

A San Francisco man by the name of Figg shot himself through the brain the other day while demonstrating to his wife that the "thing wasn't loaded." He lived until he hit the floor.

The other day forty people met and had a picnic at Danvers, Mass. They are descendants of Rebecca Nurse, who was killed for a witch at that place in 1692. They took up a collection to build poor Becky a monument.

We might have "Cracker creek" mines of our own if miners would go ahead and prospect as they have in the Granite district. Instead of our population exodusting to other lands to seek gold they might have it almost at their doors, but a great deal more capital is required than the majority of us possess, hence the delay.

A scheme is under consideration in Mexico for tunneling through the wall of the crater, in order to reach the immense sulphur deposits inside the mountain. A narrow-gauge railway will connect the tunnel with the town of Amecameca, which, in turn, will connect with the Morelos road leading to the national capital.

One consolation is left for us of Grant county. The mine in the Granite district which recently sold for \$1,000,000 is very near to the county line of Grant. Although Baker county claims the honor of ownership of all the productive mines in that district some of them are in our own territory, and the development is gradually moving in this direction.

The receipts of the United States Treasury for the week ending July 29, are specially reported to Brainerd's amount to \$9,720,316.89. The available balance has increased \$4,014,976.58, and is now \$48,597,148.68. The balance in depository banks has decreased \$69,591.73, and is now \$51,729,112.42. Bonds deposited to circulation amounted to \$157,593, while \$393,000 were withdrawn, a net decrease for the week of \$235,500.

Inadequate mail facilities for the northwest is causing considerable dissatisfaction. It is false economy on the part of the administration to cut down the service in such a prosperous and rapidly growing section as the northwest. The southern states seem to receive a greater share of new post offices than any other section of the United States. Of the total deficit of \$1,898,913 as shown by the report of the postal department, \$4,012,393 comes from the southern states, showing that many post offices in that section are useless and not self-sustaining.

A recent number of the Melbourne Times, Australia, contained an account of the opening of an artesian well at Beraldine, in the interior of Queensland. The locality where the well has been sunk is far removed from any watercourse, and has frequently suffered severely from drought. The well is 691 feet 9 inches deep, and furnishes a stream of water 12 inches in circumference. The water is issuing at the rate of 400 gallons per minute, or 575,000 gallons per day. The water is of a soft nature and it is supposed that it comes from snowy ranges.

These United States of ours are coming to the front in the way of Presidential candidates. Only seven national candidates are now in the field. With the Republican and Democratic candidates all are familiar. The other five are the Prohibition party, Gen. Clinton B. Fiske, of New Jersey, and Dr. George Brooks of Missouri; Industrial Reform party, Albert E. Redstone of California, and John Calvert of Kansas; Woman Suffragist, Belva A. Lockwood of Washington and Alfred H. Love of Pennsylvania; Union Labor party, A. J. Streator of Illinois and Charles E. Cunningham of Arkansas; United Labor party, Robert H. Conder of Illinois and W. H. T. Wakefield of Kansas. Verily, there will soon be no end to party making, for in the above the American party is not yet included, who will undoubtedly put forth a ticket.

COPPS LAND REVIEW.

Final Proof on Various Classes of Entries--Who May Make It.

Of course, the person who initiates an entry for public land under whatever law or method of disposal it may be, is the person having the primary right and being legally required to make final proof, where such step is necessary to perfect the title under the provisions of the law. The question as to who may make such proof in the event of the death of the entryman is one of general interest and of no little importance, and respecting which the public at large has very little knowledge.

THE PRE-EMPTION LAWS are the oldest of the so-called "Settlement Laws," and stand first in order. A claim having been initiated by settlement and in due time by filing of declaratory statement, may be perfected upon the death of the settler by the heirs or for their benefit. That is, if the heirs have reached the age of twenty-one years, they may either collectively or by one of their number, acting for all, submit the necessary proofs and make payment on the land, whereupon the patent will issue to "The heirs" of the deceased entryman. If none of the heirs have attained their majority the final proof and payment may be made for the benefit of the heirs by a guardian duly appointed. The widow, as a general rule, is not entitled to perfect the claim of her deceased husband in her own right, but in States where by law she is one of the heirs, she is entitled to all rights and benefits accruing to other heirs.

THE HOMESTEAD LAW, next in order, awards the land embraced in the claim of a deceased entryman, first to the widow. If there be no widow, the right and fee inure to the benefit of such "infant child or children" as may survive the death of the parents. In such cases the land may be sold for the benefit of the child or children, or title may be perfected for their benefit, in the usual manner, by duly appointed guardian. There being no widow or "infant children" the right descends to the heirs or devisees of the deceased entryman, and the proof may be made by any one of them for the benefit of all, and patent will issue to "The heirs." Where patent is to be issued for the benefit of "infant child or children" the full name of each and every child must appear thereon.

INSANE PERSONS. Where entries or claims have been initiated under the homestead and pre-emption laws by persons who have subsequently become insane, the same may be taken care of by any one duly authorized to act for the entryman during his disability, if the proof necessary to show in the final proof only that the requirements of law were fully complied with by the entryman, up to the time of becoming insane, and that the insanity exists.

THE TIMBER CULTURE LAW. While the timber-culture law does not require actual residence upon the land entered, yet by any reason of the cultivation, etc., required, an entry made by its suitors may fairly be considered a "settlement claim." Proof upon an entry of this class can be made by or for the benefit of the heirs only.

THE DESERT LAND LAW is applicable only to the States of California, Oregon and Nevada, and the Territories of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico and Dakota. The final proof and payment may be made by or for the benefit of the heirs, or by a duly appointed administrator.

THE MINING LAWS. Senator Stewart informs us that he does not expect or desire Senate Bill No. 1888, amending the mining laws, to pass at this session of Congress. He invites correspondence with the view of making the bill perfect before its passage. Copies of the bill can be obtained from Senators and Representatives. As it passed the Senate the date of relocating mines was changed from January 2 to August 1. The proposed law allows an individual to make only one location on a vein of twenty acres of placer, and prevents a person from relocating a mine who has once abandoned it. There is no other measure before Congress affecting mining interests that has any prospect of

becoming a law during the Fifth Congress.

The proofs required under the laws relating to mineral entries may be made by any party in interest, or the duly authorized agent of such party. HENRY N. COPP.

NEW TODAY.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Grant, on the 14th day of July, 1888, in favor of Peter French, et als, Plaintiffs, and against J. W. Scott and J. H. Seward, Defendants, for the sum of One Hundred and Ninety-three dollars and Seventy-nine Cents Gold Coin, together with eight per cent per annum interest and accruing costs, I have levied upon and will sell at Public Auction, on Saturday, the 1st day of September, 1888, at one o'clock, P. M., at the Court House door, in Canyon City, Grant County, and State of Oregon, all the right, title and interest which the said J. H. Seward and J. W. Scott, Defendants, had on or after the 12th day of November, 1887, in or to the following described premises, to-wit:

That certain dwelling house, outhall and all other out buildings now situate and being upon the North West Quarter of Section Twenty-Six, (26) in Township Twenty-Nine, (29) South of Range Thirty-two, (32) East of the Williamette Meridian, in Grant County, State of Oregon.

Terms of sale cash. Dated at Canyon City, this 1st day of August, 1888.

W. P. GRAY, Sheriff of Grant Co., Oregon.

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between G. C. Miller and C. P. Ferrel, blacksmiths doing business in Canyon City, Or., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. C. P. Ferrel retiring. G. C. Miller will assume all indebtedness of, and collect all accounts due, said firm.

Dated this 23d day of July, '88. G. C. MILLER, C. P. FERREL.

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