NEWS OF THE WEST.

Prepared Strychnine For a House and Took It Himself.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER DROWNED.

Abandoning a Deep Well—Refusing National Bank Currency—General Items of News.

The grasshoppers are working in the grain fields of the Columbia Hills, in Klickitat Wash., and are said to have done great damage.

The sheriff of Nevada City, Cal., has been granted permission to procure a bloodhound for the trailing of criminals, the price not to exceed $100.

More than 1000 Indians engaged in their annual sun dance at Havre, Mont. Enterprising tourists ran excursions from near-by town to the dance.

The eighteen-year-old son of William Frazer, of Boise, Ida., was drowned at Pyramid lake on Sunday. While skylarking with some companions he was thrown from a boat.

Some of the Antelope, Ore., farmers say that there is a band of mules stealing corn and young colts on the Antelope range. A mule will, it is said, take a call between his teeth and shake it to death.

An engine went into the sand near The Dalles, Ore., Tuesday, and was derailed. The wind was blowing a gale, and the sand drifted around the engine in such a way that it was difficult to extricate it.

Mr. Wrideman, of Eugene, Or., found a hen under Japanese pheasants eggs near town, brought them home, placed them under a hen and every one of them was hatched out. He now has some beautiful half-grown tame pheasants.

The Southern Pacific well at Gila Bend, A. T., is to be abandoned on account of sand wearing out the "seconds" of the great pump as fast as they are put in. The well is 1,500 feet deep and water was struck at a depth of six feet.

The Tacoma custom house has had orders to receive no national bank currency hereafter in payment of duties, but to accept only United States coin and currency. There is a regulation to this effect, but it has not been complied with in the past.

A young man had both bones of his forearm shot away in Yuma, A. T., and after the wound was dressed one sloughed away, which necessitated a second operation—that of bone grafting. The bone of a dog was selected for the purpose, and the treatment was entirely successful.

The Indian agency instructors from Montana, Oregon, Nevada, Kansas and Washington are convened this week at Tacoma, Wash. Charles H. Bakeman, of Salem, Ore., was elected general chairman and H. B. Kirkwright, of the Crow agency, Mont., general secretary.

The Helena, Montana, assay office on Monday received the biggest single deposit of gold dust ever made in Helena. It is over 3,000 ounces and worth about $55,000. It is the first shipment for the season from the placer mines on the Yukon river, Alaska, and was brought to Seattle by steamer.

At Jones's sawmill, a few miles up the Willamette from Portland, Ore., on Monday, William Morse and his little girl 7 years old, were walking on logs in a boom, when the logs parted and the child dropped in. Morse jumped in to rescue the girl, the logs closed over him and both were drowned. Morse's body was soon recovered and efforts made to resuscitate him, but in vain.

A Montana man has applied for patents on a wolf exterminator, which is a novelty to say the least. A small pistol, heavily charged, is tied to a stake, and connected with the trigger is a string which runs through an eye on the barrel. To the other end of this string the bait is attached, so that when the wolf or coyote gives it a yank to get away with it the gun is discharged with supposedly disastrous effect to the varmint.

Warden Campbell, of the Boise, Idaho, penitentiary, has received a message from the chief of police of Denver that a man answering the description of James Morrison, the convict who escaped from the Boise penitentiary on May 19th last, has been arrested. The dispatch requested the authorities here to send a more minute description, though the Denver police are satisfied they have the match wanted man. A reward of $200 had been offered for Morrison's capture.

John Evans, on Deer creek in Idaho, saw a mouse running across the floor while he was eating breakfast the other morning, and he prepared himself with a prescription of strychnine and bread for the little intruder. After the preparation was made he held it here or there for the little fellow to finish his breakfast. In a little while he began to have spasms, and discovered to his horror that he had eaten the bread covered with strychnine. Two doctors were summoned, and in a short time he was pronounced out of danger.

Some time since a controversy arose at Ontario, Ore., between the treasurer and the tax collector of the county over the mysterious disappearance of $3,000 of the county's money. Papers were agreeably to the board of equalization and their report was filed Monday. The report committed only despair the mystery of the deficit. There are many theories extant regarding the money, but the most probable one is that it was stolen from the treasurer's office in December last, while the safe was being repaired.

Notes of Box Elder County.

The cultivation of fruit is one of the chief industries of this district. It is estimated that Brigham City, Tremonton, Corinne, Bear River City, Deweyville, Mantua, Honeyville, Garland and Tremonton will shipped 24,000 cases of small fruit. One firm, that of Wm. Horsley & Son, has sent out over 9,000 cases of berries. Greater acreage is being devoted to fruit cultivation, and more pains taken to have the best varieties.

It is a pleasing scene to walk through the pleasant, shady streets of Brigham in the early morning and see the berry pickers at work as they gather the luscious strawberries or move among the raspberry canes; but the busy scene is in the packing houses, where the fruit is being prepared for the basket and to be shipped to different centers. The color of ripe fruit is in the air, and you meet old and young of both sexes carrying their products to the different wineries. It is a scene of patient industry and thrift, and to be admired.

Potatoes were being dug up and shipped at the price of sixty cents a hundred; and from appearances quite a quantity is being put on the market.

Water is scarce here this year and is a drawback to agricultural development. There is disappointment that the Bear River canal was not carried through to completion, as it would have brought under cultivation a vast acreage of now useless land, and given assurance that that now cultivated could be developed to its greatest capacity.

Some complaints are made of the mild backward spring and late frosts—the latter doing considerable damage to tender vines.

Business men claim that there has been a falling off in business since May, owing perhaps to the doubt in the minds of the people as to the morals to the full coinage of silver, and relative to the silver problem.

Stockmen appear more hopeful and are encouraged by the increased demand for cattle.

The sheep industry still languishes, for, although there was a ready sale for the wool this season, the price was discouragingly low. Many of the flocks are being decreased as the low price of wool forced the marketing of a portion of the flock to meet expenses. Then there seems to be a general feeling to reduce the number of sheep.

With all the drawbacks the county line had been prosperous as to thrift everywhere, the result of the persistent industry and frugal habits of the people. Still in the midst of this industrial community is growing an element that if not checked will hinder progress—that is the number of youth that are growing up to comparative idleness, some of some in the most prosperous families; those who have no employment, yet wear good clothes, attend all the socialists, lounge on the streets, and are termed the "fast crowd." This kind of element should be reformed. Enforced industry is to be preferred to voluntary idleness. The community cannot afford to raise parasites who prey on the products of others. Each person should be taught to be self sustaining, and that honest toil is no disgrace. Habits of industry are a safeguard to society and a protection to morals; while idleness leads to pilfering and sin. Every youth should be shown this and dependence and be made to understand the disgrace of receiving and enjoying benefits he has not earned. The laboring class of this county are for self, who wear fine clothes that others earn, should cease to be patronized, should be frowned down by all good people, and the industrious and worthy be extolled. L. G. R.

BRIGHAM CITY, July 22, 1895.

OBITUARY NOTE.

WILLIAM B. JARDINE.

William B. Jardine, son of Bishop John and Agnes Jardine of Clarkston, died at Wellsville, Cache county, on June 27, while dragging logs near Mink Creek. Unless the dragging logs near Mink Creek. Unless the dragging logs near Mink Creek. Unless the