NEWS OF THE WEST.

An Alleged Scheme to Defraud San Diego, Cal., of City Lots.

THE "POISONED ARM" DODGE.

A Venerable Bridegroom. — Serious Blasting Accident.—Heavy Damages for Injuries.

A pesthouse has been established at Starr, Josh county.

The great cave in the Black Hills region, Idaho, is said to be fifty-two miles long, and contains nearly 1000 rooms, some 200 feet high having been opened. There are streams, waterfalls and thirty-seven lakes, one of which is no area to extent. The cave is 5000 feet above sea level, and 400 feet below the earth's surface.

A young fellow has been working the poisoned arm racket in various Idaho towns. A constable started him into a doctor's office at Boise City the other day, and the doctor, upon examination, pronounced it a case of fly blister applied for the purpose of getting up an irritation to be business on.

Fannie L. Alexander, the daughter of W. M. Leaf, the millionaire mining man of Oakland, California and New York, has obtained a divorce in the district court in Los Angeles from Lieutenant Walter S. Alexander of the regular army, says the Denver Sun. There was no alimony asked for the child. The only ground for the divorce was that of desertion.

At the city hall, San Bernardino, in the presence of the society of Pioneers on Saturday afternoon, a venerable octogenarian, Judge N. P. Ely, was married to Mrs. Annie Alexander. Judge Ely is 88 years of age and the father of the celebrated Ely twins, who were engaged in so many bloody encounters with ruffians in Tombstone's palmy days. The bride is thirty years the junior of her husband. Both are hale and hearty.

Narcisse Perrier, who was hurt in a railroad accident in northern Idaho about a year ago, was last Saturday awarded the largest jury verdict ever given in the United States district court at Spokane, says the Moscow (Idaho) Mirror. The case came on several days and the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $15,000, the original claim being $25,000. Perrier was injured in a collision and it was claimed that in consequence he was partially deprived of his reason.

Charles Hirst, an old-time miner, who has been in Montana 18 or 19 years, writes the Helena Independent, met with a serious accident while working in his mine near Clancy. He had placed and lighted the fuse twice, but the blast failed to go off, and was about trying to attach a third fuse when the blast exploded, the charge striking his hands. He was brought to Helena on the Tracy was called. As the result of the accident Hirst lost almost the entire left hand and the first finger on the right hand.

A conservative estimate places the destruction of wheat by the recent rains in the Palouse, Pullman and Hangman regions, Washington, at over 5,000,000 bushels, and all that is harvested will be marketed as rejected wheat, thus being the instructions of agents to elevator companies. In many parts of Palouse 60 per cent of wheat has been harvested and hauled, and half has been cut, and of this a large proportion will never be cut. Of the stacked grain but little will be good for much according to reports.

Some party in Oakland, Cal., has been for a month past forging the name of a number of local cigar makers to orders on San Francisco wholesale cigar firms for goods. On these forged orders between $300 and $4 worth of cigars has been obtained. Quite a number of San Francisco firms were duped before the forgeries were discovered. The Oakland police have arrested a man named Gilbert, who, it is believed, knows something about the forgeries. Whoever did the work was a very clever penman and has covered well his tracks. The police believe they have the right party.

A suit of importance to the depositors in the Riverside, California, Banking company has been taken to the Supreme court. The plaintiff is Mrs. C. M. Dutton, one of the depositors who have signed the resumption contract allowing the bank four years to make full payment of claims against it. The amount involved is only a few hundred dollars, but the effect of the suit will be to test the validity of the resumption agreement. The plaintiff will take the ground that the bank by failing to resume after the lapse of so long a time since the contract was signed can no longer consider the resolutions found by it. This is the first instance where any of the depositors have proceeded against the bank.

A Sightlinder murder dating back seven years has been revived by the issuance of warrants for the arrest of three Chinese, who are charged with complicity in the assassination of Ho Ping at Waverly Place, San Francisco, on the night of July 5, 1886. The murder occurred in the hallway of the dwelling and there was no eye-witness to it. Yee Ling by name, who resided in the same house. He told the police that Lee Hin was the murderer. At the coroner's inquest Hin was charged with murder. He died and he never been heard from until some weeks ago. Chinese friends of the murdered man learned of Hin's return to this state, and they succeeded in arrest of two others, Ah Ning and Hong Ah Now, with the crime. These are charged with Hin.

The Salem (Oregon) Statesman says: Receiver E. W. Hoyt, of the Oregon Pacific railroad, has gone East to make final arrangements for the proposed extension of the road over the mountains to Boise, Idaho, to connect with the Chicago & Northwestern. Little trouble is anticipated by the promoters in their attempt to raise the money wanted to build the extension. The best friends feel the road will be built as far as Dorchester street, if not farther. General Superintendent Mealey stated that the extension would have been completed this winter but for the sudden stringency in the money market which upset the plans of the company and delayed the work of construction. It is hoped that active and definite steps will be taken after and the spring of 1894 will see the road well under way.

A correspondent of the Carson (Nevada) Appeal saw an Indian kill a rattlesnake in a very peculiar manner recently. The caller had seen two feet from the Indian, who was resting the rifle on his knee, apparently leaning one. Whenever he moved he would a few inches the snake would move around and get exactly in line with it. Then to make sure how the thing was done the Indian moved about in a circle and the reptile moved as if his tail was a circle, always keeping his head and body in line with the gun. The Indian then agreed to keep his eyes and shoot the snake in the mouth. The writer handed the Indian his eyes and noticing the gun he was able at arm's length the Indian pulled the trigger and the ball entering the snake's mouth and passed the whole length of his body. "How do you take sun?" was the query. "The snake he take sun," was the reply. We have talked with an old hunter on this proposition and he claims that a rattlesnake will always range almost in line with a gun of ordinary size at it.

It has been lately ascertained that there are many salients in lands belonging to the city of San Diego, Cal., and it is believed that a conspicuous conspiracy has existed, involving councilmen and other city officials, in which it has been proposed to defeat the title by adverse possession to lands so occupied. Suits have been instituted by the city, says a special to the San Francisco Chronicle, against some of the joint owners in the matter, one being a prominent banker of San Diego and another an ex-councilman. It is difficult to properly assert in the media unwonted occupied owing to the obscurities of the lots as the old survey. For several years efforts have been made to secure a new survey, but on the ground of economy the expense has not been authorized. Lately, however, the lots began to be sold, and changes in the city council resulted in a more determined effort to secure a new survey. The opposition proved ineffectual, and the survey has resulted in the present suits to quiet title as preliminary to the ejectment of the squatters. An appeal is now pending in the state supreme court from the decision of the superior court of this county affirming the title of a squatter who had been on the land for over five years. The decision upheld has usually been to return to the list of available property the lands brought to the city. The person to whom they were assessed would allow the taxes to become delinquent and a friend would buy them in. Having thus secured a shadow of a claim to the land, a friend would move upon and improve it, erect a house and outbuildings and await the lapse of time until suit could be instituted to quiet title. As the land has never been subject to taxation, and all attempts to secure its assessment have been frustrated in their nature, no doubt are felt but that the supreme court will overrule the judgment of the lower court and affirm title in the squatter pending. Case will be taken that no other cases arise.

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