

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Boulder, Colo., coal camps are shipping out more coal than ever before.

Confidence is expressed that Grand Junction, Colo., will be exporting oil before the close of 1894.

At Golden, Colo., Mrs. M. E. Harris of the Hotel La Veta fell helless last week to \$30,000 in Pennsylvania.

Reports from Salida, Colo., confirm the finding of a tellurium vein near that town, in Chaffee county, which yields \$800 gold per ton.

Around Phoenix, Ariz., all the canals are running bank full and the prospect for big crops, it is said, was never brighter.

At Casper, Wyo., they haul oil from Salt creek in 8-horse teams for shipment of the East. A pipeline is being constructed.

The Crow Indians in Montana, north of the railroad at Billings, have commenced to raid the cattle herds, and the cowboys are arming and organizing for reprisals.

In Lander county, Nevada, the Big creek antimony mines have been bonded for \$35,000. The antimony vein is about fifty feet wide.

They are still surveying the boundary between Arizona and Mexico. It makes money circulate, says an exchange.

Grand Valley, Colo., farmers, by the purchase of the Grand Valley canal, increase the value of their ranches 50 per cent.

Snow has fallen on the mountains around the San Luis valley to unusual depth. Water for irrigation will be very plentiful this year, it is stated.

At Mount Vista, Colo., the Farmers' mill is about to be absorbed by the millers' combine. Stock is being sold there at \$15 on the \$100.

On Avalanche creek, Gunnison county, Colorado, Chester Mobley wrestled with a trapped mountain lion last week and barely escaped with his life.

Silver Plume, Colo., is amused by the visits of two large mountain lions which playfully prowl about the main street at night. Thus far they have done no damage.

Cotopaxi, a few miles above Canon City, Colo., has got a little boom on. A contract has been let for 500 tons a month of iron ore and 100 tons monthly of quartz.

Montrose, Colo., is becoming a great cattle shipplug point. Last week it shipped to the eastern market twenty-five car loads containing 375 head of fat cattle.

From Greeley and Eaton, Colo., a party of enterprising colonists have gone to colonize rich potato lands north of Cheyenne. It means business for Wyoming.

Las Animas county, Colorado, through its *Chronicle*, proudly boasts that all the hills and valleys of Las Animas county are enlivened by moving herds of fat cattle.

At Franktown, Douglas county, Colorado, a pack of ten gaunt, hungry wolves were seen on the main street

early one morning. Wolves are very bold all over the state this winter.

Santa Fe enterprise manifests itself in an immense irrigation scheme proposed by a Chicago company, whereby the lands of the Santa Fe valley will all be placed under irrigation.

In Crook county, Wyoming, the skeleton of an Indian squaw was found hidden in the boughs of a large pine tree. The Indians formerly disposed of their dead by depositing them in trees.

San Diego, Cal., has solved the problem of idleness and furnishes work to every able-bodied man upon her streets. Those who refuse to work and continue to beg are promptly transferred to the chain gang.

At Reno, Nev., the hay shipments to California average 250 cars a month and 2,000 dairy cows are being fed at that point, besides about 20,000 sheep and 5,000 cattle. A scarcity of hay is anticipated in Nevada.

Hunters in the Yellowstone park have been captured by soldiers while killing elk on that reservation. Their horses and outfits were confiscated and they have been confined in the guard house at Fort Yellowstone.

A valuable saddle horse fell down the shaft of the American Nettie mine near Ouray last week, a distance of sixty feet, and was not killed. It then tumbled down thirty feet further and had to be shot to finish its existence.

The agricultural products of Nevada in 1893 were: Wheat, 190,151 bushels; barley, 280,179 bushels; potatoes, 305,189 bushels; hay, 285,973 tons; honey, 38,000 pounds; oats, 179,686 bushels. Wheat averaged 45 bushels to the acre.

Gloom begins to strike the cattle men of Bent county, Colorado. Their cattle are fat on last year's grass and fine sunny weather, but they wonder where the moisture is coming from to make early grass grow in the spring.

South Park ranchmen in the vicinity of Fairplay, Colo., are reveling in good markets for fat cattle in the New Balfour mines. Plenty of snow, lots of hay and sunshine are making the South Park people feel jolly.

At Fruita, in the Grand valley, Colo., the farmers raise seventy bushels of oats to the acre, then pasture the ground and raise sixty-five bushels of oats from volunteer growth the next year. Irrigation does it, adds an exchange.

Times will soon be booming, at least in the Potrero, very shortly, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The California Sugar Refinery, employing between 800 and 900 men, which has been idle for six weeks, has started up with a full force.

The San Luis valley, Colo., people feel sure the Rock Island road is coming in there by way of Trinidad from Liberal, Kan. The widening of the gauge of the Rio Grande over Veta pass is said to be a sign of a railroad contest.

The last of the 200 families of Hollanders who were imported into San Luis valley and swindled by real

estate sharks have left Alamosa for Orange City, Iowa. They had been swindled out of all they brought with them from Holland.

Early on Sunday morning a heavy windstorm occurred in Portland, Or., and vicinity, the wind reaching a velocity of fifty miles an hour. A number of chimneys and signs were blown down and windows broken, though no serious damage resulted.

A monster icicle, thirty feet high and four feet thick, has been frozen at Truckee by C. F. McGlashen, an editor, by training a spray of water to one point. The curious piece of ice is to be sent to the Midwinter Fair for exhibition.

The Grand Valley, Colo., between Red Cliff and Grand Junction, nearly every ranchman complains of having lost stock this winter by cattle thieves. There is a hot war going on between cattle and horse men and alleged stock thieves.

At Casper, Wyo., the asbestos industry has received encouragement by the closing of a contract by the McConnell Asbestos Mining company to sink a tunnel 200 feet deep into the asbestos vein. The shipping product from Casper will begin this year.

Don Pedro Simpson of Albuquerque reports the discovery at San Isidro, N. M., of a soda spring which petrifies every substance placed in it. He brought back with him oysters, rabbits, acorns, pine burrs and other articles all encrusted with stone.

At Durango, Colorado, one butcher paid \$20,000 in 1893 for hogs raised by La Plata county ranchmen. The same butcher says, while he pays more for Colorado fed pork than the Kansas article, he is obliged to import it by railroad.

Captain Ray of the Shoshone and Arapahoe agency near Fort Washakie, Wyo., is constructing with Indian labor an immense irrigation reservoir by means of a ditch from Little Wind river to a dry lake on high lands. It will be used to irrigate Indian lands.

Wages have been voluntarily raised at the Rudy-Anthraxite coal mine in Gunnison county, Colo., from 60 to 75 cents a ton. The miners are agreeably surprised. The company found that it pays better to employ experienced miners than to use cheaper labor.

John Smith, an Englishman, committed to the insane asylum at Stockton, Cal., labors under the delusion that he is being pursued by Piute Indians, who intend to burn him at the stake. He also imagines that he is to be butchered and sold for beef.

General G. Andrade of San Francisco and parties representing French and Scotch capitalists have gone to the mouth of the Colorado river for the purpose of selecting a place where they can locate a colony of French grape-growers and wine-makers of 1000 families.

The hatching of eggs at the state hatchery, says the *Laramie (Wyo.) Republican*, has commenced and quite a number of the little trout have already kicked out of their shells. Over 1,000,000 fish will be turned out, with which to stock the various streams in the state, during the present year.

The school children of San Francisco