

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

It is proposed that Riverside, Cal., shall have an "orange palace" next season. The plan is to build the palace and keep it open for about two months.

**Tombstone (A. T.) Prospector:** A rich gold discovery has been made in the foothills of the Durango mountains, about seven miles from South pass in the direction of Wilcox.

**The Caldwell (Idaho) Argus** says the grip is raging in Caldwell at present. Quite a number of our people are laid up, and a few very bad cases are reported.

**C. Carleton**, an aged inmate of the Santa Clara (Cal.) county infirmary, has committed suicide by slashing his leg with a pair of scissors. He bled to death.

**Spokane, Wash.,** is threatened with a meat famine. Chicago buyers have bought all the fat cattle and sheep and shipped them out of the country.

**The Alaska fever**, says the *Pocatello (Idaho) Tribune*, has struck the town and the chances are that at least half a dozen Pocateltos will leave soon for the gold diggings on the Yukon.

It is said that the acreage of wheat in the Washington wheat belt will this year be only 60 per cent of what it has been in former years. The farmers will turn their attention to something else promising more profit.

**Laramie Boomerang:** A steer belonging to North & Stone of Evanston Wyo., has been sold on the Chicago market for \$100.68. It weighed 1790 pounds when it started from the ranch, but shrank 110 pounds in transit.

The total number of prisoners received at the Oregon state penitentiary since its opening is now nearing the 4,000 mark. There are now in the prison 339. With the exception of a few days each week, these men are nearly all idle.

**Springville Independent:** Levi Curtis exhibited to us an elegant specimen of black marble, from a quarry near by. He says he has any amount of it, and also marble of many colors. We hope he may be successful in opening the quarries up.

A cattleman's association has been formed at Mountain Home, Idaho, for the protection of the members. A standing reward of \$500 was offered for the conviction of any person for stealing cattle or mutilating brands of any member of the association.

According to the *Deming, N. M., Headlight*, mining industries in that section continue to improve and everybody has a hopeful expression of continuance. The new gold strike at Carlisle is said to have created considerable excitement.

**William E. Scott**, of Cheyenne, says the *Tribune*, is endeavoring to colonize a Wyoming colony of colored folk residing in Missouri to locate in the Big Horn basin. He states that the Big Horn basin is the best piece of ground in this western country.

A ten-year-old child of C. W. Hughes, of Bezman, Mont., was tripped up by

a school mate while at play, falling with awful force on the sidewalk, and died a few days later. The force of the fall burst a blood vessel in the lungs, and the boy slowly bled to death inwardly.

**Tucson (Arizona) Star:** Major Reed, superintendent of the Yellow Jacket mine, says that never before in the history of the Yellow Jacket has that property looked so well as it does now. Two bodies of high-grade gold ore have recently been struck. Development work is being carried on on an extensive scale.

**Alfred L. West**, of Sacramento, in some unaccountable manner fell from a skip in the shaft of the Golden Gate mine at the 800-foot level, Sonora, Tuolumne county, and his body was found between the 400 and 500-foot levels. His head was crushed to a jelly, and his right shoulder and right leg were broken.

**Daniel Rash** died in Missoula, Montana, some time ago, and left an estate valued at \$30,000. Now comes a woman from Iowa with three children, representing herself as his widow, whom he left in 1864, and claims her share of the estate as his widow, though she admits that she married after Rash left her, and now has a husband.

**Dotty Bros.**, of Sulphur, says the *Rawlins (Wyo.) Republican*, unloaded three cars of cattle, at the stock yards Monday forenoon, which they purchased in Utah. They were driven to the Muddy river country and turned on the range. They were a bunch of mixed cattle. Messrs. Dotty say they can lay three-year-old Utah steers down in Rawlins for \$20 per head.

The career of retrenchment upon which the state board of examiners at Sacramento, Cal., has entered, promises to result in some unpleasant surprises for at least three sheriffs in the state, who, it is claimed, have sworn to false expense bills. These sheriffs are to be summoned before the board within a few days and examined as to the truth of a number of claims which they have sworn to.

An exchange says that five years ago John Hasser went from Minneapolis to California with \$100,000 in cash. He lost all but \$600 in bad real estate investment. He obtained a job of planting fruit trees, and on Sunday started to his field of labor in a wagon, with his wife and two children. In crossing San Gabriel creek he was drowned, with his son, leaving his wife and young daughter destitute.

**Eureka, Nevada**, is aroused over a discovery that tuberculosis exists there. A cow infected with the disease among cattle was found in a corral and immediately killed. It is said diseased cattle are to be found in some of the dairies. The board of health has asked the council to appoint a competent inspector to visit every place where cattle are kept and do all possible to rid the community of sick animals.

A trapper in Weston county, Wyo., who killed an old she wolf with eight unborn puppies presented the nine pelts

to the clerk of Weston county, and demanded \$27 bounty. The clerk upon examining the bounty law was unable to decide whether the trapper was entitled to the bounty on the unborn puppies. The case was referred to the state auditor, who will in all probability pass the case on up to the attorney general.

**Charles Cunningham**, of near Pendleton, Oregon, is making preparations for shearing his sheep, which begins next Wednesday. He will run thirty shearers, and expects a total clip from his band of 300,000 pounds. The sheep to be shorn number 20,000. The sheep are in prime condition, no wool has been shed, and it is clean and without break. Twenty to thirty pounds will be taken from each one, and in some cases even thirty-five to forty.

Break thieves are at work in the west part of town stealing wheat out of granaries says the *Ephraim Enterprise*. Last week a fellow was stealing wheat out of a certain granary and in going out of the gate with a sack on his shoulder he was detected by one of the ladies of the house and dropped the sack and made tracks for home. His identity is known, however, and if he is caught repeating the performance it will go hard with him.

Wyoming cattlemen state that no fear of losses can come from the storm because of its warmth, and the fact that it promises to be of short duration. The larger part of the cattle in the state are in the central and northern portions, and no storm is reported for those sections. Sheepmen state that the wet snow on the sheep, followed by cold, freezing weather, will lay them down, but that no heavy losses are expected.

The citizens of Lewiston, Mont., are agitating the project of building a pork packing establishment at the county seat of Fergus county. It has been estimated that last year alone about 175,000 pounds of pork meat were shipped into the county. For the same period 40,000 pounds of lard were received from outside points. Roughly estimated, the total of hog products shipped into the county in one year amounted to \$30,000.

**Price Advocate:** As announced some time ago the Rio Grande Western will put in extensive stock yards at Price, a big thirty care capacity to the present loading facilities. Engineer Yard came down a few days ago to make out a new side track, and the material is now on the ground and a force under Roadmaster Groves is whooping things up. The importance of Price as a cattle shipping station has led the company to take much needed steps.

**The Hanford (Cal.) Sentinel** says that J. B. and W. J. Newport have sown their youngest vineyards to wheat. They will hoe around the vines for a space of two or three feet, so that the vines will grow and bear a crop. They will then turn their hogs in to fatten on the wheat and grapes. This is one way to get return from a vineyard with but little labor until the rainy business gets on its feet. It is certainly better than digging up the vines.

The affairs of the defunct Pacific bank at San Francisco have been presented to the attention of the superior court in a new form. Two suits were