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NEWS OF THINGS IN GENERAL.

The Usual Number of Accidents Happen During the Week.

THE BLYTHE ESTATE IN COURT.

Large Opium Seizure—Indian Schools—Severe Storms in the East—A Paper in Trouble—Incendiarism.

LOS ANGELES, July 21.—Ex-Attorney General W. H. Hart, who has been in this city for the past five days looking up evidence in the famous Blythe contest, left for San Francisco today. He was very reticent as to the discoveries in this city of the alleged will of Blythe, merely intimating that he had seen a copy of such document.

Aside from the will question, it is stated, that the lawyer's visit to Los Angeles has resulted in the discovery of two important witnesses in the person of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cherry.

It is stated that their testimony, if allowed to be given, will be to the effect that Blythe told them of his connection with Mrs. Ashcroft, and acknowledged Florence to be his daughter.

Hart positively declined to state whether or not he had found the supposed long-lost Blythe will. There were outsiders, however, who declared most positively that the original will in Blythe's handwriting has been found, and that almost the entire property is willed to Florence Blythe.

The Cherrys claim they were in San Francisco during the last years of Thomas Blythe's lifetime. Mrs. Cherry was well acquainted with him for some

time before his death. She was engaged in some special medical investigations, and treated Blythe for heart trouble; that in the course of their acquaintance Blythe grew quite friendly with Mrs. Cherry and talked freely of his life and affairs. He frequently mentioned Florence Blythe, as a child, and her mother, also known as Mrs. Ashcroft. He told Mrs. Cherry that while he was in Europe, he lived very highly; that he had elegant rooms where Mrs. Ashcroft occasionally visited him; that the result of this union is the child that now appears as the claimant of the estate.

The conversations he had with Mrs. Cherry continued until a short time previous to Mr. Blythe's death. He showed her a picture of the girl, and said he had had a picture taken of her every year since she was born. He never denied that Florence was his child, and showed letters in which the little girl was mentioned as "Flo."

A Large Opium Seizure.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—The steamer Empire, five and one-half days from Nanaimo, B. C., arrived in this port yesterday, loaded with coal consigned to R. D. Chandler, and was hauled into the Pacific street dock. Owing to her late arrival, search by the custom house officers was not commenced until this morning, when they were set to work. The examination has been so far confined to the engineers department of the vessel, in which place the bed plates of the engines had been most advantageously used, and the compartments completely packed with opium. To an observer the bed plates are the most securely fastened piece of iron on the ship, bolts not more than a quarter of an inch apart running around the entire plates.

The idea flashed into the minds of the searchers that there were too many bolts for practical use, and an examination could result in no loss. Into the dirty, greasy apartment the necessary tools were carried, and the work was commenced. The plates looked solid, but their true use was soon made known, when it was found impossible to turn one of the bolts, and their seemed no way of getting it off. A cold chisel was brought into use, and the plate was soon in the hands of the searchers, and in the receptacle two five-tael boxes

of opium were found. The plate that was so securely bolted contained about twenty sham bolt heads and four legitimate screws.

The first find was encouragement to search, and a second bed plate, over an inch thick, was taken off, and forty-four boxes were brought to light. The third bed-plate contained about fifty more boxes, all of which was found in this morning's search. In the neighborhood of \$3000 worth of opium will be seized by the customs officers. The smugglers have not been captured.

The Indian Schools.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Indian Commissioner Morgan said today that in the management of the Indian schools he proposed to be governed by the principles laid down by the Mohonk conference, so far as they can be put into practice.

He is in favor of a system of non-partisan public schools, exclusively under government control. He will, as opportunities present themselves, substitute a system of government schools controlled by the Indian bureau for the contract school system. He has renewed for the coming year most of the contracts with religious organizations, already existing. He is obliged to do this, because he has not at once the means to substitute government schools for the existing ones, but he has refused to extend the contract system to the new schools.

There are now about fifty boarding schools conducted under contract, and about 150 under the exclusive care of government teachers.

General Morgan says that he does not anticipate any difficulty over the principle that the teachers shall be appointed from among those who are situated. While giving preference to residents of the state, he will not appoint incompetent teachers because he or she is a resident of the state, nor refuse to appoint a competent one because he or she is not a resident.

Storms in the East.

ST. PAUL, July 19.—Advices from many and widely separated points in Montana and Dakota report severe storms of hail and rain yesterday. The weather has been excessively hot in places, and crops are bumed up by the heat. In other places much damage has been done by water. The streams are rising and serious overflows are feared.

THE SEVEREST FOR MANY YEARS.

CHICAGO, July 19.—The severest thunder storm in many years occurred here last night. An inch of rain fell in twenty minutes, and cellars and basements were flooded. Chinese laundrymen spent the night perched on tables, basement loggers were driven into the street, and much property was damaged.

THE STRM GENERAL IN OHIO.

CINCINNATI, July 19.—A heavy thunder storm at 3 o'clock A. M. flooded a portion of the town. The Ohio canal broke at Yek street, and a number of persons were rescued with difficulty. The storm is general in the state. Lightning set fire to the little village of Georgeville in Franklin county. Half the town was burned.

Incendiarism at Tacoma.

TACOMA W. T., July 22.—Fire started at 1:45 this morning in Dougan & Brigham's carenter shop, on the west side of Railroad street, between Ninth and Eleventh streets, and was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. Four buildings, extending from Railroad to C streets, were totally destroyed, but fortunately no wind was blowing, and the fire was confined to the four buildings. One of these is boarding house, and the others were stores and carpenter shops. It is impossible to learn the loss and insurance at present, but probably \$10,000 will cover it. Had there been any breeze a best business blocks in the city, at the court-house would probably have gone. Great excitement prevailed until flames were got under control.

