

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A bed of onyx has been discovered near Hartley, Wyo., it is said to be almost equal to the Utah article.

The Santa Cruz, Cal., supervisors have ordered that all tramps in the jail be fed on hard-tack and water.

Idaho Falls is making a strong pull for the agricultural college which must be located by the present session of the legislature.

A farmer named Potterton, whose place is southwest of St. Helena, on Napa river, Cal., lost about \$4,000 by last Friday's flood. The drying house, with its contents, was swept away and also a number of fruit trees.

While Rev. J. F. Harris, pastor of the First M. E. church, and family were attending service at Canon City, Col., on Monday evening, thieves broke into their residence and stole all the silverware and other valuable articles, amounting to several hundred dollars.

Yardmaster Patrick Murphy was instantly killed at Billings, Mont., on Tuesday. He had made up a Northern Pacific freight and stepped on the end of a brakebeam to ride down the yard. He slipped, fell under the cars and was cut to pieces. He leaves a wife and four children.

A *Gazette* special from Verdi, Nev., under date January 7th, says: A young man named Ely Menard was accidentally shot in the head by his father yesterday. They were goose hunting. Several duckshots struck the young man in the head. The wound, it is feared, will prove fatal.

The effects of the anti-tramp movement in Sacramento are, it is said, already being felt in San Francisco. The tramps and hobos are coming to town from Sacramento and the country districts where they have been badly received. The police have been ordered to "run in" all suspicious characters.

It is claimed that some of the land for which the railroad has applied for patents is more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, says the *Lyon, Nevada, County Times*, and that protests will be filed with the officers of the United States land office at Carson against granting patents for such lands.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in California of the Sierra Nevada Railway company. The purpose of the corporation is to purchase, build and maintain a railroad, standard or narrow gauge, or both combined, by means of a trestle rail, in the county of Washoe, Nevada, and in the counties of Sierra, Lassen and Plumas, California.

Word has been received by stage at Tucson, Ariz., that the slayers of the Doll family are still at large, but that a band of cowboys are hot on the trail. The Dolls, it is learned, had \$1,500 in the house when attacked by the murderers and had made arrangements to start for Tucson on the following morning to deposit the money in the bank.

Daily (Idaho) Times: The ranchers in Logan and Alturas counties are

pleased at the announcement that a flouring mill is to be constructed and operated in this city. It will probably be fitted with both water and steam power, in order to run uninterruptedly, or to be enabled to be so run, summer and winter. The mill will be ready to start by the 1st of August next.

R. C. Buell, a telegraph operator, 19 years of age, attempted to commit suicide on Monday evening in San Francisco. He went into Mint avenue late at night and shot himself in the right side of the head. The bullet did not enter the brain, and the young man will recover. He could not secure work, and being penniless he thought it was better to end his life.

The Boise (Idaho) *Statesman* says: The newly elected county officers were installed yesterday. There was some dispute as to whether the old board of commissioners should pass upon the bonds of the members of the new board or whether the latter should act on their own bonds. When the old board appeared yesterday morning the new board had possession. That settled the matter.

The coal output for 1894 from Rock Springs, Wyo., fell short about 3,000 cars, or 66,000 tons of the output of 1893. The *Independent* gives as an explanation that the demand for commercial coal was exceedingly light. The Union Pacific mines at Rock Springs average an output of 7,000 tons per day, while the private mines turn out from 50 to 75 cars daily.

The olive crop of Southern California is being harvested now, and is said to be proving to be one of the best in several years. In Pomona valley, where olives have been made a specialty, the crop is the best yet known. The total olive crop of Southern California is estimated at 250,000 gallons. Of this Santa Barbara county produces 70,000 gallons and Pomona valley 40,000.

An unknown crab fisherman was drowned off the rocks at Fort Point, Cal., on Monday afternoon. He had been fishing just beyond the fort, and started to come back when the breeze died out and left him drifting with the tide. He then sculled his way in, but the tide set him back toward the rocks. Jumping out on the rocks he attempted to shove his boat off, but his foot slipped and he fell into the water.

Philip Boogar, the aged capitalist of San Francisco was shot and probably fatally wounded by his father-in-law, Michael Collins, in front of the Gallardo hotel, near Broadway, Oakland, on Tuesday night. The shooting was the outcome of an old family quarrel between Boogar and his young wife. The couple have been separated for a couple of years and have had numerous suits in the courts.

Benjamin McGlynn, son of a San Francisco baker, was arrested on Tuesday, for embezzlement on complaint of the father. Although the lad is only seventeen years old he has led a wild life and the father cannot control him. A short time ago the baker gave his son a lot of bills to collect. The boy was not slow in gathering in

the money, but instead of giving it to his father he eloped with a young miss, who a week later was found in a common lodging-house.

A new amendment ought to be made in our game law to prevent the sale of venison, says the *Idaho World*. If such an amendment is not made there will not be a deer left in the state of Idaho in a few years. The argument that those who do not hunt will be deprived of the privilege of regaling their appetites with venison is without force or reason, for in a short time, under the present law, deer will become extinct in Idaho. Our large game ought to be preserved for the benefit of prospectors, who, while enduring hardships and privations away out in the mountains, far away from civilization, have to depend on such game for fresh meat.

The Rexburg (Idaho) *Silver Hammer* says: On December 21, Benj. Thompson and four companions went out on a hunting expedition on the Montana side of the divide and camped about eight miles from Lake. The next morning the party took different directions in quest of game, and all returned except Thompson. On the morning of the 23rd his companions began a search. They followed his trail until it struck a snowslide. The party were horrified at the terrible fate which they believed had overtaken Thompson, and immediately went and organized a rescuing party of twenty-five men and succeeded on the 26th in uncovering the body, which was horribly mangled and distorted. The slide was about a mile long.

The details of a peculiar romance have been received at Santa Rosa, Cal., from Windsor. Lem Ogden, of San Francisco and Miss Mae Putnam, of Windsor, were to have been married last Tuesday. On Monday, Ogden suddenly took his departure for Chicago without giving any cause for so doing. Among the invited guests was John W. Kenny, now of Santa Rosa, but recently of Oakland, a former sweetheart of Miss Putnam. As soon as he learned of Ogden's departure he sent word that if the lady was willing he would take the missing man's place at the altar. The proposal was accepted, and Kenny and Miss Putnam were married. W. G. Harris and Miss Jennie Putnam, a sister of the bride, accompanied the couple, and, to the surprise of their friends, were also married.

W. B. Bascom, clerk of the Sacaton Indian agency, and formerly an Indian agent in northern Arizona, while suffering from delirium tremens at Tempe, Arizona, on Wednesday afternoon, shot Hardy Atkinson, a young man, through the head with a Winchester rifle. The bullet passed through the head back of both eyes, and while Atkinson still lives his sight at least is ruined. The frenzied man had escaped from his nurse by a window, and fired the shot from the roof of a neighboring grocery. A posse was later formed for the capture of Bascom, and among its members were the local military company. When it was found impossible to secure the madman in any other way a volley was fired at his legs by some of the soldier boys. The bones of one leg were broken and he was taken into custody.

Secretary Thomson of the humane society at Denver has received nu-