

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

cradle covered with precious stones in which the children of seven different Sultans are said to have slept, and I counted a dozen hand mirrors with frames of gold and settings of emeralds, rubies and diamonds. There is one arm-chair as big as that in which your grandfather sits, which is of solid gold set with precious stones, which has a satin cushion upon it which is embroidered with pearls. This chair is kept under a glass case, and it has a little gold footstool in front of it. There is a toilet table the top of which is made of lapis lazuli, and the feet of which are claw-shaped, the claws being made of diamonds, emeralds, rubies and carbuncles. Big diamonds hang down from the top of the table, and along the edge of it there is a deep fringe of diamonds. Another wonderful thing is the collection of bed quilts which are embroidered with pearls. Take the quilt of a wide wedding bed and cover it with pearls of all sizes from those as big as a pin to some as large as the fattest chestnut. String thousands of such pearls into all shapes so that they cover the quilt with embroidery, and you have some idea of the kind of bed-clothes under which the most famous of the Sultans of the past have slept. And then the collection of armor! There are numerous swords, and upon one sword-hilt I counted fifteen diamonds, each of which was as big as the top of a man's thumb, and there were other swords set with all kinds of jewels. There were saddles embroidered with pearls, with stirrups of silver. There were pipes set with diamonds, and one case contained the costumes of the Sultans of the past, each of which blazed with precious stones. Of the gold plate there were dishes of solid gold big enough for a baby's bath-tub, and there were plates, cups and saucers, tureens and pitchers, massive and heavy, made of this same precious metal. The collection filled a number of rooms, and it must be worth many millions. It contains the accumulated treasures and relics of the Sultans of the past, and when the Turkish Empire is finally divided up among the rulers of Europe, there will be a great scramble for the most precious objects in these treasury vaults.

After leaving this treasury, I visited the tombs of the Sultans. These are to be seen in one of the mosques at Constantinople. They are made of marble, and each tomb is surrounded by a fence of wrought silver and covered with the most precious of cashmere shawls. The fez cap of the Sultan beneath, studded with diamonds, is placed on top of his tomb, and outside the fence, on rocks of ebony inlaid with pearl, are the manuscript Korans used by the Sultan and kept there as an evidence of his fidelity to his religion. There are a number of such tombs in this mosque, but there is room for more, and the present Sultan will eventually be laid here to rest.

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Little Waters, the girl who has attracted so much public attention lately, attempted suicide again early this morning by turning on the gas in the Receiving hospital at San Jose, Cal., where she has been confined since late Saturday afternoon, when she came to the hospital and asked for assistance, as she was mentally weak. The girl was once a circus rider. Her parents reside near Santa Cruz.

The Santa Fe railroad pays out \$20,000 every month for wages to San Bernardino.

The lemon growers of Highland have organized an association for the co-operative curing and marketing of their crop.

In order to retrench expenses Sprague, Wash., has reduced the salaries of all the city officials one-third.

Dan Carroll, a miner, recently from Bakersfield, Cal., was asphyxiated by gas at San Francisco Tuesday under circumstances that lead to a suspicion of foul play.

The Salt River valley, in Arizona, has a total area in oranges of 1,200 acres, one-half of which is in good bearing. This year's crop is heavy and shipments to the East have already begun.

John Gordon, of Little Horse creek, Laramie county, Wyo., has the largest private fish hatchery in the state. His ponds are estimated to contain 500,000 trout and a large number of black bass.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' association of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and the province of British Columbia will meet in Walla Walla December 10th. The meeting will continue four days.

Work has been begun on the new Marrowstone point lighthouse, three miles south of Port Townsend. It will be two stories high and constructed after the style of a Queen Anne cottage. A large bell will be used as a danger signal in bad weather.

The Anacondas, Mont., Standard makes the statement that between 1,500 and 2,000 more men are employed in and around Butte than ever before, even when the silver mines were running. The mines of that district pay out \$540,000 a month for wages.

Thomas McDonough, aged 18 years, while in the employ of the San Francisco breweries, on August 29th last fell into a vat of boiling water and was terribly burned. He brought suit against the corporation Friday to recover \$50,000 damages.

Wolves have become so numerous near Pendleton, Or., that it is proposed to organize a wolf drive. Both whites and Indians will be asked to co-operate and make an effort to rid the country south and east of Pendleton of the animal, which pesters the farmers by carrying off cows and by killing sheep.

It is stated in connection with the arrest of J. B. Courtney for killing buffalo in the national park, that there are but ten head of these animals left in the park, and that the settlers and the park officials are unable to protect them from the poachers and that the true condition of affairs is kept from the department at Washington.

The Yuma, Arizona, Bee says the territorial prison is going to experiment in the bee business and produce the honey necessary for home consumption. An apiary of twenty-five stands of bees has been received at the prison and placed in a shelter already provided for them. A single hive at

the prison produced over 200 pounds of honey last summer.

Dan Haskins was quite badly injured early this morning at Medicine Bow. The train he was braking on turned at that station and Haskins was engaged in coupling the engine to the head car, a Pennsylvania car, and as they came together his wrist was caught by the coupling on the engine and the bumper of the car. The bones of the wrist were broken and the tendons of the arm badly bruised and lacerated. He was brought in on the first train.—Boomerang.

George Berg, driver of the Forbestown stage which left Oroville, Cal., Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock, had an exciting experience with road agents. As the stage, drawn by four horses and carrying Wells, Fargo's express, was passing the Gardeo ranch, about three miles from town, a man stepped out in front of the leaders and ordered the driver to halt. The horses were restless and ran away. The robbers shot several times at the stage and pursued it for quite a distance. Luckily no one was hurt.

Miss Rena Strouse, who lives about two miles south of Hopland, Cal., was painfully and perhaps fatally burned at an early hour Wednesday morning. The young woman, who is aged about 20 years, was standing in front of a fireplace, when her garments were ignited, and before her screams brought assistance she was enveloped in flames. The fire was not extinguished until the lower extremities of the unfortunate girl were almost burned to a crisp. It is not expected that she will recover.

The dead bodies of five men, two of whom are recognized as being Americans, have been discovered northwest of Mazatlan (Mexico), in a wild section of the Sierra Madre mountains. The bodies are supposed to be those of members of a gold prospecting party who left here several weeks ago. The two Americans were from California, but their names are not known here. The others were Mexicans. It is supposed that the party lost their way in the mountains, and died together from starvation and exposure.

A special dispatch to the Chronicle says: Miss Owens, the young woman who so mysteriously disappeared from here last Wednesday, has not yet returned to claim her clothing and baggage at the Eureka lodging house. The police have searched every nook and corner of the town, but not a trace of her has been found yet. Some of the officers think that she was met here by a young man, who took her away to the northern part of the county, but they have no positive knowledge in regard to the matter.

Wm. Massee, a baggage master on the Los Angeles division of the Southern Pacific railroad, was shot and seriously wounded Friday night by his wife, Nellie. The ball entered the left side of the lower jaw, passed downward and lodged in the spinal column. Immediately after the shooting Mrs. Massee was arrested by Officer Hurley and locked up at the central station on