NEWS OF THE WEST.

Mrs. J. Y. Lee, of Woodruff, Arizona, Killed by Lifting.

CHILDREN PEARTFULLY SCALDED.

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For the British months of 1896 the [illegible] received 18,755 boxes of 4,842 [illegible] Dole were shipped [illegible] 1895. [illegible] were [illegible] 19,142 [illegible] of [illegible] 5,209 [illegible] during the first six months of 1895.

[illegible] J. Gaskins, a German living in the [illegible] for [illegible] Mexico, [illegible] for about [illegible] days in the state's [illegible] of [illegible]. Two pieces of [illegible], apparently were from human teeth of a [illegible] color, two pieces of [illegible] from the mouthpiece of a pipe, an eyelet from a shoe, a copper [illegible] such as is used in the seams of overalls were among the treasures of the discriminating [illegible].

Mrs. Maria Scott, widow of the late Captain Jesse E. Scott, was discovered yesterday morning dead in bed in San Francisco. The odor of escaping gas attracted the attention of the landlady, who summoned a [illegible]. On entering the apartment they found it filled with gas and the gas cock partly turned on, indicating that death was accidental. Dr. E. S. Hill was hastily called, but he found life extinct. Mrs. Scott was 65 years old and had been a pensioner of the government since the death of her husband, who served in the army during the Civil war.

Collector of Customs T. J. Black captured 240 boxes of opium at San Francisco on Saturday night. The stock was valued at $1,000, and was smuggled in from Vancouver, B. C., by two Chinese. The plan was well laid to capture the men, but when their houses were surrounded and broken into by officers the two Mongolians jumped out of the second-story window and escaped in the darkness. Next night officers made a second capture of 480 cans of opium, valued at $2,000, and with it captured two white men, who gave fictitious names.

Jasper Gee, a resident of Downey, Cal., 41 years of age, was drowned today in the surf at Long Beach while bathing. Gee went in with a party of friends, two of whom came near sharing his untimely fate. J. B. Wilson of the party had a rope thrown to him and was towed ashore. N. G. Hughes had to struggle for life, but reached the shore without assistance. The drowning was caused by a treacherous undertow, which came so near engulfing the whole party that no assistance could be given to Gee. A sad feature of the tragedy was that Gee's wife and three daughters witnessed his struggles with the waves and heard his piteous cries for help.

Two sons of W. S. Bryant, who live in Stockton, Cal., came near being scalded to death Saturday night. The boys are aged 9 and 14 years. The younger may die from the effects of the terrible burns received. Mrs. Bryant had placed a boiler full of water over a gasoline stove and the water had boiled to a boiling point when the boys, who were playing in the room, knocked the stove over. The boiling water fell directly on the children and their screams brought Bryant and his wife to the rescue. The younger child was the more seriously injured about the thighs and legs and the other scalded on his arm and shoulder.

Rev. Julius Smith has filed a petition in the circuit court at Independence, Jackson county, Missouri, asking a divorce from his wife, Nannie Smith, whom he married at Stillwater, I. T., in April, 1895. The plaintiff alleges that his wife spread the report among his congregation at Stillwater that she was his common-law wife. By threats he lost his position. At Owego he alleges she spread similar reports with a like result. In addition, he alleges, she one day smashed the windows in their house and threw his theological library into the street. When he tried to pick up the volumes she threatened to shoot him and the plaintiff was compelled to call in a policeman.

On last Wednesday, July 22, as Mrs. J. Y. Lee, of Woodruff, Arizona, with her children, was coming in a buggy from home to visit friends in Apache county, the horses taking fright at an arroyo between Woodruff and the mail station, says the St. Johns Herald, Mrs. Lee alighted from the buggy and in attempting to hold them in the position in which it had settled, overbalanced herself. It was not thought at first that her injuries, which were in the nature of a sprain, were of a severe nature, but she rapidly became worse, and with the message of J. P. Winne finally managed to reach the mail station. Dr. Platt, of the place was immediately summoned but Mrs. Lee was dead before he could reach her, death having relieved her of her sufferings at an early hour Tuesday morning.

St. Johns, Ariz., Herald: A water storage and irrigation enterprise which promises more good results to the people of this county is now being energetically pushed by the St. Johns Irrigation company. It is proposed to dam the Little Colorado at a narrow point in the canyon, about five miles south of town. The character of the dam is proposed to be of the "Wolf" variety. The water will be thrown back into a natural reservoir of the river, which will be utilized for the rest of the distance through the canyon. A second dam will be placed at the narrowest march of the canyon if sufficient depth to raise the water for irrigation be found. From here a ditch could be constructed for a distance of about [illegible] miles, or about six thousand acres of land, most of this place entirely under water for irrigation. The total amount of the ditch work to be done by the company is [illegible] miles, and is of a quality not surpassed in the Territory.

