NEWS OF THE WEST.

Sensational Failure of a Clothing Firm at Boise, Idaho.

A MANIAC'S FREAKS AT PHOENIX.

Strange Story of a Fugitive from Justice.—Railroad Enterprise in Arizona.

The San Francisco Chronicle has purchased a new press, and has appeared again in a new dress of type.

The Tribune, a daily Populist sheet started at Beatrice, Neb., early in the late campaign, has suspended publication.

There is a proposition on hand to establish a telephone line from Carson to Genoa, Gardnerville, Wellington and South Camp, Nevada, taking in all way stations.

A man named Williams, who was serving as a member of the grand jury at Pioche, Nevada, the other day fell down the stairway of the Nevada Hotel and broke both bones of his right arm between the wrist and elbow.

Advices have been received that another carload of oranges shipped to Liverpool, England, from the Pomona valley have sold for $2.25 per box, and would have brought better prices but for the fact that England is well supplied with Mediterranean fruit at prices that the Pomona fruit brought. Growers will get $1.00 per box clear profit.

A general meeting of the orange growers at Riverside, Cal., has resolved in the first steps toward organization for securing and maintaining prices for the orange crop of 1893. A board of trustees, eleven in number, was appointed to incorporate the organization, which will be known as the Riverside Fruit Exchange. The general plan of organization is similar to the plan formulated by the meeting recently held in Pomona. All orange growers in Southern California have agreed upon the same plan, and general organization is expected.

W. H. Carlson, mayor of San Diego, Cal., and D. C. Reed, president of the San Diego and Yuma railroad, have arrived at Yuma, Ariz., for the purpose of securing terminal facilities, the right of way and co-operation of the citizens of Yuma in the organization of the Yuma and Phoenix Railway company, only another name for the same line through Arizona. The San Diego line is 175 miles in length. It will pass over the fine valleys of the Colorado, Gila, Mohawk and others for 250 miles, and the richest portion of the Pacific coast, all of which can be irrigated with water from the Gila and Colorado rivers and will open an almost entirely new country. It will parallel the great Colorado canal, a Denver project, for seventy-five miles. It is one of the most valuable railroad properties under consideration in Arizona or California.

Mrs. J. O. Bradford, wife of a teamster living at Garden Lane, Denver, attempted to commit suicide on Monday evening. She took a teaspoonful of rough on rats and fell over on the floor ready to give up the ghost. The poison, however, made her very sick and worried the children, who summoned help. Police Surgeon Johnson was notified and he relieved the woman of the exterminator. She will recover. No information could be obtained from Mrs. Bradford about the attempt that she made upon her life. Her husband was not at home when she took the drug. He stated that Mrs. Bradford had been despondent for several weeks and that she had threatened to kill herself. She borrowed the poison from a woman living near by, saying that she desired it for the purpose of killing rats which infested her home.

Says the San Francisco Chronicle: A few months ago Miss Jeanette McLellan, who is considered an important witness in the Merritt will contest, made up her mind to go to South Africa. When her parents heard about it the lady was on her way to Africa with some friends. She had been Samuel Merritt's housekeeper for 20 years. Nobody in Oakland knew the characters and dispositions of Dr. Merritt and his sister, Mrs. Gareloo, better than did Miss McLellan. Her sudden flight from the city caused great surprise. It now appears that Miss McLellan had a quarrel with the people whom she accompanied to Africa, and when she arrived in South Africa she turned around and came back. The other day a letter was received from her and she was then in England and was soon coming to America. So after all she may yet be the leading witness in the great contest.

The yells of a maniac startled several hundred people who were in front of the postoffice at Phoenix, Arizona, on Monday morning as he rushed down the stairway of the Williams House, and started after Mike Blee, a former clerk of the legislature, who ran up Washington street pursued by the demented man. After running two blocks officers caught the mad man, and he was finally overpowered. He was C. J. Driver, who came here recently from San Francisco. He was taken to jail and a search revealed his name, also a letter of the commandant from P. Paguengay, a business man of San Francisco, who recommended Diver as a bookkeeper. A chambermaid in the hotel early that morning found Diver lying on the floor with a sheet twisted around his neck and both ends tied to the bed. He was black in the face when released. A doctor was summoned who soon relieved him. Later Mrs. Medium entered the room and seeing his muscles twitching, asked him if he had taken some poison, after which he rushed after her, but she escaped, and he made the mad rush to the street.

