

hauled an average of 600 cars of sbingles every month so far of the present year, from Puget sound to eastern cities, and 200 carloads a month for the same time have been shipped by water to Hawaii, Australia, South America and Europe.

Cripple Creek is going to surprise the world this year and Colorado's gold output will surprise herself, says the *Denver Sun*. With the introduction of a new process by which low grade ore can be successfully treated, the camp's output is going to be increased by tens of thousands of tons.

The contractors boring the new gas well at the Stockton, Cal., insane asylum are in difficulty. A large iron roller became detached from the apparatus and dropped to the bottom—1780 feet below the surface. They are now trying to remove the obstruction to one side so that work can go on.

There is a company to be formed for the purpose of building a telephone line from Vernal to Fort Duchesne, says the *Vernal Express*. A telephone line to the post connects Vernal with a telegraph service to almost any point in the United States. The government is going to have a line connecting White Rock and Ouray.

The survey of the gravity system of waterworks for Casper, Wyoming, has been completed. The estimate provides for a reservoir 60x182 feet in size and twenty feet deep, to contain 1,188,000 gallons, sufficient for a population of 2000 people. It also provides for twenty fire plugs, distributed throughout the city. The entire cost is to be \$26,670.

John A. Milan, an employe of the Union Pacific at Cheyenne, was held up and robbed on the viaduct the other night. He had just cashed his pay check and was returning with the money when he was met by two men who demanded the cash. When he refused to give it up they took it from him with violence. There is no clue to the robbers.

One of the most disastrous conflagrations that has taken place in Laramie, Wyoming, for years was the burning of the Clark, Pelton & Employee company's lumber yards on First street on Tuesday. The large lumber shed and all the lumber it contained was destroyed and the adjoining shop and office buildings were almost totally demolished. Loss \$3000; insurance \$1250.

While Sheriff L. K. Drals, of Pinal county, and James McCoy were driving on the road from Casa Grande to Arizona the team became unmanageable and collided with a telegraph pole, shattering the buggy and throwing out the men and severely injuring both. The horses ran into a barbed wire fence, cutting themselves so they were rendered worthless. It was a valuable team.

The quiet and serene waters of Monterey bay, Cal., have been disturbed by an intruder for the last week or so, which has afforded much pleasure and amusement to the people of that vicinity. The intruder is a huge whale, which seems to enjoy the situation also. He has been continually emerging from the water and spouting to a great height. It is thought he is of the bone-bearing species and several fishermen have been in pursuit, but owing to the cleverness of the whale

they have failed to capture the prize. It is said that it is the largest of the kind that ever came into Monterey bay.

Cattlemen in the southern part of Martinez county, Cal., in the neighborhood of Tice valley and Las Tampus peak, have for the past five months been greatly annoyed by the operations of a gang of cattle thieves. The sheriff was notified; he has been quietly working on the matter, and at last secured evidence which pointed to Frank Pomeroy, of Tice valley, and Charles R. Laine as the thieves or leaders of the gang.

Parties have returned from the San Marcial, Sonora, coal fields, for the working of which a syndicate recently secured a concession from the Mexican government. They brought a large quantity of anthracite coal taken from a ten and a half foot stratum penetrated by a forty foot prospecting shaft. It is said that prospecting with a diamond drill has proved that these fields contain an almost inexhaustible supply of the finest of anthracite coal.

Colonel C. E. K. Royce, the defaulting treasurer of the Veteran's Home association, at San Francisco, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at San Quentin. The disgraced lawyer appeared in court wearing a dressy Prince Albert coat, which was closely buttoned about his ample form. He had evidently dressed with special care in honor of the occasion, and awaited the sentence of the court with an air of calm self-possession.

The desert thirst has claimed another victim, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Henri C. Leonhard, an old man en route to friends in Oakland, about six weeks ago disappeared. He was traced as far as the Needles, and although a diligent search was made by his relatives and the officers no further trace of him was found. On Sunday his remains were found about five miles from here, where it is supposed he wandered and was overcome by heat and thirst.

The town of Tekoa, Wash., has adopted the ball-and-chain remedy or traps, and its first application is interesting. The tramp was made fast to a ball and chain and put to work on the street. While his guard was taking a rest somewhere the prisoner picked up the cannon-ball and started to walk out of town with it. He was caught and three heavy balls were attached to his legs. He will not work, but throws away the implements of street labor that are given to him.

A man, evidently the same who has been operating in Butte, has tried to work Helena on the raised United States note racket, says the *Helena Independent*. At a saloon on Main street he presented a \$2 bill which had been raised on the face to a \$10. At a clothing store he tried to pass another \$2 which had been changed to a \$20. His work was very coarse in both cases and the fraud was detected in time to prevent any loss to the clothing people to whom a raised bill was presented. At the saloon the game was worked all right. In neither case had any effort been made to alter the backs of the bills.

M. Phelan, who resides on Shady creek, eight or ten miles from here, was

in town today. He reports that there is a super-abundance of all kinds of game over in his section. Deer are seen in droves of five and six and are proving a pest to the ranchers thereabouts. They have eaten up nearly everything at this place, and at Ray's ranch the other night they got away with over 100 head of cabbages. People over there are standing guard at night with dogs and Winchester to keep off these bold foragers of the woods. Quail and grey squirrels are also unusually plentiful, while there has never been so many deer seen in the country before. That section ought to prove a hunter's paradise for a while.—*Nevada City Transcript*.

Millard County *Blade*: Messrs. C. A. Ames and J. M. Howell returned on Monday from Osceola. Mr. Ames was gratified with the fact that he could not hire a man in the camp, every one being employed. He will send men out from Salt Lake. The gentleman reports good progress on the Millick gold mill and that it will be running in thirty days, the machinery having gone out last week. They also stated that the big gold strike is genuine and that Mr. Alex. Goodfellow has a ninety days' bond on it. On the whole, Osceola was never in such good shape and with every indication of a permanent boom.

A sensational mining suit has been filed in the United States court at Boise, Idaho, by Arthur Neal of Seattle against Fred Page Tustin and H. F. Parker of Seattle and several Boise people interested in the Eldora Mining company, operating in the Neal district, about twenty miles from Boise.

Neal sold two valuable mines to R. P. Plowman, a Boise capitalist, for \$1000, receiving half in cash and the balance in notes, secured by a mortgage. Neal alleges that Tustin and Parker got hold of him in Seattle and kept him under their influence for over two weeks by means of drugs. During that time he signed what he thinks is a power of attorney authorizing Tustin to foreclose the mortgage. He says he might have signed a deed to everything he possessed. Tustin foreclosed the mortgage in his own name, and it is claimed never paid Neal a cent.

NOTES.

J. A. Clinton, of the Wool Growers' association, places the loss to the Territory on the wool clip, as compared with last year, at close on a million dollars, the result of the general business depression.

PAYSON, Nov. 2.—The assignment of Brewerton & Company last night to T. G. Wimmer was a great surprise to our city. The assets and liabilities will not be known until after the invoice is taken.

J. H. Seeley, of Mt. Pleasant, says that owing to the depression in the wool market this year, his town alone will suffer a loss of \$50,000 on the wool clip, the quantity of which was as great in 1893 as the previous year, but times were different.

Gold bullion to the amount of \$15,600 was shipped from the Boise assay office Wednesday. The weekly shipments for several weeks past have been between \$15,000 and \$16,000. A great deal of gold dust in small sums is received every day from the placer mines in the vicinity of Boise.