

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Lady Henry Somerset will visit the Pacific coast in January in the interest of temperance.

A. S. Beardsley, an O. S. L. brakeman, slipped from a moving train near Blackfoot, Idaho, Wednesday night, and had his shoulder and one leg broken. The leg had to be amputated.

During the four years the bounty law for wild animals was in force in California \$462,155 was paid in bounties for coyotes. In the last month before its repeal the amount paid out was \$65,980.

On Wednesday evening Isaac Erickson, a county commissioner residing at Blackfoot, Idaho, was caught under a falling derrick and had one arm and one leg broken, the injury to the latter being in the thigh bone.

W. M. Bridges, a prominent resident of Orange, Cal., was accidentally killed Friday morning by the falling of a heavy buggy-washing rack in a livery stable. Bridges' head was crushed into a pulp and death was instantaneous.

The special administrators of the Fair estate have sued the Roman Catholic archbishop of San Francisco to foreclose a street assessment lien for \$1,193.10, alleged to be due from the defendant on account of the grading of Divisadero street from Francisco to Bay.

Morgan Mirror: Last Sunday while Mr. Gibby of Round Valley, was attending conference at Morgan, some one entered his house and partook of what most suited his fancy. The loss was light, as the thief dropped a portion of the booty while making his escape.

Angelo Belluomini, while loading a skip at the 2,100 level of the Kennedy mine near Jackson, Cal., on Friday morning, fell down the shaft in some unexplained manner. He fell over 100 feet and was instantly killed. He was about 23 years old and leaves a widow and one child.

The Bear Lake Railway company has been granted a franchise in Idaho for railway tracks between Georgetown and Montpelier and from the latter place through Paris, Bloomington and other places to the south line of Bear Lake county, on the west side of Bear Lake. The road is intended to continue into Rich county, Utah.

George W. King, son of the late M. J. King, died at Stockton, Cal., on Monday, from blood poisoning caused by the bite of a spider. Deceased was a native of Sacramento and 27 years of age. He was formerly employed at the railroad shops there but went to Stockton a few weeks ago. He was bitten by a spider in one of his nostrils, and blood-poisoning ensued, causing his death.

Regarding the ill treatment of the pauper dead at the city and county hospital in San Francisco the testimony of a patient at the hospital says: "The student doctors, called internes, are to blame for the most shameful treatment of the dead. I have seen

them play ball with a leg severed from the corpse. I have seen them blacken the face of a corpse, put a pipe in its mouth, and then dance about it laughing and call in the female training school nurses and show it to them and have a good time."

Fillmore Progress: We are told that the White Mountain Reservoir Co., of Millard, consisting of J. Greenwood, Almon Robison, J. A. Melville, Alma Greenwood and J. E. Ray, have traded their interest in the reservoir to Salt Lake and eastern parties for Salt Lake property, notes, etc., valued at \$20,000. A number of men with teams arrived from the north Wednesday, and will begin work on the property next week.

Brigham Engler: Thursday a special train, consisting of an engine and caboose, went through Brigham like a thunder bolt. It seems that a brakeman was hurt at Blackfoot and this train was conveying him to the Ogden hospital. It is said that the train covered the distance from Blackfoot to Ogden, 158 miles, nearly all the time at a mile a minute. They made no stops. They came down from Colliuston to Brigham, twenty miles in nineteen minutes. The brakeman it seems fell off a train. The surgeons found it necessary to amputate one arm near the shoulder.

James T. Fanning, a pioneer resident of Modesto, Cal., was drowned in the Tuolumne river Monday afternoon while attempting to ford the river. He was in a light wagon drawn by one horse with a companion named James Burns. When in midstream the horse fell and Fanning cut the harness and attempted to lead the animal to the bank. The horse fell and knocked Fanning down and his body was afterward recovered fifty yards further down. There are but three or four feet of water in the river. The deceased was 68 years of age and a native of Ireland.

G. B. Johnson, a logger, was drowned Wednesday while attempting to save his brother, Frank, who also perished. Frank started to cross the north fork of the Stillaguamish river, Washington, on a raft. The raft reached the middle of the river, when it was struck by a log and broken up. Frank could not swim, and his brother jumped into the river, which was very high and swift. Although a good swimmer, he did not reach his brother in time and started back, but was taken with cramps and sank in sight of a boat coming to his aid. The brothers came from Wisconsin two years ago.

The army of Oakland's (Cal.) religious instructors has received a recruit from an unexpected quarter. Ben Hill, ex-baseball player and bartender, convicted of murdering his wife some months ago, conducts a Bible class daily in the county jail, and is said to be untiring in his efforts for the religious welfare of his fellow prisoners. Jailor Lane says that he believes Hill to be absolutely sincere.

He has made a number of converts. It was contrary to Hill's wish that his case was appealed to the supreme court. He freely admits his guilt, and expresses his readiness to pay the penalty of his crime with his life.

James Eldred, a most eccentric character, died at Santa Barbara, Cal., on Monday. He was born in Vermont in 1823, was a forty-niner and a member of Walker's filibustering expedition. He afterward was in the lumber business in Alameda, and made money in Los Angeles real estate. He came to Santa Barbara twelve years ago, purchased property and improved it. The city council in grading the streets destroyed his improvements, and Eldred spent the last years of his life in litigation with that body. He was a bettor on all elections, and in 1884 won \$5,000 on Cleveland. He was generally known as the "Old man on the corner."

Wednesday morning, near the Sacramento river, six miles from Chico, Cal., a tramp attacked Wiley Cooper, an old resident of Butte county. The men fought desperately with clubs. Cooper, being in delicate health, was finally knocked insensible. Officers were sent for and Constable Woods went to the river and arrested the tramp, who gave the name of William Anderson. On examination of Cooper's wound it was found that besides being beaten in a horrible manner, his nose had been bitten almost off, hanging only by a small piece of skin. Cooper is not expected to recover. The tramp is being held to await the result of Cooper's injuries.

The dead body of a man was found in the hold of the steamer San Blas, lying at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, on Wednesday evening. The discovery was made by the members of the crew. The dead man's head was crushed, and his neck was broken. He had evidently fallen through the open hatchway directly over the spot where he was lying. On various papers in the dead man's pocket were found the following names: Dave Sheehan, D. W. Graw, F. Deemer and George Cavanagh. The body was not in the hold at 5 o'clock, so the man's death must have occurred between that hour and the time when the remains were found.

The steamer Alameda, on her arrival at San Francisco from Australia, Thursday morning, deposited on the dock another load of British gold for the San Francisco mint, consisting of 425,000 English sovereigns. The value of the gold in American money is exactly \$2,068,262.50. It was hurried through the custom-house and carted to the mint, where it will be coined into double eagles and then deposited at the sub-treasury. This is the third and probably the last shipment of gold from Australia that will occur this year. There have been two previous shipments, amounting to about \$4,500,000. Assistant United States Treasurer Berry has been authorized not to accept more than \$7,000,000 all told.

Wool Market and Sheep: It is estimated that the consumption of wool in the United States for the year 1896 will be about 232,000,000 pounds. While these figures are small as compared with previous figures, it must