NEWS OF THE WEST.

A 20-year-old Swindler Reaps a Golden Harvest on the Coast.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT TO A CHILD.

A Mountain Lion Killed in the Hills at Wales, Sanpete County—A Skillful Burglar's Plans.

A couple of prospectors killed a mountain lion in the hills north of Wales last week, says the Richfield *Enterprise*. Besides this they killed a wild cat and captured her two kittens.

A terrible accident has happened to a little child of John Wooster of Kaysville, Davis county. The little one fell into a barrel of boiling water and was severely scalded from the hips down.

State Land Agent Fenn has returned from Cal-well, where he sold about 70 acres of state school land. Over 6,000 acres of land were advertised for sale. Many persons were anxious to purchase land, but they did not have the money and could not raise it.—*Richfield (Idaho) Standard.*

The Rock Springs *Miner* says that on Sunday afternoon, while Andrew Johnson was driving back to town with six empty iron six mule carges he saw two mountain lions about one quarter of a mile beyond the sugarloaf mines. He was within 75 yards of them. It was as big as a cow, sleek and pretty.

Melbourne's manager says that the reason Melbourne failed to bring rain at Cheyenne as contracted for was because there was a transcontinental storm blowing in the upper currents, which disconnected him. The failure of the fulfillment of the first section of the contract in no way interferes with his going ahead on the second section and if he produces a half inch of rain he will receive half the stipulated amount in pay.

It is reported at Laramie, Wyo., that six hundred men are at work in Larimer county, Colo., on that portion of the line, diverting the headwaters of the Big Laramie river into Chambers' lake, a canal seven miles long and twenty-two feet wide, being constructed for that purpose. It is thought that serious trouble will grow out of the case, as the ranchmen along the Laramie river in this state were the first appropriators. The case will probably go into the United States court.

Word came to the effect that Broadford will surely be destroyed without immediate assistance is forthcoming, says a dispatch from Hailey, Idaho. The river is washing over the levee and flooding the region below. The road to Broadford is already half over flown, and a few days more and much of the town of Broadford will be washed away. The people of Broadford, therefore, ask the people of Hailey to send as many men as possible to give them a hand in cutting the sand brush and raising the levee sufficiently to confine the river to its bed.

The jury which spent a month to hear the Swan-Scott cattle range war case tried in Colorado decided in eighteen hours and gave a verdict in the United States circuit court at Denver on Tuesday. The verdict was for $60,000 in favor of the New United States Cattle Ranch company against William J. Wilson. Mr. Wilson was greatly surprised and left the court on the verdict deeply. He said that the failure of the company to carry out its contract and complete its purchase of the ranch and property would have ruined him entirely if he had not had other interests to rely upon and nearly did it. The verdict is regarded as most astonishing.

The account books, which disappeared so mysteriously from the office of the Pueblo (Colorado) water superintendent, recently, have been found under a barn floor, very near the office from which they were taken. Public opinion is divided as to who put them there, and it is understood that the war which has been going on for several months between the crowd that was ousted by the late elections and those controlling the city for now will be waged with greater bitterness than ever. It is simply a fight between two factions of the Republican party of the expense of the water consumers. A reward of $500 had been offered for the recovery of the books. And J. W. Fenton, the carpenter who found them, will claim that. As the fight goes on the number of people who favor the sale of the waterworks to a private company is constantly increasing.

A very clever burglar made a successful raid on the Oxford hotel in Denver a night or two ago. The fellow registered there as "A. Dean, Des Moines, Iowa." He was fifty years of age, dressed in a neat gray suit of clothes, a dark derby hat and was surrounded with a general air of prosperity. The clerk descended from his dignity and gave him a large room on the third floor. At a late hour, when all except the night clerk were sound asleep, Dean started out on his raid armed with a pair of slender nippers which enabled him to turn any key in the house. Only two of the guests reported any loss. From A. E. Clark a diamond ring worth $250 and 50 cents in silver were stolen. Mr. Asa Hockenbury, who occupied a room near Mr. Clark, lost $300. In one room the thief aroused a sleeping man sober, who quickly had the intruder covered with a revolver. Dean was equal to the occasion. He politely begged pardon, saying that he was searching for the room, and he was allowed to retire. With the morning the thief departed, and he left but little by which the detectives can trace him.

Deputy Sheriff A. P. Riley of Monterey arrived in San Francisco on Wednesday on the trail of a very smooth young man known in many different California towns as Henry Carlson. Carlson is a mere youth, being only nineteen or twenty years old, so the deputy sheriff says, but notwithstanding this he has worked very effectively and has to all managed to get several thousand dollars ahead. Carlson's way of making a raise is to start a laundry in a town, manage it correctly enough for a time until he gets the confidence of his patrons, and then take possession of all the clothes, jewelry and other effects that he has in his way and another borrowed, and clears out. He has played engagements in many places and played the same game. The list given with the amount each town is out, is as follows: San Jose, $1000; Santa Cruz, [illegible], Monterey, $800; Colusa, $800; Sacramento, $2000; and Salem from $1100 to $1200. The last town Carlson resided was Portland, which show he left ahead $1,000. He came from there to California. Carlson is of medium size, with fair face and quite royish in appearance. He has light hair and blue eyes, and dresses well. His manner also is said to be quite polite. At Monterey he is alleged to have held high official rank in the Women of the World, and their confidence and managed to secure valuable jewelry. It is said he did the same thing in other places. A warrant is out for his arrest.

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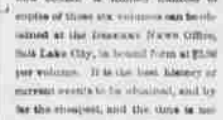

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