NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Falling Meteor Created a Panic Among the Residents of Chimacum.

LARGE WHEAT FIELD BURNED.

Two Chinese Burned in Their Cabin—Dairyman Thrown From a Mowing Machine.

Trout are so numerous in the streams of Harney county, Or., that many carrels of them have been pickled to store by farmers and campers.

The cherry-shipping season is at its height at San Jose, Cal. Last week 337,000 pounds went East. The shipments average two cars daily.

A team standing at the Ice Chutes, Wash., took waiting for the boat, began fighting, and in spite of the exertions of the driver, who grabbed their heads, they backed off into the river and were drowned.

The time lock of the vault of the Portland, Or., treasury went wrong last week and the door could not be opened. The treasurer and his assistants devoted two days to pounding the vault door to start the clock.

The steamer T. C. Walker ran into a schooner loaded with sea shells for L. Meyer & Co. at Antioch one day last week. The collision caused considerable damage to the schooner, and the owner will try and recover damages.

Thursday afternoon a fire broke out in the wheat field on Joseph Howland's ranch, six miles south of Grayson, Cal. About 120 acres of heavy summer fallowed land were burned over, which were estimated to yield between fifteen and twenty bushels to the acre.

A Friday harbor special says: Captain Charles C. Reed, ex-treasurer of San Juan county and a prominent citizen, committed suicide Friday afternoon by shooting himself with a pistol. Death was instantaneous. He left a note to his friend, Joseph Sweeney, requesting him to take charge of his property.

In response to a rumor that a band of Indians had been seen in the Gila country, says the Deming, N. M., Headlight, Troop H of the First cavalry, stationed at Fort Bayard, went out Sunday. Several parties report that they have seen the Indians and the number has been variously estimated from four to forty. No depredations have been committed.

Sunday morning, J. Mendivilat, a prominent Swiss dairyman of this valley, reclining at Sears point, Cal., while riding on a mower was thrown from his seat and received injuries which may prove fatal. The accident was caused by one of the wheels breaking, causing the horses to run away. The injured man was badly bruised about the hips and side.

A two-story Chinese cabin on the fruit ranch of J. S. Foster, on Andrus island, Cal., was burned Saturday night and two of the inmates were burned to death. All the inmates of the cabin except one got out, but the Chinese who discovered the fire went back into the building to try to extinguish the flames and was overcome by the smoke and perished in the flames.

A Port Townsend, Wash., special says: Saturday night at 8 o'clock, Chimacum, a small farming center four miles from here, experienced a terrific explosion and shock, the result of the falling of a meteor, which burst with a loud noise at the height of 100 yards, and after starting a small volume of several minutes duration, buried itself deep in the muddy bottom of a neighboring lagoon. The meteor struck with force enough to break crockery in farmhouses three miles away, creating a panic among the residents, who believed the end of the world had come. Ten hours after the occurrence the waters of the lagoon were still bubbling and seething, and were found to be hot enough to readily cook eggs. Systematic dragging of the lagoon failed to bring up any trace of the celestial messenger, which is undoubtedly buried deep in the earth.

In spite of the diligence of the officers, aided by a bloodhound, says the Ukiah, Cal., Dispatch, the bandits who stopped the Mendocino stage near here yesterday and looted the express box, which contained over $1,000 besides several valuable packages, are still at large. According to the story of a young lady passenger there were two robbers. One occupied the road while the other remained partially concealed in the undergrowth near the roadside. When the order was given Driver Russell to halt he did not obey promptly. The robber leveled a shotgun and commanded the driver to stop instantly or he would fire. The driver complied. The treasure was quickly secured and the stage was then allowed to proceed. One of the passengers had walked up the hill. He passed the hidden highwayman without discovering them. After the robbery the stage was driven through to Ecuville, the end of the division. One of the passengers aboard had a large sum of money concealed on his person, but no one was molested.

H. C. Mooney has just come in for a fortune of $25,000, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Mr. Mooney and his family reside at 854 Mission street, and there was naturally great rejoicing at that household when the mail brought the news of the unexpected windfall. But for a brief paragraph in a newspaper Mr. Mooney would in all probability have never become aware of the fact that there was a fortune awaiting for him in Ireland. It all came about by reason of an accident. Martin says Mr. Mooney was injured by a trolley car. Mention of the accident was made in the paper and finally came under the observation of an English barrister, who arrived at the conclusion that the San Francisco man must be that of the long-lost brother of Wm. Coleman Mooney of the Town's Council of Balana, Ireland. W. C. Mooney had been dead for several years. Every effort had been made to trace it, W. Mooney, but without success. The trolley car accident therefore proved a blessing in disguise.

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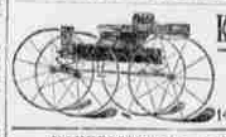

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