EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

IMPROVED HEALTH AT THE PRESIDIO.

[illegible] Will Contested—Haggin to Sell Thoroughbreds—Death of Colonel O'Byrne—Miscellaneous.

News from St. Michael, Alaska, is that the crew of the wrecked steamer [illegible] Chief are safe.

The Women of Woodcraft were in session all day discussing proposed changes in the constitution.

[illegible] of Cheyenne has been nominated by the Democrats of Wyoming for state treasurer.

In San Francisco Monday in a decision Judge Coffey upheld the will of Mrs. [illegible], who died last December, leaving [illegible] to be divided among her [illegible] relatives.

Admiral George Brown (retired) arrived in San Francisco Monday. It is understood that his visit to the West was made for the purpose of inspecting the Mare Island yard.

State Health Officer Blount has raised the quarantine against Galveston, Texas. Quarantine against Fort [illegible] is maintained. The four cases reported as suspicious at Fort Point are [illegible].

[illegible], a Klondiker, is under arrest in Seattle on a telegram from Chief of Police Lees of San Francisco, stating that [illegible] is wanted there for embezzlement from a syndicate of Colorado miners.

A big cattle sale was made at Cheyenne Saturday by D. W. Gill, who disposed of $10,000 worth of high-grade Hereford cows and calves to William Brown of Big Springs, Neb. The cattle will be taken to Big Springs.

John O'Byrne died at his home in San Francisco last night after a short illness. He was born in Dublin in [illegible] and at the age of [illegible] entered the army in Ireland. During the American civil war he was colonel of a Pennsylvania regiment.

The Red Cross home for convalescents will be opened at San Francisco in a few days, in charge of Miss Laura McKinstry, a young society woman of that city. The Oakland Red Cross society has established a hospital at [illegible], across the bay from San Francisco.

The head camp of the Pacific Jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World [illegible] its sessions at San Francisco Monday. A. B. Keith of Butte, Mont., was elected editor of the Pacific Woodman, published at Denver. He will [illegible] a head camp office. It was decided by an almost unanimous vote that a reserve fund should be created.

It is reported in San Francisco that J. B. Haggin is seriously contemplating an auction sale of thoroughbred yearlings in England. There are over [illegible] at the Rancho del Paso [illegible] English, American and Australian stallions, and competent judges agree that much better prices could be obtained by selling in England than in America.

The United States steamer Corwin, formerly auxiliary cruiser No. [illegible], the [illegible] at San Francisco, relieved from the duty of guarding the mine fields at the port of San Diego. She will go on the dry dock. Lieutenant J. M. [illegible], U. S. N., has been detached from the Corwin and assigned to the command of the Active, and has sailed with the vessel for Fort [illegible] naval station, at which she will be employed as a navy yard tug. Lieutenant P. W. Thompson of the Corwin has been detached and ordered to the U. S. S. Rush as executive officer, Lieutenant [illegible] of that vessel being assigned to the Corwin.

The San Francisco Examiner says: Four heirs of the Adolph Sutro estate have begun a contest of the will on the ground that the ex-mayor was mentally incompetent to execute a valid instrument at the date mentioned in the document. Those who challenge the probate of their father's will are Mrs. E. V. Morbio, Mrs. E. Nussbaum, Edgar Sutro and Miss Clara Sutro. Their attorneys will attack the will on all the legal grounds allowed by the statutes of California. Two of the heirs, Mrs. Dr. Emma Merritt and Charles Sutro, have not joined in the contest. The matter will come up before Judge Coffey today (Tuesday).

A Great Falls dispatch to the Anaconda Standard says that about 11 o'clock Thursday morning two sheepherders, James McKay and James [illegible], got into a squabble over the right to the range and the upshot of the affair was that [illegible] put a bullet from a [illegible] Winchester rifle through McKay. The shooting occurred at a ranch about six miles from the town of Choteau. McKay was [illegible] years old and [illegible] [illegible] years. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the killing was reported [illegible] [illegible] at the county seat, and [illegible] who is now in jail at Choteau, being held on a charge of murder.

Major Matthews, surgeon in charge of the division hospital at the Presidio, says that since the removal of the troops to Camp Merriam the health of the men had steadily improved. He denies that typhoid fever is epidemic, the cases being confined to a few companies. Surgeon Major J. A. [illegible] of the Twentieth Kansas is pleased with the new quarters of the volunteers. He calls attention to the fact that there are only [illegible] sick in the regiment now, against [illegible] on July 14, when the men were at Camp Merritt. The experience of the Twentieth Kansas is typical of that in the Fifty-first Iowa and First Tennessee. In all these regiments there has been a marked decline in the sick list since their removal to the Presidio. Gen. Miller says the death rate is not high, only [illegible] soldiers out of a body averaging [illegible] having died from natural causes during August.

