NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Father Witnesses His Two Children Killed by a Car.

FATAL BITE OF A BIG SPIDER.

Terrible Case of Catalepsy — Baby Smothered in the Bedclothes—Caught in Machinery.

Steamship lines to Alaska have been ordered to lower fares than ever were known before.

The Woodland, Cal., Mail submitches that 135 carloads of Yolo county wool, this year, paid a much better price than last year to make a thorough test of possibilities in that direction.

The three-legged baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kohler died and was buried last Monday morning at Oakland, Cal. Two days before it was born the child had taken nourishment and was apparently well. It is supposed that the bedclothes were accidentally thrown over the little one and smothered it.

Eva Morton, a Washington girl, grown wise too soon through Kinnear and engaging into the long, dreary writer in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer that all who do not believe in taking the Bible literally, page for page, and dotting on their knees. There is nothing for adept in religion to the presence of all grades.

Mamie Lemming Wood D. Morgan, a discharged employe of the Wheatland county, Cal., hospital at French Camp, attempted to murder Hospital Cook, who had taken his place. Mackey who formerly held such relatively indifferent to the patients left minds to consciousness. Cook probably will die.

Catherine Lind, a little 8-month's old, died at San Francisco, Friday night from the effects of the bite of a spider. The direct cause of death was gangrene affecting over a considerable portion of the head and all down the spine. The spider had been brought from Central America in a bunch of bananas, and to the child on the spring, where it was crushed.

J. H. Mullen, employed in the Hydraulic mine, near Grass Valley, Cal., was hauling in a bucket of gravel, when the bucket was caught between the rope wheel and the tackle block. With the exception of only the tip of his nose he was crushed to death. A large piece of his skull was found on the wheel without and the crushed remains. The body was terribly cut and crushed.

By the bursting of Mac Dack Hydraulic, a contract in the employ of Henry Gardner's Colonial Hill, at Oroville, Cal., majority, six Chinamen were killed by being struck a terrible death. A small lamp which was burning on the hill to the outlet was completely overturned. The lamp was not lost, but the oil spread over and on to the cargo now lying heavily upon it. It was at a time in the evening when Mr. Bell was away from home and available help could be relied. A few feet away from the burning oil was a baby in a crib and in an adjoining room was a four-year-old girl. Should the danger be seen behind if the Bell could not be extinguished. Without a moment's hesitation and without letting her daughter of mind the young woman snatched a valuable portion from the under table and quickly spread it over the fire. The lamp went out and Mrs. Bell took it to the back door, and, as she had the door open and throw it out of sight's way.

At the Oakland, Cal., receiving hospital is a crippled Japanese whose name is Jonathan Jackson. Jackson is 20 years of age and is known by the name of Tadamo Sonaki. This latter fact was learned through a country man, for the Japanese does not seem to care to tell or has not uttered a word since he was brought into the hospital two weeks ago. Tadamo was picked up by an officer at Twelfth and Clayton streets and taken to the city prison, where he was charged with stealing the "Sunday-go-to" clothes. He lay in a sort of a trance in the prison for six days, in all that time he did not speak or move. Then Dr. Dwyer had him removed to the hospital, where he has been lingering ever since. It was a difficult at first to get him to eat, but Steward Vinney was persistent, and was soon able to get the man to the hospital. He is now conscious, but seems a child in its bed, and sits like a wall, but keeps his eyes closed. After his meal he sinks back on his pillow and sleeps as quiet as one who has lost. All efforts to rouse him have failed. The man is getting fat, having gained ten pounds since being taken to the hospital.

One of the most striking incidents that ever occurred in Oakland took place Monday night when two little girls, daughters of Frank E. Booth, a San Francisco broker, were run down by an Alameda train. Mr. Booth's residence, at Seventh and Center Nos. 12 and 14 Booth, aged 10 years, and Kate Booth, aged 8 years, started at that moment to cross from the south side of Eighth street. Kate had a pair of roller skates on, and these were two or three feet ahead of her younger sister, who followed her closely. Both were too busy to notice even attracting the attention of some of the occupants of the car. Just as the girls reached the track Kate tripped and fell, pitching little Ida over with her. The motorman was exceedingly alarmed to the presence of the girls, and as the machine passed he saw a head, apparently buried in the street. The car finished its work and hence the children could remember and a little way they had caught sight of crushed to death. The little girls were thrown in to the rear trucks and just behind the forward trucks, and were laid out on the track between the rails and the sidewalk. The sisters of the children saw the accident from a distance, but did not know the victims were his own children until he came up and someone lifted a cloth that had been put over their faces. When he recognized them.

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