

Wyoming line, will commence next week from Fort Collins, when a trainload of fat mutton will be shipped over the Gulf. The shipments will commence fully four weeks earlier than ever before. This is in consequence of the fine quality of the lambs, the favorableness of the season for feeding and the high prices offered for lambs in Chicago, the top price being 5½ cents per pound. Many of the lambs now feeding in the Poudre valley have attained a weight of 90 pounds.

Albert Gantenbein, a young man employed in the dyehouse at the woolen mills in Oregon City, Oregon, slipped and fell into a vat of boiling dye Friday afternoon. Assistance was at hand and he was promptly taken out, but not before being so severely scalded that it is almost impossible for him to recover. He fell in head first, and but for the fact that he held himself up on his outstretched hands he would have been completely immersed. As it is, the skin peeled off his face, head, neck, arms, legs and back. His eyes were burned out and his hair fell off in patches. His sufferings are frightful, and he is continually begging to be killed.

Monday evening as the northbound passenger train was pulling into Ripon, Cal., at about 8:15 o'clock, Engineer Taylor was surprised to feel his engine wobble from the main line and start down the siding at a speed which threatened to land his engine and train in the ditch in a very few seconds. He realized that something was wrong, and, reversing his engine, he applied the air brakes and succeeded in stopping the train. An investigation showed that some one had broken the locks of both switches and had thrown them open. The locks were broken short off, as though done with a pick or with a hammer and chisel. It was evidently an attempt to wreck the train, and had it not been for the fact that the regular engine had broken down and Taylor was making the run on slow time with a freight engine, the attempt would undoubtedly have succeeded.

One of the saddest accidents that has happened in Sprague, Washington, occurred Saturday afternoon. Fritz and Con Zeyen, brothers, aged 19 and 17 years respectively, went fishing in Lake Colville, about two miles west of the city. They informed their mother where they were going and would be back in time for supper. That was the last time they were seen alive. Their mother became a little uneasy about the boys when they didn't come home and informed J. W. Weyer, an uncle of the boys, their father being absent from home. Mr. Weyer went down to the lake and saw the capsized boat in the middle of the lake. A party of citizens went down with grappling irons to drag the lake. It was not long before they found a coat, and then Con, the youngest, was hauled up from the bottom, about twenty yards from where his coat was, and 100 yards from the nearest land. The other body was found next day.

Rev. Mr. Weaver, an evangelical preacher who is attracting much attention in Spokane, Washington, made the following remarks in his address to

men only last Sunday: "Pure womanhood is the grandest thing in the world, and yet how many men who are here before me today have laid at their door the sin of degrading a pure woman. I am a Christian man by the grace of God, but if any man seduced my sister or my daughter I should thirst for his blood. I knew some women who had fallen as low as the West, and when asked what was their greatest desire, they said: 'That we may die and end this life of degradation, and that God may punish the men who ruined us. For these men who ruin innocent girls I thank God there is a hell. That there's a judgment day when they must stand face to face with their victims. When no cloak of respectability can shield them. I pray God for this judgment of these men.'"

Spokane, Washington, *Spokesman-Review*, Jan. 14: Charley Meadows, better known the world over as "Arizona Charley," the Indian fighter, scout and all-around frontiersman, received word yesterday from Assistant Attorney General Harry Peyton of Washington, D. C., to the effect that a long standing claim, amounting to some \$34,000 had been considered by the department of justice and would be settled in the latter part of February. The claim is for Indian depredations, committed in 1882 by the White Mountain Apaches in Arizona, at which time the father and two brothers of the Meadows family were killed and several hundred head of stock were driven off by the marauders. The entire claim, including attorneys fees and fourteen years' interest, now amounts to \$68,470, which will be divided among the two brothers and one sister of the surviving family. The large increase in the total amount of the claim results from the fact that the government allows 15 per cent on the claims for attorneys' fees and 6 per cent a year interest.

San Francisco Chronicle: The hopes which the pruning committee of the legislature raised by their early schedules of economy have been clouded by a scandal in the assembly. It appears that, in organizing the lower house, Clerk Duckworth reported 111 temporary attaches whose salary roll for the week amounted to \$4,280.30. One of the names on the list was that of Wesley Dixon, who had no connection with the legislature, and therefore did not collect the pay warrant which stood in his name. But for timely discovery someone else would have taken the money, and no one, least of all Mr. Dixon, would have been the wiser. According to the controller of the state 'it is a safe bet' that a great many of the alleged temporary attaches have not been in Sacramento this session, though salaries have been credited to them on the roll and duly disbursed. While the amount of the loss is not large the proof that the men in control of the assembly are capable of a payroll bunko game and could not let the first day of the session go by without playing it is a thing to cause serious misgivings about the future. Are not the men who made up the salary list and issued and passed the warrants under it those who are expected to have a great deal to say about the

course of the legislature in other matters? Are they not "leaders?" That being true, what may be predicted of them when they get the handling of millions instead of a few paltry hundreds? Petit larceny is not a good beginning for reform, but it is an excellent start toward grand larceny. If things go on at Sacramento as they have begun the close of the session will see a deal of fresh ground broken in the political cemetery where so many hundreds of California's corrupt "statesmen"—the legislators who were rotten before they were ripe—now lie unmourned. We may regret that the Republican party will have to bear the blame of any general scandal, but that will not stay the obstinate hand of the Republican voters in the next election. They will prefer to go without authority than to have it abused in their name and its privileges made to cover a looting of the public funds.

OBITUARY NOTES.

JAMES OAKLEY.

Died at Paris, Idaho, December 31, 1896, of pneumonia, James Oakley; born at Melbourne, Derbyshire, England, June 21, 1817; was baptized February 10, 1850, by Elder William Brewerton; was ordained an Elder January 17, 1852; was chosen to preside over the Nottingham branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints March 26, 1854; emigrated to Utah in 1863; stayed one year in Salt Lake valley; came to Paris, Idaho, in November, 1865, where he has lived nearly all the time since. He was a member of the High Priests' quorum; labored as a teacher in the Paris Second ward nearly all the time he lived there; was also an active temple worker, having performed work for many of his kindred and friends. He was almost invariably called upon to assist in Bishop's and High Council trials when a counselor was absent. He was honest and faithful in all his work. He held the office of janitor for the county courthouse for fourteen years, and fulfilled his duties promptly and faithfully and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He held the office at the time of his death.

He was the father of eight children, of whom six are living, two having gone before.

He died as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint, and at the time of his death was in full fellowship with his quorum and the Church of which he was a member.

The pall bearers at his funeral were all members of the High Priests' quorum. He was buried by the side of his wife at Dingle, Idaho.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

DICKINSON.—In Salt Lake City, January 11th, 1897, of general debility, Eliza Walker Dickinson, aged 82 years, 2 months and 18 days.

BAILEY.—At Eltham, Kent, England, of old age, Nov. 9th, 1896, Fanny Bailey, aged 85 years. She was a faithful Latter-day Saint and well known for the past 50 years to many of the saints and traveling Elders of the London conference. Millennial Star please copy.

COOMBS.—In this city, Jan. 12, 1897, of pneumonia, Stanley C. Coombs, son of Samuel J. and Ann Eliza Coombs, born June 6, 1896, in Salt Lake City.