

rendered necessary by the increasing attendance, a fact that will be gratifying to all friends of the school.

At a special meeting of the Austin (Nevada) school trustees the other evening, it was decided to close the school for the remainder of the term on account of the prevalent epidemic, scarlet fever, which is getting a strong hold on a number of children in Austin and surrounding country.

As the concluding act of a drunken jollification and resultant free fight among Bohemians and Italians at a Pueblo, Colo., boarding house, George Smilish was shot in the thigh at an early hour on Sunday morning, receiving a painful flesh wound. Mark Ralis was arrested, charged with the shooting. Four other men are in jail charged with being mixed up in the riot.

A rock-slide has occurred on the line of the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad near Canon City, killing a laborer by the name of James Hurley. A large number of men came near being caught under the slide, but saved themselves by prompt response to an alarm. The engineer saved himself by jumping in against a perpendicular plank, the slide passing over him.

Says the Idaho Statesman: Con Tatro is now before Mr. DeWitt, the attorney sent out from Washington to take evidence in Idaho Indian depredation claim cases. Mr. Tatro's claim is for \$4,500, which he alleges he lost while operating the Rocky Bar stage line. The Indians made frequent raids on Mr. Tatro's stations, killing the stock and burning the buildings.

A man named Bagwell, a gambler, was shot and instantly killed at North Yakima, Wash., on Tuesday, while going home, by an unknown man, who afterward made his escape and is now at large. The murderer, who was concealed behind a picket fence, awaited until his victim had passed by and then shot him in the back with a rifle. The bullet pierced the heart and Bagwell died instantly.

A new stock company has just been organized in Laramie, Wyo., to be known as the Dipsomania Perfect Cure company. It is organized for the purpose of treating inebriates and drunkards and also for curing people of the tobacco, opium and morphine habits, also for the manufacture, use and sale of various medicines used in the treatment and cure of the diseases mentioned.

The Shelton Clipper (Western Kansas) tells of a farmer living near Wood river who raised two acres of peanuts last year, harvesting a yield of forty-five bushels per acre. He sold the crop at \$1.50 a bushel. The expense was \$30 per acre, leaving a net profit of \$37.50 per acre. In addition to this he found that the vines of the crop were worth fully as much as the best of hay for feeding.

The Cree sun dance of three days has just been concluded at Havre, Montana. Three braves were hung up by thongs thrust into slits in their breasts, slashed by Chief Little Egg. All fainted. A young buck had slits cut in his shoulders and into these thongs were inserted, to which were tied four buffalo skulls, which he dragged after him. Eighty pieces of

flesh were cut from arms to be kept as tokens.

The body of an infant was found in the Platte river near Riverside cemetery, at Denver, on Wednesday morning. It lay under one of the Coxey boats stranded at that point. Around its neck was a cord such as is used to tie back curtains and the newly-born babe had undoubtedly been strangled with it. The arms of the helpless mite had been tied with a long, tan-colored shoestring. The coroner was notified and the remains were removed to the morgue.

Gov. Rickards, says the Helena (Mont.) Herald, has returned from Livingston, where he went to inquire into the Fields case, application having been made to him to respite the condemned murderer. The governor completed his investigation Saturday and decided not to interfere. He says the statement made by Fields himself and the showing made by his attorney are entirely inadequate to warrant any interference on his part.

Hon. P. L. Smith, ex-postmaster of Rawlins, Wyo., met with a very serious accident a few days ago. When near his ranch, about twenty-five miles south, the horse he was riding stumbled over a bunch of sage brush and fell upon him, breaking one rib and severely injuring him internally. He was brought to town, and lays in a very precarious condition. He is nearly 60 years old, says the dispatch, and will have a hard struggle if he gets through.

