

NEWS OF THE WEST.

Durango, Colo., has organized an archaeological society, whose purpose is to establish a museum for the collection and display of the many rare and interesting specimens of antiquity which exist in the vicinity of that city and also for preserving the ruins of the cliff and cave dwellers which abound all over southwestern Colorado.

H. W. Early, of Boise city, Idaho, who, last Thursday afternoon, was bound over by Justice Wilson, has been committed to jail, he not being able to give the required bond of \$1000. The conspiracy in which Early was involved has reached the ears of the commercial world and dozens of inquiries have been received by Boise merchants.

Bankers from six banks of Phoenix, A. T., held a meeting on Saturday, and decided to test the legality of the law passed by the seventeenth Legislature taxing all banks, national, state or private, on the same basis as other property when the bank does business solely within the territory, whether organized under the laws of Arizona or any other state.

Word has been received at Leadville, Colorado, that another fatality had occurred in the Buck-Ivanhoe tunnel. Mike Otterson, a brakeman employed in the tunnel, was run over by the cars and killed instantly. It is not known how he happened to meet such a fate, but is supposed to have fallen off his car.

Considerable uneasiness is felt at Albuquerque, New Mexico, among certain railroad officials in regard to the rumor that the new management of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company intend at an early day to make removals, especially at this point, and also intend to divide the system into two divisions, thus creating two general superintendents instead of one, as now.

A citizen of San Diego, Cal., of a statistical turn figures out the following: Within a radius of twenty miles of San Diego there are now 25,000 acres in fruit trees, averaging seventy to the acre, or a total of 1,750,000 trees. At the end of five years each tree should yield an average of five boxes of fruit, or 8,750,000 boxes. This would be an average of 800 boxes to the acre, or 29,166 cars of fruit. At 50 cents a box, or \$150 a car, the fruit would bring \$2,916,000.

Deputy Registration Agent Ayers, who is in Carson, Nevada, to register Chinese under the Geary act, has been met with a point blank refusal on the part of the Chinese to take out certificates. They state openly that the Chinese six companies have instructed them not to comply with the law, and but one Chinese has taken out his certificate. Many Chinese in Carson say they contributed to the six companies anti-law fund, and propose to wait till a test case is made.

The wonderful yield of peaches in California, the early age at which they bear, and the enormous profits realized, have not attracted the attention the subject deserves, says the San Francisco *Chronicle*. Ten columns have been devoted to orange, olive, fig and

vine culture to one for peaches, yet this fruit is one of the marvels of the golden state. No other fruit affords such early returns, and no other ranks so far above the fruit of other lands. Orchards only two years old have realized large profits, while those of three years have returned the owners little fortunes.

There are quite a number of cases of typhoid fever reported among the people living on the hill in the eastern part of Park City. An investigation shows, says the *Record*, that the cause of the sickness lies in the use of the water flowing down the Ontario flume, containing as it does an immense amount of refuse that comes from the mine. The reservoir into which the flume empties, above the Marsac mill, was cleaned out the other day, and had the people living on the hill seen the conglomeration of filth taken out they would die of thirst almost, rather than drink the water.

Douglas, (Wyo.) *Budget*: Ranchmen coming say they never saw as many calves on the ranch this time of year as there are now. Several wool buyers are making this place their headquarters just now. Certain it is that the range will be short if we do not get rain pretty soon. The grass is at least a month behind where it was at this time last year and the ground is as dry as powder. James Gans was arrested today charged with having brought scabby New Mexico sheep into the county without having complied with the requirements of the law. Sheep Inspector Williams and County Attorney Maurer propose to vigorously prosecute all such offenders.

Glenwood, Colo., is to have a new bathing pool this season, on which the work of construction has already begun. It will be 400 feet long, 100 feet wide, and in places 12 feet deep. It is to be completed by June 1. The Glenwood excursion company has also been organized. The *Avalanche* says this company is to operate in connection with the hotel Colorado, and it will furnish all the burros to be used for excursion trips about the mountains and to the hunting grounds. Mr. Swagart will run his train of jacks to the "cave of the clouds" every morning, and they will be equipped with side-saddles for the ladies and children as well as saddles for boys and men.

On Saturday morning Sergeant Tuttle found a man lying dead in Blake street, Denver. His body was stretched out and there were evidences that he had been dragged to the spot where he lay. The coroner was notified and the body was removed to the morgue where the clothes were searched and not a cent was found in the pockets. At first the police believed the man was a victim of foul play. Later the man was identified as John Connors, a Santa Fe section hand. He arrived in Denver Thursday with a fellow laborer, John Ward, and the two men hired a room in Blake street. Connors had \$18 when he struck town and on Thursday he spent this in a debauch which wound up in the Wellington hotel. Drs. Taylor and Brown held an autopsy on the remains and found that Connors' death was due to acute alcoholism.

Kenn L. Knudsen, assignee for H. Sachs, of Park City, has filed suit against Constable Joseph Robinson and his bondsmen in the sum of \$1,050 for the value of the goods taken on attachment last week and for damages—\$750 for the goods and \$300 damages. Constable Robinson filed cross bonds in the sum of \$1000 to retain possession of the goods, but they were not accepted and Mr. Knudsen secured possession of the stock. Other bonds are to be filed and the goods again replevined. Mr. Robinson is working under an indemnifying bond of \$1000, given by the Sims Utah Grocery company, and in case the suit at law proves the assignment valid, the latter will have to stand all the expense. As the case now stands, it looks like somebody was going to get stuck for costs, says the *Record*.

For the third time John A. Rowand of Helena has been pardoned. He is in the Montana state penitentiary under a life sentence for killing Joseph Bassiere in Butte by accident as he was trying to kill Peter Martin, a barkeeper, who had thrown him out. Rowand is a Canadian and had been a British subject. His father was once surveyor general of the Dominion, and it is said that Rowand has a brother also from Canada occupying an important position in the British legation at Washington. Among the papers filed in his behalf were letters from Sir John McDonald and James G. Blaine. Governor Toole pardoned him in 1891, but the state board of pardons refused to approve of the action. Some months later the governor went to Washington, and Lieutenant Governor Richards pardoned Rowand, but this action was not approved. Now Governor Richards is in Chicago and Lieutenant Governor Bohlin has pardoned him. The board of pardons will act on the case in two weeks.

Probate Judge Shields of Park City, according to the *Record*, had quite an experience Thursday afternoon while returning from Heber, where he had been on legal business. He was coming down the dugway on the Park city side of the Deer Valley divide, when one of the timbers which fastens the tongue to the axle broke and allowed the vehicle to swerve to one side. The horses became frightened and began to plunge, the result being the breaking of the other, when with a snort the team broke away from the judge and ran to town dragging the pole with them. The judge moved the buggy to one side so that teams could pass, placed his whip, robe and crutches in Sam Lee's light laundry wagon that was just behind him, returning from the tunnel, and proceeded to "wade" home; for there is fully four inches of water over Deer Valley flat, together with about the same amount of mud. Sam Lee, who weighs about 90 pounds and who had on a pair of top gum boots offered to carry the judge across the flat on his back, but the judge declined the proffered aid and struck out boldly for the hills on the opposite side.

A Fresno, Cal., evening paper publishes an account of the disappearance from the county jail of two men named Ellis and Bennet, charged with murder, and the explanation of what has become of them is not all satisfactory. Last October an old Indian named