WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A Four-Year Old Boy Burned to a Crisp.

POISONING WITH CARBOLIC ACID.

A Fatal Kick.—Peculiar Shooting Accident at Vermilion.—Attempted Escape.

At Rico, Colorado, on March 6, a six-year-old daughter of W. A. Wilson was fatally kicked by a mule that was loose on the street.

On March 6th James Duffy, a miner employed at the Hidden Treasure at Rico, Col., sustained a fracture of the skull while working in the shaft at a depth of sixty feet this morning. A mule in the mine carelessly kicked a piece of rock from the surface down the shaft, which struck Duffy on the left side of the head, causing a fracture about four inches in length.

A lodging house occupied by theatrical performers was burned at Calispell Sunday morning, resulting alive a four-year-old son of Naomi King. The little fellow evidently fired his bedding. When the fire was discovered the firemen rushed into the room where the boy was, but he had crawled under the bed. His charred remains were found after the flames had been subdued. The mother was frantic and was into hysterics. Her ravings were pitiful. An inquest was held, the verdict being in accordance with the above facts.

A Phoenix, Arizona, dispatch says, John Nobles, alias Baughner, at midnight Monday night robbed and attempted to murder William Ruff, for whom he had been working for six years. The weapon, which was a steel rod feet long, broke Ruff's arm. His head was also badly cut. Ruff lives about ten miles northwest of the city. When he was first struck he thought Baughner had the nightmare, but he soon found it was a fight for life. After Ruff had been knocked to his knees a desperate struggle took place. Ruff escaped from the house and reached the house of a neighbor, who reported the affair to the police. Ruff is wealthy being the owner of several reaping machines and is a highly respected citizen. Baughner was captured in Phoenix by City Marshal Blakeslee. There was blood on his hands when captured.

The Richfield Adv cate says: It is now clear that the people who are living on school land in the southern part of Richfield city, will obtain titles to their homes, the whole section number 36, township 23 south, range 3 west, having been thrown open to entry. The mayor will now enter that part that is within the city limits and issue to people the deeds to their homes at a nominal price. All this is good, for the people have agreed to pay lobbyists $1000 for working the bill through Congress. Half of this must be paid in thirty days and the remainder in one year. Having to raise so much money in this city by so many different persons at the same time, is going to make a terrible scramble for money. It is a fact to be lamented that the county must be impoverished in order to raise money with which to bribe congressmen. That bill should have been passed without cost to the people.

An accident occurred near Vermilion, Utah, last Friday that came near taking the life of Reeder Garr, a boy about sixteen years old. He and Jacob Coltry, aged ten years, were herding sheep in the hills west of Vermilion and had been practicing an empty cartridge out of a 44 caliber rifle, with a willow rod about three feet long. The rod was left in the barrel after a loaded cartridge had been inserted. While Garr was resting on the ground and Coltry was fooling with the gun, a few feet away, the hammer was brought down and the bullet and ramrod went crashing through Garr's body. They entered the left breast about one inch above and two inches to the left of the nipple, and passed upward, making an exit under the shoulder blade. A part of the ramrod, five inches in length, remained in the body, and was afterwards extracted by Dr. Neill. The wound is said to be not necessarily fatal, but there are many dangers attending the recovery.

Arthur Raymond, the four-year-old son of Charles H. Raymond of South Denver, died Tuesday afternoon shortly after drinking the contents of a small bottle of diluted carbolic acid carelessly left on the porch of a deserted house. It appears that the child in company with a five-year-old boy named Clarence Oliver, had been in the habit of playing about the yard, formerly occupied by D. R. Minor, an electrical engineer. While climbing the stairs leading to the back porch they discovered two soda bottles, one containing a yellowish fluid, and the other half filled with water. The children picked up the bottles and Arthur took two long drinks of the "soda water," as he called it, and was immediately taken deathly sick. He managed, however to reach his father's house, and there fell unconscious. His mother raised the little figure in her arms and rushed to a drug store on Broadway. Dr. Bacon responded to a call with all haste and did all in his power to save the life that was hanging to a thread, but was not successful.

