

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Application has been made to Governor Osborne, of Wyoming, to commute the sentence of Frank Howard, who was sentenced to hang for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Horn, at Dixon, Wyo., to life imprisonment.

The Reno (Nevada) *Journal* says that a man named Robinson, of Reno, has discovered a way to evolve electricity from heat in so thorough a manner that every house can be supplied with incandescent lamps as cheaply as they are now supplied with kerosene.

A few nights since a general store at Castle Rock was robbed of about \$1,000 worth of goods by three men. The men stole a team of horses from one man, and a platform wagon from another, and loaded it up with blankets, ready-made clothing, cutlery, tobacco, etc.

Carson (Nev.) *News* says: An immense meteor was observed on Tuesday morning between 12 and 1 o'clock. The flash illuminated the whole sky, and the fiery trail left by the visitor extended across the heavens from the north to the south.

The Rock Springs (Wyo.) *Miner* says that John Huff, of Atlantic City, was arrested by Sheriff Whitmore on the charge of shipping East as dried beef last June 5,000 pounds of ore, which it is said he received and concealed. The ore was stolen from the famous Burr mine.

The 10-year-old son of F. M. Cook, living five miles south of Fresno, Cal., was shot in the forehead on Sunday evening by a neighbor's boy of the same age with a 22-caliber rifle. The boy aimed at his comrade's head, but claims that he did not intend to shoot. It is thought that the wound will prove fatal.

On Wednesday night as a freight train passed through Fresno, Cal., the engineer discovered that his engine had run over four tramps, who were supposed to have fallen asleep while warming themselves near some cinders lying on the track, instantly killing three of them and mangleing their bodies in a shocking manner.

A reservoir scheme is under way at Boulder, Colo. The Six-Mile Ditch & Reservoir company has purchased 270 acres of land about four miles north and two miles east of town. Preparations to build an immense dam have been made and work will soon begin. The dam will hold about 41,723,300 cubic feet of water.

Eight masked men on Wednesday night rode up to the winehouse of Jose Chevas Romero, near Los Lunas, New Mexico, and calling Romero out threw a lariat over his neck and dragged him to a bridge, stripped him of his clothing and whipped him unmercifully. They then hung him to a beam until he was nearly dead, and rode away.

Arrangements have been perfected by the ranchers of San Diego, Cal., Alciuity for the planting of canaigre on a large scale, and a company has been organized to handle the product. A tannery is to be erected in this city to cost \$10,000, and the plant will be extended as rapidly as the supply of canaigre increases. The roots grow

wild in Lower California, but it is believed the output can be largely increased by cultivation.

There was a serious street car accident on Tuesday afternoon on the corner of Jones and Geary streets, San Francisco. One of the Hyde and Jones street cars of the California street cable system struck a boiler bolt which had been placed in the channel or slot by some malicious person. Seven people were injured and the car was badly wrecked.

The board of county commissioners of Mesa county, Colo., has begun suit in the district court against the proprietors of the Arcade gambling house of Denver to recover \$5,935, alleged to have been lost in their place at laro and other gambling ways by W. J. Quinn, then county treasurer of Mesa county. The money, it is claimed, was county funds.

Gus Breene, an employe at the lime kiln at Lime creek, Colo., was killed Monday afternoon by an explosion of giant powder. The powder was frozen and the man was thawing it out, when one of the workmen accidentally dropped some hot lime on the giant and the explosion followed. Breene was instantly killed, his body being fearfully mangled.

Condemnation is being heaped upon the Fresno, Cal., city board of trustees because they reduced the wages of firemen on Tuesday night. They desire to repaint all the fire apparatus, and owing to the shortness of the city funds they took this means of raising the money. The reduction made is 50 per cent. Some of members say they will resign.

Mayor Van Horn of Denver has received a communication from the sufferers by drouth in western Nebraska making an appeal to the people of Denver for assistance in the way of clothing to protect them from the cold during the coming winter. It is stated that little children are even now suffering from cold for want of clothing.

The sheriff of Los Angeles, remarks the San Francisco *Chronicle*, should clear out the tramps who are terrorizing several colony towns near that city. The tramp evil is bad enough when these vagrants come as single spies, but when they come in battalions, banded together for plunder, they should be so soundly punished that they will never have the stomach to repeat their performance.

Idaho Daily *Statesman*: George Ellis, the negro who is incarcerated in the county jail at Boise, held for burglary, is playing the crazy dodge again. He set fire to some rags in his cell yesterday. Ellis is the man who escaped several months ago by cutting through a brick wall, but was captured at Caldwell. He took with him about \$100 belonging to "General" Schaffer, the Coxeyite leader.

Pioche (Nevada) *Record*: Work was resumed at the Yuba mine last Sunday, and the familiar toot of the whistle is pleasant to hear. The shaft will be put in good working order the

first thing, after which some prospecting will be done. It is a good silver mine that will pay expenses these days, but the Yuba is one of them. Every pocket of ore found is rich, both in silver and lead, and finds a ready sale at the Salt Lake and other markets.

The deadly trolley wire has caused trouble in Oakland, Cal., again. A team of horses driven by Leslie Hayden of the Oakland Cream Depot were instantly killed on Tuesday. Hayden was driving his team down the street when a dead wire dropped over the trolley and the end of it fell across the backs of the horses. Both animals dropped to the ground and died instantly. The horses were valued at \$300. Hayden had a narrow escape himself.

The novel sight of seven Crow Indians before a United States district judge charged with contempt of court was witnessed at Helena, Mont., on Wednesday. They were ordered to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt in not answering summons to appear as witnesses before the grand jury. The Indians all said they had no money with which to pay traveling expenses, so they had to wait until the marshal came after them. Under the circumstances Judge Knowles decided to purge them of contempt.

Says the Mancos (Colo.) *Times*: "News of a rich and extensive strike on the Snow Flake, East Mancos, has reached town. It is also reported that another contact, 150 to 400 feet below the present workings, has been uncovered that shows fine results in a gold p.n. Ore tested last week from the breast of the drift on the Snow Flake, which was then in 70 feet, returned \$10 and \$30, respectively, for second and first class ore. At that time the streak was forty inches thick, but now it is claimed that the ore body has increased at a greater ratio in quality."

A special from Monte Cristo, Wash., says: A snowslide struck the drying-house of the Pride of the Mountain mine Friday, and buried ten miners. The alarm was given and a force of seventy-five men set about to rescue the imprisoned men. Louis Erickson was covered head downward and was taken out dead. William McCarty was struck on the back of the head by a broken stick. Wm. Kelly was struck in the face. W. E. Smith fell on a stove, burning his forehead, but was not seriously hurt. Four others were cut painfully about the heads. All of the men were rescued alive but Erickson and are doing well.

Michael Shuman, a well known mining man of Spokane, Wash., returned on Monday from his mines in the Okanogan district. He reports the find of a veritable gold bonanza at the very summit of the Cascade range of mountains, near Slate creek. Two young men from Anacortes named Baron and Gerrish are the lucky finders. Shuman says that the boys after a week's work with the crudest of implements have cleaned up \$12,000 with plenty of the same rich dirt in sight. Nearly all the miners in this section of the country have flocked to the new El Dorado and staked out claims.

Mary Fikane, aged 13 years, was