

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

of hardwood of native growth of this state, after some considerable difficulty I have obtained a block of the requisite size and dimensions of mahogany, that is, mountain mahogany, from Esmeralda county, through the kindness of H. Myerlinton of this place, and have this day transmitted to you per Wells, Fargo & Co., which I hope will meet with your approbation. It is the best I could do here in the matter.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Very respectfully,

J. E. JONES,
Governor.

NEBRASKA.

Robt. W. Furnas, of the Nebraska Pioneer association, writes from Brownville:

Dear Sir—Governor Holcomb has forwarded me your letter of date May 1st, asking a history of the small white oak specimen I furnished him for you.

There is nothing particular in its history. It grew in Nemaha county, Nebraska, and is of growth since the extinguishment of the Indian title to lands in this, now state of Nebraska—May, 1854.

I have been a collector of wood specimens for many years. This was one of my private collection, of which I have a duplicate.

I am inquisitive to know what use you are to make of this and other specimens. I would like to keep trace of all Nebraska specimens that go from the state.

Very truly,
ROBT. W. FURNAS.

ALABAMA.

The following letter, dated at Montgomery, is from the commissioner of agriculture, Hector D. Lane:

Dear Sir—Your letter to the governor was referred to this department. At an early day we will send to a sample of waved or curled pine, which will be beautiful, and will show the prevailing forest of our state. We will do this as soon as we can procure the sample ready, leaving it in its natural state.

Yours,

H. D. LANE,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Gov. Chas. H. Sheldon's response comes from Pierre as follows:

Dear Sir—I send you under separate cover a piece of oak lumber which may be suitable for your use in making table.

Captain Hill, an old resident here, tells me that this is taken from lumber saved over twenty years ago in a portable saw mill erected here. The lumber was used in the construction of Fort Sully and this is a piece left in the government warehouse. It possesses historical value from the fact that when it was sawed, this part of Dakota was in the hands of the Indians.

Trusting that this will be of use to you and your project a success, I remain,

Yours very truly,

T. M. LOONIS,
Private Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Mr. Barrett, state superintendent of irrigation and forestry and commissioner of fish and game, writes from Church's Ferry:

Dear Sir—It has been difficult to procure a dry piece of wood until this time. I send you today, under a separate cover, by mail, a piece of ash from North Dakota (from the Devil's Lake woods, Ramsey county), for the table you spoke of in your letter to our governor under date of February 3, 1895.

Yours truly,

W. W. BARRETT,
Church Ferry, N. D.

Redwood City, Cal., is elated over the prospect of securing a large flow of oil from wells about to be sunk there. Indications of oil are said by experts to be of the very best, and with proper work hopes of a rich find are running high.

Lehi Banner: The large acreage of the beets in this vicinity are now thinned out and they begin to show up very nicely. From present appearances the crop this season will be a large one, and this means a boom for Lehi in particular and Utah county in general.

The entire wool clip of the season in the vicinity of Lehi has been shipped, says the Banner, the last shipment having been made last week. The total clip was about 325,000 pounds and represented the fleeces of about 70,000 sheep. The U. P. handled three car loads or about 55,000 pounds and the R. G. W. nine cars or about 270,000 pounds.

Patrick Carmody, under indictment for murder and sentenced to be hanged in Socorro county, Cal., in 1888, has been captured at Salmon valley, A. T., and brought to Socorro by Sheriff Bursum. In 1882 Carmody and two others killed a Socorro citizen by hanging him. In 1888 while the case was pending on appeal in the supreme court the accused men escaped from jail.

Ex-City Marshal Murray, of Glenwood, Colo., seems to be in bad luck. A few weeks ago his little son fell and fractured a collar bone, and shortly thereafter Mr. Murray, in endeavoring to conquer a vicious horse, sustained a fracture of the frontal bone of the left leg. Last Saturday his son, who was just recovering from his mishap, received a compound fracture of the left thigh bone.

A letter from the assistant commissioner of the general land office to Representative Ellis of Oregon, conveys the information that the herding or pasturing of sheep is prohibited in the Cascade range forest reserve, as being considered injurious to the herbage and undergrowth. The Dalles Chronicle thinks this will be a blacker eye to the sheep industry than was the removal of the tariff.

Frank J. White brought to this office a cut from an oak tree 28 inches in diameter which he was chopping on the Walsh grant in Glenn county, says the Chico (Cal.) Enterprise. The curiosity is an iron bolt with a key and plate on one end and on the other end an eye within which are two rings of iron, which was found in the center of the tree. When this bolt or rod was put in the tree was 10 inches in diameter.

The honey bees in the woods of the Sierra are said to be multiplying very rapidly, and there are thousands of trees in Butte county which contain a fine quality of honey. The bees begin working there in March and continue until June, storing great quantities of honey. Then, as most of the flowers are gone, they gather honey from fruit and from honey dew, and make limited quantities until frost comes in the fall.

George Rosenbaum, a ranchman living near Eothan, Wyoming, deserted his family on Wednesday, and taking a fast team started for Montana. Mrs. Rosenbaum tried to overtake her husband, but he drove too fast and she was obliged to give up the chase. Rosenbaum has of late been turning his property into cash, which he took with him, leaving his wife almost destitute.

Four masked highwaymen took possession of a saloon at the corner of Leavenworth and McAllister streets, San Francisco, at half-past 1 o'clock, on Sunday morning, bound and gagged and then robbed the proprietor, John S. MacIntosh and though an alarm that awakened nearly all the people in the neighborhood was sounded, they made their escape before a policeman hove in sight.

The Cheyenne Sun says: It will probably be some little time before another dividend is paid to the depositors of the defunct Cheyenne National bank. Receiver Foster now has to his credit with the comptroller of the currency at Washington about \$9,000 in cash, and from \$5,000 to \$6,000 more will probably be paid over before a great while by a New York bank against whom the receiver holds a judgment. The next dividend will be declared after the money from New York has been paid over to the receiver.

S. M. Timmons, an old resident of Winnemucca, Nev., has committed suicide by cutting his throat and hanging himself. An exchange says the hanging, blood-covered body was a horrible spectacle. From the appearance of the room and the articles therein, it would appear that he had arisen, partially dressed, and then procuring a looking glass and tub, had cut his throat with a pocket knife and had held his head over the tub. Previous to this he had evidently made a noose in a rope and tied it to a rafter in the shed, placing a chair beneath.

A contest is now going on in the courts of Nevada over the sheep license, and the sheepmen will defer paying the license till it is settled. The license law requires that sheepmen, to escape the license, must have legal title to or have made the first payment upon a certain amount of land for each sheep. The question before the courts in the case is, whether the land leased from the overland railroads are to be included under the above description. Judge Cheney has decided the question in the affirmative in the district court, but the supreme court has yet to pass upon it.

The sheepmen of Nevada will try the export of sheep, lambs and mutton to the Chicago market in the near future, says the Virginia City Chronicle. P. L. Flannigan will ship 3000 mutton wethers to that city within the next thirty days. He is satisfied that an outlet for Nevada can be found in the East, where far better prices can be realized than in San Francisco. No finer lamb or mutton can be raised than is produced in Nevada, and as that fact becomes better known, Nevada products will command a better