

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Says the Cheyenne Tribune: The Pennsylvania oil syndicate which controls the Salt Creek field has announced its intention of at once building an oil refinery at Casper, and expect to have it in running order in sixty days after commencement.

Mrs. G. C. Middleton of Los Gatos, Cal., by the recent death in Los Angeles of a long lost uncle, S. R. Warfield, has fallen heir to property estimated to be worth \$10,000. Warfield had not been heard of for years by any member of the family.

Boise Statesman: The Washington county fruit exhibit, which has attracted considerable attention in this city during the past two weeks, will be shipped to Chicago in a few days. V. D. Hannah, who is in charge of the display, intends to show eastern home-seekers the possibilities of this western country in the line of fruit-growing.

David Gibson, the newly-elected justice of the peace, was down from Bannock this week, says the Dillon, Mont., *Tribune*, and reported the striking of the lead in the tunnel of the Polaris mine last Saturday. Orders recently came from headquarters, in New York, to suspend operations of the mine for a time but to keep at work in the tunnel.

Reno (Nevada) Journal: Ed Robb, who has just returned from Silver Star district, gives very favorable reports of the mines. The Douglas mill of five stamps is running steadily on ore from the various mines. It is a custom mill, and it reduces ore in fifty-ton lots at \$5 per ton. The ore is free and the process of reducing it the simplest kind.

W. W. Lufkin at Pass Creek in the Saratoga valley killed a lynx measuring four feet ten inches in length and twenty-two inches high, says the Laramie (Wyoming) *Boomerang*. It had a muffer of long, black-tipped hair around its throat, looking much like a tiger, and black silky tassels on its ears an inch and a half long. He killed the animal with a club with the assistance of his dog.

Says the Boise Statesman: Governor McConnell has transmitted to the legislature a copy of the resolution recently adopted by the miners of Shoshone county protesting against the alleged effort of the Northern Pacific to steal mineral lands in north Idaho, accompanied by a letter in which he urges the legislature to take immediate action in the premises.

The barracks and commissary department at Port Townsend, Wash., were burned on Monday night, nearly all of the soldiers' personal effects and camp equipage being lost. The flames also ignited the ammunition magazine, and several thousand cartridges exploded, but did no injury. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The buildings were very old and dilapidated. The loss is about \$5,000.

Fred S. Rockwell, live-stock agent of the Burlington, who has personally inspected the stock being fed for market in Colorado, speaks enthusiastically of the outlook. He says there are

10,000 head on the western slope which will soon be in prime condition for market. The Burlington is for Denver and Colorado and is always wide awake for their interests.—*Live Stock Record*.

There has never been a winter in the history of Sheridan (Wyo.), says the *Enterprise*, when its people were more prosperous and happy than the present one. It is safe to say there is not a business man in town who is not making money; everybody is prosperous and with the advent of spring Sheridan will begin a substantial growth the like of which its most sanguine citizens never dreamed.

The receivers of the Union Pacific company have filed a suit in the United States Supreme Court against the Wyoming Central Land and Improvement company, at Laramie, for the purpose of securing a settlement of matters between them. There are probably 200,000 acres involved in this controversy, it having been claimed that these lands are mineral lands. None of the land which the company has sold to individuals is involved.

At Denver on Monday, Charles O'Toole was sentenced to serve sixty days in the county jail. About a week ago O'Toole limped into the station and asked for a night's lodging. The police clerk was inveigled into giving him money for supper and a decent bed after he had exhibited his bilatered leg. Sunday night O'Toole returned and meanwhile Warren had learned that the man was in the habit of blistering his leg with nitric acid.

Denver News: The county seat war at Routt county has broken out again. Yesterday the court of appeals granted a supersedeas preventing the removal of the county seat from Hann's Peak to the rival town of Hayden. Judge Rucker decided recently that Hayden should have the plum. The case is deeply involved in legal points owing to changes that have been made in the law governing establishment and removal of county seats.

A Mrs. Ben Smith died in the Laramie, Wyo., city jail, at some hour between midnight and 8 o'clock Monday morning. She was arrested by the police charged with drunkenness. At midnight she told one of the officers that she was sick and wanted some medicine that she had at home. This, it seems, could not be secured for her and she was found dead in the jail next morning. Her extreme fondness for drink was her greatest fault.

A special meeting of the Colorado Springs city council was held on Thursday to investigate the recent trouble in the fire department. It was conducted behind closed doors. For some time certain officers have been abusing and swearing at their subordinates and the matter culminated by Fireman Duncan knocking down Captain Charlie of hose No. 1. Duncan was suspended by the chief, but the council has reinstated him. It is said that the charges will be preferred against other officers.

A dispatch from Tucson, A. T., says it now seems a certainty that the no-

torious Apache renegade, Geronimo, and his band of cut-throats will soon be returned to their old stamping grounds in Arizona, the San Carlos reservation. Oldtimers throughout Southern Arizona think that the move of letting Geronimo and his fellow criminals return is very inadvisable, and settlers at San Carlos view with alarm the proposed return of the Indians. It is believed that an outbreak will occur within a year after their return.

Horatio N. Stetson, engineer of the Stetson & Post Mill company at Seattle, Wash., met with a shocking accident on Thursday morning. He was on his hands and knees fixing a feed belt to a small circular saw when in some way he ran his head against the saw. His brother heard the sound and found him with a gash sawed across his skull, down to the top of his ears, from which the blood and brains were oozing. He retained consciousness, but his power of speech was paralyzed. There is said to be no hope of his recovery.

De Lamar (Nev.) Lode: Joe Platt of Pinto, Utah, had his leg broken and foot badly crushed last Friday. Platt was hauling wood and in coming down a canyon struck a chuck hole, throwing him from the seat, lighting in front of the wheels and breaking his right leg between the ankle and knee; the front wheel running over the left foot, crushing and mangling it horribly. He was taken back to the wood camp and cared for as well as could be under the circumstances. Afterwards he was removed to town where he was put under Dr. Bjornson's care.

Tom Williams, says the Rexburg, Idaho, *Gazette*, came near leaving his friends the other day in a very mysterious manner. He was logging with four horses and on starting up, his lead team pulled him off the front of his sleigh, the sleigh passing over him burying him in the deep snow. The team was observed to be without a driver, a search was instituted and Tom was eventually dug out of the snow badly bruised but no bones broken, the deep snow, which came so near being his tomb, proving a mantle of protection to him.

A dispatch from Rock Springs (Wyo.) on Tuesday night says: "This morning about 2:30, while returning home to Baxter, seven miles east of here, on a hand car, James Blackley, laborer, was killed and section foreman James Boswell was badly injured. They had been here doing some trading, as the pay car had been here the day before. They were run into by the second section of train 19, fast freight. The crew on the train didn't know anything about the accident until they reached here, when the fireman found the hand car on the pilot of the engine."

An inquest was held at Alamosa, Colo., on Tuesday afternoon over the body of City Marshal Charles H. Emerson. The jury found that Emerson came to his death from a gun shot wound, inflicted by Abe Taylor, and that the shooting was done deliberately, maliciously and with intent to kill. The jury also found William Thompson an accessory to the deed by reason of handing Taylor the revolver with which to shoot. Taylor now claims that he shot the first time in the air to scare the marshal, a second time to hit