

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

While being removed from Lone Tree, Wyo., to the county jail at Cheyenne, Charles Dow, a prisoner, had his foot badly frozen, so severe was the weather.

Sheep in Montana have been assessed \$2.50 per head for purposes of taxation, 75 cents in advance of their former valuation. The state claims three and a half million head.

The North Pacific Lumber company has chartered the steam schooners Pasadena, Alcatraz and Alcazar and within the next two weeks will place them on the route between Portland, Ore., and Alaska.

Idaho is making great preparations to be much in evidence at the Omaha exposition. She has appointed a commission to prepare for a state display and will not cease until success in the undertaking is fully assured.

Thomas Caffery was shot and mortally wounded by Joseph Byrnes in the former's saloon at Fracy, Cal., early this (Thursday) morning. Five shots were fired, three taking effect, one in either arm and one below the heart.

Mrs. Alma Stowe, residing near Lander, Wyo., met with an accident Wednesday morning that resulted in death. The unfortunate woman, who is 70 years of age, was passing her fireplace, when her clothing was ignited and burned her so severely that she died on Thursday.

Word from Denver, Colo., indicates the mysterious disappearance of J. Ware Foster, a prominent insurance man of that city, and receiver of the defunct T. A. Kent bank at Cheyenne, Wyo. Foster's accounts are said to be in bad shape. Henry G. Hay of Cheyenne, is now in charge of the Kent bank and its affairs.

Charles Weeman, who shot himself at Yuba City, Cal., Wednesday morning, died in the afternoon about 5 o'clock without regaining consciousness. From the position of the body he must have sat down on the floor and shot himself in the head. The revolver, a 32-caliber, was found lying at his side with one chamber empty.

William Herbert, alias "Tarheel," the man charged with shooting Juan Jose Lara, a Mexican sheepherder, and then robbing him of \$490, has been held by Justice Ash of Rock Springs, Wyo., to await the action of the district court, his bonds being fixed at \$2,000. The specific charges are assault with intent to kill and highway robbery.

Thomas Gaffery was shot and mortally wounded by Joseph Byrnes in the former's saloon at Tracy, Cal., at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Five shots were fired, three taking effect, one in either arm and one below the heart. Gaffery is still alive, but the doctors say he cannot survive. Byrnes went to Stockton to give himself up.

A big timber land deal is nearing completion at Eureka, Cal. The land includes several large tracts along the Klamath river, and comprises some of the finest redwood timber in Humboldt county. R. Chamberlin, a representative of Eastern capitalists, arrived there Sunday to close the deal. The consideration, as reported, is about \$88,000.

Hon. Eliwood Evans, the oldest practicing lawyer in the state of Washington, dropped dead from heart disease on the street in Tacoma at noon Friday. He was 70 years of age and went to Puget Sound from Philadelphia in 1851 as a deputy collector of customs. In 1862 he was secretary of the territory, and during 1865-6 was acting

governor during the absence of Governors Pickering and Cole.

A dispatch from San Francisco says the ship Yosemite has been sold to E. F. Sweeney of Seattle, and will probably be placed on the Seattle-Skaguay route. Captain Fullerton, hitherto in command of the Yosemite, has been placed in charge of the ship Harry Morse. Chief Officer Grenby of the Yosemite has been placed in command of the latter.

J. M. Hutson, aged 35, shot himself in the head at Mojave, Cal., Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock, and died six hours later. The cause was jealousy. Hutson had fallen in love with a notorious woman named Emma Osborn, who has lived there for six months. About a week ago Hutson lost his position. The woman cast him aside and loaned him the revolver to kill himself.

The police committee of the board of supervisors of San Francisco granted three permits for boxing shows Friday to be held on the following dates: The Olympic club, Griffio-McConnell, February 3rd. The National club, Tommy Ryan-George Green, contest, February 25th. The Occidental club, Peter Jackson-Peter Maher, match, between the 1st and 15th of March.

An unknown man was found dead in a grove of blue gums near the Ojai Railroad camp in Ventura, Cal., Tuesday night. A witness before the coroner, who had been the dead man's companion in drunkenness for three days, testified that the deceased came from Los Angeles and went by the name of Fagan. He was employed by Grant Brothers, railroad contractors. Nothing further concerning his identity is known.

