

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A few days ago the house of William Harron, near Albion, Idaho, was totally destroyed by fire, including the furniture and family effects.

The price of wheat for shipment continues to raise in California. On Tuesday the increase was 6 cents per hundred. Barley also went up in price.

Ab Patsy, a Petaluma, Cal., Chinaman, who pleaded guilty to stealing oblokenes, was sentenced on Tuesday to two years in Folsom prison by Judge Crawford.

The report comes that farmers and ranchmen as a rule are well satisfied with the yield of hay throughout the Pacific coast states and the Rocky mountain districts.

Norman Schuller, who swindled a number of his friends out of several thousand dollars, was convicted of forgery Tuesday, in San Francisco, Cal., and sentenced to San Quentin for five years.

Omaha Stockman, Oct. 14: Paoo Bros., P. Maxwell and W. Squires of Cisco, Utah, marketed two cars of cattle each. P. T. Stevens was here from Cisco, Utah, with seven cars of range cattle.

William Butcher, an employe in the sugar refinery at Vancouver, B. C., got caught in the machinery Tuesday afternoon and received fearful injuries, from which death ensued almost immediately.

The remains of the floater taken Tuesday from San Francisco bay by two fishermen are still unidentified. A coroner's jury decided that the deceased was unknown and came to his death by drowning.

In Madera county, Cal., cattle are dying rapidly from the "Texas tick." This insect gets into the ears of the cattle and bore into the brain. The pest first appeared in a prize bull brought to Madera county from Texas.

Tuesday evening the railway employes of the Southern Pacific held a meeting in Sacramento, and protested against the statement that they were being coerced into voting the McKinley ticket. They denounce the statement as untrue.

A peculiar disease has made its appearance among the cattle of Brown's valley, Cal. Those affected display evidence of paralysis and completely lose control of the hind quarters. It is thought the disease is caused from eating acorns or golden rod.

The body of a young lad named Lawrence Blew, who had been missing for some days, was found Wednesday morning in the north arm of Fraser river, B. C. His canoe, overturned, was found floating near by, and it is thought he was upset while shooting ducks.

James Riley, aged 21, was driving six horses attached to a loaded wagon down Sutter hill near Jackson, Cal., on Tuesday, when the brake-block gave way and the wagon and six horses started down the hill at a rapid gait. Riley was thrown forward and carried with the wagon to the foot of the grade. He was mangled so badly

that he died in two hours. Both wheel horses were killed.

Lee Cantelow was drowned in Sun river, at Little Milwaukee, a suburb of Great Falls, Montana, last Saturday afternoon. With a companion he was out duck hunting in a boat. In some manner the boat was overturned and Cantelow, being unable to swim, was drowned.

George Brittain, a deckhand, was killed while unloading limestone with a crane from a scow at the Puget Sound Pulp Paper company's Lowell wharf, Snohomish, Washington, on Friday. A stone fell, hitting Brittain on the head. He was 30 years of age and single. His relatives are unknown.

John Norgood, employed by the Osage Mining company on Valdez island, B. C., was killed by a falling tree while clearing land belonging to the company. A coroner's jury censured the workmen for not taking precautions, no warning having been given that the tree was about to fall.

David T. Stevens, a native of Canada, committed suicide at San Francisco Tuesday night, by firing two bullets through his head. Stevens was 29 years of age and had formerly been employed as a railroad clerk. Being out of work he had come to San Francisco to join his sister, a trained nurse. He arrived about six weeks ago, expecting to find employment. His failure to do so made him despondent.

Larsmie, Wyoming, Boomerang, 131b: A lady by the name of Miller, on her way from Illinois to join her husband in North Park, became insane down in Nebraska and was accompanied to this city last evening by a deputy sheriff and a lady from Nebraska, who placed her on the Park stage this morning. She had a violent spell last night and struck the sheriff in the eye with her fist, and it wore a beautiful scab this morning.

The Co-operative Fruit company of Newcastle, Placer county, Cal., has been compelled to close its doors and file a petition in insolvency. This was the largest local fruit shipping concern in the northern end of Central California. Its business has extended from the Pacific to the Atlantic and from Canada to Mexico. Late frosts and untimely rains are given as the causes for the failure. Crops were not sufficiently large to insure a profit.

Lewis Edwards and Nellie Edwards, his wife, drank beer at the house of a friend in San Francisco, Cal., Sunday night, retired to a room in a drunken condition, agreed to die together as an end to their misery, turned on the gas and went to bed. Next day the door to their room was forced open and they were found, Edwards dead and his wife unconscious. The wife was taken to the hospital, where she was treated by a police surgeon. She soon regained consciousness and will recover.

By a premature explosion in Daverty gulch, Cripple Creek, Colo., Jasper Ireland was seriously injured Monday. He had started six holes in the bottom of a shaft. After three of the fuses had been ignited the men noticed

that one was burning rapidly. They climbed into the bucket and gave the signal to be raised. They were up about fifteen feet when the first shot exploded. Ireland was knocked off of the bucket and had a miraculous escape from death, as the other two shots went off while he was lying almost across them.

Three desperate criminals—Joe Sprout, Fred Bray and Frank Desmond—who have served time in most of the jails in northern California, the former two having been in the state prisons of that state and Nevada, escaped from the county jail Tuesday. Sprout and Bray were sentenced Tuesday morning by Judge Grant to five-year terms in San Quentin for robbing freight cars at Daviaville. The two burglars, together with Desmond, were taken from their cells at the noon hour and allowed their usual time in the corridor of the jail for exercise. They effected their escape by the use of a pair of sheep shears, which they utilized as a chisel, cutting through the flimsy lock in a short time.

An attempt was made Monday night to hold up the through train from Victor for Denver, Colo., on the Florence & Cripple Creek road. On approaching the trestle near the lower end of the yards the fireman of the suburban train for Cripple Creek jumped off to catch his engine, which was standing in the yards on the track. In doing so he landed in the arms of a masked man, who was heavily armed. His contact with the hold-up knocked the latter to the ground, and the fireman then crawled under a string of freight cars and made his way to the depot as fast as possible. He said he saw another man heavily armed and masked standing beside the track as he jumped from the train. The supposition is that the men were about to board the out-going train and when it had pulled out a little way from the town looted the express.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman, Oct. 13: News reached this city yesterday of a threatened lynching at Pearl, in the Willow Creek district, which occurred Sunday afternoon, which will result in ridding that section of the "orooks" that have infested Pearl the past few weeks. On Sunday three men, who are known as Walter Craig, Warren Smith and "Tex," entered the saloon of Joe Minton and carried away a pocket book containing \$40 and checks amounting to \$500. Minton gave notice of the robbery and a vigilance committee was at once organized. A search was instituted and in a short time the citizens succeeded in rounding up Craig, but the other two could not be found. When Craig was caught a rope was fastened around his neck and he was given two minutes to confess his guilt and produce the booty, but he was unterrified, and held on to the purse. Minton then covered him with a revolver and said he would convert him into a porous plaster in a minute if the money was not forthcoming. Whereupon Craig weakened and gave up the checks and money.

Louis Edwards smiled grimly when he applied at the coroner's office, San Francisco, Tuesday for permission to see what was supposed to be his body. It being reported that he was the man who, with his wife, tried suicide by the gas route, the result being fatal to