EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

QUEEN LIL WILL PRESENT HER CLAIMS

Minister Discharged from Custody—Jew from Kansas Murder—Explosion—Will Smart—Dam Litigation Reopened.

The steamer Mariposa is expected to leave here for Sydney on July 30.

The steamer Bell Brandt, now on the ways at the Presidio, has 100 stands of colors.

The army post at the Presidio has been turned over to Brigadier General Merriam by Lieutenant Colonel Merriam, who has been relieved.

A general court martial has been ordered for the Second brigade, now at San Francisco, and Col. William G. Ross, of the First Tennessee, has been named as president.

Prosecutor Ben Cooper, United States District Attorney Foster, Deputy Sheriff Duncan and Deputy Marshal Wilson, of the Northern District, left for the Klondike, from Seattle, on the steamer Rosalie, on the 19th.

The body of William Jones, a prominent Japanese merchant, died here recently, was buried yesterday afternoon. He had been a resident of this city for 30 years, and it is stated that he wandered away from his home in Hongkong, and it is believed that he wandered away within the last ten days, and every effort will be made to start them off together. It is the expectation of those who reside in Hongkong that they will have left San Francisco for Manila, and now are thousand miles out on their journey. Preparations will be made of the other if not known, although it is Army Indeed that they will eventually follow the other to Manila. The soldiers, and possibly more will come from the East if the threatened trouble with Independent chief Manila grows more extensive.

It is rumored among the intimate friends of Lilioukalani, former queen of the Hawaiian Islands, that when she returned to Honolulu she will make a statement, or manifesto, to the people. As soon as she has informed her people of the result of her mission, she will publicly protest against the annexation of the Islands and will present her claims for the crown lands, confiscated by the republic which consists of nearly 1,000,000 acres and which yield a yearly revenue of over $1,000,000. The claims are present for claim for crown lands and 1,000,000 collected as revenue by the republic. President Agoncillo, however, it is said, has been requested to handle the case against the United States government.

Col. Parker of the First regiment New York volunteers has been appointed brigadier general to fill the place left by Miles, who is to be commander of the new military post. In addition to his own regiment he will have under his command the Hawaiian troops, numbering over 200 men, and the Twenty-seventh of the Second regiment of United States volunteers. The Twenty-seventh of engineers numbers over 60 men, and has been organized for some weeks at the Presidio. It is in command of Major Langfitt, and is composed of Company I of Portland, company K of San Francisco and company M of Portland, the Alameda is expected to leave Portland, Oregon, on the 23d and with the first detachment of the New Yorkers and will over the new post, bodies and stores for a few days extremely hot weather. Major Philip Long, who is to be chief paymaster, upon at Honolulu, arrived from New York and reported to Gen. Merriam Friday.

In the ruling made by Judge Ishem in the United States court at Butte, Mont., Friday, the entire Anna J. Smith estate litigation, Mrs. Smith, after the matter was thought to have been amicably arranged, was nearly $100,000 in the hole, and would have to pay her relatives. The case in which the ruling was made was that of Erwin Davis of New York, brother of the dead millionaire, against Mrs. Davis and other claimants, who came in as heirs under the will. Erwin Davis sue for half of the great estate, alleging that Mrs. Davis and others had forged the marriage certificate and such by fabricating the claims of a number of alleged children and bringing about a division of the property. The will was admitted to probate here forged after a long hard was submitted to probate by agreement of the relatives of the dead man. Later the relatives of the alleged children, who had fabricated and nearly a million was divided. Erwin Davis's suit was postponed at the request of the defendants. The defendants sought to have it put of court on a demurrer. It was this demurrer Judge Ishem overruled. This allows the case to be tried upon its merits. If Erwin Davis wins, those who have received shares out of the estate and the administrator, and the bondsmen will be responsible for the money already divided.

OUR NEW ARMY.

How It Should be Formed and Administered.

[Army and Navy Journal.]

Having in view the probability which confronts us, and considering the nature of our institutions and the characteristics of the people, we must anticipate all the obstacles which lie in the composition of an efficient and national army. Conscription is a death sentence to the American people only to be resorted to in the last extremity. We have seen how the country has responded to a call to war. It is reasonable to assume that a very large proportion of those who have volunteered and died, they were patriotic, or interested in Cuba, but from a view of the sentiments of war and the hope of reputation to be gained thereby.

We have a large body of young men, adventurous and enterprising. We shall continue to have them, and will be able to look to them for our supply as long as they shall believe that the prospects of war or the military service offers to them a career. We make no, for that that statement—given the prospect of a career to those who are and the hope of importance to those who have by study demonstrated their fitness for it.

Military rank, even of the lowest grade, should not be given at the solicitation of influential people in Congress and Executive offices. Rank should be supply which our national military institutions and universities afford, and can not at short notice be of use to which would be added the new grade of rank.

This would be a very serious step. West Point and Annapolis are their well which for years have been the foundation of our national education and training, instead of nothing to them, the graduates who have everything to lose, we shall lose. The great bulk of our institutions to which should be our only than who have a social career with the other, and the rapid promotion which is to attract the government in affording them employment opportunities.

This much for the officers. How is our small and organize the large army we shall need in a country requiring much breadth. There is no doubt that we are a military, though not a military nation. We have never seen a military nation, yet people as a body are not interested in an army by nature in consequence especially. Wars are not intended to appeal to them. Mr. Cleveland is the contrary. If they have a certain good value—personal, money, other interest in the war, the expectation, enough will take an interest. There is a large and increasing number of our young men who would hail a career which with the exception of actual war they would have the attractions of civilian. We can raise and organize a large army, equipped and officered, if need be. But this army should be as entirely national. State militia should be not only abolished, but forbidden. Our people are accustomed to be governed by the State-free delegated were departments are too many. We have enough of them at Washington as it is. If there must be a subdivision of authority, let it be largely to the Regular and based on military requirements and not on state lines. If the authority should be subdivided in this direction, it embraces that of an organization suited to the immediate exigencies of the south, northern, eastern, western. Regular, volunteer, militia, national military. Drill the militia, state, and our special corps from Dominion, Militia, and the regular, militia and employments of the inhabitants have fitted them for the special work. In fact, per the raised men in the regular army, and the militia, men in their home and the service, men in their which are organized. All of this assumes a radical change in our army administration. That this or something similar must come, we believe. It is a matter of study, and we shall determine as holding such conquests as we may make. We cannot afford to delude ourselves with the idea that we can do it and maintain our Monroe Doctrine. If we do, we are entering upon a conquering and absorbing nation, our recent experiences have shown that we need a larger army ready for some time.

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