

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Frank G. Guild, aged 77 years, was committed to the Stockton insane asylum, Cal., on Wednesday morning, it having been shown that he wanted to kill himself, and that he threw chairs through windows with much regularity.

Tony McCue, a logger, was mashed between two cogs near McMurray, Washington, Wednesday afternoon. His abdomen was crushed and he bled to death. It was several hours before he was released, and he died soon after. He was a single man, 28 years old.

Denver Field and Farm: Utah stock sheep have declined twenty-five cents a head in price. The run out of the country is quite heavy and would be greater if better prices prevailed on the eastern market. Chicago is paying only \$2.40 for the best grade and this is too low to think much about it.

James English committed suicide at Tiburon, Cal., Wednesday. In using the pistol he must have held it in his left hand, as the bullet entered the left breast and passed through the center of the heart, which caused his death. The jury brought in a verdict of suicide from despondency.

Julius, the 12-year-old son of Abe Haines, met with a terrible accident at Woodland, Cal., on Wednesday evening. While attempting to climb into the rear end of a buggy one leg got between the spokes of the wheel. The bone was broken near the knee and the flesh was horribly mutilated.

L. Brouchette was accidentally shot in the hip Monday afternoon on the San Pablo road, Cal. He was riding on the back seat of a wagon, holding a shotgun between his legs, when the horse started suddenly and the gun was discharged. The chances for his recovery are doubtful.

Ramussen C. Johnson, a Norwegian steamboat steward, shot and killed his divorced wife, Leta Lane, at San Pedro Monday morning and then ended his own life by sending a bullet into his brain. Mrs. Lane had left Johnson because of her mother, it is said, and had married Lane.

At Pacific Grove, Cal., Wednesday, Dr. Moffitt caught a huge eel, measuring over six feet in length. The streamers of the fish were covered with suckling cupulas, resembling greatly the devil fish. This is the largest eel of the kind ever seen there. The average size is only about twelve inches.

G. M. Schilling, the one-armed pedestrian who left Pittsburgh April 20, Chicago May 13, Omaha June 8, Cheyenne July 2, Salt Lake City July 24, Ogden July 28, and Sacramento August 21, in his walk across the country, arrived in San Francisco August 24. He wore out ten pairs of shoes on the trip.

About 1,800 of pig lead was stolen Tuesday night from the Contra Costa Water company's shops at the foot of Webster street, Oakland Cal. The theft was made possible by the use of boats, and the work is laid to the "bay pirates," who are annoying the

police a great deal of late. The lead is worth about \$75.00.

Harry Walker, a boy employed by Ray H. Lagan of San Rafael, Cal., was severely injured Thursday by being thrown from a carriage he was driving. The accident was caused by two boys frightening the horse and causing it to run away. It ran about half a mile and collided with the gutterway, overturning the carriage and dragging the boy underneath it for ten feet.

Bendix Moss, a farm hand, employed by the Blair estate, near Oakland, Cal., was killed by a fall from a hay wagon Wednesday. With some other men he was engaged in hauling hay, and was thrown from the top of the load by a sudden starting of the team. He fell about twelve feet and lit upon his head. His skull was fractured, and he died in a few hours without regaining consciousness. He was a German, aged 46 years.

Word was received at Bonsallito, Cal., late Wednesday evening that a serious and peculiar accident had happened to a prominent rancher in the Tennessee valley, some five miles distant. It appears that, while picking pears, the hook of the basket broke and the wooden handle in falling penetrated the man's wrist right through the hand. Dr. Freeman went out and performed a successful operation, removing a piece of wood nearly four inches long.

Denver Field and Farm: The Burlington railroad company is going into the sheep business. It has not been satisfied with the amount of the sheep traffic which it has secured of late and has determined to raise its own sheep and keep them where they cannot be reached by any of its competitors. It has arranged for a tract of land along its line in one of the western states, probably in northeastern Colorado, and will stock it with about 10,000 sheep which will be shipped to Chicago as the market warrants.

An enterprising burglar performed a remarkable feat in the house of Mr. Wallings in South Santa Monica, Cal., Monday night. Wallings awoke and thought he heard a noise. Thinking to head off possible intruders, he took his shotgun and went to the rear of the house, where he hid behind a tree. Never a further sound did he hear, but while he was on his vigil a burglar entered the house unobserved, took a watch and a sum of money from under the pillow on which Mrs. Wallings' head was resting and without waking her, departed with the stolen property.

About noon Wednesday a tragedy was enacted at Chalk Rock, a camping and fishing resort seventeen miles south of Los Olivos, Cal. Alfonso Vermudes of Montecito, in company with John Romero, went for a bath in the Santa Ynez river and soon fell into a deep pool. Romero, seeing his companion's struggles, hastened to his rescue and was soon dragged down and the two drowned together. A third man then swam out, but his efforts were fruitless, and he narrowly escaped with his life. A coroner's

inquest was held by Judge Mattel and a verdict of accidental drowning given.

At 1:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Otis E. Greenwood attacked Postmaster M. E. Hughes postmaster at Sonora, Cal., and fired two shots from a pistol at him. One bullet passed through Hughes' coat collar and made a slight wound on his neck. Greenwood was arrested and is now in jail awaiting examination for attempt to murder. Hughes holds in his possession a small piece of real estate to which Greenwood asserts title. Greenwood demanded that Hughes settle the matter and the latter declined and referred Greenwood to his lawyer, whereupon the shooting occurred.

According to the Omaha Stockman 2,682 Utah sheep, mostly lambs, were sold at the South Omaha stockyards on Tuesday. The lambs brought \$3.00 and \$4.00. T. Smart, of Franklin, Idaho, had consigned two cars of cattle to that market; H. K. Bogert, of Thompson, Utah, sixteen cars cattle; P. J. Quealy, of Montpelier, Idaho, eleven cars, and G. F. Beckstead & Co., of Park City, Utah, three cars. C. A. Reeves, of Utah, also had a shipment of cattle, as did E. O. Thurer of Logan. A. C. Reese and D. O. Thurer of Logan, Utah, were in town looking after shipments of cattle.

As Charles Gallagher and Henry Dowd, both old residents of Oakland, Cal., were crossing the railroad track, near the pier, with a double team at 10 o'clock Tuesday night, they were struck by a wild engine and injured. Both men knew the Berkeley local was due and were watching for that, when the kicker engine approached from the opposite direction. The wagon was demolished, one of the horses injured and both men thrown out upon their heads. The patrol wagon conveyed the injured men to the receiving hospital. Their injuries are serious.

Word has just reached this city of the peculiar death at Coutelede, near Chico, Cal., of Martin Gorman, a young man about twenty-eight years old. He went to a dance on Monday night and drank so much liquor that it made him sick at the stomach. He went to bed about 2 o'clock in the morning and other occupants of the building heard him vomiting. Nothing more was thought of Gorman until his partner went to call him for breakfast and found him dead. The coroner held an inquest and found that Gorman came to his death by the bursting of a blood vessel while vomiting.

Desipation and bad associations caused F. C. Landrum, a well-known Spokane, Wash. attorney, to commit suicide by taking morphine. Landrum, who has been drinking heavily for several months, returned Saturday night from Seattle and took a room at the Grand hotel. At 5 o'clock Monday afternoon the chambermaid, finding the door locked, notified the clerk and the door was forced open. Landrum was found on the bed stone dead. Three letters were found, in one of which he said: "I have been forced to do this by business reverses brought on solely by my uncontrollable appetite for liquor."

A dispatch from Torrey, Mexico, says that Wednesday night a party of twenty revolutionists attacked a ranch.