NEWS OF THE WEST.

A San Francisco Doctor Charged with Branding a Babe.

ESCAPE OF A MONTANA MURDERER

Mining Notes—Montana's Gold Product—Alleged Bribery by Councilmen.

The Lehi Sugar Factory company is having a large storehouse built 4x75 at the factory in which to store sugar.

It is stated that a petition will soon be in circulation praying for a daily mail service from Lander, Wyo., to the Big Horn Basin country.

An evening paper in Portland, Or., says that the mayor will call for a thorough investigation of a course of bribery against certain members of the city council.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Eureka Humbolt Rock, Mining and Pavement company of California. The capital stock is $500,000, of which $129 has been subscribed.

Montana boasts that her gold product this year will show a gain of 75 per cent over 1893. Colorado claims 40 per cent, while the receipts at the Denver branch mint indicate a larger figure.

E. W. Tatlock, inspector general of Governor Wealy's staff, leaves for his home in Salt Lake to-night, says the Reno (Nevada) Gazette. Mr. Tatlock is engaged in the suit of the White Cloud Copper company against George Lovelocke Sr., which will come up at Millwater on the 8th inst.

A mammoth petition is being signed by the people of Aspen, Leadville, Salida, Georgetown, Central City, Cripple Creek, Creede, Breckenridge and other important Colorado towns. It is addressed to the business men and citizens of Arapahoe county, and asks them to stand by the mountains in the fight for silver.

The new cyanidation works at Duncan, Colo., are now ready to begin work. If the treatment proves a success there will be a big rush to this county, and prospective sellers are now doing but very little will be worked to their full capacity, while a vast amount of virgin ground will soon be staked off by new prospectors.

Silverton Enterprise: Within the next week or ten days the Gunnison roller mill will be completed and ready to commence work. A good run is expected, as this year's crop has been exceedingly good in that locality. Neils Thompson and J. P. Franson, of this city, the projectors of the enterprise, deserve credit for their work. It will be a great advantage to Gunnison and surrounding settlements, as heretofore they had to go either to Salina or Marshall for their flour.

Dr. L. N. Griffin, of McAllister street, San Francisco, who branded a baby on the 11th inst., has been tried for cruelty to a child and acquitted. After marking the infant on the thigh with the letter "M" and a bar below the letter, the delinquent sent it to the Receiving hospital in charge of a messenger boy. He freely acknowledged that he had marked the baby so that in some future time the mother could identify her offspring. He was nervous and restless until after the verdict of "not guilty" was returned by the jury.

Gross, the Montana murderer, who was jailed in Moscow, has again escaped. Sheriff O'Marr secured requisition papers and went to Moscow on the supposition that his man had already been arrested, but when he arrived there he learned that Gross was working as a carpenter on a bridge near the town to which he lives. As the Montana sheriff was well known in Moscow, he decided to have the local officers there make the arrest, but when the latter went after their man he drew two guns and broke into the woods with the muzzle of the weapons pointing in the direction of the officer.

A curious verdict was rendered in the county court at Denver on Wednesday. Attorney S. T. Hoyt sued Thomas Brown for professional services in a replevin suit. The charges were $600, but a payment of $250 was conceded by plaintiff. Judge Lee Fence instructed the jury that if there was a finding for Hoyt it must be for $250. Testimony was introduced for the purpose of showing that the legal ser. of the replevin proceeding had not been conducted skillfully. The jury returned a verdict for Brown of $5. Attorney Hoyt therefore not only recovers nothing, but he must pay his client $5 and the costs of the suit.

The Hailey (Idaho) papers contain accounts of the killing of Willis Jones by John T. Fallon, on Fish creek. Both men were farmers and, until recently, partners. Some difficulty arose over the dissolution of partnership. The men quarreled and Jones made a furious attack upon Fallon with a knife. Fallon succeeded in warding off the blows, and this seemed to increase Jones's rage. With an oath that he would kill Fallon, Jones started off towards the house. Fallon, surmising he had gone for a gun, started after him on the run. Fallon reached the house first and was loading a rifle when Jones came up. Jones again attacked him with the stake. A furious hand to hand battle followed. Finally Fallon succeeded in loading the gun and shot his antagonist dead. He went into Hailey and gave himself up. He claims he was forced to kill Jones in self-defense. Jones is said to have had a bad record and is credited with having killed four men in California.

Profitable Fowls.

Everybody in the market poultry business has his special choice of breed. It is also a fact that equally successful men by no means select the same breed. Not a great while ago one of the editors of The Rural New Yorker christened ten Leghorns as the business hen. A. E. Hunter, editor of Farm Poultry, after testing many breeds, selected the Light Brahmas, Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandottes. He says: "If we could devote our time to poultry farming, pure and simple, we would keep mainly the cross White Wyandotte-Light Brahma. It would be necessary to have one or two good pens of each of these varieties to raise the birds to breed from, but the great bulk of breeding stock of the laying stock and the chicks raised, would be of that cross. Mr. Hunter's cross is especially recommended for table qualities." P. H. Jacobs thinks the business fowls are Black Langshans and the Barred Plymouth Rocks.

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