Yesterday (Friday) the 24th inst., old Mormon pioneer, as is his custom, celebrated Pioneer day, says the St. Johns, Ariz., Herald. Two in the observance of the day so were the morning party, composed of Pioneer Young and a few secretary, first arrived at and looked over upon the valley of the Great Salt Lake. The various exercises of the social relations. The national flag was raised at sunrise and a salute was fired, the band serenaded the town, drumming all the individuals in a procession, was formed and paraded through the principal streets, and a specially prepared program of exercises, commencement at the opera house, was received at Assembly hall. A children's game was given in the afternoon, and a ball for the women in the evening. The latter was designed to excite an general merriment. Several horse races, foot races, etc., were on the program. The weather was fine, the late rains having tempered the atmosphere, and made it comfortable for those participating in the celebration, and also for the effort of several a large attendance during the exercises.

Edward M. Clark and Harry Sanders, who started to drive across the Colorado desert from Brawley, Cal., to Yuma, Arizona, last month, have been safely found and on the ground. James Clark, who is the nephew of the Kingman road in Pomona, Cal., and who was frantically interested in these two men, has information that confirms his worst fears as to their fate. Six weeks ago Clark and Sanders were "prospecting" in Nevada, as a mining and engineering tour along the Colorado river, they started from Pomona with a horse and a wagon and a lot of camp tools and provisions. Clark heard from them every few days until they reached Banning, some seventy miles away, where they stayed a time in the desert. Clark wrote from Banning that the weather was not as hot as usual, and, notwithstanding warnings of men there, he and Sanders were going to start from Wolf station for desert, which he believes they would cross in five or six days, in the course of eight days Clark received a third letter written by Sanders at Wolf station, the date that he and Sanders had suffered terribly on the desert and had been ninety miles from the nearest habitation and seven days. Their horses had, however, served well and pulled them through. They had about water and food enough, and had lost twenty pounds of flesh in one week. They were out of money and nearly out of provisions, so they must go on toward Yuma, eighty miles away, as best as possible. From that time Mr. Clark has not heard from either of the men. He has done everything possible to hear about them. Sunday he had unofficial information that Clark and Sanders have died on the desert. A prospector named Higgins said he went to Mr. Clark from Ionia that last week he found two bodies answering the description of Clark and Sanders lying on the desert twenty-five miles from Volcano Springs. The bodies were much decomposed. Two miles away there is a dead horse with harness on it that answers a close description of the horse and harness with which the missing men started away from Pomona. Clark was a member of one of the best known families in New York state. His uncle was ex-Governor Myron H. Clark of Canandaigua, and his cousin is State Treasurer Colvin of Utica. Clark, N. Y. Clark came to California two years ago with an invalid wife, and lived in Grass valley and Penn valley until, by an unfortunate land speculation, he lost all he had. He was too proud to write to his eastern relatives for help, and determined to make his own fortune over again. Clark was a friend of Major McKinley, and among his papers are letters written by McKinley when congressman in 1893 relative to the appointment of Clark to the postal service. Sanders has a wife and four children at Columbus, Mo. He was some time a miner and has lived in Pomona for two years.

Surgery in the Middle Ages.

In the middle of the twelfth century priests were the only doctors. By an edict of the council of Tours surgery was separated from medicine and the practice of the former forbidden to the clergy. The latter had always left their patients to perform surgical operations. This came from the fact of the monks having their heads shaved frequently and observing the dexterity acquired by the barbers in the use of edge tools. The knights of the tonsure, from shaving and bleeding, passed on to both dressing and finally to other operations requiring skill and delicacy, if not much knowledge. They took precedently nothing of anatomy. It is said surgery was described in a work of a monk of the church which fathers then to shed blood. This was considered the dark age of medicine, and under them it must have been to the worthy citizens who, perhaps, placing himself in the hands of his barber for bleed, might, at the same time that he was getting rid of a tumor, also part company with his head.—Exchange.

The Pull of a Fish.

"What I want," said an angler, "is a contrivance some one to measure the pull of a fish. If a pound fish pulls 8 pounds 2 ounces, I want to know it, and if a 3 pound fish pulls only 3 pounds 4 ounces I want to know that too. A fisher writes to a sportsman's paper the other day to tell of an invention to measure the size of the fish that are lost. That is where this pull measure machine would be good too. It would have to be self registering, of course.

"Everybody laughs when any one says he lost a big one. I've lost fish of a size I never dared tell of, just because of the bad name a fellow gets for telling of such things. I could tell of 5 and 7 pound trout in Conesboro to take up in the Adirondacks, but what's the use? Why, say, I've seen a moose!"— Just then he remembered himself and began to talk about a grizzly bear fly with a yellow tail.—New York sun.

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