NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Man and His Son Freeze to Death on the Roadside.

THE OAKLAND "TRUMPET MEDIUM"

Strange Way of Celebrating an Election Victory—Wyoming Oil Fields, Etc.

Robert Latta jr. has been instantly killed by a fall down the shaft of the New Zealand at Cripple Creek, Colo., a distance of 200 feet.

At Echo, Utah, on Wednesday, a big crowd gathered for a Christmas dance and several of the company drank too much whisky. During the evening a quarrel arose. Two men were severely cut and one was fatally shot.

Owners of the Bullion mine, situated below the Bullion, intend sinking deeper on the shaft at once, says the Tonopah Prospect. They will go as deep as 100 feet, and then run drifts. There is good ore in sight now and the property will yet be a good producer.

Michael Calery, a twelve-year-old son of Corporal Calery, company D, Eleventh Infantry, United States army, was thrown from a horse at Wright's barracks, Prescott, A. T., on Thursday. He got caught in the stirrup and he was taken to death before he could be extricated.

Julius Theis, postmaster of Hagalia, Colo., was shooting to frost of his letter and when a gentleman stepped up and inquired for a letter. As Mr. Theis reached forth to take down the letter he was struck with paralysis and fell dead. He was 66 years of age and a native of Prussia.

The free dance given by Judge Fuller and District Attorney-elect Alf Budge, in the First ward school house in honor of their election, was the noisiest affair of the kind given, or Henry's long day, says the Park Record. There was too much liquor to make the dance enjoyable. Leslie Cole was hit on the head by a whisky flask being thrown at him by some unknown person in the dark, and had to have three stitches put in the scalp.

The Weiser (Idaho) Signal says: Six West's sale made per cent a mile equals $17.40 per head. Twenty-three cattle in the sale on cattle from Weiser to Huntington. Twenty-two cattle in a car account to seventy-nine and a half cents per head, or three and a half c. to per mile per head. On the New York Central railroad, passenger train on the Empire State express, the best train of cars in the world, for the same distance is only sixty-five cents.

Casper (Wyo.) Derrick says: The oil theory to be erected here is only a beginning of the work contemplated by the Pennsylvania syndicate, of which Gen. R. McClaimont is manager. The enterprise alone will create employment to a large number of our people and bring others to Casper who will become permanent residents. A large number of sheep men have erected handsome residences here this summer, and it is now conceded that some of the oil operators will do likewise in the near future.

Yesterday afternoon, says the Thelma Moor, a large rock thrown out by the blast on the mill site blew away several large timbers from the mill, and went crashing down the hill, striking the residence of J. H. Campbell, and entirely demolishing the rear of the house. Mrs. Campbell was sitting near where the rock struck, and was completely prostrated by fright. She also sustained some bruises which fortunately are not serious. This kind of work cannot but always and unless more care is exercised in the work, some one will be killed or crippled. It should be stopped in time.

The overland stage driver who arrives, we at Eureka, Nevada, on Wednesday, reported that Jesse Faulkner, aged 60 years, and his son, aged 17, were found frozen to death near Bridgeville, in the southern part of the country, Sunday. The father and son left Bridgeville in a blinding snowstorm Saturday morning to walk home, a distance of six miles. Not having arrived Sunday morning, another son was sent out by the mother to look for them, and found them within half a mile of the house, seated alongside of the road, frozen to death.

After five days' trial at Marysville, Cal., the case wherein William Hoerr was charged with murder went to the jury, and after two hours' deliberation resulting in a verdict of guilty, fixing imprisonment for life as the sentence. Hoerr, who was old man, killed his neighbor, William Lemmons, on Oct. 27 last, and brutally mutilated his body. Hatred between the men had existed for over thirty years, and frequent threats had been made. The killing was brutal, even by the defendant's late. Several jurors remarked that it was only Hoerr's extreme age that saved his neck.

The case of Mrs. Mary Smith, known as the "Trumpet medium," is on trial in the superior court at Oakland, Cal. She is the proponent in the will contest of Mrs. Marie Lemon, who died at her home in Alameda, leaving her entire estate to Mrs. Smith. The medium was given full opportunity on the witness stand to answer all the charges made against her. She declared that she is a medium and that she has been giving seances ever since she was eight years old, that she is not a hypnotist nor a mesmerist, nor had she endeavored to obtain control of the mind of Mrs. Lemon during her twenty years' acquaintance with the latter.

Sheriff O'Marr of Meagher county has arrived at Butte, Mont., with Bill Gay, the murderer, road agent and desperado, who was captured at Needles, Cals., several weeks ago. While in jail waiting for the train Gay was called on by Little Bear, an Indian graduate of Carlisle, who identified him as the man wanted by Hachelan, Idaho, for a criminal assault made two years ago on an Indian girl whom he newly met to death with a revolver before accomplishing his purpose. Little Bear says that Gay also murdered several inoffensive Indians, and he is credited with killing two white men in the Bear Hills. Gay has a son living in Butte, who he drove from home under a threat of being killed some years ago, and the son refused to visit his father at the jail when he learned that he was here, though he greeted him and shook hands when he met him on his way to the depot.

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