

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

From Lupton, near Denver, during the past season, 1,080,012 pounds of tomatoes were shipped to market.

On some vineyards near Saratoga, Santa Clara county, Cal., the yield of grapes has been nine tons to the acre.

Steps are being taken towards the organization of a fire department at Arvada, Colo.

The Troy Laundry company of Denver has incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Trinidad, Colo., is organizing a board of charities for the purpose of keeping the town clear of destitution.

Steps have been taken by San Bernardino citizens to form a chamber of commerce in conjunction with other towns in the county.

The San Luis valley people confidently count on the reopening of the Veta Pass railroad route next spring.

Burglars broke into the depot at Spanish Fork the other morning, blew open the safe and took away with them about \$300.

Kit Carson county, Colo., pays \$3 each for the voters this year in the form of election expenses under the present law.

Mosca, in the San Luis valley, is becoming noted for its excellent brand of flour. Its new mill runs night and day now.

At Natrona, Wyo., last week 55,000 head of sheep sold at from \$2.35 to \$2.60 per head, which is said to be a ridiculously low price for ewes.

The postoffice at Agua, Cal., is one of the smallest in the country. The salary of the postmaster amounts to from \$3 to \$5 per month.

George Belshaw, aged 78, has just died at Farmington, Wash. He was a pioneer of Oregon and one of the most prominent wheat growers in the Northwest.

The Wilson ranch, one of the big places of Tehama county, Cal., will soon be divided into small holdings. There are several thousand acres in the ranch.

A. H. Beighler, for some years a reporter on the Pueblo (Colo.) *Chief*, and one of the most popular newspaper men in the city, has just died of consumption.

Mesa county, Colorado, now boasts of the following sources of wealth, says an exchange: Fruit, agriculture, live stock, coal, iron, asphaltum, natural gas, oil, building stone, and water power.

Saguache, Colo., will soon have a storage reservoir covering about 200 acres. There is some little dispute over the price of the site, but when that is settled the work on the valuable improvement will be commenced.

The Stinking Water creek, in Northern Wyoming, will be drained into a large irrigating canal, to bring into cultivation 100,000 acres of fine land in the Big Horn basin. The work is to be commenced at once by Omaha contractors.

The wall paper and paint establish-

ment of J. J. Quinn at Leadville, Colo., burned to the ground on Sunday morning. The building was a one-story frame. A fine stock of paper, glass and paints, valued at \$6000, will be a total loss. Fully insured.

Attachments to the amount of \$8000 have been levied on the Bessemer Ditch company's property at Pueblo, Colo., by local people. They are: Western national bank, \$2000; American national bank, \$2000; Newton Lumber company, \$2821; Spratles & Anderson, \$1161.

An exchange states that the Santa Fe mountains, New Mexico, are being prospected with good results this winter. This range has been overlooked and neglected ever since the Spaniards settled the country. Old mining experts are in the mountains and propose to see what the range contains.

C. W. Smith, a "typo," came in from Opaline yesterday, bringing with him some fine opals, remarks the *Idaho Daily Statesman*. They are beauties. He also brought in some gold dust from his placer claim on Snake river near Warm Springs ferry. From nine hours' run he cleaned up over \$13.

Thomas Orr Sr., 95 years old, and a California pioneer of 1850, died at Shingle Springs, El Dorado county, a few days ago. He came to New York from Scotland in 1830; later to Illinois and finally to Utah, where he was for a time before reaching here. He was buried at Folsom, Cal.

Governor McGraw, of Washington, has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of Samuel H. Hart, president of the State Bank of Buckley, who disappeared a week ago leaving a shortage of \$80,000. It is claimed that he has wrecked five other banks during his career.

Action has been commenced in the federal court at San Francisco against Captain Charles Schmaltz, owner and master of the steam schooner *Czarina*, to recover \$1000 because of the action of Schmaltz in taking from Smoky Island, Alaska, six barrels of seal skins. It is alleged that as the island is not a port of entry the captain had no right to receive a consignment there.

An inquest has been held at Colorado Springs on the body of Oscar S. Bills, who died in Colorado city from opium. It recites that Bills came to his death from the effects of smoking opium, unlawfully and feloniously sold by Kim Yock, a Chinaman at the salu Chinaman's shop on November 24th, 1893. The Chinaman has been arrested.

Says the *Cheyenne Tribune*: Frank Lane, a prominent resident of the Goshute Hole country, has arrived in the city from there, and with him he brought the hides of ten grey wolves and eighteen coyotes for the bounty. It is stated that the country around his home is full of these animals and that the ranchmen are suffering great loss from their depredations on their cattle.

Hor Shee, the Chinese procuree, of San Francisco, whose case was mentioned in these columns a few days ago, has been put in the custody of

the U. S. marshal, the charge against her of kidnapping a Chinese girl being dismissed. She is accused of fraudulently procuring the landing of the girl, whom she afterwards offered for sale for \$4000.

At Globe, Arizona, the other day, two men entered the store of a Chinese merchant in broad daylight and, pulling down the curtain, commanded the merchant to open his safe. Two big revolvers emphasized the request, and he complied. The thieves secured \$400 in gold coin, some silver ware and a gold watch. The robbers escaped.

Stockmen in the eastern and northern parts of Montana suffered immense losses last year from the ravages of wolves. Reports are being received that these animals are again appearing on the ranges in great numbers. In all the range country tributary to Fort Benton the ground is strewn with carcasses of calves and yearlings killed by wolves. Stockmen are offering rewards for wolf scalps in addition to the state bounty.

C. W. English, a sheepman from Montana, has just driven a herd of 1300 sheep from that state and turned them on the Nowood range in the vicinity of the McDermott ranch, says the *Bonanza* (Wyo.) *Rustler*. They were driven for the express purpose of experimenting with the salt sage feed so plentiful in the basin, and they are all of the celebrated merino breed. There will be 25,000 more sheep driven into the basin next spring from Montana if the salt sage holds out.

Up at Jerome recently, says the *Prescott* (Ariz.) *Courier*, a Mexican had his skull fractured and a portion of his brains spilled. After three days of unconsciousness he recovered sufficiently to walk. A peculiar condition of the wounded man is that while he is conscious and able to walk around and recognize every one, he is unable to articulate a single word. He understands all that is said to him and shows it by gestures.

Plateau valley, north of Grand Junction, Colo., contains about 75,000 acres of rich land, 50,000 of it under irrigation canal. This valley wants settlers and enterprise to develop it, and above all it needs a road to connect it with Grand Junction.

The beet harvest is all in and shipped—178 car loads in all from Springville. The loads averaged twenty tons per car, making 3590 tons, at \$4.75 per ton, a grand total of \$16,910. The beet crop averaged this year in Springville ten tons per acre, against eight last year. The largest yield was twenty-five tons on one acre, raised by James Strang, the lowest yield four tons upon one acre.—*Springville Independent*.

In South Weber hay is a scarce article, says the *Davis county Clipper*. Some parties are hauling hay from Hooper, and others are slaughtering some of their animals "to save their lives," that is, to keep them from starving this winter. This might do for the present; but don't be in a hurry, for cattle is not going to fall away like the wool on sheep's backs, as some Republicans are trying up stock for safe keeping under Democratic rule.

One of Lehi's oldest citizens has just passed away at the ripe old age of 90, says the *Lehi Banner*. He came to