# NEWS OF THE WEST.

## Innocent Men Imprisoned for Sixteen Years.

### CAUGHT ON A REVOLVING SHAFT.

### Mrs. Davidson will Lecture—Suit by an Enraged Husband—Dancing Schools for Dead Children.

There is residing in Santa Cruz, Cal., an Indian who was born in 1781, being there are 115 years old.

Evanston, Wyo., News Register: A car load of coke as was received in Monroe by the Bear River Commercial Co. from Morgan, Utah.

John A. Quinn, an old soldier who served as a private in Company D, Mounted Infantry, committed suicide at Los Angeles Monday after a debauch.

The home industry agitation is still being kept up in southern California, where the people are organizing clubs to purchase only home products wherever practicable.

Fremont County, Idaho, News: Jas. Fitzpatrick, of Teton City, lost wife a painful accident last Tuesday, while engaged in earmarking some cattle. An enraged animal knocked the knife from his hand, causing it to penetrate the muscular portion of his forearm, severing the arteries and the hemorrhage was stopped with great difficulty. At present writing he is doing nicely.

Charles H. Watson, who resided with his mother and three sisters at 621 Twenty-first street, committed suicide Saturday evening at San Francisco, by shooting himself through the head with a Winchester rifle. Watson was 28 years of age, and has become despondent because he had been out of work for a long time and was unable to secure a position. He resides over the ill luck.

Rudolph Blumauhl, an eleven-year-old boy, was run over by an electric street car Sunday morning and instantly killed, at Seattle, Wash. The supposed cause of his accident was a baker's wagon which drove off by the driver jumped to escape the lash and started under the (rear) wheels of a car passing in an opposite direction. The car ran over his body, crushing it badly, and the wheels cut off both legs above the knees.

There are two men now in the state prison at San Quentin, Cal., who have spent sixteen years behind the walls of that institution, though probably innocent of the crime of which they were convicted—murder. The men are Smithers, Tong sen Francisco and Joe Alvino, and were sent from Monterey county in December, 1879, to serve life sentences. They had been convicted of the murder of a sheep-herder known as "Dutch John" in Clover canyon.

Frank E. Booth, whose two children were killed by an electric car in Oakland, Cal., on March 9, has instituted suit against the railway company for $50,000 damages. The railway company is fixing the suit on the ground of contributory negligence in allowing children aged 3 and 5 to go upon the crossing unattended. If the state prevails as law, then parents must provide attendants for children of this age whenever they are out, or bear the responsibility of any injury that occurs to them.

Mrs. Mary A. Davidson has not finished with the Rev. C. O. Brown, of Oakland, Cal. She has decided to take to the house platform and tell the public with her own lips the story of the First Congregational church scandal. Her first appearance as a lecturer will be made in San Francisco on Saturday evening, April 27th. Later she will make a tour of the other cities of the state, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento and Los Angeles being visited in the order named.

Stanley Lytton, an electrician, had a miraculous escape from instant death in San Francisco Saturday evening. He was sent to repair the electric wires at the California Wire Works on Bay street, and while wandering on a ladder his right arm was caught in a revolving shaft. Being unable to extricate himself the unfortunate man was repeatedly whirled through the air, his disengaged arm striking the ceiling at every revolution. His screams for help attracted the attention of one of the men employed about the place, and he quickly summoned the engineer. The latter shipped the machinery and Lytton was removed from his perilous position. He was severely but not dangerously injured.

The Cheyenne Tribune of Thursday says: Orlando Clark, United States marshal for the district of Wyoming, yesterday filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Wyoming an amended bill of complaint in the case of the United States of America against the receivers of the Union Pacific Railroad company. The amended bill adds as defendants over 200 citizens of the state residing along the line of the Union Pacific, many of them being Cheyenne people. The object of the suit is to revate the cancellation of certain patents issued to the railroad company. At the time of the grant of land to the company, the act provided that all lands in which mineral or pre-emption rights had attached at the time of the filing of the maps of definite location of the road should be excepted, but that in cases where lands had been settled on subsequent to the filing of these maps, in such cases the company might select lands in lieu thereof. It is now claimed by the government that the company selected and had patented a large tract in lieu of the lands to which, as a matter of fact, homestead or pre-emption rights had attached prior to the filing of these maps. A part of these lands have been sold by the company, and a part has gone to make up Cheyenne, Carbon, Green River, Rock Springs and Evanston. The value of the lands so alleged to be over $100,000. It is understood that the railroad company will defend the suit of all parties concerned.

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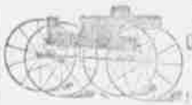

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