# NEWS OF THE WEST.

## Starving the Cause of Attempted Suicide of Mother and Son.

ANOTHER GREAT ATTRACTION.

Fire at Midway—A Heber City Scrap—Davis County Teachers—Many Years—Incidents.

There are twenty-one persons in Modoc county, Cal., who own more than 5,000 acres of land each. There are several estates of 20,000 and 40,000 acres in that county.

Arrangements have already been made for the shipment of over 10,000 head of Mexican cattle from Deming, N. M., after the first quarantine is raised on November 1st.

Water is getting very scarce at Kaysville, Davis county, and in consequence people are beginning to build separate reservoirs and making other building preparations so as will tend to save the little water that does come down from the hills.

The Idaho State Horticultural society will hold its first semi-annual meeting at Payette, September 18th and 19th. The society meets to discuss the condition of the orchards, the best methods of growing them, the causes of failure and the best methods of removing the obstacles in the way of success.

At Magalia, Cal., Friday, George Crandall and George Tyler were coming out of the Magalia shaft, which is 250 feet deep, when a timber fell from above. They had got up about sixty feet when the accident occurred. Crandall was struck upon the head and knocked to the bottom of the shaft and killed instantly. Tyler was struck upon the arm, and resisted his position and was not seriously injured. When the miners reached Crandall he was dead, and it is thought the blow of the falling timber killed him. He leaves a widow and four young children.

The teachers of Davis county will hold their annual institute during the week, beginning August 27th, and ending August 31st, says the Clipper. Prof. Brimhall has been employed as the regular instructor. He will deliver fifteen lectures on psychology, school management and philosophy of education. Mrs. E. C. Stewart is to lecture on physical training and school music. Commissioner Lewis will lecture before the public at Farmington Wednesday evening. There will also be other public lectures during the week.

The success of the great editorial convention at Salt Lake is assured. Delegates are going from every quarter. The Wisconsin association is going to stay there in a special train. Thirty Louisiana delegates start Friday. A big crowd is going from Ogden. Last evening a contract was made to lunch 500 people at noon. Every detail of the convention and entertainment is being completed. The visitors will have a grand time.—Glenwood Springs Ensign.

John T. Watkins, who resides on the left of the street on entering Midway, met with a severe loss about noon Wednesday, says the Wasatch county Wave. The fire fiend soon laid his barn of about 64x28x16 feet in size in ashes. This was not all, however, for only the night before he had put the last load of his hay crop of about twenty-five tons in the barn which was also destroyed, together with six early spring of horses. Children had been playing with fire about an hour before in the neighborhood of the barn, which was the cause of the conflagration. As is generally the case on such occasions, none of the family were at home when the fire broke out. There was no insurance.

A rough-and-tumble fight occurred at Turner's hall in Heber City last Monday evening about 10 o'clock, says the Wave. During the dance, Levi Turner, who generally has charge of the hall, recognized one Walter Phillips, a young man from Park City, as the fellow who at the dance on July 24 gave him a $1 bill in purchasing a ticket, which sold at 50 cents. Mr. Turner, thinking it was a $5 certificate, gave Phillips $4.50 back as change. He soon after discovered his mistake, and upon looking around for his man he found that he had left the dance at Turner's, and he has not shown up any time since until Monday night. Then the matter came up, the lie was passed between Phillips's partner, Wm. McLaughlin, and Marcus Turner, in which McLaughlin was badly licked.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., dispatch: About one year ago C. W. Darrow took so eighty acres of land adjoining the townsite on the north and a week ago he secured his patent for it. The other day as Mr. Darrow and H. R. Devereux were examining the property they heard a whistling sound coming from the earth, and they investigated and found a large hole in the side of the mountain out of which the wind was coming rapidly, causing the noise they had heard. Men were hired to make the hole larger, so that it could be entered, and when ingress was possible eight large caverns were discovered. These caves are all very beautiful, and Mr. Darrow has decided to make extensive improvements, so that Glenwood will have another great attraction. They will be called the Ute Caverns.

Arthur H. Dodge, formerly proprietor of the San Miguel Courier and now a resident of San Rafael, Cal., with his mother attempted to commit suicide Friday evening. Dodge, who has been suffering for the last three years from school troubles, being unable to obtain employment and without money, decided to end his life and have his mother do likewise. Leaving his everything of value they possessed, Mrs. Dodge surrendered her wedding ring to a pawnbroker for 50 cents, with which they purchased poisons. The dose taken was five grains each, but, owing to the weakened condition of their stomachs, due to the lack of food, they were unable to retain the poison. They afterward performed a pistol drill, which evidently had the same effect, as when found both were alive and suffering torturing. After receiving the attention of a doctor it was found that not her had tested the to throw drugs and were without a single article that could be sold to afford them relief. The neighbors, who had been ignorant of their condition, immediately went to their aid, and Mrs. Dodge, who is 74 years old, a few hours from out of danger. Dodge was placed in jail, as he still threatens to commit suicide.


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