

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Considerable hay in Fresno county, Cal., has been damaged by rain.

Large numbers of trout are being distributed in all the Wyoming streams.

The Wyoming state Sunday school convention will be held at Cheyenne, June 19 and 20.

The Nevada State Board of Agriculture has decided that no state fair will be held this year owing to dull times.

Eastern Colorado farmers are greatly rejoicing over last week's rain. The ground is in excellent condition for corn planting.

The California Associated Cycling clubs will hold their annual celebration and parade on September 9, at San Jose.

The city water supply of Laramie, Wyo., is causing no little trouble to the people of that city. It is maintained that the quantity at present is insufficient.

Says the *Cheyenne Leader*: The firemen's tournament committee have now raised \$1,000, and expect to increase the amount to \$1,500 before they get through.

Five adventurous Californians, left San Francisco on Sunday to seek their fortunes in the rich gold deposits along the banks of the Yukon river in Alaska. They will brave the rigors of the Arctic circle in search of wealth.

Elmore Patzer, a six-year-old child, was accidentally killed on Sunday. The boy was swinging in a ham lock, one end of which was fastened to the framework of an old press. The frame fell and crushed the life out of him.

J. B. Henderson, who was burned in the Troy laundry fire at Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, has died. Mr. Henderson, who was one of the proprietors of the laundry, went there from Oakland, Cal., about ten years ago.

The receipts of milk at the Fort Morgan creamery for the last half of the month of May exceeded 45,000 pounds, or a daily average of more than 3,000 pounds, most of which has been manufactured into cheese.

The Dillon (Mont.) *Examiner* writes: Flockmasters say that the increase in lambs this year will be greater than in many seasons past. So far reports show the lambs to be much stronger than usual, and the weather is all that can be desired.

The Maricopa and Phoenix railroad company have determined to build a steam motor line from Tempe to Mesa and to run local trains to and from Mesa and Phoenix mornings and afternoons going four times daily each way.

Holders of homes on the Mora grant in New Mexico will not be disturbed. Persons who have occupied homes on the grant for ten years will be given titles to their homesteads. They will simply be required to designate the land they have actually occupied.

Chico (Cal.) women have formed a society called the Ladies' Anti-Chinese League, and ceased to patronize Chinese for any purpose. Already fully 500 families who formerly purchased

vegetables and fruit of Mongolian peddlers are trading with white men.

Says the *Los Angeles Times*: E. M. Marshal picked from 3,000 plants 510 boxes of strawberries last week. From the same plants he sold last year \$206 worth of berries. There is certainly money in other fruits than oranges here.

Jose Maria Sortillon, convicted at Phoenix, Arizona, last week of murder, by burying alive his infant child, has been sentenced to be hanged July 27th. The crime was committed upon the Mohave Indian reservation in November, 1892. The mother of the babe is a Mohave Indian woman.

Judge Morrow of the United States District Court at San Francisco, has sentenced George Wichman, Louis Greenwald and George N. Thomas, the convicted members of the Emerald ring, to six years imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin, and to pay a fine of \$6,000 each.

Says the *Idaho City World*: For the first time in its history this town now hears the music of the stamps of a quartz mill. At night the heavy tread of the stamps of the South Africa mill are plainly heard, when the wind blows down the creek, and sound as if not more than 100 yards away.

It is stated that Sheridan (Wyo.) coal is retailing in Omaha at \$5.50 per ton. The *Bee* says: "Omaha need not fear a coal famine as long as the Burlington is able to bring in the output of the Sheridan mines, which will shortly be running to their full capacity, the first big shipment of fifty cars arriving yesterday."

Cherries are leaving San Jose, Cal. for the East with a rush, eighteen car loads, amounting to 421,700 pounds having gone east last week. The total fruit shipments were 1,220,000 pounds. Cannerymen, it is stated, are not packing cherries this year, and the bulk will go East, where good prices are secured.

C. A. Loud, says the *Pomona, Cal., Times*, has just finished harvesting and marketing the product from a forty-acre field of alfalfa hay, first cutting. From forty acres he cut forty-nine tons of hay. Half of this he pays for the use of the land, leaving him a balance of twenty-nine and a half tons. He sold the hay on the ground for \$8 per ton, or \$232.

William Arnopp, a young seaman on the British ship *Fannie Kerr*, which arrived in San Francisco from London a few days ago, fell from the jigger-mast to the deck of the vessel—fully seventy-five feet—Tuesday morning and was fatally injured. The unfortunate man was taken to the receiving hospital, where it was found that his skull was badly fractured and his left leg broken.

The report that the fruit crop of Lassen was entirely ruined by frost was somewhat exaggerated, says the *Reno (Nevada) Gazette*, and it is claimed by the papers, as well as from other sources, that while the crop will not be of wonderful magnitude, still

there will be enough to supply the home market and some to spare.

Word comes from Loveland and Berthoud, says the *Longmont (Colo.) Times*, confirming the report that the home supply dam has been washed out. This will leave the farmers dependent upon this ditch for water for irrigation in very bad shape. If this dam could not be repaired in fifteen days their entire crop would be lost, unless there should be a large amount of rain.

It is reported that the calf crop promises to be good this season throughout most of the state of Montana. Cattle, as a rule, have wintered well and where this is the case a good increase in calves almost invariably follows. This is due to the fact that cows that are in fair flesh are less liable to lose their calves during the winter and the loss is less of calves that come at the proper time.

Montana cattlemen, remarks the *Rocky Mountain Husbandman*, can reckon on a good beef crop this season and on the early maturity of steers also. There are two reasons for Montana beef maturing early this season. One is that the cattle generally wintered well and the majority of the steers are in good fix to start in with, and the other is that the grass crop promises to be very fine.

It has been discovered that petroleum emulsion sprayed upon grasshoppers will destroy them. A meeting was held at Meridian Tuesday evening, says the *Boise (Idaho) Daily Statesman*, to start an organized campaign. The ditch company contributed 50 gallons of oil for the work. The grasshoppers are young now. They are easily driven until they come to a ditch where they congregate, the oil then being sprayed upon them.

A special to the *Omaha Bee* says the people of the Big Horn basin are looking for a period of prosperity this year, as their valleys are all being settled up by a good class of farmers from Utah, Minnesota and Nebraska. Large stockmen are slowly yielding to the small settlers who want a home. The settlers are working now for a county, to be called Big Horn, and as soon as they get that the population will increase rapidly.

George Ellis, the negro, who broke jail at Boise (Idaho) Sunday night was caught at Caldwell on Wednesday by Deputy Marshal Brown. He had been there during the day exhibiting a roll of bills, claiming he wished to purchase a team and wagon. When caught Ellis was riding a black mare which he claimed to have purchased from a ranchman near Boise. No money was found on his person, and it is thought he gave it to some one for safe keeping.

The trial of Dixon, the murderer of Harvey at Miners' Delight, Wyoming, will come up in the district court at Lander, on June 11. The defense has succeeded in getting hold of a diary taken from the body of Harvey which they regard as a confession that the murdered man seduced Dixon's wife. There are a large number of entries which relate to Mrs. Dixon. These are all in the handwriting of Harvey and the production of this diary is said to have staggered the prosecution.