

NEWS OF THE WEST.

Drunkard Who Takes His Last Sleep on a Railway Track.

URGENT WANTS NO REPORTERS.

Justice's Courts in Bear Lake County, Idaho - See Idaho-Heavy Damages Awarded-See U.P. Time Table.

The city of Tacoma, Wash., has been awarded a verdict of \$100,000 against the Tacoma Light and Water Company for alleged misrepresentation and fraud resulting in the city's purchase of the water and electric light plant in 1889 for \$1,750,000.

Alvin R. Austin, aged 25, living near Santa Barbara, Cal., shot himself with a rifle Wednesday afternoon with a fatal result. He put the muzzle of the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger, the discharge blowing the side of his head off.

A Moscow, Idaho, dispatch to the Spokane Spokesman-Review says: C. E. Durkin, committed suicide by hanging himself on U. A. Maguire's ranch, about a mile from town, late Sunday afternoon. Full particulars have not been received but it is understood that Durkin, who has been away from town for some time, returned Sunday and went out to Maguire's to see his wife.

New York intoning the Boston Herald states on Jan. 3 that J. H. Jones, a well known farmer at Newnan, Ga., Jones was heard of beating and attempting to cross the track in front of the rapidly approaching engine, which does not stop at that station. He was thrown off and from the waist down was badly crushed, death being instantaneous. The deceased was fifty years old and a native of Missouri.

A shooting occurred near Elk Mountain, Wyoming, Monday, at the estate of the late Harlan which resulted in the death of Richard Wilson, a young man had been employed as a ranch hand at Harlan's, and who was well known in the portion of Carbon county. The shooting occurred twenty-three miles south of Carbon. Wilson was shot by C. D. Peabody, the game warden of the county. Peabody claims he had a quarrel and that he shot Wilson in self defense.

John Swanson, a laborer, was run over and killed by a car on the West End Electric railroad at Seattle, Washington, on Wednesday night. Swanson was drunk and had laid down to sleep on the track. A passenger car ran over him and he was killed. He had a quarrel and that he shot Wilson in self defense.

Laramie, Wyoming: Another new time table is in process of preparation at Union Pacific. It is reported that it will go into effect before the middle of the month. It is reported that no changes will be of a minor character, and that the principal changes will be in the routing time of the train out to business men better and consequently the time will be shortened on some of the divisions and lengthened on others. It is believed that the time on the sixth district will be shortened a little.

Theodore Durral will spend at least fifteen more days in the county jail. According to the terms of his commitment he was to have been released to Sam Quinlan yesterday, but Judge Murphy granted another stay of proceedings pending the decision of the supreme court concerning a new trial. Order was entered by the county jail to keep Durral in his old quarters until January 20th. The prisoner had expected to be released and was not at all worried over the delay. He is growing irritable, and has hung out a sign before his window which reads: "Repentance and non-offense keep away."

Mountain Home, Idaho, Bulletin: Warren Johnson, of J. N. Johnson and one of the mail carriers between Rocky Bar and Atlanta, came near losing his life Thursday by being caught in a snow slide. While crossing Bald Mountain on snow shoes, a huge body of snow suddenly came down the mountain side, striking and covering the young man in an instant. Fortunately for the brave young mail carrier, two men were not far behind him, and when they reached the spot where the slide had crossed the trail they observed a snow shoe just below them protruding from the snow. The snow shoe was six inches in width and from eight to twelve feet in length. The two men took to the situation immediately and forthwith commenced removing the snow as they could with their hands. It was in a short time uncovered the body of young Johnson. Apparently he was alive, but by rubbing and rolling the ice, he was brought to consciousness and restored to town by his two rescuers.

Hole, Idaho, Statesman, Jan. 2: Charles Hoff, chairman of the board of commissioners of Bear Lake county, is in the city accompanied by James J. Wallis, editor of the Park Post. Mr. Hoff's mission here is one in which all county officials and all the people have an interest. He comes to get advice from the attorney general relative to the abuse of the justice's courts in his county, as in so many others, the justice's courts are overworked and the county is put to heavy expense for trivial prosecutions that should never be instituted. Mr. Hoff is satisfied that it is both the interest and the duty of county commissioners to refuse to allow claims arising in this class of cases. He feels that, if the justice's courts are compelled to go into court to meet such claims, they will be defeated and that a useful reform will thus be brought about. In all legitimate cases he holds that justice should be promptly done but in those which are plainly wrong he believes in refusing to allow the justice's courts to be used as a means to any other end. He has made up his mind that the way to deal with them is to refuse to pay them.

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