ANOTHER BROKEN DAM.

A Mighty Wave Sweeps Down an Ohio Valley.

WRECKING ALL IN ITS PATH.

Although the Property Loss Was Very Heavy, the People Escaped—The Recent Flood in West Virginia.

LANCASTER, O., July 20.—One of the most disastrous storms ever known in the Hocking valley culminated yesterday in the breaking of Sharp's dam at Sugar Grove, on the Hocking canal. The dam held in store a large body of water that supplied the lower levels of the reservoir to its banks, when suddenly the dam gave away, and the water went out through the valley, taking with it every movable object. For twenty miles the soil is plowed up. Trees, fences, crops and hundreds of head of live stock were swept away. No lives were lost, because the houses are situated on a bluff that overlooks the valley. But the canal for miles is a wreck, and thousands of feet of railroad track are washed away.

THE WEST VIRGINIA FLOOD.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 21.—An *Intelligencer* special from the flooded district tonight says: It is feared that the death list will be much increased when points cut off from the outside world are heard from.

A later dispatch says that the village of Morristown, in Wirt county, was swept entirely away. Great suffering exists among those who lost all they owned. The county commissioners will issue an appeal for aid. The cloudburst occurred on Limestone mountain, where the five creeks have a common source.

The damage to crops was enormous, and the farmers will be dependent upon charity until the next season.

AT PARKERSBURG.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 20.—An estimate can hardly yet be formed of the great calamity that swept over the Little Kanawha valley, but enough is known to mark it as the most destructive in life and property ever occurring in West Virginia.

The scene of the great disaster was on Pond creek, in Jackson county and Tucker creek, in Wirt county. Pond creek rose twenty-five feet in an hour from the time of the cloudburst, and the water spread from hill to hill, and carried all before it.

Four men took refuge in the Thomas mill. The mill was washed away and Edward Boss was drowned.

Thomas Black and his newly wedded wife were washed from their home and perished.

Thomas Hughes, his wife and four children, fled from their home, but the water overtook them and none escaped but Hughes.

On Tucker creek seven lives are reported to have been lost, but no definite information can be got. The loss to property is immense, and will run up into the millions.

The Governor Objects.

SALEM, July 22.—Governor Pennoyer today took Secretary of State McBride to task for issuing warrants for the pay of the railroad commissioners last week. The Governor didn't know it until his arrival here today. He told McBride that these would be the last he would issue until the case was decided; that he (the governor) would obtain an injunction. McBride replied that he would issue them until restrained by a court of competent jurisdiction; that he considered the case settled by the recent decision of the supreme court.

The Stanford University.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—In an interview concerning Leland Stanford, jr. University, Senator Stanford said that

no appointment of a president or of professors had yet been made, although a number of applications had been received for professorships. The main building is now ready to be partitioned into class rooms, the engineer is now East studying the interior arrangements of the leading institutions there, and the work will go on when his plans are adopted.

The Senator said that it was his intention to commence scholastic work by the next school year.

Dormitories are being built to accommodate 260 boys, and suitable accommodations will be provided for girls, who will be admitted to the university on equal terms with boys.

An Odd Will.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 22.—An odd will has been filed for probate here. Mrs. Mary Ann Schaub died without relatives. She had surrounded herself by a number of dogs and cats, and had accumulated property valued at about \$6000, and this she leaves in trust for two of her favorite dogs. She provides that a sufficient sum shall be reserved from her property to maintain these dogs as long as they live, and especially orders one bed and clothing for their occupancy. A young lady whom she adopted some years ago, is made the second beneficiary, upon condition that she will live in the house and care for these dogs for a period of eight years. If, at the end of this term, her task has been dutifully performed, she shall come into possession of the entire property.

A Newspaper in Trouble.

CHICAGO, July 22.—The Commercial National bank, through its attorney, went before Judge Grinnell this morning and secured a confession of judgment for \$12,751 against James J. West, editor of the *Chicago Times*, and James West & Co., which firm includes Clinton & Snowden, formerly managing editor of the *Chicago Times*.

A deputy sheriff went to the *Times* building and made a demand for the money. The editor replied that he had no property which he could turn over in satisfaction of the debt. Officers then started for the West residence with the expressed intention of levying on his personal effects.

Wheat, Hops and Salmon.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—Wheat cables from Europe have grown stronger during the week. The Russian crop outlook is now said not to be so bad as at first reported. Exporters are buying but little. Trading generally is not very brisk. Options had fair attention in a speculative way, and were dullish. Flour in general is very strong because of wheat reports. Little is sold however.

Hop reports from New York state appear rather favorable for a good crop. There is nothing remarkable in the market.

Columbia river salmon, one pound four-dozen case, \$1.80@1.95.

Without Food or Shelter.

SEATTLE, July 22.—Today a man was found lying in the brush on Denny hill suffering from typhoid fever. His tongue was swollen and he was hardly able to speak. He gave the name of Peter Olsen and said he had lain out of doors eight days and nights without food and water, being delirious a part of the time. Feeling unwell, he had spread his blankets in the thicket to lie down and rest, and then was unable to rise or summon help. Olsen was taken to the hospital.

The General Land Office.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—It was rumored here today that Ex-Congressman Thomas, of Illinois, had been appointed commissioner of the general land office, but on investigation the rumor could not be confirmed. It is believed that this place will be filled shortly, and the two prominent candidates are Thomas and the present assistant commissioner, Ex-Governor Stone, of Iowa.