Particulars reached Los Angeles, Cal., Monday afternoon of the killing of J. W. Hilton, an old rancher of Las Virgenes district, Saturday, by two of his neighbors named Harris and Caldwell. Hilton objected to his neighbors using a road across his land, and the two men say he threatened to shoot them if they dared trespass. To protect themselves, they allege, they were compelled to fire first.

The miners in the northern coal district of Colorado who have been on a strike for a couple of weeks will resume work today (Thursday) and depend on the state board of arbitration to settle the difficulties existing between the miners and mine operators. The operators and men both agreed to abide by the decision of the arbitration board, which will be rendered as soon as the investigation is completed.

The Rev. C. O. Brown has telegraphed his resignation to his church at San Francisco. At a meeting of the trustees Wednesday night action was deferred until next Wednesday when it is expected that the Rev. Mr. Brown will have returned to Chicago. The trustees were unanimous in the decision that the resignation should not be accepted, as they feel that he is a competent man, and the charges are unworthy of their notice.

Thursday night at Port Townsend, Wash., while custom officers were searching the steamer City of Topeka for contraband liquors, previous to her sailing for Alaska, they found in an obscure place in the ship's hold a little five-year-old boy, sound asleep. The lad gave his name as Frank Tomlinson, and Tacoma as his home. He said he was going to the Klondike to dig gold. The boy will be sent back to Tacoma.

On Monday night an altercation oc-

curred at Beck's evaporator, Watsonville, Cal., between Lee Reed and Robert Black, which almost ended in a murder. It seems that Black, who is foreman of the drier, discharged Reed several days ago. Reed returned to the drier Monday night and a row ensued, in which Black slashed Reed almost half way across the neck, just missing the jugular vein. He also stabbed Reed in the temple and shoulder.

A half-breed Indian was stabbed to death Tuesday night at Angels camp, Cal. The body was found in the street soon after the murder was committed, but the perpetrator of the crime has disappeared and his identity is unknown. Several persons have been arrested on suspicion, all having been engaged in gambling in the disreputable part of the town where the crime was committed. It is believed that the murder is the sequel of a quarrel over cards.

A sensational affidavit was filed in the supreme court of Montana Wednesday, by County Attorney Stapleton of Butte, who commenced mandatory proceedings against W. W. Wilson, stenographer of Judge Clancey's court, to compel him to prepare a transcript in the Moody murder case. In the affidavit Mr. Stapleton charges Judge Clancey with intimidating and preventing Wilson from getting out the transcript, so that the state could not appeal the case within the statutory time.

The body of Frank Berhstein was found in his cabin at Calabasa, near Santa Cruz, Cal., Monday. He is supposed to have died of starvation. The condition of his body shows that life had been extinct several days. Berhstein was considered mentally deranged. Recently he began studying theosophy, and believed he had solved the problem of living without food. In the cabin there was not a bit of food. Berhstein was a Swede, 48 years old. He owned fifteen acres of land, which he never cultivated.

The next steamer to sail for Alaska from San Francisco is the Queen, which will leave Broadway wharf this (Saturday) afternoon. The Queen goes to Tailla and Skaguay, stopping en route at Puget Sound for more passengers and freight. So great has been the demand for berth and freight accommodations that the Pacific coast steamship company five days ago stopped selling tickets and refused cargo. She could have been filled twice over and people were begging for room in any part of the ship this morning.

William H. Bell, formerly connected with the department of the Colorado at Denver has been retired by an order of the secretary of war issued upon the request of Gen. Bell. Gen. Bell has been in Washington for some time where he was detailed for duty July 5, 1896, as assistant commissary general of subsistence. He was purchasing commissary of the department of Colorado until 1893, when he was appointed chief commissary of the department of California, which position he filled for two years, returning to Denver and remaining there until 1896.

General Yale of Santa Cruz, Cal., has sold his big Newfoundland dog to Clarence Berry, the rich Klondiker, for \$200. The dog is two years old and weighs 160 pounds. Berry says he would not take \$500 for him. So well pleased was he that he gave Yale four pieces of gold valued at \$20 for his children and promised to send three more nuggets for the children, guaranteeing each nugget to be worth not less than \$20. The dog was hitched to a wagon, and hauled Yale, Berry and another man with the utmost ease. Berry will start for the Klondike next week.

Monday, on the morning of the Golden jubilee, Charles F. Reed, who mined