

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Through pouring coal oil on the fire, Clarence, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downs of Leadville, Colo., was fatally burned yesterday morning.

Eugene Gonzales, charged with the murder of Marook, the mother-in-law of Robert Hereford, on the night of Oct. 12th, on the Shoshone reservation, has been held to await the action of the federal grand jury at Cheyenne.

Joseph Hatcher, recently arrived from Cartersville, Mo., was fatally injured in the Chip mine, Leadville, Colo., Sunday morning. He is a partner in the lease and was in an upraise, when he made a misstep and fell down a chute a distance of 50 feet. He cannot live.

P. E. Smith, proprietor of the Wedge saloon at Randsburg, Cal., committed suicide at 8 o'clock Friday morning by shooting himself in the mouth with a 38-caliber revolver. He seemed in the best of spirits up to the time of the suicide and no cause is known for the act.

The body of George W. Ward, who, with Al Kretchner, one of the crew of the schooner J. Eppinger, is supposed to have been drowned while pleasure sailing in the San Francisco bay, was found floating in the water off Goat island Friday afternoon by Captain Tichworth of the tug Annie.

D. N. Dickinson, better known as the Veno healer, who is now in jail at Butte, Mont., is making a third attempt to regain his liberty through habeas corpus proceedings. Veno is said to have defrauded people right and left in that section by selling them bogus patent medicines.

At Helena, Mont., Tuesday, Benton D. Hatcher, recent cashier of the Northwestern National bank at Great Falls, Mont., pleaded guilty to the charge of misappropriating \$90,000 of the bank's funds, and Judge Knowles of the Federal court sentenced him to five years in the state penitentiary.

Bert Gray, alias Miller; Wm. Kelly and George Rowe, the three boys charged with the burglary and attempted murder of Isidore Goulet, San Francisco, were Monday bound over to the superior court by Judge Conlan on both charges. Bail on the robbery charge was fixed at \$5,000, and for the assault to murder \$2,000 in each case.

James W. Chard, a clerk in the mailing division of the postoffice at San Francisco, was arrested Friday morning on a warrant sworn out by Postal Inspector Thrall before Commissioner Heacock, charging him with embezzlement. It is probable that an additional charge of falsifying public records will also be placed against him.

Prof. Edward Sweeney, the old man who was struck by a car at the corner of San Pedro and Third streets, Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday night, died of his injuries shortly after 12 o'clock Monday. It was first thought that Sweeney was killed by accident, but the belief now is strong that he got in front of the car with the purpose to commit suicide.

Judge Stewart of Idaho has held the law of 1895 providing for funding of county indebtedness to be unconstitutional. The decision is based on the famous decision of the supreme court in the fee bill case, the bill not having passed the legislature in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution as construed by the court in the decision referred to.

John Reigel, a Russian Finn and non-union sailor, stabbed John Schneider, a union sailor employed on the

schooner Halcyon, Sunday afternoon at Eureka, Cal., while a crowd of sailors were drinking in a saloon. Schneider received two deep slashes on the right arm and two cuts in the head. They bled profusely, but are not dangerous. Reigel is in jail.

The police have arrested James Woods, a member of the Sacramento fire department, on the charge of incendiarism. The evidence against Woods is said to be very strong and bonds were fixed at \$3,000. During the past month or more there has been a large number of fires that were evidently the work of an incendiary and the result of an investigation is that Woods has been arrested.

C. B. M. Cole, a negro barber of Los Angeles, Cal., attempted to kill his mistress, Mattie Pickett, Sunday night, and then shot himself in the head, dying instantly. The bullet he fired at the woman struck on the side of her skull and plowed a furrow down her cheek. It shattered the jawbone and then dropped to the ground and flattened out. She will recover. Jealousy was the cause.

One of the most disastrous fires ever recorded in the history of Healdsburg, Cal., occurred there Sunday morning, when about \$50,000 worth of property was destroyed. The Sotoyome meat market, A. Thumann's jewelry store, the cigar factory of Charles Wickham, the tailoring establishment of M. Jacobs, the shoe store of H. Hansen and a vacant storeroom of P. Lanan were burned.

G. D. McLean, the millionaire miner of Grass Valley, Cal., died at the Lick House, San Francisco, late Thursday night after a lingering illness. He was attended by his nephew, W. M. Blakey, of Evansville, Ind., who will take the remains east for interment. Mr. McLean was interested in many mining enterprises and with Stephen W. Dorsey owned the famous Maryland mine, noted as a very valuable property.

