NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Cable Car Held Up by Two Masked Highwaymen.

MEXICAN LAND SUIT DECIDED

An Idiot Found in a Millionaire's Valise.—Attempted Jail Break, Etc.

Boise, Idaho, has gone in for a base ball club, which is now in training.

Nevada's state treasurer, J. F. Egan, has died at his home in Carson after an illness of several weeks, of stomach trouble and dropsy. He was a native of Ireland and 51 years of age.

The Canadian House association, of Chatham county, Ontario, has been incorporated, with a capital of $100,000. It is intended to be used as an asylum for epileptic patients.

J. B. Mangum, who assassinated Thomas Geary in September last on a ranch near Congress, some miles north of Prescott, Arizona, has been arrested at Las Vegas. There was a reward of $500 for his capture.

Professor A. G. Douglass, who has been in Arizona for several years past hunting for a point to establish a branch of the Harvard observatory, has found an exceptional position at Flagstaff the site to the territory for the purpose. He has secured a grant from Percival Lowell, of Boston, for the observatory to be in for three years. Mr. Lowell will furnish the funds.

The Wyoming Pipe Line company has petitioned for organization and filed articles of incorporation. The purpose of the company is to construct a pipe line from the Bell Creek oil field near Casper to connect with the Denver, Union Pacific and Gulf railway at Cheyenne. The capital stock is $100,000. The incorporators are the Pennsylvania Oil company, by which the company is controlled.

It is reported that B. Clark Wheeler, of Acoma, the gunsmith, who is, we, has visited the United Press headquarters, and will receive commissions in the Study Populist, says the Dakota News. He will make a tour of the Indian country, he says, for the Salt Lake Tribune. It is also understood that several reporters for publication in the city have secured a clue by which a clock mystery may be solved to show the Populist so a source both, and which will probably be made public soon.

The tariff law in the United States seems to relation to the foreign commerce of an hotel lately, says the Lancaster Expositor, is of great importance to miners of mineral claims in this vicinity. It also seems that the companies the owners of mineral lands developed above Dutch Flat, which are extensive grants in Sierra, the Union Pacific is entitled to all of the in Pacific claims located on railroad sections. The Morgan mine and also the Sun Ticket claim are both located on railroad lands.

J. Howell, of Vancouver, B. C., went to Victoria three months ago, and on returning left his value in the baggage-room of the hotel. Going to the room the other day to get the valise, he noticed that it looked unusually fatty and seemed very heavy, but somewhat concerned had been trying a practical joke on him, and taking it to the hotel office opened it to find a big idiot gazing at him. The value contained the body of an Indian recently slain. The Victoria police are unable to solve the mystery.

An attempt was made at Reno, Nevada, on Monday afternoon, by two prisoners, to escape from jail. The under sheriff heard a noise working in the rear of the jail, and on investigating found a negro cutting down a bar in a window. Another prisoner, Doty, confessed to four years for house-breaking, was also at work, their tools being made of broken saw blades and iron. Three years ago in Reno the jails in the town were burned, and the jails are apparently not fitted secure.

"The people of Laramie" (Wyo.), says the Boomerang, "are not often apt to remember that the vital statistics of Laramie are comparatively insignificant. Out of a population of more than 8,000 in this city there are but about sixty-five deaths annually. This includes in fact all burials. A number are brought to the city in the course of a year for burial from points in the country surrounding this city. It will be seen, therefore, that the death rate is very about 1 per cent of our population. We believe that the country will average less than 1 per cent. Attention is directed to the facts by the recent publication of the vital statistics last year, which necessitated a very startling one. The death rate is figured out at 13.87 per 1,000. Laramie's death rate is about ten to the 1,000."

In the United States land court at Santa Fe, N. M., an opinion has been announced rejecting the Nolan land grant, a tract in Sierra county, N. M., east of Las Vegas, which covers 600,000 acres of valley land. The court holds that Nolan's claim upon the Mexican authorities was only verified when he secured a large grant in northern Colorado. Justice Murray, the Tennessee member of the court, was absent, and gave no opinion that course seem unusual in legal and great issues. He announced it as his opinion that the colonization law of August 18, 18 4, and the regulations of 1828, were in force at the date of the grant, 1841, as after 1822, submitting the governor of New Mexico to dispose of the public lands for any purpose. This view of the subject, says a special dispatch from Santa Fe, settles all problems, and declares that the United States Supreme Court has never had before it the law bearing with the subject of colonization of the lands of Mexico subsequent to the adoption of the constitution of 1824.

A cable car on the Hyde street line in San Francisco was held up by two masked men the top of the hill at Francisco about midnight Monday. They stood near the track, as if waiting to get on, until the car slowed up, when one ran behind the gripman with a revolver while his partner put the drop on the conductor. Work the gripman, the highwaymen robbed the passengers. From the gripman they took a silver watch and about 60 cents in change. There was one passenger in the car from which they got $27 in money. From the conductor's pockets they secured $2.60 in change, and on searching him they found his watch. The robbers worked quite hurriedly, and only detained the car a minute or two. They swung another and so conductor they jumped to the street, and, running down with their booty, disappeared in the shadows. The news was promptly carried, and it was not long before several officers were on the ground. The police were stationed at the end of the line that the highwaymen would have to pass the alarm. The officers did their duty, and the high waymen were soon in custody. The prisoners are confident they will be released on the ground that the robbery was not committed in the city and county of San Francisco, but in the city of Oakland. Detectives want to work up a case against the two robbers, and, from the statement complained given of the boy's capture, the officers will be successful in a short time.

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