven days. The physicians are still in doubt regarding O'Neill's sanity. He is charged with felony and it is possible that he is either feigning the part of a crazy man or may have chosen this mode of committing suicide, rather than face the almost certain long term of imprisonment which awaits him.

H. C. Nash, librarian of Stanford University, and J. C. Rowell, librarian of the University of California, are at work on a scheme which if carried out will materially change the copyright laws of the country and at the same time build up large national libraries in a number of the big cities of the United States. The plan is to require authors obtaining the protection of a copyright to supply copies of their work to several depositories located in cities in different sections of the country. Senator Perkins will introduce the bill in the United States Senate. It will direct the establishment of additional depositories in the cities of Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and New Orleans.

Two switch engines collided at the Oakland, Cal., pier Saturday morning and crushed the life out of Hugh Hunter and Albert Adams, employees of the Southern Pacific company. William S. Nuckolls, a third employee of the company, had one of his legs broken and was injured internally, as well as receiving bad cuts on the head, but he will recover. Hunter was almost instantly killed, but Adams lingered in agony for some hours. It was a rear-end collision and a freight car was sandwiched in between the engines when they struck. Responsibility for the accident has not yet been fixed, but it will probably be found that the darkness of the morning and the slippery condition of the tracks led to the disastrous collision.

Paul Roselyn, alias Paul Rosseter, of Auburn, Cal., committed suicide Sunday morning by taking strychnine. A note to the coroner gives financial embarrassment as the cause for the act. No money was found on the body, although there was a note for \$78 given by the Cisco and Meadow Lake toll road for work performed last August. A remarkable statement in the letter to the coroner was the suggestion that his body be sold for dissecting purposes. Roselyn stated that it was easily worth \$100, there being no adipose tissue and every organ complete. Roselyn was a large man of fine form, about 60 years of age. Letters indicated that he had relatives in Lyons, New York, and Tacoma, Wash.

Just a few minutes before midnight Tuesday evening three young men held up Jack Anderson's gambling rooms at Rock Springs, Wyo. They had been noticed sitting around the room all evening, and took the opportunity when but a few men were in the saloon, and made the attendants hold up their hands and rifled the cash register. Then they marched them in front of the gambling part of the house and took what money the different games had in sight and also in the drawers, and escaped. There is absolutely no clue to their identity, but they can be easily identified if apprehended. Excitement runs very high and officers are searching all parts of the city, and the chances are very poor for them to escape. The robbers are supposed to have taken about \$600 as there was not much money out of the safe. This is the second successful attempt within the past three weeks to hold up gambling houses in that city.