Miss Rosa Kell, a member of the well known Kell family of pioneers of San Jose, Cal., committed suicide Monday morning by drinking carbolic acid. The young woman, who was 24 years of age, though well connected socially, was in reduced circumstances and was forced to earn her living as a domestic. This preyed on her mind and caused her many melancholy hours. She claimed that her relatives looked down upon her.

At San Jose, Cal., Tom Flannelly, the murderer of his father and of Sheriff McEvoy, is in a fair way to pay the penalty for his crimes by death from blood poisoning. Flannelly has seven bullet wounds in his legs, back and arm, none of which are considered very dangerous but the one in the left arm. This, like the one inflicted in the arm of Sheriff McEvoy, has assumed a dangerous appearance, and blood-poisoning is expected.

Marshal Creed in not so warm—as he is hot, but he certainly was the hottest man in Marin county, Cal., Friday afternoon. Like the agriculturist in the fable Creed took a viper to his breast and it stung him. This particular viper was in the shape of a man named Charles Smith, who has been in the employ of Creed for some time. His sting took the shape of robbery and, by reason of it, the town marshal is out a few hundred dollars' worth of clothing and jewelry.

Anderson Davis, one of the oldest California pioneers, died Friday at the home of his daughter in Stockton, Cal.,

at the age of 95 years and 10 months. He was born in North Carolina, and was a pioneer of Kentucky, Missouri and California, going to that state nearly forty years ago. His living children are Mrs. Cornelius Swain and Mrs. M. A. Bissell of Stockton and Joseph Davis of Fresno. The third, fourth and fifth generations number nearly half a hundred.

A dispatch from Helena, Montana, says the heirs of the late millionaire, Andrew J. Davis, have secured a writ of error from Justice Brewer at Washington and will push their claim for the stock of the First National Bank of Butte, valued at \$1,000,000. Before he died Davis is alleged to have given the bank to his favorite nephew, Andrew J. Davis Jr., and the latter has held it since. The allegation is that points involving the National bank law are raised, thus giving the United States court jurisdiction.

Three deaths occurred in Butte yesterday, all violent ones. William Goss, an employe of the Original mine, was killed by a circular saw; M.R. Murray, a saloon keeper, was found dead suspended by the arms from wires stretched near his bedroom window, the supposition being that while under the influence of liquor he walked out of the window and was thus caught with the results stated; Dennis Cronin fell 220 feet down the shaft of the Diamond mine and was instantly killed.

The trial of Theodore E. F. Cantwell on the charge of murdering his mistress, Mollie Phelan, on the 8th of last May, came to an end in Judge Smith's court at Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday evening. After three hours' deliberation the jury returned a verdict finding Cantwell guilty of manslaughter. Cantwell, who had somewhat of a reputation locally as a prizefighter, had been living with Mollie Phelan, and the woman soon merged into an amateur boxer under his instructions. On the night of the death of the woman bitter differences arose between the couple.

Monday night the police of San Francisco arrested T. J. Golden, a recent arrival from Los Angeles, and locked him up in the "tanks" of the city prison. He was apprehended upon a dispatch from Sheriff Burr of Los Angeles, charging him with murder. Golden is at a loss to account for the dispatch. He says that he was a witness in the preliminary examination of Patrick Savage, charged with the murder of Wm. Roach at San Pedro on October 6th, but he strenuously denied that he was a party to the crime.

Walter Foss and W. McNaughto, two middle-aged woodchoppers, eloped from Plumas Junction, a small place in California about twenty miles north of Reno, Nev., with two 13-year-old girls Saturday at midnight. The children were the daughters of Joe and Bedford Roberts, and when the parents missed the children Sunday morning they, with several neighbors, armed themselves with rifles and started in pursuit of the runaways. Up to Monday evening no trace of them had been found, but it is certain that if the pursuers catch the elopers, bloodshed will result.

The officers have been informed of a peculiar highway robbery which happened near Sheridan, Cal., Saturday last. The robber placed a stuffed flour sack in the road, and when W. P. Adams, a prominent rancher, got out of his wagon to investigate, the highwayman came out from behind a log and called, "Hands up!" and ordered Adams to "shell out." After Adams's pockets were lightened by \$40, he was ordered to get in his wagon and move on. The robber is described as a young man, clean-shaven, five feet eight inches tall, wearing dark clothes.