

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Threshing is now in progress, says the *Wasatch Wave*, and it is not an uncommon sight to see a wagon load of grain come into town. Crops are, generally speaking, above the average.

Frank Donohue and Wm. C. Lane, two grapepickers, quarreled at Selma, Cal. Lane struck Donohue on the side of the head, breaking his neck. Death followed immediately.

Prices on sheep are doing better as well as on cattle, as the following from the *Casper Derrick* shows: "Sullivan and Mahoney struck a good market with their last shipment of fat sheep to Chicago. They received from \$2.75 to \$3.10 per 100 pounds."

Mrs. G. N. Grubb, an old resident of Canto, Cal., was watching a fire used for heating a sheep brand. Her clothing caught fire and she was horribly burned about the lower limbs before the flames could be extinguished. Death took place next day.

F. E. Bissell, chief engineer of the Gulf system, put his men to work at Graneros, surveying the line between Pueblo and Trinidad, Col., on Tuesday morning. It is the intention of the road to build this line immediately, and the work of surveying will be pushed vigorously.

J. D. Jourden, a prominent business man of Ukiah, Cal., while out hunting on Tuesday evening, met with an accident which resulted in the loss of his right hand by the premature discharge of his shotgun. His arm was amputated. It is said that the wounded man will doubtless recover.

Harry Pinkerton, 19 years old, a circus performer and musician, was probably fatally injured on Monday evening at Byers, Colo. Pinkerton was engaged by Howe & Cushing's circus until a few days ago, when he left the show at Rockwell, Texas, and being without funds he traveled north on freight cars. He was helping a train crew when injured.

Dan Noonan, a policeman, was found dead in his bed at Butte, Monday afternoon. He went to Anaconda on a picnic Sunday, returned at 1 o'clock Monday morning to his boarding house and went to bed. He proceeded to police headquarters early in the afternoon, but was taken with a vomiting fit and got back to bed. At 5:30 his landlady called him to supper and found him dead.

Word reaches here, says the *Lander*, Wyo., *Clipper*, that on last Friday a cloud burst in Sage creek basin, between Rawlins and Saratoga, and played havoc with property in that vicinity. The bridge on Sage creek, on the stage route midway between the two points, was washed away, and the wife and children of Mail Contractor Connors were driven from their home to the high ground.

The order in reference to the removal of the soldiers at Fort Russell was issued yesterday, says the *Cheyenne Sun*, and they will go to Columbus barracks as was thought would be the case. Columbus barracks is right in the heart of the city of Columbus, O., and is said to be a very fine fort. The

removal will be made at once and by the 1st of next month there will be none of the Seventeenth left in this region.

The Carson (Nevada) *Tribune* says: The strike in the Zirn-Schulz mine at Pine Nut continues to be the theme of conversation in Carson. The ore brought in by Zirn is on exhibition at the Arlington hotel, and swarms of people have been flocking into the hotel today to examine the same. Mining men from Virginia are astounded at the richness of the ore, and say that if there is any considerable body, Pine Nut will be a booming city.

The Los Angeles *Express* says that what promises to be the biggest attraction to amusement lovers ever brought to that city has just been erected on South Broadway, between First and Second streets. Reference is made to Mr. Quinn's great toboggan slide, which has just been completed at a cost to the builder of \$5,000. It is 2,640 feet, or one-half mile, in length, and consumed 40,000 feet of lumber in its construction.

Little Nelson Empy accidentally severed his first finger on the left hand on Monday, at Payson, says the *Payson Daily Times*. The boy was endeavoring to fix the leather on his top string, which at the time didn't quite suit him, and proceeded to remedy the shape of the button by the use of an ax, with which he went to the chopping block, raised the ax, and let it fall on the finger, which completely cut it off.

A peculiar test case will shortly be tried in the justices' courts at Santa Rosa and San Rafael, Cal., in which Mrs. Jerry Blake, of Occidental, Sonoma county, will sue the North Pacific Coast railroad and Wells Fargo Express company for \$299.99 each for damages caused by the loss of a sack of green corn and peace of mind while undergoing the suspense experienced during a protracted search for her property.

Mr. and Mrs. Read, of Julian, Cal., experienced a lively time a few evenings ago. Mrs. Read saw a wildcat in a tree near the house, and informed her husband. He dropped his work and picking up a 22-caliber rifle, placed a bullet in the animal's ribs, with the result that the cat dropped on Mrs. Read's head. The woman made violent efforts to dislodge the animal, and Read assisted her by clubbing it, and, having beaten it off, fired another bullet into its body.

It has been lately discovered that there is a large amount of Russian thistle in the vicinity of Brush, Colo. It is found along the ditches and also on land that has no irrigation. The farmers are interested in the matter and will bring it before the county commissioners and get their help to destroy the pest. There is also a large crop of it two miles east of Brighton. It is in full seed. The winds are blowing the plants in every direction and scattering the seeds by millions in every direction.

Alfred Hodnett, the Altaville shoemaker, received an order for a mam-

moth pair of shoes this week, remarks the *Angels, Cal., Herald*. It came from an employee of a saw mill in the mountains, who stands 6 feet 6 inches tall on two feet that will favorably compare with those that the giants of olden times are reported to have possessed. The feet that the mountain man wants incased in leather measure 13 inches in length, 11½ inches around the instep, and 15½ inches around the heel and instep.

Time was in Deseret (Utah) when people could leave water buckets, halters, tin cups, etc., out of doors and find them the next morning, says the *Millard county Blade*. Now if you turn a horse loose to enjoy himself for fifteen minutes, some two legged cur will steal the halter, and water buckets, tin pans and cups, if left out after dark, are taken by petty thieving prowlers. The *Blade* thinks the pranks will be played once too many.

Monday a gang of Virginia tough boys were down at Washoe lake catching unbranded horses, remarks the *Carson (Nevada) Tribune*. They ran about twenty into the inclosure back of the clubhouse and scared them so badly that they took to the water, swimming out in the lake about 300 yards. Four were seen to sink and drown, while the balance swam back to the shore. The perpetrators of the reprehensible work should be detected and punished.

The liveliest interest is being manifested in the trial of the Carlin strikers, which was begun in Carson Monday, says the *Virginia (Nevada) Enterprise*. There was such a crowd of outsiders in the capital city to attend the trial that it made a notable difference in the appearance of the streets before the court was called. It appeared that about half the Carlin population arrived, and according to talk the other half will arrive during the week. There were also many citizens summoned as witnesses and jurors from all parts of the state.

While two little children named Hastings were crossing a pasture near the house of S. W. Ferguson on the Rosedale road, says the *Kern county Californian*, a swarm of bees settled on the head of one of the little ones. The child fought them off, but before they left her she was stung over 100 times about the face and head. The child with her was also severely handled by the infuriated insects. The greatest sufferer is only about five years old. A doctor was called on and applied remedies to ease and cure the wounds. At last reports both children were getting along nicely.

A large cinnamon bear came near having a man for supper last Sunday at San Diego, Cal. Two bears belonging to a show were chained to a post in the rear of a building and had been unmuzzled by the keeper to allow them to feed. The smaller bear seemed as docile as a kitten, and Michael Hilwebber went up to the animal and patted him on the head. Jealousy seemed to have been aroused in the big bear by this familiarity with his companion, and he reached out and caught Hilwebber. The bear was near the building, which is several feet above the ground, and he seemed to want to get his victim under it. Hilwebber resisted, and, assisted by the