too often neglected matter, the not for public benefit. Directions Six Companies who imported help build their roads .- S. F. New York Tribune says there have in a will as to mode of burial, or them, received but 832 per month, lately been an extraordinary num- for cremation, are also subject to they finding their own provisions ber of queer or contested wills, the sanitary law of the place. Are people becoming more dis- It is only when one designs to time American labor commanded posed to draw their own, wills, give his property outright in sim- from \$50 to \$60 per month and without employing lawyers? There ple ways that he should draw his board. By employing three thou- o'clock a. M., at the court house in is no reason why any one should own will; for complicated trusts, sand of Chinese coolies at \$32 Astoria, to elect six delegates to the not draw a will who has fair busi- endowing new institutions or ty- per month without board the Democratic State Convention, which ness like ability to write out the ing up property for a future time, "Contract and Finance company," meets at Portland April 5, 1882, and gifts. Common sense suggests a lawyer's aid may be very needful. which was identical with the to transact such other business as may that the paper ought to be headed Even lawyers sometimes make Central Pacific Railway Directory, come before the convention. The as a will. And it is not difficult to mistakes. A New York lawyer reduced the wages of American learn by inquiry how many wit- named Rose drew his own will, labor 50 per cent., driving thounesses are required in the particu- leaving about two millions to be sands of American laborers to lar state; this, by the way, is the held for five years to see if other choose between enforced idleness state where the testator resides (at givers would add \$300,000; if they or a starving competition with the his death); a will drawn for a man would, the whole should go to en- labor of these Asiatic slaves. This on a journey should follow the dow a "Rose Beneficent Associa- policy of that corporation has been law of the state where he has his tion;" if they would not, then his applied to the grading and conhome. Neither bad grammar nor money was to go to other charities. struction of all the roads they misspelling in the body of the will Now the law does not allow prop- have built since the completion of vitiates it; if the judges can un- erty to be held in suspense for a the central Pacific. They are now derstand what the paper means, definite term of years; therefore working on the Colorado connec- gates to the county convention will be they will order that done. Wills his gift was pronounced void. tion with the Atlantic and Pacific held Saturday, March 25, 1882. By having nearly every important Some most absurd blunders have exclusively with Chinese. word misspelled and nearly desti- been made by lawyers in drawing And now comes word from tute of punctuation have been ac. wills for themselves. It is not ob- Oregon in explanation of the apcepted. Maine papers say that ligatory to appoint an executor, parent indifference of the people a court has lately taken proof of but doing so is wise, and if a test there on the Senate Anti-Coolie a will made in pantomime by a tator has enough confidence in the bill. It seems that, though the man who was deaf and dumb, and person named to direct that "he common people of Oregon are could not write or use the alpha. shall not be required to give se- a unit for the bill, there are a large bet. But mistakes which obscure the meaning make trouble. A story last summer was that Mr.

Mathew Vassar, when drawing his own will, meant to leave \$7000 to mality in these; especially in New layers and graders demand fair a vear. Story last summer to leave \$7000 to mality in these; especially in New layers and graders demand fair a vear. Story last summer was that Mr.

The Weekly Astorian for this week is full of just such information and news of the country as your friends in the east ways to see. It has very few advertisements, and is chock to the muzzle of information that no family can successfully squeeze along without. Two dollars will buy the whole wad for a vear. \$125 for six months or ten cents. bet. But mistakes which obscure curity," this may prove a great number of merchants who have seven churches - i. e., \$1000 York, where the form is stricter American wages; but these con- per copy. apiece-but in copying his rough than in most States. A story of tractors can easily procure Chinese draft be inadvertently inserted the last summer was that a will was at less than half price, if the Anti-

the man meant to write. Curious conditions are sometimes imposed. One testator declared in his will that if any legates should attempt to break it be should be debarred from all share. Another cutoff any heir who should wear moustaches! Another said that each legatee must take the pledge before receiving his share, and should forfeit a half year's rincome for every breach of it. Another left to his family physician £2000 if testor should live two, or £3000 if he should live two, or £3000 if he should live five years; but unluckily for the doctor, the patient lived only a week. Whether conditions of this kind are operative depends on circumstances; if they are lucid and practicable the courts will enforce them, but many are so expressed practicable the courts will enforce St. Leonard's will was lost, and coolies at, say \$20 per month withthe pudding is in the eating," and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers, order it. Loeb &Co., agents for Astoria. you wish that your legatee should able to repeat the substance of it on their road, at a monthly saving not receive the property unless he from memory. complies with a condition, say so plainly in the will, and the condition, if not contrary to law, will tained that the real and for many probably be enforced. But to give reasons the only promoters of Chiback the legacy because of break-nese immigration are the great ing the condition after it has been subsidized Pacific railway corpopaid may not be so easy. And do rations. Senator Hoar, of Massanot mention your requests at all in chusetts, in his speech against the your will (but write them in a let- Senate Anti-Coolie bill, thought ter separately) unless you mention he made a strong point in favor of that, if they are not obeyed, the unrestricted immigration when he legacy shall be forfeited. Requests vauntingly asserted that without which are not peremptory condi- the Chinese our California railway tions often make trouble. When could not have been constructed. Heller, the magician died, he be- It is true that the Central Pacific queathed his apparatus to be de- was mainly constructed by the stroyed. In some instances a tes- Chinese, From 1866 to 1868 intator has directed that a favorite clusive, when that work was prohorse or other pet should be killed, gressing toward, in and through "lest it fall into unkind hands." the Sierra Nevada, probably three-It is doubtful whether a court would fourths of the graders were coolcompel an executor to destroy ies. The wages of American from 12,000 to 20,000 more coolies property because the will so de- labor were higher then than now, for the accommodation of railway

In discussing this important but or articles should be destroyed is Finance" Company by the Chinese bonds from the United States to

But if what is was discarded, because the witness time. Three British stea

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CURIOSITIES OF WILL MAK- sired; wills are allowed for giving But these coolies, hired by con- corporations that have received one's property; that useful animals tract to the railway "Contract and hundreds of millions in land and or boarding themselves. At that

draft be inadvertently inserted the word "each," giving the churches \$7000 each, or \$49,000 in all. The general rule as to mistakes is that if the will is lucid and intelligible, and can be carried into effect as it reads, this must be done; the language cannot be altered because witnesses say that the testator meant something different from what he wrote. But if what is what he wrote. But if what is was discarded, because the witness time. Three British steamers now female physicians and nurses in the written cannot be performed, the did not sign at the end of the will. at Hongkong have been chartered cents a bottle. court will then take proof of what Common sense ought to tell any- for this purpose, besides a number one that any important paper of sailing vessels. The three Curious conditions are some- ought to be completed before the steamers have a capacity for 2,500 on each man of at the very lowest \$20. Twenty dollars a month each saved on 9000 men aggregates a yearly speculation of \$2,100,000 to the railway company and its contractors for labor. They can well afford to expend one-tenth of this sum to cause delay in Congress; and whoever thinks any of the great subsidized railway corpora-

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