

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Flagstaff, Arizona, claims to have shipped 1000 car loads of building stone during the present year.

Pagosa Springs, Colo., is happy over the discovery near there of \$12 a ton gold ore in unlimited quantities.

There are in Arizona 12,000,000 acres of surveyed land and 34,000,000 acres of unsurveyed land still open to settlement.

Nevada has at least one female tramp. She walked from Wadsworth to Hot Springs, a distance of twenty miles, in one day.

Saturday last a grand strike was made in the Nugget mine at Gila City, A. T. The ore, it is said, glistens with free gold.

Last week two feet of snow fell at Truckee, and the railroad was busy with plows and shovelers keeping the track clear.

A potato growers' convention has been called to meet in Fort Collins on February 21 and 22 to discuss the potato business.

At Greeley, Colo., contracts are being made now for cucumbers and tomatoes by the Denver canners and pickle makers.

Near Eaton, Col., a Denver colony is being located upon 23,000 acres of first class potato and wheat land under irrigation canal.

The British Columbia parliament has passed an act permitting members of the Salvation Army to perform marriage ceremonies.

A colored man living in Tacoma, Wash., has asked Congress to furnish him transportation to Africa, the home of his forefathers.

Farmers in Lassen county want the supervisors to assist them in exterminating the rabbits, which are doing great damage to crops.

A creamery is to be established on San Antonio creek, near Petaluma, California, with a capacity of using the milk of 1000 cows.

County commissioners of Washington county, Colo., have arranged for the distribution of seed oats and barley to impecunious farmers.

Pueblo people propose to organize a mutual co-operation insurance movement and to put a stop to foreign insurance company extortion.

Monte Vista, Col., has shipped 552 carloads of produce since December 1, and the *Journal* proudly asks, "What valley town can beat this?"

Middle Park, Colorado, sled drivers use a "drag" which plows and clears the snow from the roads. It keeps the roads in fine order for sledding.

Laborers at work on the Rose canyon road, near San Diego, have uncovered a body of what is believed to be gypsum, also a vein resembling coal.

Longmont, Colo., has developed a new industry. It is the raising of canary seed, which is said to be of superior quality and quite profitable.

James Rait, an employe of the race track at San Jose, Cal., has had an interesting experience of being held up by footpads three times in succession.

John K. Baldwin, a young farmer on the Calaveras river, has found a ledge of disintegrated, high grade quartz on his place near Bear mountain.

A Cresswell, Or., woman tied her child up near the grate and went out. When she came back it had fallen across the hot irons and was severely burned.

In Hell canyon near Albuquerque, N. M., Denver parties are preparing to develop a ledge of low grade ore seventy feet wide which can be mined for 50 cents a ton.

Workmen at a limekiln near Gila City, A. T., while prospecting for limestone have found a vein of marble forty feet wide and equal to the best that Vermont produces.

The report that smallpox had broken out in Virginia City, Nevada, was untrue. The health officers say there has not been a case of that disease for six years.

Colorado ranchmen join in the universal report that an abundance of snow assures increased crop acreage. Preparations for getting in large crops are reported all over the state.

Tramps are a costly addition to a county. The fees of justices and constables of San Diego county last year amounted to \$14,5000, most of which was for the arrest and trial of tramps.

A new telephone company has been incorporated at San Diego, and a petition has been presented asking for a franchise. It is promised that instruments will be rented at \$2.50 per month.

In Albuquerque a recently discharged convict from the Colorado penitentiary returned home after six years' absence to find his wife married a third time and living with her third husband.

The Florence, Colo., Rapid Transit company has surveyed a line from Florence to Coal creek and will soon be operating a transportation and rapid transit line between the coal mines and the oil city.

On Washoe lake, Nevada, a large ark has been built as a pleasure resort for the summer fishing season. People will live in a floating hotel and communicate with the shore by means of small boats.

The Denver county detectives played a hand in rounding up hobos and vags Monday night and as a result of their efforts about twenty choice petty larceny experts are sojourning in the county jail.

La Plata City, Colo., only a few weeks old, has two stores, two saloons, blacksmith shop, a newspaper, a restaurant, a lodging house, a daily stage line to Hesperus and thirty actual residents within the townsite.

The United States district judge of Portland, Or., has sentenced William Dunbar, recently convicted of smuggling opium, to two years' imprisonment in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

The Santa Fe railroad surveyors are starting out to survey a branch line

between Hillsboro and Lake Valley, N. M. This is to develop the newly discovered gold fields in that region. The road will be built at once.

The Le Garde, Wyo., gold placer diggings are attracting a large number of miners who reach the mines on snow shoes from the Laramie trail. The snow is from two to five feet deep but claim staking still goes on.

Wyoming is said to have about \$5,000,000 in sheep and \$25,000,000 in cattle. In the irrepressible conflict now on between sheep and cattle interests the survival of the fittest will determine the contest.

Sixteen acres of the McCrary ranch, eighteen miles west of Laramie, Wyoming, have been sold by John McCrary to Mike Coughlin for \$20,000. It is conceded to be one of the finest ranches in the state. The stock was not sold with it.

Montana will have a series of fairs this year. The plan is for a circuit including all of eastern Montana, beginning with Gallatin, Custer and Meagher counties and ending with Yellowstone. Horse races are on the program.

Six boys in Seattle broke into a bonded warehouse and stole thirteen cases of imported champagne, valued at \$800. The police recovered part of the liquor and the boys consumed a large amount, but eleven cases are still missing.

The land company at Arizola, A. T., offered a lot in the center of the town for the first child born in the village. Recently twins were born to a couple who had shortly before arrived. Two lots were claimed, and the courts must decide the question.

On the north fork of the Cache la Poudre, Col., William Compton has constructed and filled a menagerie with bears, wild cats, mountain lions, deer, elk, wolves and other wild animals. It is the largest wild animal collection in existence.

Thursday evening a timberman at the Standard mine at Burke, Mont., named John Sullivan, lost his footing and fell about 120 feet. Upon examination it was discovered that no serious injuries beyond the fracture of one arm was received by him.

A quarter of a million acres of railroad land in Stevens county, Wash., are soon to be put in the market. Some is fine farming land, while much is covered with valuable forests. The price will range from \$1.50 to \$9 per acre, the average being \$3.50.

Marshal Dana of Colorado Springs has received from the United States court at Fort Smith, Ark., the sum of \$600 as part of the amount of the money captured by the police there last summer from the Starr gang. It comes in the nature of a reward.

A centenarian died a few days ago out on the Mission road near San Diego. He was a pioneer miner named D. Burchard, and he reached the great age of 103 years and five months. He was a native of New York and had been in California forty-three years.

Laramie City, Wyo., is excited over the discovery that sick and crippled hogs and cattle are sold from overland cattle trains and dealt out by butchers to consumers. Diseased pork is poison-