NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Queer Old Document Among County Court Records in Montana.

DISCOVERY OF A STRANGE RELIC.

Brighton, Colo., Treated to a Romance —Wolves and Dogs Run Together. —A Farmer Injured.

Great complaint is being made because of inaccurate traffic arrangements in the Cheyenne and Northern railroad.

Laramie City, Wyo., is to have a new locomotive roundhouse built in Laramie shops, to cost $50,000, and to contain twenty stalls for machines.

The stage road between Creede and Downieville, Colo., is so rough and steep that the stages cannot get through. Men on snowshoes carry the mail.

At Durango, Colo., the La Plata Miner's union has been organized. It will open a room for the reception of visitors and society of La Plata mountain products.

Charleston, Cochise county, Ariz., becomes a deserted village, and the reporter has filed a nolleprosequi claim to the townsite and will convert the town into a stock ranch.

N. H. Paul, a farmer living four miles northwest of Gering, Neb., was crushed down by a bull, escaped and injured seriously today. The bull was killed.

A suitable sawmill is being put in under Kit City, Ut. Its capacity is 10 feet per day and it will fill some silver and some contracts already made with San Francisco yards.

A large tree felled by William Turner, of Dryden, Ont., last week was the home of a badger, several hundred rats and a swarm of bees. The latter left a generous supply of honey.

New Castle, Colo., coal miners and operators have adjusted their long pending difficulty by the miners agreeing to accept a 25 per cent reduction. A reduction in the price of coal has not been announced.

Tremont county, Colorado, that presents six contests in the history of Cripple Creek city, where the minority has run down and stopped it six below zero and plenty of snow to protect the roads.

Ridgeway, Colo., is jealous because Montrose is establishing a tobacco industry and demands that the Uncompahgre valley farmers below Ouray shall get a move on in the direction of a cigar factory.

Arizona is a queer country says an exchange. Last week snow was two feet deep and the mercury registered nine degrees below zero, while at Phoenix, a short distance south, it was sixty-four degrees above zero.

Brighton, Colo., has a romance. Wm. Lytle, who disappeared exactly five years ago, leaving a wife and family, has been found in a Portland, Oregon, hospital. He was rescued from a sorry week on a voyage from Alaska.

Poultry raising in the Grand valley Colo., seems to be profitable. Mrs. L. W. Austin, of Hide, produces from 5 Plymouth Rock hens in 1903, 522 eggs and 213 chicks, and by actual sale, would realized $102.50 over and above expenses.

De Beque, Colo., was disgusted last week on the arrival of a fakir with a trunk and roll of blankets supposed to contain 5,000 feet of panoramic views which he had advertised to exhibit for a compensation. He was told to move on, and he moved.

Bad reports come from the region at the base of Medicine Bow mountains, southeast of Laramie, Wyo., where the Laramie river is thirty inches deep and range cattle and horses starving for water. Many sheep have been lost by the severe storms.

A year ago persons traveling over the roads by between Alamogordo and El Paso, looking over the country, raised barren wastes and dead cattle strewn along the line. Now, says an exchange, the scene has changed. Fat cattle are seen on every hand and plenty of grass.

During the year an average of 1,500,000 feet of timber a month has been cut by Dwelshaven, Cal., lumber yards for use there. This gives 18,000,000 feet for the whole year (to December 31, 1903), which at an average price of $20 per 1,000 gives $360,000 as the total expenditure for building material of this kind during 1903.

The Laramie (Wyo.) Boomerang, learns that a pack of three wolves and two dogs are running together east of that city. Those who have observed the animals say that the dogs are the leaders of the pack and that they are much more ferocious than the wolves. The dogs generally run the rabbits in a furious manner and bring the wolves up where they can do more damage.

Petitions are being circulated to be presented to President Cleveland asking for the release of Mrs. John Hallen, now confined in the Wyoming state penitentiary. Mrs. Hallen was convicted of taking artifacts from the Riverside mail. The Cheyenne Sun says that several ladies from different parts of the country were at the time and spread broadcast stories about the innocence of Mrs. Hallen, and she became a figure of much interest to citizens hereabouts. When she was released in the state penitentiary the sight of some ladies caused her to weep very anxious until she was comforted and now they feel they might have been too enthusiastic.

A board of arbitration has satisfied the action of the agreement by rejecting eighty-five packages of tea imported by Brandenstein & Co., of San Francisco. The tea was of the Pine Boy brand, from the district south of Shanghai, China, and rejected because of its adulteration and the fact that it contained on coated leaves. A lot of 300 cases of the same kind of tea which was rejected by the arbitrator a short time ago was passed by a board of arbitration. In New York the customs authorities have rejected 20,000 cases of the kind of tea this season. They have decided that it is unfit for commercial purposes.

Among the old records in the county clerk's office at Missoula, Montana, are many curiosities, and some of the old declarations of economy made before the fund was managed in the Missoula and Bitter Root valleys are quite entertaining. One of the queer old documents, says the Missoulian (Montana) dated back to a deed from Henry Clark to Chas. Woodworth, in which for a consideration of $[illegible] the latter to take care of the old man out of his life and bestow upon him a decent burial. The deed was signed and witnessed on March 1, 1870, in the county and Territory of Dakota, and was acknowledged before a justice of the peace.

The Pueblo Star-Journal says: Two white squaws in the employ of the Denver Indian school, the Misses Hunter and Harper, were a couple of the Denver girls. The two squaws of the Marlow family, from which the Indian school took two girls, in some manner, meeting two partially Indian girls, left the school one night, dressed in the full Sioux tribal dress, and visited the Marlow family. The Misses Hunter and Harper, in the school, were with the party and helped to entertain the visitors. It is said that the Misses Hunter and Harper were at Salt Creek when the squaws visited the Marlow family, and had been entertained there from the time they arrived until 9.

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