

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Flower thieves are causing much annoyance at Laramie, Wyo.

About 400,000 head of sheep will be sheared in and about Casper, Wyo., before the middle of June.

The infantry at Boise (Idaho) barracks have commenced target practice with the new rifle.

Peter McManus, while rafting logs on Casper river, Cal., five miles south of Fort Bragg, fell off the boom and was drowned.

A man named W. C. Donnelson, alias W. K. Crow, has been arrested at Sacramento, Cal., for a \$2,000 post-office burglary at Colville, Kas.

Beaver *Utontan*: Barlow Ferguson, of Salt Lake, is acting under appointment as prosecuting attorney until the arrival of Hon. S. R. Thurman.

The story wired from Tacoma, Wash., that pocketbooks had been made of the cuticle of Tom Blank, the desperado, is now stated to have been untrue.

L. L. Barnum, representing E. D. Shepherd & Co., a New York bond house, is in Sheridan, Wyo., completing arrangements for the purchase of \$40,000 worth of water bonds.

A. A. Lambrigger, of Big Horse, Wyo., received this week an official notification that he has been awarded the first prize for wheat at the World's Columbian Exposition.

James O'Hare, a mining man of Yerlinton, Cal., was found dead in a bathtub at Hinds springs on Monday. It is supposed he fainted, as he had been sick for some time.

Flagstaff is to have the biggest Fourth of July celebration that has ever been seen, in Northern Arizona. It will be continued for three days and will cost \$2,500, which is just twice the amount used last year.

The *Reco Gazette* says that the next fifteen or twenty days will be critical ones for Nevada fruit. Unless there is a killing frost within that time, we are assured of the largest fruit crop in our history.

As Mr. and Mrs. James Bryce were driving down a steep grade near Florence, Colo., the team ran away, dashing the wagon against the granite cliff along which the road ran, killing both of them. Two children in the wagon were not hurt.

Chas. W. Ward, ex-superintendent of the county hospital at Stockton, Cal., who was convicted of having bribed Supervisor James Brown to secure the adoption of Architect Rushforth's plans for a county hospital, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in San Quentin.

C. Kemp, who said he was an agent of the Associated Press and correspondent of the *Albany* (N. Y.) *Argus*, and, it is said, has been defrauding the different hotel keepers in various towns from Los Angeles to Santa Rosa, has been arrested at Tiburon, Cal., for having defrauded hotel keepers.

The *Cheyenne Leader* says: The case of B. J. McGuire against the receivers of the Union Pacific has been removed from the district court of Laramie county to the federal court

of Wyoming. The action is to recover \$60,000 for injuries sustained a year ago in a Denver Pacific wreck.

Eugene Sullivan, a miner, disappeared from his home at Butte, Mont., two weeks ago. On Tuesday his dead body was found at the bottom of an old shaft near town. It did not have the appearance of having fallen down the shaft, as it had but a few minor bruises, and it is believed he was murdered.

Master Thaddens Hutobings was thrown from a horse Monday, says the *Beaver Utonian*, and severely injured. Dr. Christian was summoned. No bones were broken, but the boy sustained very serious internal injuries. He did not retain consciousness and died some hours later.

Stewart Comstock, a 16-year-old boy, shot James Bemis, aged 14, in the face with a revolver Monday evening at Los Angeles, Cal., inflicting a wound which may prove fatal. It is the old story of "didn't know it was loaded." Bemis, who is in a serious condition, completely exonerates Comstock.

Santa Barbara (Cal.) bee men are now said to be certain of a profitable output of honey. The late rains will keep the sage and Spanish alfalfa blooming until late in the season. The market is so nearly exhausted of honey that the price of the new production will be more than fair.

At Sheridan, Wyo., a tie boom known as the McShone boom on the Tongue river was broken away by an unusually strong current in the river, due to the melting of the snow in the mountains. In the neighborhood of 25,000 ties were carried down the stream by the overflow, representing a loss of \$10,000.

Reports from the Gila valley, A. T., states that a large crop of alfalfa hay was begun to be harvested about the 20th, and water is plentiful to grow the second at once. Fruit in that section was injured somewhat by the late frost, yet will be abundant. Cherries are about ripe and peaches are a good size on the trees.

The wolf-bounds brought to Laramie by the Standard Cattle company are doing good work, says an exchange. In two weeks they have killed more than twenty wolves and several cougars. The dogs hunt in packs, and whenever a wolf is scented they never fail to run it down, and when once they come up on their prey they make short work in tearing it to pieces.

There are now eight inmates in the Idaho State Soldiers' Home. The home is not ready to receive inmates, as the furniture has not arrived. Those now being cared for are persons who came there in the expectation of finding the institution ready for them. There are twenty-seven applicants awaiting notification that the home is ready for them.

Bingham *Bulletin*: C. W. Cook and partners, lessees and operators of the Clays placer shaft, have been hoisting and sluicing gravel all this week. They are still drifting on the rim, and think

when the drift now being run reaches the distance of ten feet farther up the cañyon, they will be able to take out the yellow metal in encouraging quantities.

The Grand Junction (Colo.) *News* says: Marcus E. Jones, mining expert and geologist of Salt Lake City, arrived from the East on Friday morning, having spent the winter in Washington, in the employ of the government. While here he will investigate our gas wells. From his knowledge of the country he feels satisfied that there is gas to be found in this valley.

On Monday last, says the *Payson Globe*, a sheep was sheared over at the corrals beyond the West mountains which had two mouths. One was in the usual place and the other, a small one, on the off side of the head, extending partly into the ear, containing but three teeth, which were plainly visible. The animal could breathe out of either mouth and is somewhat of a curiosity.

The Van Allen fruit cannery at Healdsburg, Cal., has been totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$8,000. It was the first cannery established in Sonoma county. The loss of this plant is of much consequence to the Healdsburg district, for, while it was not operated last season, it had been in running order and fruitgrowers hoped it would be put in operation this year.

Brigham City *Bugler*: The tiny six months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, of Salt Lake City, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hamson, of Brigham City, was bitten by a black spider two days after their arrival here. The bitten limb swelled up twice its natural size. The distressed parents were positive that the child was saved only by prompt medical attention.

The Salubria (Idaho) *Citizen* says: A vigilant committee has been organized in Indian valley for the purpose of running out an offensive citizen. A farmer's smoke-house was burned down recently and the citizen referred to is accused of having set it on fire. The committee, it is said, sent him notice to leave the country by May 1st or suffer the consequences. At last accounts the alleged incendiary was still holding the fort.

Articles of incorporation of the Western Packing and Fertilizing company have been filed at Portland, Ore., by B. Seiflog, M. Siebel and L. Kingman. The object of the corporation is to kill and slaughter horses and other animals and to utilize and dispose of the hides and carcasses; to buy, sell, manufacture and generally deal in fertilizing products; to can, smoke and pickle meats. The capital stock is \$20,000.

The Evanston (Wyo.) *Herald* says: A number of the cattle owners and sheep owners of the county met together by appointment in the court house in this city on Wednesday of this week to talk matters over and try and come to some understanding mutually satisfactory regarding the occupation of the grazing range. Very little headway towards such satisfactory arrangement was accomplished. They will, we are told, have another meeting in about two weeks and try it again.

A shepherd had a rough experi-