NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Mother Gives Her Child Carbolic Acid by Mistake.

DRUNKEN MAN BREAKS HIS NECK.

Chinese Lad Sold for California—Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk Hurt—Girls Opposed to Cigarette Smoking.

Deputy Postmaster C. E. McSherry, of Vallejo, Cal., is missing. He is short in his accounts.

The Wells-Fargo express company is reported to have withdrawn from the Gila Valley, Ariz., owing because of the excessive charges the road makes for transportation.

A social war is now raging in Phoenix, A. T. The girls of the city formed an anti-cigarette society, and the boys have retaliated by forming an anti-chewing gum society.

Coal of an excellent quality has been discovered in Arizona in apparently inexhaustible quantities in the Dos Cabezas district, but six miles from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

C. H. Slattery, the junior member of the well known firm of E. J. Hallock & Co., manufacturers of printing and lithographic inks, died at Alameda, Cal., Friday evening from pneumonia.

The largest shipment of flour ever made from Puget sound to African ports will be shipped by the British steamer Strathnaver, now loading at the Port Blakely mills. She will take out 3,000 tons.

The United States government detectives made a raid in the Chinese quarter of Quincy, Cal., Saturday night and captured $150 worth of unstamped opium.

At Sonora, Cal., Saturday night, an old Mexican named Lucas Lortegis swallowed not under the influence of liquor. Next morning he was found on the floor with his neck broken, having fallen out of bed during the night.

Ex-County Clerk C. O. Downing of Spokane, Wash., convicted of having embezzled the sum of $72,[illegible] belonging to the county while acting in his official capacity as clerk, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, the widow of the late General Fisk of New Jersey, who was prohibition candidate for President in 1888, was thrown from her carriage while out driving Wednesday with Mrs. Dwight W. Welch in Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday, and was probably badly injured.

James Grant, burglarized a San Francisco saloon on Thursday night. When the saloon was opened in the morning on a chair was a broken lock, and a hammer that had of burglary. A search revealed Grant behind the bar sleeping. He had started out to drink the place dry, but fell down and went to sleep.

Says the Kern Californian: There are a couple of thousand acres of wild cantaloupe growing down in the Weed Patch country, in some places fairly covering the ground. A half section of the best stand has been rented by parties who propose making a test to see what can be done with the plant. If successful, a promising industry may be built up here.

Claus Spreckels and wife have lost their suit against their son, Rudolph Spreckels, to recover $500,000 worth of the stock of the Pacific Pipe Line company. The stock was presented by Claus Spreckels to his son, and in seeking to recover the stock he alleged it was community property, and that the gift was void because made without the consent of the wife. The court thought otherwise.

William Blackmun, the oldest resident of Sonoma county, Cal., died on Saturday night, of pneumonia, aged 100 years, 5 months and 14 days. All of his six children are over 60 years of age. He used tobacco and occasionally took a drink of liquor before he was 50 years of age, but concluding that he wanted to live as long and in as good health as possible he ceased both and has not touched either for more than fifty years. He has been totally blind for two or three years, but mentally he retained his vigor to the last.

Jared H. Jenks, 64 years old, fell 40 feet from a scaffolding about his house in San Francisco Saturday afternoon, and was instantly killed. Jenks was secretary. Years ago he started to build a house. It is not yet completed, though he and his family have lived in the half finished house for many years. The staging has never been torn down. He was repairing the roof and the supports to the plank upon which he stood collapsed. He fell through the scaffolding, carrying away much of it with his falling body. He was dead before assistance reached him. He leaves a wife and two children.

California is indebted to China for some important benefits, and probably will be for others ere long. Four boxes of ladybirds on ice were received Saturday by the state board of horticulture. They were sent by Professor Albert Koebele, who collected them in China, where he is employed in the interest of the Hawaiian government. To the same source California owes the introduction of the vedalia cardinalis, novius koebeli, rhizobius ventralis and other beneficial insects, which have killed the scale. This institution contains the finest collection of ladybirds in color and size ever seen in America.

Mrs. Lambert, of San Francisco, gave her 8-year-old girl a teaspoonful of carbolic acid in mistake for cough medicine early Saturday morning. Mrs. Lambert states that she was awakened shortly after 1 o'clock by her little girl, who said she wanted some cough medicine. In the dark she mistook a bottle of carbolic acid for the medicine. She poured out a teaspoonful and gave it to the child. Immediately after the little girl exclaimed that the medicine was bitter and asked her mother to give her a glass of milk. Mrs. Lambert then realized her terrible mistake, and hurried from the house summoned a physician. The child is in a critical condition.

Hard Luck.

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