

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

selling a large tree, when it caught in the branches of another tree and stuck. In attempting to dislodge it he brought it down on himself.

The recent shipment of hounds to its ranges in Weston county by the Standard Cattle company, for the purpose of exterminating wolves, is proving a successful plan, says the Laramie *Boomerang*. The dogs hunt in packs and tear a wolf to pieces in short order whenever they catch one. During the two weeks' experiment with the hounds over twenty wolves have been killed.

E. E. Rogers, manager of the mica mines, in this city, says the Moscow (Idaho) *Mirror* has brought some very fine samples of block mica and reports that a large vein of mica has been uncovered by the miners at work in the tunnel. Mr. Rogers is confident that the deposit of mica is immense, and when opened up will be a bonanza to the owners. These samples were shipped East to members of the company and were of good quality.

The Port Orchard, Wash., dry dock, which will cost complete \$700,000, will be the cheapest constructed institution of the kind, considering its size and character, in the world. It will be the only dock in the United States standing among the first twenty-one of the world for superiority in all respects. In length it is 608 feet, width 92½ feet, and 30 feet deep. The other twenty docks are all a few feet longer, but only two are of equal width, and but six possess as great depth.

A special dispatch from Duncan, A. T., says the Carlisle mining excitement has come to stay. Inquiry and investigation demonstrate the fact that most remarkable country has been opened and the mining men who are in camp realize it. They represent some of the oldest mining states in the United States and declare that this district leaves them without words to describe its richness. They are enthusiastic to the last degree, and prospectors are nothing less than wild with excitement. The journey on the railroad from Lordsburg to this point is dreary. The way is through a desert, where, for mile after mile, the heat is intolerable and the dust blinding. From here to the mines the distance is fourteen miles.

A sanguinary affray took place at Corral de Tierra, four miles from Monterey, Cal., on Sunday night, and Terso Marques, an Indian, received wounds which will probably result in his death. His assailant, Alexander Dorme, also an Indian, fled to the woods, and though the sheriff is hunting for him, it is thought there is every prospect that he will escape, for he knows the rocky country well and has friends who will conceal him. Saturday was a holiday among the Indians, and to celebrate it they gathered at Corral de Tierra, after having secured a large supply of whisky. Along in the afternoon, when all were more or less inflamed with liquor, some trivial dispute caused heated words between Terso and Dorme. In the midst of the quarrel Dorme suddenly drew a large knife and viciously slashed his opponent. Terso was cut on the left shoulder, across the wrist and suffered a deep stab wound in the breast. The latter wound will doubtless prove fatal.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 29.—A proposition of compromise and the immediate evacuation of Corinto by the British is now under consideration between Washington, London and the authorities here. The proposition embraces the following essential points:

First—Nicaragua is to pay \$77,500 at London within two weeks.

Second—The British forces are to be immediately withdrawn from Corinto, without waiting for the two weeks to elapse.

Third—A mixed commission of arbitration is to pass upon the demands of Great Britain in excess of the \$77,500 claim, such commission to be constituted in a manner satisfactory to the United States and Nicaragua.

The foregoing terms, it is believed, will be accepted by President Zelaya and his cabinet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—The interior department is taking steps to have the numerous abandoned military reservations scattered over the country opened for settlement. The law provides that an appraiser shall be appointed, who shall visit such abandoned reservations.

Edward Crafts, of Austin, Ill., has been appointed as the appraiser at \$5 a day, and is to begin work at once. It is reported all the reservations can be opened before the summer is over. There are about seventy-five of them, fourteen of which contain more than 5,000 acres. These are Fort Thomas and Verde, Ariz.; Fort Dodge, Kan.; Boise Blanc Island, Mich.; Fort Maginnis, Mont.; Camp Sheridan, Neb.; Fort Craig, Cummings and Selden, N. M.; Fort Abraham Lincoln, N. D.; Fort McDermott, Ore., and Fort Cameron, Crittenden and Rush Lake, Utah.

NEW YORK, April 30.—A special cablegram to the *World* from Honduras announces that British aggression in Venezuela and Nicaragua has caused so much feeling throughout Central American republics that a boycott against English importations is seriously talked of as a means of retaliation. The cablegram states that the boycott has already begun among the merchants of Honduras and that concerted action throughout Central America may be expected.

PARIS, April 29.—The Epinal reservoir, the bursting of which caused the destruction of over \$10,000,000 worth of property and the loss of more than 100 lives, had a superficial area of 1,000,000 square meters. In 1884 a large fissure in the main dam developed. This was filled with cement and oak beams. In 1885 the feed canal burst above Bouzey and carried away a length of twenty meters. Several houses were destroyed on this occasion but no lives were lost. Some time before this an inspector of roads and bridges announced and the condition of the dam was dangerous and notified the people of Bouzey to watch for a possible disaster. In 1892 there was a second accident to the wall near Epinal. During the past two years the wall of the dam, which should have been straight, has shown a bulge to the extent of one meter. The chief

engineer of roads and bridges who discussed the building of the dam, had great difficulties with his colleagues in order to carry out his plan of a straight dam instead of a curved one. This shape of the dam is now given as the cause of the accident. But there is a possibility that the disaster was due to the illness during the past few days of the inspector who was charged with the supervision of the dam.

LONDON, May 1.—It is learned on good authority that Great Britain has agreed to the proposed settlement of the dispute with Nicaragua, if the payment of the indemnity is guaranteed. It is said the affair is practically settled.

TACOMA, Wash., May 1.—The cuticle of Tom Blanck, the desperado who held up the jailer at Seattle with a wooden gun recently, has been tanned and will be made into pocket books. The people of Sumner say it is an attempt to immortalize a "red handed murderer." They accuse a physician of that place of having charge of the tanning of the human skin. They say he presented enough of Blanck's tanned hide to M. Kelly, of Sumner, to make a pocket book.

It is denied by some that Blanck's cuticle was removed, but it was admitted by others that enough was tanned to make half a dozen pocket books. As soon as it was learned that pocket books made from the murderer's skin could be had, there was a decided demand for them, especially among police officers who took part in the two great man hunts, the latter of which resulted in Blanck's capture.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 1.—Night express No. 3, on the Chicago & Alton railroad, northbound, was attacked about 12 o'clock, about two miles this side of Carlinville, by three masked men, who had climbed upon the platform of the blind baggage car supposedly at Carlinville. The men climbed over the tender and ordered Engineer Frank Holmes to stop the train, and immediately began firing. Holmes was killed at the first fire, fireman Frank Tuggle escaping.

All the would-be robbers were captured within a short time, the assassin of Engineer Holmes being caught by a mail clerk as he was getting off the car.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 1.—Two men fatally shot and another severely injured, is the result of a frustrated attempt to rob a Burlington train coming into this city. For some days past a gang of rough men have been hanging around St. George, a suburb of this city, and last night information was brought to the Burlington officials that the Omaha express was to be held up. William Haag, the hotel man, furnished the information, and the officers sent guards, who frustrated the design.

Late this evening, while Richard Rau, an employe of Haag, was sitting in the bar-room of Haag's place, Thomas Farrell, one of the gang, stepped inside the door, while his partner, who gives the name of Dan Howard, watched on the outside. Farrell stepped up to Rau, and without