NEWS OF THE WEST.

Finding Against the Claim of John B. McBride, Once of Salt Lake.

POSTOFFICE AFTER ROBBERS.

The Big Washington Canal—Smallpox Scare—A Boy Ground to Death —Other Sections.

Tangent is an Oregon town without a saloon.

A California lass measuring ten feet from tip to tip was killed in the mountains near Colfax a few days ago.

In the Malheur country, Oregon, they are raising swine on the crop of rabbits that infest the country, and are making a success of the venture.

The total assessed valuation of taxable property in the counties of Southern California for the present year shows a net increase in valuation of $1,000,000.

A report from Solomonville, A. T., is that smallpox has broken out at San Jose, a small town in Mexico, not far from the Arizona line. The citizens of Solomonville are said to be much excited over the matter.

Those who gather the eggs of seabirds from the islands off the coast of Oregon are doing a good business. William Cooper has shipped over 1,000 cases from Island Rock and Mr. Jessup and his crew have gathered about 300 dozen from the smaller islets.

A boating accident occurred on Union lake, near Comox, B.C., Sunday evening, which cost Howard MacLean, a married man with a large family, his life. MacLean and a companion, Walter Wilson, went out fishing early Sunday morning. Returning into the boat capsized. MacLean sank soon to the bottom. Wilson managed to climb upon the overturned boat, in which he was clinging for several hours before he was rescued.

Woodchucks in the mountains of Southern California do cabinet work that cannot be equaled by the most skillful artisan. The crafty biped gnaws some drill holes in the trunks of pine trees, into which they fit the nicest sinewy and sturdy legs that squirrels are capable to pull them out. It is determined that, after being manipulated, a mere square in the morn, and it is for the purpose of getting this worm into that the crafty biped stores away acorns in this unique manner.

Walter Bethel was killed in a horrible manner at San Francisco Monday morning. He clothing became entangled in the rapidly revolving iron shaft that runs from Revolly's printing office over the roof of Pacific Building, and in a few minutes every bone in his body was broken by being beaten against the brick wall eighteen inches back of the shafting. So great was the force of the revolving shaft that parts of the unfortunate's body were hurled over the roof and across City street, a distance of nearly a hundred feet, while his head was beaten into an unrecognizable pulp. No one saw the tragical accident, and there is great doubt as to how the young man got caught in the great flying rod.

Work on the Lake Washington canal, and the filling in of the tide waters began Monday at 11:30 o'clock, when Miss Z. Semple, daughter of ex-Governor Semple, of Washington, started the machinery of the dredge, Anacosta, stationed at the end of the east waterway. The enterprise includes the excavation of two waterways to the tide lands of Elliott bay one mile long and 1000 feet wide, and of a canal which is an extension of one of them to admit ships to Lake Washington. The work is expected to occupy five years, and to cost $7,000,000, toward which the citizens have voted a subsidy of $700,000. The capital is furnished by St. Louis men, headed by Henry Semple Ames and Edgar Ames.

Postmaster General Wilson has become alarmed at the frequency of stage and train robberies on the Pacific coast and elsewhere, and has taken unusual precautions to apprehend the robbers. Notices have been received by postmasters to the effect that the postoffice department will pay unusual rewards for the capture of robbers of the mail during the ensuing year. The department's rewards are offered under six divisions. The sum of $1,000 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person on the charge of robbing mail while being conveyed in any car attached to a regular train; $500 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person who robs mails being conveyed on other vehicles than trains. The other sections of the offer embrace the larceny of mail matter from postoffices or pouches, boxes or other receptacles.

W. Lindgren, geologist of the United States Geological Survey, appointed by the secretary of the interior to examine and report upon the mineral character of school section 16, within the corporate limits of Tacoma, filed his report with the Olympia, Wash., land office Monday, in which he says the land contains an extremely small amount of gold, of no value for mining purposes. The land in question was filed upon by John G. Morris, formerly a prominent lawyer of Salt Lake City, in 1889, and has been actively sought for since. The testimony at the trial showed the value to be a million dollars. The case has been argued before the interior department by Attorney General Jones three times. The testimony at the last examination before the local land office was so conflicting that the secretary of the interior detailed Geologist Lindgren to make a special examination, as a result of which he says the average gold deposit is less than 10 cents per cubic yard, while at the former hearing in which McBride was charged with salting, McBride's experts testified that certain strata ran as high as 16 cents per cubic yard.

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