NEWS OF THE WEST.

Strange Story of a Mysterious Box Shipped as Railroad Freight.

A REMARKABLY NAGACIOUS DOG.

Narrow Escape of a Police Officer From Electrocution.—Dr. Von Werlen's Trial.

A bronze factory is to be established at Davis City, Neb.

The Gresham, Neb., Jubilee and Review have been consolidated.

A lawsuit against George Matthews was recovered and filed at Sacramento, Cal., by a train Monday night.

Nevada has been mentioned by heavy rains followed by warm weather and the cattle ranges are browing green.

Great Falls, Mont., has a population of 10,000 with a pay roll of $100,000 a month. Its machinery is operated by water power and electricity.

The Catholic Mission back home, at Pablo, Cuba, has been totally destroyed by fire. The origin is unknown. There was no gloss.

The trial of Dr. Joseph Von Werlen, charged with the murder of John Gwin Matthews by malpractice, is proceeding at San Francisco.

John Myer, about 30 years of age, was overcome of morphine at San Leandro. Medical assistance was soon procured, and he was removed to the county hospital in a dangerous condition.

In the United States district court at Boise, Idaho, the remaining Coeur d'Alene contempt cases have been dismissed. The cases were for the alleged crime of an injunction restraining miners from interfering with workmen at the time of the strike last year.

Mrs. Mary Mahoney has been granted a judgment for $10,000 in a San Francisco court for the death of her husband, who was killed a year ago by a San Francisco and San Mateo Railway electric car. Mahoney was riding in a wagon when a collision occurred, in which he received fatal injuries.

A police officer who is stationed at the east approach to the Madison street bridge, had an experience recently that came very nearly causing a vacancy on the police force, reports the Portland Telegram. As it is, he is still able to do duty, but he knows more about the effects of electricity than he did yesterday. While waiting for the bridge to be closed for a lighter to pass on the first night, about five minutes later he picked himself up to feel sev-y from the upright, by some means the upright had become electrified, and the officer received the full force of the current that operates the electric cars. He was badly unnerved, and it was several minutes before he was fully recovered from the shock.

A daring attempt was made on Tuesday night to rescue their Bruce, serving a sentence in the military prison on Alcatraz island for an attempt to murder a fellow soldier while stationed at Army Point, Boston, says the San Francisco Chronicle. In some way it was learned that a project was afoot to aid Bruce to leave the island, and the sentries were instructed to be on their guard. About 10 o'clock last evening, Sergeant Lampitt, who was on duty, heard the sound of oars off the bulkhead on the south shore of the island. He gave a low whistle, and a boat hove in sight and made for the shore. There were four men in the boat. They evidently thought the signal was from Bruce, and did not learn their mistake until they were quite near the bulkhead and were challenged by Sergeant Lampitt. Then they began to ply the oars with vigor to escape, while the bullets from the sergeant whistled around them.

Janitor Usherwood, of the courthouse, is the possessor of a remarkably sagacious dog, says the Portland Oregonian. The animal is of the water spaniel species, and not very prepossessing in appearance. He committed various petty depredations in a neighboring meat market, and it was thought advisable to dispose of him. He was given to a gentleman living on the East Side, but next day he was back at his old station. Sending him to Oregon City had no better result, for he was back within two days. Annoyed at this manifestation of canine sagacity, Mr. Usherwood decided to keep Growing. A few days ago the janitor decided to apply to the county court for sponges with which to clean windows, but meantime the dog had raided a livery stable and brought a large sponge to the janitor. The latter then proceeded to clean the windows, but hardly he had got fairly started his attention was called to other matters, and he posed the sponge to a tub. On returning a few minutes later he found that hard dog and sponge had disappeared, and on making an investigation he found that the animal had returned the sponge to its rightful owner.

A mysterious affair is recorded by the Sheridan (Wyo.) Post as having occurred at that town. A box about four feet long by three feet wide, consigned to John D. Rohrer, of Sherrodsville, and shipped by Charles Jones, of Omaha, Nebraska, was unloaded from the express car and stored in the depot at that place, as all express matter is, and locked up without attracting any attention. In about half an hour Agent Woods discovered that the box had been forced from the car and that the contents were gone. He at once notified the officers, and a thorough investigation was commenced. When the box was finally examined there was found to be no evidence on the outside that any tool had been used in loosening the cover, but on the inside, at one end, were plainly to be seen the prints of a man's foot. Further investigation revealed the fact that the sliding door to the express room had been unfastened from the inside, and could give just about enough to allow a man to squeeze out. That the box contained a live human being on its arrival there can be no doubt, but as to cause of which, or who has gone, who the man or what his object could have been, has been obtained. There are many theories, however, and the true note to the case may yet come to light. Some think that the occupant of the box was an escaping convict, some believe that it was simply an ingenious plan of beating the railroad company out of the fare from Omaha to that place.

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