NEWS OF THE WEST.

Fashionable Women's Sentimentality Over a Murderer.

A HALL OF RECORDS ATTACHED.

Two Ranch Roads Resolve to Refer Their Fight to Corbett and Jackson.

An old-timers' association is being organized at Butte, Mont.

An orchard near Las Cruces, N. M., recently sold for $100 an acre.

Eastern Colorado reports an increase of sheep, the cattle market four leagues having nudged fifty cases into optigy.

W. E. Hill, foreman of Holmes & Company's mill at Hawthorne, Nev., shot himself in the head at Chelverdis and died instantly.

In order to quell a disturbance in the salvation furnace at Woodland, Cal., the other night one of the house officers thumped a visitor with a tambourine.

The Harbor office of Sacramento, Cal., has discovered an amount of the lack of interest the members of the union have of late displayed in the proceedings.

George H. Cheesman, of Denver, has bought the entire Carpenter & Stanley herd of cattle at Fort Cummings, numbering about 3,000 head, delivery to be made before June 1.

An Oregon farmer was driving picnics with a single harness, while his wife was holding the pieces. The end of the business flew off and stunned the women in the head, stunning her until she will recover.

A. H. Barger, a representative of an eastern syndicate of newspapers, was taken sick on the Wenemucca train, and was taken off at Flagstaff, A. T., and died an hour afterward. His home was in Indianola, Neb.

Citizens of Craig, in Routt county, Colo., and particularly the school children, are rejoicing over the arrival of a new bell, which now occupies a place of honor in the school house belfry.

An Oregon farmer has an exciting experience during the recent flood. He crawl out a bridge of which the supports had been washed away. Both of his horses were drowned and he barely escaped with his life.

A heavy fall of snow is reported in the desert west of Yuma, Ariz. This is looked upon as a meteorological phenomenon, as neither the winter nor fall has of that vicinity remember a similar occurrence. The altitude at the point of the snowfall is less than 200 feet above the sea level.

The Palace hotel and five lots on the northwest of Bennett avenue and second street, Cripple Creek, Colo., have been sold to Simmons & Bennett for $37,500. This is the biggest real estate deal ever made in Cripple Creek. It is understood that the purchase was made for Chicago parties.

Paul Sack rides a gray wolf nine his ranch a few days ago, says the Lusania Enterprise. The animal had a trap set in the sap. He brought the pelt of the animal in Lusania and sold it for the bounty of $5. It was a fine specimen and he had several good offers for it from people who wanted it for a coat.

T. W. Driskell, the cattle king of South Dakota, has just returned from a trip through the ranges of that state. He is reported as saying that while on the trip he did not see a single dead animal, and that the losses during the winter will not reach 8 per cent. But these statements were made before the recent storm which has just swept the whole plains country.

Members of the Oakland, Cal., board of supervisors were not very well pleased when they heard that the money to build the new hall had been placed under attachment and was in the hands of a keeper. The contractor is trying to get matters straightened out so that the workmen can get their money and the attachment may be released.

A sensation has been caused in Los Angeles by the arrest of C. B. Pall, a prominent jeweler, and Emil Harris, a Captain of the Police Department, who is now at the head of a local detective bureau known as the California State Detective Agency, under charges of extortion. Allegations of blackmail are made by E. E. Cracan, a capitalist, formerly engaged in general merchandising in Los Angeles.

The fish at the Durango, Colo., hatchery are reported by Commissioner Sellar to be doing well. The Herald states that he has recently received a consignment of rainbow trout, about 1,000 in number and from three to six inches in length. This gives three varieties, native, eastern brook and California. As soon as the high water ceases now a large quantity of trout will be turned into the river.

Thomas J. Partridge, a middle-aged blacksmith, who recently arrived in Los Angeles, Cal., from Arizona, where he lived for fourteen years, was examined as to his sanity at the superior court on Thursday. Partridge was jointly sinner and sinned. The court attaches looked upon him as a fiend and was committed beyond question when he went down into his pocket and produced surgery and certificates to the amount of over $15,000. Partridge was sent to jail pending a further examination into his condition.

The Steamboat Springs (Colo.) county jail situation, says an exchange, is disturbing the local peace. Already prominent business men are recommending Hayden as the county seat, and two attorneys from Steamboat have moved to that place. It is thought that the force of the first legislature establishing Routt county were never carried out. No election was ever held removing the county seat to Hahn's peak from Hayden, at which latter place it was first established. The question involves the legality of the selection of Routt county and should the claim of Hahn's Peak for the county seat be snorted out, it will invalidate every official act transacted in the county since 1877.

Word has reached Laramie (Wyo.), says the Boomerang, of one of the most peculiar pugilistic encounters ever heard of. Two ranch hands on the old Bryant ranch, sixteen miles from Laramie, became engaged in a controversy regarding pugilism at the breakfast table. They decided to settle the dispute by a resort to a fight with the knives, and agreed that the wounds should be in minutes each. They began at noon and fought for a long time pounding each other about with the gloves. After fighting nearly an hour, four wounds of ten minutes each, the fight was stopped and the contest declared a draw. It has been decided to refer the question to Corbett and Jackson.

While iron bars may prevent Murderer Fredericks from stealing a march this evening, remarks the San Francisco Chronicle, present prospects indicate that he will not be deprived of indulging the perfume of roses and lilies of the valley. The lands of fair and fashionable women are even now refurbished to grace the contemplated and early visit and the tears of the soul of Charles Harris's lawyer. Charmed by the descriptions of his calm blue eyes and musical voice, a certain class of women, who make a practice of frowning over such mechanical murderers, have been the canvassers of their humanitarian sympathy for Fredericks. Pale lilies and pale lady faces come to see him. Now it happens that Fredericks, who is thus a murderer, is regarded by the jailers as so desperate a man that he is allowed to visit him without an order from the office of the chief of police. Women who never heard of Fredericks before his arrest last Friday go to the trouble of visiting the new city hall and obtaining a permit for the sake of seeing him. As a consequence every day is reception day with Fredericks, in other words, he is always "at home." Fredericks is stated over the house for his natural enemies, those who visit him and frequently wants of his own importance. He has tiff so rarely times that he is thoroughly ordinary, for he is high enough to believe he is entitled to more consideration than the average murderer.

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