About a month ago a young woman about twenty-five, black-eyed and attractive, was coming Weston the Santa Fe partly to visit relatives, but mostly to secure employment, says the San Francisco Chronicle. She met on the train a smooth young man who gave her a fictitious name and talked to her lightly for her to the object in coming West, which was to escape from the clutches of an eastern railroad company that wanted him for some serious offense. They soon became inseparable, and on arriving at San Bernardino had come to such an excellent understanding that a marriage license and preacher did the rest. The young people then came to San Diego. The fugitive told his young wife that his means were limited, and she was equally frank with him, but they cheerfully began married life in a modest way and were happy until the husband was arrested one day, which led for a pleasant week with his wife to recognize an old-time friend on the street who was aware of his trouble in the East. With some skill he managed to avoid a meeting and escaped to his wife. He fled south and his criminal friends. The same day the young wife looked for her husband in vain. She did this three days enough but a passing glimpse of him, but the more he thought about it the more he was convinced that he was a fool to wed. Inquiries were made and he found that the ex-railroad man had fled first to Los Angeles and then disappeared from there, effectually covering his tracks. The jealous husband was naturally disconsolate, but soon recovered and was married again.

We have been to see the great Bear Dance. We required the services of interpreter when it which we did, and the first sound that greets your ears was a noise similar to a railroad locomotive pulling into a depot. What was it, did you say? Why the music, of course, or as near more exactly, the sound. It consisted of nine notches in a stick, one provided with a notched stick about twenty inches long and the music was produced by rubbing it up and down and across the notched sticks, and by striking some kind of a tune from their fiddle sticks that we supposed was meant for singing, but all the same it was lively and we enjoyed it very much. The bucks and squaws were huddled in all their finery, and made a very picturesque group, the squaws as they arranged themselves in two long lines facing each other, the bucks in one line and the squaws in the other. The dance consisted of a series of three steps forward and three back, or as the line advanced three steps, the other retreated three steps, the squaws showing themselves in a long year fashion, "all in same no-Bess square," the partner chosen taking his place directly opposite the lady standing him. The closing scene of this the "Great Annual Bear Dance" of the Utes is the most thrilling part of the program, when a buck and a squaw imitate all of the antics of a couple of bears and dance until exhausted, or so exhausted. We regret very much that we did not get to stay for the feast, but it was getting late and business called us home. There were a number of Vernal people at the dance.—Vernal Express.

A somewhat sensational failure has occurred at Boise, Idaho. The house now goes to the wall is that of T. C. Early & Co., clothing dealers, and their failure is remarkable, not for the amount involved, but for the firm's methods of doing business. They opened at Boise about six months ago, and the business has been conducted by H. W. Early, who represented himself as a brother of T. C. Early of Denver, who he claims is a wealthy lawyer. A few days ago the announcement was made that the business had been sold to J. E. Howard, a clerk in the store. An attachment was followed, and Howard was turning the goods over to local merchants. Investigation showed that the place had been gutted. Claims have continued to pour in from eastern points, and it seems probable that the amount will reach $10,000 or $15,000, while there are only a few hundred dollars worth of goods in the store. Early was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to defraud. The prisoner gave bonds in the sum of $10,000. It now transpires that before the boot was put a letter addressed to Early fell into the hands of the city authorities showing that the concern was a fraud scheme. The letter, which was without signature and postmarked Los Angeles, Cal., gave the details of the scheme, which was that a line of credit would be secured and large quantities of goods would be purchased. These goods would be shipped to the store, then reshipped to Portland, to Southern California and thence to points in Arizona. The writer of the letter asserted that $50,000 could be cleared up by the operation. The letter was copied and put back into the postoffice. Watch was kept and shortly H. W. Early turned and claimed the letter. It is known that at least one shipment of goods was made within ten days to San Francisco.

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