

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Butte, Montana, city council has passed a resolution providing that no city contract shall be awarded to persons who have not been residents of Silver Bow county for one year.

The coroner's jury at Butte, Mont., has decided that James Hopper, an old miner who was found dead in Brown's gulch on Monday, suicided by taking strychnine while temporarily insane.

The body of Thomas Loyens, a laborer, was found in a mud bank in Oakland, California, Tuesday. He either fell off the wharf or committed suicide, although the former theory is the generally accepted one.

Willie Fricke, 11 years of age, at Los Angeles, Cal., lost his right eye Thursday morning by the explosion of a brass cannon. A piece of the metal entered the eye destroying everything but the membrane.

Evanston, Wyoming News-Register: J. Shaffer sold a quantity of wool to Payne & Lyne, of Salt Lake City, for 12½ cents per pound, last Wednesday. This is the highest price paid for wool in this vicinity this year.

James Scott of Los Angeles, Cal., does not want any more whiskey with seltzer. He asked for that the other day in a saloon, and the barkeeper gave ammonia instead of seltzer, burning Scott's throat in a terrible manner.

Ralph W. Peck, a saloon keeper at Valley Springs, Calaveras county, Cal., committed suicide Tuesday by shooting himself through the head. He went to his saloon early and was found dead at 7 o'clock with the pistol in his hand.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman: Miss Clara Richardson, stenographer in the federal court, left yesterday for her month's vacation. She will visit in Portland and Reno, her old home, and before returning will go to San Francisco. On her way back she will attend the jubilee in Salt Lake.

C. H. Legg, a wealthy Nevada mine owner, while engaged in examining his placer ground in Gold canyon, Nev., was standing upon a bank trying to pry some ground down with a crowbar. The ground caved, and he fell to the bottom of the bank. The crowbar struck him behind the ear, and it is said he cannot live.

Joseph Shaw, an employe of the East Oakland, California, cotton mill, is in a dangerous condition as the result of a spider bite. The spider got inside of his shirt and bit him on the wrist. An hour later the wrist had swollen to several times its natural size, and he was in agony from the pain. It will take him some time to recover.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Avalanche: Some of the Leadville boys got into a scap on the train that brought the excursionists down Sunday morning. As a result of the row there was not much glass left in the car windows and some of the furniture was badly demoralized. One of the boys got a

knock-out blow which left him unconscious for several hours.

When the train on the Heppner (Or.) branch was running under full speed near Lexington last week it was signaled by Thomas La Ford, and the trainmen were told that several large boulders had rolled upon the track a short distance ahead. The boulders were removed and the train, on which there were a number of passengers, went safely on, but it was a narrow escape.

On Friday last a three-year-old child of William Tracy was terribly burned at Butte, Montana, while playing with matches. The child had been left alone with a sister, a year older, while the mother went shopping. The elder girl displayed wonderful presence of mind by placing her little sister in a tub of water and extinguishing the flames. The child, however, was fatally burned.

Peter Anderson was repairing a mower sickle in his blacksmith shop in Albany, Or., a few days ago. He struck the sickle a sharp blow to remove the rivet, when one of the sickle's teeth flew off and struck his little son, who was standing several feet distant, on the toes. The tooth fell with the sharp-pointed end downward with such force as to sever one toe and cut another almost off.

At the horse races at Brownboro, Oregon, on Monday, a serious accident happened to several persons, some of whom may die. In the excitement of a race several persons rushed on the track, and the horse which Jockey Merritt was riding ran over them. Frank Nichols, Mr. Tucker and two girls by the name of Thumbberg were seriously hurt. The horse fell, throwing Merritt and bruising him about the head very badly.

John Stevens, a miner, is imprisoned on the fifty-foot level of the Mammoth mine at Coldfields, forty miles east of Phoenix, Arizona, and though all the men who can be put to work are sinking a shaft to reach him, it is believed they may be too late. Stevens was alone, working at the end of a drift Saturday evening, when, without warning, the surface caved in, carrying down the carpenter shop to the depth of ten feet or more. When the messenger left the camp Monday morning Stevens was still alive and was evidently working upward to join his comrades, but it is believed he must finally be overcome by foul air.

Two men were crushed to death Tuesday by falling dirt, and a third laborer had a narrow escape from death. The accident occurred near the smelter, on the east side of the Los Angeles river, Cal. The two men who met death were Benjamin F. Scott and William Rheinschild, laborers employed by the city water overseer's office. That afternoon a portion of the ditch which runs along the east bank of the old river bed gave way. The city water overseer was notified, and with a force of eight workmen went to the place. While these were engaged, the

bank gave way catching the men, two of whom were killed instantly.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman: Grant Geddiss, who came down from the upper Boise Tuesday, reported an accident which had happened to Dick Lusk. Mr. Lusk was working hauling cordwood when the brake to his wagon broke. He was thrown forward under the front wheels, across a deep rut through which the wheels of the wagon had to pass. The rut was about a foot deep and before the team could be stopped the front wheels had passed over it is body about the middle, crushing it terribly. Geddiss started immediately for this city arriving here about 3 p. m., having made the distance of about fifty miles without a stop. Dr. Haley left with him at once for the scene of the accident. It was thought that Lusk could not possibly survive.

Albion Russell, living near Harris, California, killed himself on the 2nd. One of the neighbors went to his house and found Russell across the bed with his left hand clasping the barrels of a shotgun and the right hand near the trigger. The top of his head was blown completely off. Evidently he had placed the muzzle of his gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger. The wall near the bed was covered with blood, flesh and brains, presenting an awful sight. Russell was 37 years of age, of steady habits, and the only thing known which could have caused him to take his life was the fact that about ten days ago he had a few words with his wife and she left him. It is supposed he worried over the matter until he worked himself up to the point of taking his life.

Friday's Cheyenne Tribune says: In the supreme court yesterday the cases of D. C. McLaughlin, receiver, etc., against Garrott O'Neill, executor of the last will of O. E. Neill, executor of the last will of O. E. Wurtele, deceased, and Edward McLaughlin vs the same party, were argued together, both involving practically the same question. Judge Henderson of Salt Lake City and J. C. Hamm of Evanston represented the plaintiff and Cyrus Beard and B. M. Ausherman the defendant. The cases were brought in the district court of Uinta county to recover from the Wurtele estate \$16,800, claimed as the statutory liability due to the creditors of the Park City bank which failed in 1898, on 168 shares of stock in the bank which were held by Mr. Wurtele. The cases were held upon demurrers to the petitions, the judge of the district court having certified the cases to the supreme court for its decision upon certain questions which were deemed important and difficult. The questions in brief which the court is asked to decide are whether either the receiver or a creditor can sue the estate in Wyoming upon the liability which is imposed upon a stockholder in the bank by the statute of Utah. The assets of the bank not having been entirely exhausted, but the petition alleging that it would require in addition to the assets of the bank the collection of the entire \$50,000 of stockholders liability to pay the creditors.