

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A Lake county, Cal., paper says a brother of Percy Douglas, who was shot and killed at Bakersfield recently, was hanged at Eureka for the murder of one of the citizens of that town.

Luke Bulger, a young railroad carpenter, who has been ill, was found dead Saturday morning in his hotel room in Sacramento, Cal. Death was caused by asphyxiation, whether with suicidal intent is not known.

Billy Ross, a pugilist of Visalia, Cal., recently skipped the rope 4,787 times in forty-seven minutes. He offers to wager \$100 that he can skip the rope faster and for a longer period of time than any other man in the country.

Bill Brown, Dave Malcolm and a man named Wilson quarreled at Bismarck, A. T., recently. The two latter chased Brown into a house, where he locked himself in. Malcolm broke down the door to get at him, and was shot through the lungs and killed. Brown was exonerated.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Cudaback of Nogales, A. T., was taken down with smallpox last week. As soon as the disease was discovered the family was put into a box car and the car isolated to make the danger of the disease spreading as little as possible.

Charles J. Gamble, a waiter in Van Nuy's hotel, Los Angeles, was terribly mangled Wednesday in an accident to a freight elevator. After being crushed at the landing where he attempted to leave the elevator while it was in motion, he fell to the bottom of the shaft. His injuries proved fatal.

Two men of Selma, Cal., got into a dispute over the ownership of a choice sheep dog the other day and the matter was taken into the justice court for settlement. During the controversy the dog was kept in a cellar, but in the midst of the trial some one stole the animal, and the case had to be dismissed.

Smallpox is increasing among the Indians on the Gila, Arizona, says the Phoenix Republican, and it is said to be the most virulent attack the tribe has suffered in years. The Indian preacher on his way to Sacaton the other day was stopped and turned back by the Indian police. None of the other Indians have tried to leave the reservation.

Sioux City, South Dakota, Tribune: Another snowstorm in South Dakota has blocked many of the railway lines again which is keeping back considerable live stock. Shippers will hail any sign of spring with delight. There has never been a winter in the Dakota and Minnesota when stock shippers have had so much difficulty in getting to market as this one.

G. Wingate, president of the chamber of commerce, at Astoria, Oregon, was assaulted on the street Tuesday afternoon by Thomas Trullinger, foreman of the grand jury. Wingate was knocked down and bruised, but not seriously injured. The trouble grew

out of statements made in a meeting of the chamber of commerce by Wingate. It is a factional fight over local politics, which will eventually get into the courts.

Manley A. Fair, an engineer, was instantly killed at the Keystone laundry at Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday morning by the explosion of a steam boiler. He was standing on a ladder when the explosion occurred, and when the ladder was blown from under him fell to the concrete floor, breaking his neck. J. H. Hickson, proprietor, was injured about the head, but not fatally. Other workmen by the side of the boiler were not injured.

Dan Clubb took a chew of tobacco while he was engaged in scattering squirrel poison a few days ago at Traver, Cal., and got a fair dose of poison himself from the stuff that was on his hands. He thought nothing of the great thirst that immediately came upon him, but as soon as he had taken a drink he knew there was more in the chew than he had bargained for. Immediate antidotes brought him out all right, except a stiffness of the joints.

A short time before the death of E. J. Houghton, the old gentleman who died near Tule river, Cal., a few weeks ago, he requested if there was anything left of his possessions after the funeral expenses were paid, that it be expended in giving a dance in his memory. His matters have been settled and there is a balance, and in accordance with his request a dance will be given on Friday night next where the old gentleman lived, at what is known locally as Houghton hall.

The suit of David Castro against the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railway company has been transferred to San Francisco for trial from the superior court of San Joaquin county, Cal. Castro is suing to recover \$20,000 damages for personal injuries while in the company's employ. While a car was stopped on a bridge at night Castro stepped out of the car to help a fellow workman, and not knowing the car was on a bridge, stepped off and received a fall to the river bed forty feet below.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, Tribune: Again has Dame Fortune smiled kindly upon a poor person and a young woman suddenly finds herself wealthy. Miss Stella Bußenberger, recently a waitress at the Inter Ocean hotel, received a telegram from her uncle in Cincinnati stating that by the death of her grandmother in Germany Miss Bußenberger has inherited an immense fortune. The telegram did not state the amount, but Miss Bußenberger was of the opinion that it was large, as her grandmother was one of the wealthiest women in Germany. The lucky girl left at once for Cincinnati where she will make arrangements to go to Germany and there take possession of her legacy.

Claude Marks, the twelve-year-old son of George Marks, an agent for a Baltimore tobacco house, died Friday night from the effects of a blow on the

head received the day before while watching a pee-wee game at the Lorin school, San Francisco. Tay Stribe one of the players, became angry at a failure and threw his bat wildly, striking Marks on the temple. The wound produced a concussion of the brain and the boy was thrown into a state of unconsciousness, from which he never recovered. The flying piece of wood struck him on the temple bone, causing an ugly gash. Medical assistance proved unavailing, and he died without recognizing his grief-stricken parents.

Mrs. Herman Wells and her five small children have lived for days in a couple of basement rooms in Oakland, Cal., practically without food and without fuel or proper clothing. Their destitution was discovered by accident, and Tuesday Mrs. Lydia Prescott made an investigation of the case. The husband and father, who is a peddler, has been without work for some time, and is at present away from home trying to secure something to do. The place the family occupied is in such an unsanitary condition that the board of health ordered it cleaned and fixed up under a threat of condemnation. The family will be relieved and cared for until it can provide for itself.

The Sioux Indians are proving successful live stockmen, says the Belle Fourche, South Dakota, Times. The worst possible Indian policy was that which fed up the government's wards in the idleness, permitting them to run wild like savages between the periods of distribution of supplies. At the Sioux agency, in the arid part of the Indians' land, which was fit only for stock grazing, a few cattle were given to the heads of families as stock. These they were not allowed to sell till the increase amounted to a given number. At the same time the Indians were told that they might raise cattle to fill the government beef contracts; this they did with such alacrity that at Pine Ridge agency the red stockmen have brought in 800 head for sale.

A frightful accident occurred at the Good Hope mine, twenty-five miles from Riverside, Cal., Tuesday evening, in which James Manning, a miner, was instantly killed. Manning was at work in one of the deep drifts of the mine setting blasts when one of the shots was discharged prematurely. Miners in another drift hearing the explosion and knowing it to be premature hurried to the scene of the accident, where they found their companion almost blown to atoms. The coroner was immediately telegraphed for. Manning, the dead miner, had worked at Good Hope about six weeks, and came to California from Idaho, where he was known as one of the best drillers in the state, having taken part in many contests and having won \$7,000 at one time.

Friday Miss Alice Johnson of San Francisco was the victim of a most peculiar accident. In yawning she dislocated both articulations of her jaws. The lower half of her face dropped from its place. Miss Johnson was hurried to the receiving hospital, where Police Surgeon Well adjusted her features. When the young woman was rushed into the hospital the at-