

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The dead body of John Hagan, a 50-year-old prospector, was found Thursday in his cabin in Park canyon, near Butte, Mont. It is supposed Hogan was frozen to death.

Forrest, the man convicted at Pocatello, Ida., for the killing of Sheepherder Martin, was sentenced Thursday by Judge Standrod to nine years and six months' imprisonment.

A number of burglaries have been reported recently to the police authorities at Oakland, Cal., and Chief of Police Lloyd is now convinced that an organized gang of housebreakers is at work within the city's limits.

Isalah Johnson, a colored private of the Ninth U. S. cavalry, has been convicted of manslaughter in the United States court at Cheyenne, Wyo. Johnson shot and killed Charles J. Pauley during a quarrel over a 50-cent bet.

While standing on the floor of the Bedrock shaft on Globe hill, Cripple Creek, Colo., C. E. Henley was instantly killed Friday afternoon, an iron bucket loaded with rock descending on the unfortunate man's head.

Paul Roselyn committed suicide at Auburn, Cal., by taking strychnine. Letters found on his person located friends and relatives at Tacoma and at Lyons, N. Y. Roselyn left a letter of instruction that his body should be used for dissecting purposes.

Creede, Colo., was the scene of a tragedy Friday morning in which one woman killed another. Both were inmates of a sporting house kept by one of them, Mrs. Joseph Barnett, and becoming mixed up in a quarrel, the Barnett woman shot and killed Kate Cassidy, her antagonist.

J. W. Fred, a very prepossessing looking young man of 21 or 22, was found dead in bed Thursday morning in his room at the New Western hotel, San Francisco, asphyxiated by gas. Whether it was a suicide or an accident due to ignorance concerning gas is hard to determine.

Friedlander, Gottlob & Co., proprietors of the Columbia theater, San Francisco, have signed papers giving them full control of the Baldwin and California theaters in that city and the McDonough theater in Oakland. They claim to be independent of the eastern syndicate.

From telegrams received Friday by Acting Governor Spriggs of Montana from Marshall, Mo., where Joseph Johnson is wanted for having caused the elopement of Miss Katie Neill, it is almost certain that mob violence will be resorted to, therefore Governor Stephens's requisition for the man may not be honored.

No clew has yet been obtained of the whereabouts of Andrew I. Sweetser, the Cordella, Cal., wine merchant, who went out in a fishing boat from Sausalito ten days ago and failed to return. Whether or not Sweetser met death in the sea or was picked up by an outgoing vessel and taken to some other port is as yet unknown.

E. Strassberg, manager of the Oil Producers' trust, Los Angeles, Cal., says that he has just concluded two large sales of California petroleum, one of 30,000 barrels to be delivered to San Francisco. The sales were made at \$1 a barrel, and Strassberg expects to see this price go to \$1.25 within ninety days, as there is a shortage in sight.

The 2-year-old daughter of D. H. Frye of Berkeley, Cal., was attacked Wednesday afternoon and terribly bitten by a pet raccoon. The little girl

was rescued from the savage animal only after a desperate struggle. Before it was overcome her neck and head had been cut by the vicious teeth in a terrible manner.

Paul Kramer, a stranger, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning in his tent. The coroner's inquest Wednesday developed the fact that he had committed suicide by taking morphine. He was a German, about 40 years of age. No letters were left by him nor did he assign any cause. He formerly resided at Angels. About \$4 was found in his pockets.

The city council of Cripple Creek, Colo., has declared the office of chief of the fire department vacant. This releases William Allen, a veteran firefighter, who was chief at Leadville in its early days and was chief at Cripple Creek during the big blaze of 1896. Allen has been away for two months and is said to be running a saloon in Seattle with Pete Eals, Cripple Creek's defaulting marshal.

Leading capitalists and business men of Los Angeles, Cal., are endeavoring to form a syndicate with \$400,000 capital, one-quarter paid up in advance, to bid for the work on San Pedro harbor which the government is about to commence. The chamber of commerce and many of the wealthier men of the city are taking part in the work, the fact that the money spent by the government would thus be kept entirely in southern California being the incentive.

The colored people of Butte, Mont., are highly indignant over the attempt to extradite Joseph Johnson, who is wanted at Sweet Springs, Mo., for having eloped with Kittie Neill. They say that Johnson will be lynched if returned to that section, despite the latter's claim that Kittie followed him. Lawyers have been retained by Johnson's friends and Thursday they appeared before Acting Governor Spriggs and argued against the issuance of a requisition.

