NEWS OF THE WEST.

Baby Burned to Death by Her Father's Bedside.

DRIVES INSANE BY THIRST.

Measuring for the 2,000-ft of Irrigation Ditches.—List of Accidents and Crimes.—General Notes.

William in Montague, who attempted to murder his sister-in-law last week at his home near Lake Gates, Calif., has been committed to Agnews insane asylum. Excessive drinking for four years is ascribed as insanity.

Eight tramps entered the town of Lordsburg, Cal., Friday night, took possession of a vacant house, appropriated some liquor and provisions and proceeded to run the town. Deputy Sheriff Hill was driven from the town when he attempted to quiet them, but he organized a posse of twenty men and marched the ringleaders to jail.

A Winters, Cal., special says that Oscar Stewart and the two Weaghtel brothers went to Rocky ridge Friday on a deer hunt. While dismounting near some rocks young Stewart slipped, and the hammer of his rifle struck with such force that the shell was exploded. The ball entered his left side and passed entirely through his body. Death was instantaneous.

Dr. Ephraim C. Knight was run over by a team and killed Thursday afternoon near the Tabernacle grounds, Long Beach, Cal. The horses were being driven a short distance from where Dr. Knight and his wife were standing, when they became frightened and ran over the old couple, dragging the pair to a shocking condition. Dr. Knight, who is 83 years old, died an hour later from his injuries, and his wife was severely bruised.

A. P. Davis, hydrographer of the United States geological survey, in charge of the work in the West, having just completed some work in Utah and with O. F. Sherman went to Caldwell, Idaho, Saturday, to put a gauge in the Boise river a short distance below that town. The object of putting a gauge there is to decide the much disputed question whether diversion of water into the irrigation canals actually reduces the water in the stream at points below the lands irrigated.

Old George Jones was subjected Friday to his periodical examination at Oakland, Cal., as to whether he is in sufficiently good health to be hanged. Jones is now known as the Sherriff of the jail." He is partially paralyzed, bedridden and 87 years of age. He gives his oil only twice each week, when he is taken down stairs to be tanned. Jones killed Lorenzo Dalil on January 18, 1885. The murdered man kept a little wine shop in San Pablo avenue, San Francisco, and one morning was found in his back room with his skull crushed in. Some of the dead man's effects were found on Jones, and though the evidence was circumstantial, Jones was tried and convicted on June 5, 1885, and sentenced on July 11th of that year to be hanged. He secured a stay because of illness, and has ever since been sick in the county jail, where it is expected he will pass his last days.

A week ago Friday a Russian lad named John Gleem, 10 years old, left Fresno to search for work to help to support himself and mother, who were very poor. He intended to apply at the fruit orchards and return that evening. He did not return, and when ten days had passed the neighbors searched far and wide, and the only trace of him was at an orchard a few miles away, where he had asked for work. Last Friday night Coroner Long received a telegram from a ranch at West Side that a body had been found in a ditch a few miles from that place. The body was identified as that of Gleem. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death from drowning. The boy had wandered twenty-five miles and passed through the settlements, not seen by plains. Perhaps he became insane from thirst, and in crawling down the bank to drink had fallen in the water. He had evidently been dead for several days.

One of the most pathetic and melancholy events that ever transpired in this county was the burning to death of the little three-year-old daughter of Marion Millar, and the suicide of Millar on account of remorse for his neglect of the child. The Millars live about three miles below Azusa on a ranch. The family consisted of Millar, his wife and two daughters, one of them 15 years of age, and the other a pretty, flaxen-haired three-year-old child. Millar set his heart on this little tot and when she could, she accompanied him on his jaunts. He took as much care of her at home as her mother. In fact, the little one was his pride and pleasure. For several months Millar has been troubled over finances, and he has repeatedly said that the little girl was all that he had to live for. Wednesday, Mrs. Millar went to visit a sick woman in the neighborhood and her elder daughter went away to visit some friends. Millar was in charge of the little girl. He played with her nearly all day, and toward evening went into his room and lay down on the bed, leaving his little daughter playing in the shade in front of the house. Millar was very tired and slept soundly. It appears that the little girl got hold of a box of matches and set fire to the thin and gauzy dress she wore. In a moment she was in a blaze. The little girl, it is supposed from the circumstances, tried to put the fire out, as the water was at several outdoor sprinklers running. Failing to extinguish the flames she ran into her father's room and fell at his bedside, terribly burned. She must have cried herself hoarse, as her little charred hands were found extended toward the bed as in silent supplication for aid. But Millar slept too deeply to hear his child's groans and cries of she made way. When the other daughter reached the house in the evening she was met by a scientific odor, and looking into her father's room saw her little sister horribly burned and blistered, and dead by her father's bedside. She almost awakened her father. His grief was terrible. He picked up the dead and blistered body of his pet and tried to kiss it back to life again. After his terrible agony of grief had somewhat subsided, he told his daughter he was going out in the orchard for a moment. Taking his rifle he went out in the yard and sent a bullet through his head.

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