Over on the north side of the river, says the Bakersfield (Cal.) Californian, Mr. Camidge has an apricot orchard that the owner feels disposed to enter for a premium. It is only three years old, yet the present crop will average 125 pounds to each tree, some running as high as 150 pounds. This crop has been sold on the tree for 1½ cents per pound. There are 100 trees to the acre, hence the crop will bring the owner the very tidy sum of \$187.50, of which at least \$150 will be net profit.

At a mass meeting of the wine-grape growers, held at San Jose, Cal., on Saturday, all were enthusiastic over the plan of a syndicate controlling the output for five years in order to increase the prices of their product. Contracts to sell to the syndicate were signed by growers representing 1,500 acres, and many carried blank contracts away with the intention of signing them later. It is said there is no doubt that about all the growers of Santa Clara county will go into the combine.

James G. Halliday, an employe at the state asylum at Stockton, Cal., was stabbed three times on Tuesday night by E. G. Burton, a former patient. Burton was committed to the asylum some time ago for alcoholic mania. He apparently recovered and was given odd jobs about the institution. On Tuesday night he attended an encampment at Goodwater Grove and got drunk. Halliday attempted to take him home and Burton drew a knife and stabbed him three times in the body. It is said that Halliday's wounds are not dangerous.

The Fort Collins (Wyo.) Express gives the following picture of the trials of the farmers of that section. Grasshoppers are hatching out in some of

the gardens of the city and also on the farms along the Poudre and in the foothills. Great numbers are also reported from about the vicinity of Greeley—with the leaf roller and codling moth in the orchards, the Colorado beetle on the potatoes, the web worm in the alfalfa, the pea weevil, the bean bug, the squash bug in myriads, the army worm in the oats, the onion maggot, the cabbage worm, cut worm everywhere and the grasshopper easily pleased and nibbling at everything.

Public school work in Fremont county, Colo., says the Canon City Record, is making steady progress. A few statistics will emphasize this fact. The school census of the county (persons 6 to 21 years of age) in 1883 was 1,330, in 1893, 2,800. The average attendance in schools for the same dates is 863 and 1,329. The number of teachers employed has increased from 31 to 77, and the number of school houses from 19 to 32, with a corresponding increase in valuation in school property from \$34,690 in 1883, to \$76,975 in 1893. The number of volumes in school libraries was but 58 in 1883, while the last report is 500 exclusive of free text books.

California has secured another record, says the San Francisco Chronicle. This time the record-breaker is a young lady who bids fair to gain celebrity as a rifle shot. On Saturday last, at the Schuetzen park, San Rafael, Miss Lizzie Utschig captured the first-class medal at the monthly meeting of the Ladies California Schuetzen club, with a score of 112 out of a possible 125. The best previous lady's score was 110, made by Mrs. Utschig, the mother of the young lady. Miss Utschig is described as a pretty demi-brunette, rather petite, and has seen twenty winters. She is a native daughter and never did any shooting until about four months ago.

A man named Olsen has been arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of Stelle R. Randolph last April, remarks the Bellevue (Idaho) Herald. He was at that time working for Mr. Loving in the vicinity of the place where the crime was committed, and it was known he had no surplus means. Since then he has been on the ranch of Mr. Gannet and recently displayed considerable money, which caused the impression that he might be implicated in the crime. It is reported that he has shown a letter from a brother in the East, who sent him some money. A legal examination has not yet taken place, but if no new evidence is brought out it is probable he will be discharged.

After the settlement of a dispute at a ball game in Bessemer, Colo., on Monday, the trouble broke out again between two men not concerned in the first difficulty, Harry Slater, a steel works hand, and George Lloyd, a negro. Lloyd drew a knife and slashed Slater twice under the left eye and across the nose, inflicting serious cuts. Lloyd now ran toward the Rio Grande tracks, jumped a freight train and rode to the round house. Jack O'Leary, a steel works switchman and friend of Slater, also caught the train in pursuit of the negro. When the train stopped, O'Leary says Lloyd drew the knife on him. O'Leary picked up a club and rendered Lloyd