

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The town of Fruita, below Grand Junction, Colo., has voted to incorporate.

The Garrison, Colo., *Tribune* says it is now a settled fact that the new San Luis ditch will be built.

Residents of Lamar, Colo., are setting out hundreds of fruit and shade trees this spring.

The organization of the Colorado Woman's Fruit Preserving company has been postponed for the present.

The apparatus for the cheese factory at Castle Rock, Colo., has been received and will soon be put in place.

The Banning (Cal.) *Herald* professes to have information that a natural gas well with a strong flow has been struck by persons boring a well in Los Angeles.

The Arizona land court has decided that land grants made by the Mexican states are void. This effects the titles of grants aggregating nearly 75,000 acres.

The Phoenix (Ariz.) *Gazette* claims from 25,000 to 40,000 head of range cattle are annually grazed and fattened upon alfalfa pastures of the Salt River valley.

The Casper (Wyo.) *Tribune* says the losses to sheep and cattle in that locality have been exaggerated, and that the late storms will not greatly affect either industry.

The state officers, the supreme court and the court of appeals will move into the new capitol building at Denver, says the *News*, on or about the 15th of next month.

The Fort Collins, Colo., *Express* says that the sheep feeders of the Cache la Poudre valley are not discouraged by prevailing low prices, but are already laying plans for next fall.

It is reported in the New Mexico papers that the Littlefield cattle company will not drive any herds to the markets this spring. The company will hold steers for the fall market.

The Denver Fire Clay company has just executed an order of 30,000 fire brick for Chihuahua, Old Mexico, and is weekly shipping assayers' supplies to distant points throughout the Rocky mountain country.

Frd Berringer has been shot and accidentally killed at Monticello, thirty miles east from Napa, Cal. He drove into a stable, and while pulling a blanket from the seat, a pistol lying there was accidentally discharged.

Ashland, Oregon, is preparing for a grand celebration in honor of mining developments here. The program will include a banquet to the miners at the Hotel Oregon and a free ball at the opera house.

The Ridgeway (Colo.) *Herald* calls for the establishment of a seed house devoted exclusively to seeds of Colorado production, and suggests Montrose as a good point for such an establishment.

William P. Harrison, proprietor of the San Francisco *Hotel Gazette*, has brought suit to enjoin the *Gazette* Publishing company from the publication of a paper under the name of *Hotel*

Gazette and to recover \$5,000 damages for alleged infringement.

A 7-year-old boy, the son of a Yaquina bay, Oregon, farmer, was gored and tossed by cow last week. One horn pierced the child's side, making a very ugly and dangerous wound.

Sixty tins of opium have been seized by revenue officers in the store of Hong Sing in Spofford alley, San Francisco. The opium had been landed as playing cards. Canceled stamps were on the tins.

The news that Dr. J. C. Antony, of this city, has a cure for hernia, commonly called rupture, says the San Francisco *Chronicle*, has spread far and wide, and the lucky discoverer has over 1000 cures on record.

The Rio Grande has just completed a new bridge over the Uncompahgre on its Ouray branch. It is a solid structure, capable of carrying a broad-gauge train. It is a Howe truss, 128 foot span and 24 feet high.

The South New Mexico Telephone company has been incorporated at Las Cruces with a capital of \$30,000, to unite Las Cruces, Deming, Silver City, Lake Valley, Tularosa, Lincoln, White Oaks, Roswell and Eddy.

A westbound passenger train at 11 o'clock on Wednesday night ran over and killed a familiar character known as Indian Moody, at Auburn, Cal. The remains were mangled in a shocking manner. The deceased was blind.

Mr. J. B. McInty of the vicinity of Hotchkiss, Delta county, Colo., has one of the finest young orchards to be found on the western slope. He now has twenty acres of orchard, consisting of 3,000 trees, 1,000 of which are now bearing.

Frederick Warde, the actor, delivered an address on Wednesday afternoon before the students of the State University, at Oakland, Cal., by invitation of the Berkeley Athlæum. His subject was "Shakespeare and his Plays."

The Grand Junction *News* suggests the growing of less alfalfa and more clover and timothy in the Grand Valley. Shippers prefer the latter at stock yards, and it is thought they will prove more profitable in view of the establishment of feeding yards at Grand Junction.

Gilpin county and the section of Clear creek about Idaho springs, remarks the Denver *News*, will have with the coming of spring not less than 1,000 stamps pounding away on gold ores. The output from that district ought to be not less than \$5,000,000 for 1894.

The snowfall in the Cascade mountains this winter has been enormous along the Great Northern road. Up to a week ago it had been sixty-three feet seven inches on the summit, and after settling it lay twenty-six feet three inches on the level, being above the tops of the telegraph poles.

A kind of influenza is epidemic in Nevada, says the *Journal*, the symptoms being first a sore throat, followed by a terrible cold in the head and some

fever. It lasts about a week, and while it causes but few to take to their beds, it makes the victim feel as though he wished he were in Sheol.

The son of George Turcoer, of Boise City, Idaho, has met with a painful accident. He was reloading a 45-caliber cartridge when it exploded, both the bullet and the shell tearing their way into his right thigh, inflicting two bad wounds. His hand was also injured. The femoral artery was narrowly missed.

A large coal company has recently been formed for the purpose of developing the coal fields in and near Lost canyon to the north of Mancos. The company already has considerable land located, and is now working near Levy & Moore's old camp in Lost canyon, and has a seven-foot breast of fine coal. They are directly on the line of Rio Grand Southern.

Says the Denver *News*: In 1893, notwithstanding hard times and the consequent decreased consumption of canned goods, at least thirty cars of canned tomatoes were shipped into Colorado from other states, representing nearly 600 tons of fresh tomatoes. If such tomatoes had been grown in Colorado, it would have been a great help to Colorado truck farmers.

United States internal revenue agents at an early hour on Wednesday morning raided a store owned by Sue Fat, at San Francisco. In the cellar there were two furnaces for cooking opium and all the utensils used in the work, together with sixty cans of opium. One of the furnaces was in full blast, being operated by one Ah Sing, whom the officers arrested.

While the trial of Alfred Vaughn for murder was in progress at Austin, Nevada, on Wednesday, all persons in the court room were startled by the reports of three shots. Investigation showed that Chris Christofersen had killed himself in the sheriff's office by shooting himself in the breast three times. The deceased was an old resident and for some time has been somewhat demented.

Casper, (Wyo.) *Derrick*: As calm reports concerning the loss of stock come in, it becomes more evident that the average loss in sheep will not be half as heavy as at first feared. In some cases the loss has been very disastrous. Other bands passed through the storm without any loss to speak of, and the best judges agree that ten per cent will cover the average so far this winter throughout central Wyoming.

John Conway has been sentenced by Judge Wallace, at San Francisco, to twenty years imprisonment in the state prison for robbery. Conway pleaded guilty in the hope of receiving a light sentence. The judge, however, considered that the case did not merit any exercise of judicial clemency. Conway stood up a man named Conlan, and, not finding any money, stripped the unfortunate fellow of his clothes.

John Hirst, employed as engineer at the Nebo tunnel at Creede, Col., has committed suicide. He was sitting down and had a Winchester in his hand; placing the muzzle of the gun under his chin, and it is generally thought, pulled the trigger with suicidal intent, blowing the top of his head off. Hirst had been sick for some time