NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Widow Sues a Married Man for $50,000 Damages.

MOTHER AND CHILD DROWNED

Results of an Explosion of From 15,000 to 20,000 Pounds of Giant Powder.

The coroner's jury at Butte, Montana, has fixed the claim for the disaster at that point on the Kearsarge-Central Commercial company and the Butte Hardware company. Tony Sullivan from one to twenty kegs of dynamite were stored in the warehouses.

Bob Ling, a Chinaman aged, cured of consumption in a county in Chinatown, at Marysville, Cal., opened a place to smoke opium. In some way the Chinaman spotted the place. When discovered the lad was alive and the flames were making rapid headway up the walls. Bob Ling's lady was so badly burned that he died.

The Union Pacific train crews in Nebraska say that the recent weather is the worst known in the history of the road. The road was singularly blockaded between Grand Island and Kearney. Frequently the train was compelled to stop and the crews were forced to cut wood with which to shovel out the snow and that had stolen near it.

Mrs. Laura D. Hall, at San Francisco, wants $50,000 damages from A. F. Edgerley, in Fresno, and for cause of action charges that that gentleman lured with her affections in a most unbearable manner. Mrs. Hall is a widow who hails from Stockton, and the alleged cay Lothario is a wealthy resident of Fresno, who is a married man and old enough to know better than to be guilty of the naughty things which the lady charges against him.

Monday afternoon J. Jacobsen, with his wife and child, in a wagon tried to ford Mosquito creek, near Stone House, Cal. The creek is very high and the water rose very rapidly. The horses got over his depth and the current soon turned the cart, throwing the occupants into the water. Mr. Jacobsen succeeded in getting to shore, but his wife and baby were swept away and drowned. A searching party was formed, but at last report the bodies had not been recovered.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 pounds of giant powder were exploded under a hill south of Stanyan and west of Bivoli avenue, a few days ago, says the San Francisco Chronicle, for the purpose of getting material to fill in lots which are below the official grade. The blast, so far as tearing up the hill was concerned, was a success. The hill was almost turned inside out. The stock was hit for blocks around, and in many houses a new supply of crockery will be required. Dishes and glassware were thrown from shelves and broken into bits on the floors. The worst sufferer by the blast is J. Henderson. He occupied a cottage cottage on Bivoli avenue about 200 feet south of Stanyan street. His house was nearly blown to pieces. The side of the house next to the hill was completely torn away and the ceilings in the rooms and the roof were dislodged. That Mrs. Henderson escaped being killed is marvelous. Two men were slightly injured.

Walter E. Ellsworth, of Portland, Ore., whose wife died suddenly Sunday morning under suspicious circumstances, has been arrested charged with having poisoned his wife with strychnine. In the interval between convulsions, just before her death, Mrs. Ellsworth complained of the bitter taste of a powder her husband had given her, and Ellsworth stated to the physician that he had given her some corn starch to soothe her. The physician reported the circumstances to the coroner and chief of police, and it was decided to hold an inquiry. Examination at the contents of the stomach showed the presence of strychnine. Before the coroner's jury, Ellsworth protested his innocence of murder or any knowledge of the cause of his wife's death. The statements he had made about the matter were proved to be false by the physician who attended his wife, and the jury found that death had been caused by strychnine poisoning.

The Postal Website.

New York undoubtedly has an admirable mail service. A city letter going its way within business hours will get there almost as quickly as a telegram, and not infrequently quicker than a messenger. The deliveries and collections are frequent, the carriers careful and courteous, and bloody-thirsty wives are generally delivered to their spouses after a very short limit. How bitterly, bearing only the cases of true poetic strangers are promptly deposited in lieu of the boss employing messenger. When the postman drops a letter in your home box, or slightly paper on pushes up the door, he announces it, he pulls your bell and knocks. The good woman of the house is alarmed to know who the person, whether the bill jingler and the wheeling pitiner, there's no need to ask for time or weather who's there. You know all about it. The postal system is well up and with Scotch steel. —New York Letter.

An Honest Girl in Washington.

I was out and I happened to be in the house gallery and marked the manner of one speech which was strange to a Western lady. She did not slight a single "r." The word English "r" "calling" people which we indicate by "ar." And when it "put out" the jacket of a lady by her hand she called it a "brach." She said it seemed to have "ar" on the bottom "r" "ar." She said she also had got advanced the opinion of congress to make the "people get to go." But that she meant to "ar" "ar" to be. "Then the debate ended and went away, as we said the "ar" "ar" "calling" to do for us."—Washington Post.

Time the Rock.

One part of the wrecking machinery during the Pittsburgh-Allegheny flood. The power boat is fitted with a telephone of the kind used on the telephone and has been a boat which is given the little. This is probably the only of the kind in the world. Only the hand in Europe is marvelous.

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