

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Saratoga, Wyo., is agitating a move ment for waterworks.

Phoenix, Ariz., is having an orange boom this winter.

Ralston valley, Nye county, Nevada, has 40,000 sheep grazing within its boundary.

Raton, N. M., disposed of the lots donated to aid the sanitarium at that place by drawing lots last week.

Cripple Creek, Colo., expects to have its new telephone line from Colorado Springs completed by Christmas.

In the Pecos valley, N. M., St. Louis parties have purchased large tracts of land for grape and prune growing.

Cattle stealing in the San Luis valley is being suppressed by the arrest and conviction of the thieves in the vicinity of Saguache.

Telegrams have been sent out from Lake City, Colo., inquiring after J. J. Pride, a butcher from that place, who passed through Ouray Monday with a herd of cattle.

Phoenix, Ariz., has a Missouri club 160 strong. The motto of the club is, "No politics, no religion, no debts." The members eat "possum" and sweet potatoes for dinner next Christmas.

The Santa Fe traffic has increased its freight business to such an extent in the Arkansas valley that nine additional locomotives have recently been put on the La Junta, Colo., division.

Natrona county, Wyoming, is on the eve of a big oil boom. Oil has been found on Casper creek. Hundreds of claims have been filed and a pipe line from Salt creek oil wells to Casper seems a certainty of 1894.

Buena Vista, Colo., people complain of a scarcity of ranch products and the *Democrat* urges the ranchmen to diversify their crops. Potatoes have to be imported for the local market in Upper Arkansas valley.

At Durango last week, parties from Phoenix, Ariz., were hiring men for the Harrin ton canal and paying for rock men \$3 and for shovelers \$2.50 a day. Labor has been scarce and high in Arizona all fall and winter.

Grand Junction, Colo., papers speak of farmers in that locality who are "languid poor." A man with forty acres under irrigation is better off than one who attempts to cultivate eighty or one hundred and sixty acres.

During a heavy rain Mrs. Wilson and her two children were driven from their shanty home at Portland, Or., and were compelled to seek shelter at the police station. She was behind with her rent and the landlord's agent elected her.

Marshal Anderson is after the Chinamen this week to work poll tax, says the *Eastern Utah Telegraph*. The Mongolians have refused to work and the town authorities will now compel them to work or show cause why they should not.

Nevada has a natural soap mine. It is on the Central Pacific railroad and resembles castile soap in everything

except smell. An exchange says there is enough of it if dug out and melted into cakes to supply soap for the United States.

Maricopa county, Arizona, has become enthusiastic over fruit culture. At a meeting of the Tempe Horticultural association a few days ago, a leading citizen reported the production of 2,000,000 pounds of apricots from an orchard of sixteen acres.

Five hoodlums attacked a Chinese cook in San Francisco Monday evening. The gang pounced upon the inoffensive Mongolian, and while several almost choked him his pockets were rifled. They succeeded in securing \$10 and then fled.

I. J. Stewart, Esq., is now employed in procuring a divorce for Fred Neilson, of Richfield, says the *Advocate*, from his wife, Lizzie, who has been to the penitentiary a short time in Salt Lake for adultery with one Logan, lately of Richfield.

La Veta, Colo., although it has no natural lakes, supplies the surrounding towns with ice. A man named J. B. Petrie creates ice by flooding shallow streams layer on layer during cold weather, creating ice of any thickness desired.—*Enterprise*.

Otero county, Colorado, has decided to organize a live, progressive horticultural society. The meeting to perfect the organization will be held in Rocky Ford next Saturday, December 16. The Arkansas valley is vitally interested in this movement.

La Veta, Colo., millers complain that they are unable to keep their mills going and supply the demand for flour because of the difficulty of obtaining wheat. The land around La Veta has been converted into alfalfa meadows.

Mr. Orrock, the Richfield merchant, says he lost money in his last poultry shipment to Salt Lake, having realized only 3½ cents a pound for what he paid 5 cents for here, besides the expense of shipping, etc. Salt Lake is over stocked, he says.—*Richfield Advocate*.

The Sanpete Valley railway depot grounds present a very lively business appearance, says the *Manti Messenger*. Workmen are engaged on the depot, water tank, switches and other improvements. Everything is moving as fast as men and materials can work together.

Dr. Tupper, preaching at Denver on Sunday night, on the subject of "Divorce," declared that marriage was the most holy and indissoluble tie on earth. He denounced the divorce lawyer "who worked for a fee," and "the unjust judge making decision without conscience or truth."

A man at French, on the headwaters of the North Platte, near the Wyoming and Colorado line, raised 15,000 pounds of potatoes as an experiment this year, but has no market for them. A railroad branch from Rawlins or Carbon would open an immense potato country, says an exchange.

The Vernon brothers, James and

Joseph while hunting in Weber canyon came in contact with a cougar. The wild animal showed its teeth but the boys were brave and conquered. When they returned home they brought the animal with them.—*Summit county Chronicle*.

Miss Lillie Porter, of Central, died suddenly on Monday, says the *Richfield Advocate*. The family were having a little entertainment on Sunday evening and she seemed comparatively well, though she had been suffering for some time. The young lady was about eighteen years old.

The Park City Ice company is making vigorous preparations for a large harvest of ice during the present winter, says the *Record*. Its pond has been placed in thorough repair and the company is now erecting a new storage building 24x140 feet, which will make a handsome addition to the company's already famous storage capacity.

Maude Downey, one of the most notorious of the colored denizens of Denver, and an important witness in the Richards murder case, died very suddenly and mysteriously on Monday from the effects of a powerful dose of morphine and belladonna. Its effect was instant and deadly, and the opinion is prevalent in police circles that it is a case of foul play.

The scoundrel who entered the rooms back of the Cottingham & Griffith hall last Thursday night and carried away the provisions which the ladies had prepared for distribution among the poor people of the town, deserves a coat of tar and feathers, and will receive it if apprehended. This is the opinion of the Nampa, Idaho, *Leader*.

There is little doubt in the minds of the state officials says an Idaho exchange, that a powerful Michigan syndicate is laying plans to secure, by questionable methods, possession of a large portion of the valuable timber land in Shoshone county recently surveyed. The survey which includes over 70,000 acres, was made by the government at the request of the state land department.

The Challis (Idaho) *Messenger* says: William Dugdale, well known in this county, has been sent from Halley to the insane asylum at Blackfoot. His is a sad life, when we review his early days in Custer county. When he first came he was a bright and active young man, but he at last became a morphine and cocaine fiend, and finally was landed in the asylum.

Winnemucca, Idaho, was treated to a mild sensation last Saturday afternoon by the finding of the body of a Chinaman hanging to a rafter of a barn in the rear of Chinatown. It was a clear case of suicide, says an exchange, and a good job at that. At the dead Chinaman's feet was a box on which it is probable that he stood, tied a slip noose in a baling rope and placed it around his neck, tied the other end to a rafter and kicked the box from under him.

Marshal Miles and Clifford Johnson, colored hostlers employed at the race track at San Francisco has been arrested on charges of assault to commit murder and robbery. Last Saturday night, as alleged, the two negroes at-