A PRIEST IN WAR.

Chaplain of the Third Cavalry, U.S.A., Writes to a Friend.

(St. Paul Pioneer Press.)

Father J. J. Lawler, pastor of the cathedral, received an interesting letter from the Rev. P. J. Hart, chaplain of the Third United States cavalry before Santiago with Gen. Shafter's division, formerly chaplain at Fort Snelling. Mr. Hart calls attention to the great risks soldiers ran in debarking. "It is well," he says, "that we had the gunboats. A few cannon on shore well handled could have destroyed every transport in our fleet. A single shot from any ordinary gun on land or on ship might have sunk each of our transports with all on board. Without the warships we were quite at the mercy of the enemy.

"We landed on the 24th and camped on shore on a hill. The province is all mountainous and picturesque beyond description, and had we the necessaries of life, to say nothing of the comforts, such as we had in [illegible] Minnesota, we would not all die off for a year or more perhaps.

"Our fleet bombarded the little town called Daiquiri and several others along the coast the day before we debarked. I had an excellent view of the action of the guns and their effect. It is something awe-inspiring to witness even when conscious you are not in danger. What must be the feeling of those exposed to such a fire!

"In camp every man is his own servant, cook, orderly, assistant, clerk, messenger, housekeeper, carpenter, washerwoman, laundress, and everything else. He becomes his own pack mule before reaching camp, and must carry his food, drink, clothes, bed, bedding and whatever else he needs. We stayed in camp where we landed from June 24 to June 27 at [illegible] a. m. Our army moved on foot. All the cavalry, except a few field officers, were dismounted, having been obliged to leave their animals at Tampa. After the battle of July 1, 2, and 3, I was on duty at the first division hospital, near General Shafter's headquarters, and I witnessed such suffering there as I shall not soon forget. War is a terrible thing.

"At the hospital mentioned I performed funeral services for thirty-four persons (three officers and thirty-one privates) in the space of eighteen hours. I baptized five and heard scores of confessions. The first funeral service there was for ten men, including Captain Fornance, all of whom were buried in one pit. In another pit twenty-four were buried. I stayed at the hospital two days and then joined my regiment, which held a position overlooking Santiago, a little to the right of the center of the battle line and in plain view of the Spaniards. We were separated by 600 or 700 yards. During the truce I went among other regiments, the heard confessions, and it was the saddest roar of artillery that informed me truce was off and the battle on. I could not describe the horrors of that strife.

"Sunday, July 17, I witnessed the formal surrender of the province and city. The following day I obtained permission to pass the lines and paid my respects to the archbishop of Santiago, who received me kindly. I took dinner with him. I was the first priest of the expedition to celebrate mass in Santiago."

Mr. Labouchere's Sentiments.

Are we not overdoing it a little with our American gush? Is that exceedingly practical nation prepared to join us to rectify the balance in the old world, as Lord Rosebery informs them in their [illegible]? Our newspapers have been seeking to show that we alone in Europe love them, and no sooner does a French or a German paper even suggest that their strategy is unsound than we take care to inform them of this adverse criticism. All this seems to me to be somewhat contemptible, particularly on the part of those who have been only a short time ago glorying in their splendid isolation, and dragging their coat-tails about the world inviting some one to be good enough to tread on them. Jingoes are cowards and bullies. No sooner do they indulge in some new grab than they shriek for more ships and more soldiers in order to protect themselves from consequences. Of late years our Jingoes have not been satisfied even with these methods of protection. They are voting about now knocking at every door in hopes of finding an ally on the other side. Germany was thought by them a likely ally, but no sooner did she decline to draw the chestnuts out of the fire for us than they turned to the United States, and they seem to think that in return for a few petty phrases the Americans will be ready to fight our battles for us. These Jingoes, with all their bluster and their heroics, do not appear to be possessed of the self-respect of a decent dog. They are, to my mind, the most contemptible that ever walked on two or four legs.—London Truth.

Hawaiian Newspaper Women.

Hawaii boasts of a Japanese newspaper woman. She is Miss Takahashi, the wife of the proprietor of the Hawaii Shinpo. This publication is extensively advertised in several languages as the oldest and best known Japanese paper of the islands. Indeed, it is the only Japanese daily in Hawaii, and has the largest circulation of any paper reaching the Japanese colony. Miss Takahashi is the business manager of the paper. She has been out of Japan less than a year, but has learned to speak English and Hawaiian fluently. She is described as a bright, nervous little woman, with no end of shrewdness, alertness, energy and aggressiveness. In soliciting for advertisements and job printing she is as persistent as a veteran book agent, and one figure as shrewd as an army contractor. The little woman dresses plainly in hakoka, and carries her notebook and samples of printing tied up in a large silk handkerchief. She would, no doubt, scorn the Boston bag.—Ex.

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