A dispatch from San Francisco today says that a carload of tautog and egg-bearing lobsters has arrived from Massachusetts and has been deposited near the Farallone islands. The fish commission car which brought these out will go to Anderson, Shasta county, where it will take on about 6,000,000 quinnat salmon spawn from the Battle Creek hatchery. These are to be distributed in the upper Hudson river and in all of the streams in the New England states.

Joseph Blacow, C. H. Page and Ed Laughlin of Irvington, Alameda county, Cal., were out hunting in the marsh, near Lammi's place, Thursday, and while resting on the bank of the river a flock of ducks flew over. Blacow reached for his gun, the muzzle of which was toward him. The hammer caught in the tules and the weapon was discharged, lacerating the left arm terribly. The limb was amputated above the elbow. The patient is doing well and will recover.

A sensational event occurred on the streets of Salinas, Cal., Thursday afternoon when Josie, the 17-year-old stepdaughter of Nick Irma, gave Patricio Torres, a married man, a severe horse-whipping. The young lady had been aroused by alleged defamatory remarks Torres is said to have been circulating. On meeting Torres Thursday she produced a small buggy whip and began laying it over his face and shoulders mercilessly. The young lady has an unspotted reputation.

A dispatch from Victor, Colo., today

says: Thomas P. Richardson was instantly killed and Dennis Sullivan fatally injured in the Maloney lease on the Orphan Belle on Bull Hill. Richardson and Sullivan were working in a drift and drilled into a missed hole. An explosion occurred, killing Richardson and fatally injuring Sullivan. Richardson leaves a brother who works on the same property, and Sullivan a brother employed by the Portland company in Battle mountain, near Victor.

Gustave Linderman, chief engineer of Von Schmidt's dredger, Vallejo, Cal., came near losing his life Monday afternoon and is maimed for life. While descending a ladder to correct defects in the working of the machinery, he lost his footing and was caught in the gearing, which crushed his arm above the elbow before the machinery could be stopped. The arm was amputated about six inches below the shoulder. Mr. Linderman is a prominent member of the Marine Engineers at San Francisco.

While attempting to board a moving electric car at Twenty-eighth and Mission streets, San Francisco, Thursday morning, Edward Gilson, a messenger boy residing at 130 Dolores street, was so badly crushed about the legs that it was found necessary at St. Luke's hospital to amputate one of the limbs. Car 1,165, bound for Ingleside with a trailer, had just passed the corner when the young fellow ran out and attempted to board the rear dummy. He missed his footing and fell, his leg falling across the track under the wheel of the trailer.

Worn out with watching and suffering from what was almost nervous prostration, Mrs. C. H. Dascomb killed herself on board a west-bound Santa Fe overland train as it was entering Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday morning. Her husband and five-year-old child were with her at the time. The home of the Dascombs is in Albuquerque, and the husband has been a conductor on the Santa Fe road for many years, his run being between his home city and El Paso. He is well known. Mrs. Dascomb was a delicate woman, consumption having fastened its hold upon her.

About 7 o'clock Tuesday evening Henry Schoenberg fired two shots from a pistol in his home, at Sixth and E streets, Sacramento, Cal. His wife and child ran out and reported that he had shot himself. This proved to be wrong. It seems more than likely that he shot at his wife and son, for one of the bullets struck a door casing just over the youth's head. His back was turned and he did not see his father shoot. Mrs. Schoenberg believes now that the second shot was fired at her, though she did not see which way her husband pointed the pistol. Schoenberg has been drinking heavily of late.

A fortune of \$120,000 came Wednesday to a hardworking clockmaker of Monterey, Cal. Joseph Schulte Jr. has been planning for years a revolution in the watch and clock industry. Wednesday his patents arrived from Washington and also an offer from a foreign patent bureau of \$120,000 for his two patents. By means of Schulte's inventions ordinary watches can be made to run eight days, and eight-day clocks run for a month, keeping perfect time, while pendulum clocks, no matter how much out of the perpendicular, will keep themselves in perfect beat. T. D. Field owns a half-interest with Schulte.

A tale of matrimonial intrigue more involved and intense than anything Emil Zola ever evolved in fiction developed Thursday with the arrest of William A. Rissland and Mary Rissland, his wife, at San Francisco. Henry