

NEWS OF THE WEST.

An Insane Man Shot His Wife and Then Attempted Suicide.

A HALF-CASTE WOMAN IS LUCKY.

An Infant Found Alive After Being in a Coffin For Seven Days.

Fred Blackley has pleaded guilty to three charges of forgery at Moscow, Idaho. Blackley, while deputy county auditor, embezzled \$20,000 of county money by a series of forged warrants.

Gioe Neumayr, of San Francisco, alienated his wife, a widow of 30 years, from his home in San Fran. Last Friday, he got into a dispute with his wife over her will, left the train with the remains of Cheyenne, and the initial part of Fort Russell, taking the wife to another.

The O'Keeshes in Alameda County, Calif., are hard at work on their family histories in order to ascertain if they are not, in some way, related to the O'Keeshes who died 15 years ago leaving a fortune of \$3,000,000 serrege. The estate is now in the control of the trustees in London, and some Oakland people have made a claim to it.

According to the Augus, Cal., Times, an Asian girl has just found out she is the mother of a child she always been unaware. She has been brought up by the man who had adopted her father's life, her stepfather, and now her real father turns up with wealth while the woman was content to live a simple life. Her stepfather, the dissolute man, was her son's actual father in western California.

The homesteading season has opened at Butte, Cal., and the great demand for help has drawn large numbers of laborers to the fields. In consequence the cannery and pack-houses houses are crammed with men who come from that part of the country for earning has been hurriedly shipped away to save it. Several hundred laborers, male and female, could find employment in the vicinity at present.

Jesus Millard, an interpreter at Chinese, said that a protest with the superintendents of Chinese against the employment of Chinese as interpreters of that tongue in the police courts. He claims that the law specifically prohibits the employment of Chinese by the city for any purpose, and that an interpreter of Chinese is used, the city is liable to white men who are found to tell the full story.

George Lewis, 15-year-old Negro girl in Salt Lake City, swelling rapidly before being sent to Whittier reform school, on Tuesday attempted to commit suicide by smothering herself with gas. She soon fainted from lack of oxygen and was admitted to the hospital. She was shown by a neurologist in his pocketbook, dated September 1st, in which he indicated his expectation that other personal efforts to his friend, A. Newman, of Waukegan, had failed.

August Nelson, 57 years of age, and his wife, the T. C. of the Wabash-Hamilton Mainstreet of Framingham by taking a dose of opium. Hard luck and general dependency was the cause. Several years ago Nelson was a contractor, and constructed a number of buildings in New England and the surrounding states. This time he exhausted his bank account, and his wife being against his ever making another start in life, he decided to end his earthly career. That he had decided to commit suicide was clearly shown by a memorandum in his pocketbook, dated September 1st, in which he indicated his expectation that other personal efforts to his friend, A. Newman, of Waukegan, had failed.

On Thursday afternoon the neighbors of Samuel Eare, who lives in Concord, Cal., were annoyed by the cries of his wife, and some of them entering the house found the woman apparently in a dying condition. A physician was quickly summoned and found the woman still alive with a child, but the child was gone. The woman confessed that she had given birth to a female child at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and had put it in a sack and thrown it out the window. The woman returned to her home in Martinez, and at 7 o'clock was at Concord and proceeded to locate the remains of the child. On going to the receptacle he was surprised to hear the infant crying, and after a few moments of surprise and confusion after a wife in the place for seventeen hours. The child is being well cared for and will live.

D. Uzankowski, an insane man, shot his wife on Tuesday at Napa, Cal., and then shot himself. Both are still alive but very weak. The man has been confined to the asylum for some time. Until a few days before he seemed much improved and at the urgent request of his wife was allowed to return to his home on leave of absence. D. Uzankowski is a Polish immigrant who is about 40 years old. When he began shooting his wife was taking up the sides from the sitting room stove. He fired two shots at her, the first entering nose, cheek, and through the eye. The second hit the heart. The man died without a struggle. The bullet passed through the body and came out at the back, hitting the floor in the sitting room. The bullet is still in the body.

By a decision rendered in the United States Court, Wash., by Judge Hartwell, Mrs. Letitia Graham, a half-caste woman, is declared the sole heir in the estate of Frank Mathews, deceased. This estate is estimated to be worth at least \$100,000. Mathews was an old bachelor who lived for many years in Cheyenne and vicinity. About a year ago he died at some place in California and Mrs. Graham paid a claim for the estate. She alleged and proved that she was the natural daughter of Mathews by an Indian woman known as Peggy Gering. Mathews lived together with man and wife and Judge Hartwell denied that there was a legal marriage between them. He held that she was Mrs. Graham because she was a member of Cheyenne relatives. The man died without a will. Mrs. Graham brought suit for a number of distant relatives. The case was bitterly contested and was to court for more than eight months. A legal will doubtless be taken to the higher court.

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