Jose Garcia, the man charged with attempted rape on Teresa Cisneros, whose trial was to have taken place at Los Angeles on March 6th, on that day made a determined but unsuccessful effort to escape from Deputy Sheriff Yonken. When Yonken started from the jail with his prisoner, Garcia kicked his boots from his feet, and started west on a rapid run. He instantly leaped over the wall on Broadway, near the engine house, and Sheriff Yonken threw himself upon him. Garcia was at once handcuffed and returned to the jail. Deputy Sheriff Yonken's left leg from the knee down was badly lacerated and he was removed to his residence in a cab and a physician sent for. No bones were broken, but the muscles of the member are terribly torn. Garcia fell, upon a substance in the jail, and said remains in an unconscious condition. He is thought to be badly injured internally, and his life is in jeopardy of. When caught he had an open knife in his right hand, and an examination of his boots shows them to have been slit from the toes up, enabling him to easily divest himself of them. Garcia's spine is thought to be badly injured.

No Use to Welcome Him.

An amusing story is told of a well-known and popular young minister who returned from a vacation spent in Europe to his home in Brooklyn on Prospect heights. The ship on which he had sailed was not expected to arrive until Sunday night or Monday, and as quarantine was at the time difficult to pass, there was thought to be no possibility of his dominie reaching home sooner than expected. His wife felt no hesitancy, therefore, in going out to make a call, having the house in the care of a new servant on Saturday. With her directions to tell any one who called and inquired for the doctor to say that he would be home Monday. Hurried on by favorable southerly currents the steamship did arrive and in the afternoon, expecting to take his family by surprise, the minister run up the steps of his residence and rang the bell. The servant in response to the summons opened the door a few inches and said, "The minister is out, sir."

"Are any of the children in?" asked the doctor.

"They are all out and the doctor won't be home until Monday, sir." Somewhat taken back by the news that he was some one else, and that he was still on the ocean, the minister said, "I am the doctor," and pushing by the girl entered the house. Then, as the story goes, there began a game of follow your leader which was extremely embarrassing to the minister. Wherever he went the servant, who was not convinced of his identity, followed, until finally in a fit of desperation the young divine left the servant in sole possession and went around the corner to wait for his wife to come and introduce him to the new acquisition to the household.—Brooklyn Eagle.

She Knew Mehaty.

One day in my wandering along the Clover fork of the Cumberland river I stopped at a farmhouse to get dinner, and as I sat in the shade of the porch waiting, I was unloading for lack of thought and something else to do, the reading supply of the establishment being painfully short. My hostess was knocking around inside getting the dinner ready, and evidently heard my recent and gentle melodies, for she stuck her head out of the door.

"Do you whistle by note, mister?" she inquired, "or—jist simultaneous like?"

"Most simultaneous like," I responded, laughing.

"I never heerd them chunes afore," she went on, "an I kinda had an idee they war book chunes got out for entry."

"Oh, no," I assured her; "they are merely little bits from the popular airs of the day that everybody whistles."

"S'that so?" she asked in surprise. "I jain't never heerd 'em up this way. What's their names?"

"Well, Comrades," "Annie Rooney," "Maggie Murphy's Home," "Tam Boom," "McGinty" and so forth. Didn't you ever hear of McGinty?"

She became thoughtful.

"What's the name?" she inquired. "Seems kinder like as if I knowed it."

"McGinty," I repeated slowly, and her face brightened.

"Oh, yes," she exclaimed. "I knowed I knowed it, but somehow I couldn't quite see what it b'longed. Ain't he the feller that they named the tariff after?"

I said it was, and went in to dinner.

St. James and St. Christopher share July 25 between them. In some parts of England the apple-trees are blossom on this day, which is said also to mark the success or failure of the hop crop.

Observations on live rattlesnakes show that the poison glands become functionally active as soon as the snakes begin to shift for themselves, which must be very soon after birth.

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