

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The street railway in San Jose, Cal., has been placed in the hands of receivers.

E. Scollard killed a man named Roland in a saloon row at Calico, Cal., on Monday.

Last week's storm caused much loss among young lambs in the Wyoming sheep section.

A society for the prevention of cruelty to children was organized in Sacramento, Cal., Thursday evening.

The jailer at Rawlins, Wyoming, discovered a bottle of nitric acid, a file and a number of small saws in the possession of the prisoners last week.

William Moore has secured the contract from the Canadian government for carrying three letter mails into Fort Cuahy and Forty-mile Creek, Alaska.

A Chinese woodchopper named Quong Sing, employed on E. D. Jones' place at Redwood City, Cal., was accidentally killed by a tree falling on him Wednesday morning.

H. G. Eggus, who went to California in 1849, started a store on American river, and was one of the famous vigilance committee of 1856, died on Friday last.

R. Searcy, a fisherman, was shot and killed Tuesday night, and his son-in-law, Phillip Jewell, was wounded in the back of the head, at Eagle Cliff, Wash. It is not known who did the shooting.

The inquest over the body of John Boyd Yarnell, found dead at Two Bar ranch, Wyoming, has returned a verdict of death by shooting, but whether accidental or otherwise it was not possible to tell.

Mannel T. Muery, a switchman, while coupling cars in the railroad yards in Sacramento, Cal., Wednesday, slipped and fell to the ground. The train passed over Muery and he was instantly killed.

Amos H. Andrews committed suicide at Boise, Idaho, Wednesday evening, owing to despondency from long sickness. He suffered from consumption and catarrh. He leaves a wife and child in Pueblo.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman: James Freeburn came over from Delamar and has gone to Salt Lake. He says there are no new developments in the strike. The town is oppressively quiet, and there is no disorder.

Several large sharks and 2,000 salmon, weighing from fifteen to forty pounds, were caught Wednesday in Monterey bay, Cal. The salmon catch is considered one of the most remarkable catches for many years.

Frank Barnard, an employe of the Standard Cattle company, while driving the wagon of the round-up near Newcastle, Wyoming, Saturday, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Charles T. Lenahan, the young man who testified at the trial of W. H. Theodore Durrant that he offered a diamond ring for sale at the time it was claimed Durrant offered Blanche Lamont's ring, was arrested in San Fran-

cisco Friday for the theft of a gold ring.

Wesley Chronic, who was accidentally shot in the thigh about two weeks ago, at Kelam, Wash., is dead. Blood poisoning set in, and the doctors amputated his leg, but he was too weak to stand the shock.

A monster sea lion, in quest of salmon, recently became entangled in one of the fish traps at the mouth of the Columbia. The trap cost about \$1,000. It was badly wrecked. The lion, which was killed, weighed over 2,100 pounds.

Monday night William H. Dougherty, alias Wm. Allen, alias Wm. Bell escaped from the penitentiary at Laramie, Wyoming. He was sent up March 28, 1894, for horse stealing. A reward has been offered for his recapture.

An enterprising cactus grower is laying out a field at Encinitas, Cal., where newcomers will see one of the finest collections of the plant in the world. It is said there will be about 5,000 varieties of cactus, some of them of marvelous beauty.

Omaha Stockman: Receipts at Kansas City so far this year compared with 1895 show a loss of 2,700 cattle and calves and 15,600 hogs, and an increase of 60,800 sheep. Of last week's receipts 40 per cent of the cattle, 25 per cent of the hogs and 35 per cent of the sheep were reshipped.

Messrs. Johnson, McCabe and Halstead have leased a large tract of land at Bostons, in El Cajon valley, Cal., and are planting it to tobacco. They have already planted a large portion, and consider this place equal to any in the Southern States for tobacco culture.

A supersedeas has been issued in the case of Pablo, the Ute Indian, who was sentenced to be hanged at Canyon City, Cal., next week for the murder of three other Indians, on the ground that the state courts have no jurisdiction over the Indians, and that the Utes are not subject to state laws.

The coroner's jury in the case of James K. Logan, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, found a verdict of death by shooting, but was unable to determine whether it was suicide or accident. It is generally believed he was handling a pistol and that it was accidentally discharged.

Edward Drury, a miner, was blown up accidentally in a mine near Prescott, Arizona, Monday evening and will die. He was working alone and was not discovered for twenty-four hours. His injuries are so serious that he cannot tell how it happened. He has relatives living in Chicago.

At the school meeting held at Green River, Wyo., Friday night the proposition to raise \$1,000 by special levy in order to allow Green River to have a nine months' school term, was carried by a vote of 49 to 20. One thousand dollars will be raised by bond to make improvements to the school building.

In the San Quentin prison, California, on Monday, a convict known as J. W. Ellis, alias Kelly, jumped on

another prisoner, Walter Arlison, apparently without cause, and stabbed him to death. Arlison was quite ill at the time of the attack, and unable to resist. Kelly is known as a bad prisoner.

The Portland, Oregon, officials believe that J. D. Patterson, the insurance agent who was supposed to have suicided, is not dead, but that his letter left to the effect that he would kill himself is only a ruse. Patterson lived a while in Ogden, Utah, where he now has a wife and two children. He also has a wife and several children whom he abandoned in Davenport, Iowa.

Evanston, Wyo., News-Register: James Chesney, of Salt Lake, was in town this week and says that "if the increase to his sheep herds this spring will make up for his loss during the storm, he will be perfectly satisfied." And so ought every other sheepman to be. Some of the sheepmen will not be able to realize this, however, as their losses were so heavy that it will take several years to recover from them.

Socorro Island is in a state of eruption. Socorro is the principal one of the Revilla Gigelo group, about 400 miles due south of Cape San Lucas and 400 miles west of Manzanillo, Mexico. The entire group is regarded as of volcanic origin. Socorro rises out of the sea to a height of 3,707 feet. Information that a crater had formed on the side of the strange island, and that from it was issuing constantly a great volume of fire and lava, was received at the United States Hydrographic branch office in San Francisco Friday.

A dispatch from Victoria, B. C., says: The steamer Warrimoon of the Canadian-Australian line arrived here this evening from Sydney. She made the trip in twenty-one days, four hours, including stops at Suva and Honolulu. This beats all previous trips between Australia and America. No special effort was made, but good weather favored the steamer. Among the passengers were thirty Mormon converts, who are on their way to Utah to reside. It is stated that these people say that during the present year several thousand converts in Australia will join the Mormons.

While riding a bicycle in Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday, Roy C. Woodcock, an employe of the Pacific Cycle company, suddenly fell from the wheel and expired a few minutes afterward. Woodcock had an unconquerable appetite for liquor and had threatened to commit suicide if he should prove unable to overcome his desire for intoxicants. His physician prescribed chloral, and Wednesday morning he took the entire contents of a bottle containing the drug and started down town on his wheel. When he reached Figueroa and Thirty-second streets the drug overcame him and he dropped dead in the street.

At a meeting of the executive council of the California Bankers' association, held on Wednesday, the following anti-free silver resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the standard of value in the United States should continue to be the dollar containing 25.80 grains of gold, 900 fine, and that any attempt by legislation or otherwise to lower that standard would be dis-