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**GUTHRIE NOTES.**  
**Disturbance Over a Claim—A Baby Born.**  
Guthrie, T. May 14.—The streets are  
crowded with people and vehicles and  
the shopkeepers do a good business. The  
crowd at the land-offices has very perceptibly  
lessened, now that a great number  
have already succeeded in filing.  
Some uneasiness is felt by those claiming  
lots who know they have no legal  
right to an account of having entered the  
territory prior to noon of the opening  
day. Mr. Hedrick's title has won money  
them after he has submitted it to the  
authorities at Washington.

A man named Hedrick was arrested  
yesterday morning for refusing to vacate  
a lot and yield possession to the party  
whom the arbitration committee declared  
the rightful owner. A warrant was issued  
for Hedrick's arrest and it is said he re-  
sisted the officers. A large crowd gathered  
in the streets and one of Marshal  
Jones' deputies, Varner, seeing the  
disturbance and not knowing the  
cause of it, rushed into the midst of  
the crowd and commanded it to disperse,  
at the same time exclaiming that he was  
a peace officer. The crowd did not readily  
disperse as ordered, but on some one cry-  
ing "Look out there is a gun in the street"  
was soon cleared. This is the first and  
only excitement that has occurred in this  
peaceful, law-abiding city since the opening  
day. Not many pistols are worn here  
and the only one seen from remote sections  
of the country sometimes have a pistol  
or gun with them, but as a rule the  
people in town and out in the country  
have no use for weapons.

Since the principal streets have been  
clearly defined hardly an hour has passed  
that a house can not be seen in the streets  
being moved either to make room for a  
more substantial building or to front in  
some other direction. There are now at  
least 1,000 houses completed and more go-  
ing up every day. Real estate lots espe-  
cially are on the increase as to value. A  
lot which sold for \$250 a week ago would  
bring \$500 easily to-day.

A very great improvement is noticeable  
in the quality of buildings being erected  
now. Guthrie can furnish almost every  
necessity that the most fastidious would  
desire.

The streets are lined with Indians all  
during the day, as the town is a favorite  
place for them to trade and its shopkeepers  
are doing a paying business with the  
many tribes located near here.

Among other improvements in Guthrie  
is the completion of a building which is  
used exclusively for bathing purposes. It  
is a grand and comfortable bath and all  
themselves of the convenient and essential  
establishment. For a city not yet three  
weeks old a complete bath house is  
certainly evidence of its rapid improve-  
ment.

There are two local newspapers pub-  
lished in this city. The Optic is a bright  
little daily and the Times is a weekly  
bearing evidence of being under the con-  
trol of the conservative element.

The first baby born in this city was  
the light Sunday. It is called Guthrie Dyer  
Edwards and is a promising boy weigh-  
ing fourteen pounds.

**THE GERMAN STRIKES.**  
Ninety Thousand Coal Miners in Germany  
On a Strike—Matters Looking Serious.

**THE ARIZONA BATTLE.**  
Particulars of Paymaster Wham's En-  
counter With Theodore Roosevelt.

**FINALLY DECIDED.**  
The Supreme Court Finally Decides the  
Celebrated Gaines Suit Which Has Been  
Pending in the Courts for Fifty-Seven Years.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The United  
States Supreme Court in an opinion by  
Justice Bradley awarded the executors of  
the will of Myra Clark Gaines the sum of  
\$788,000 against the city of New Orleans  
for the use of property sold by the city  
and recovered by Mrs. Gaines after long  
litigation. The judgment of the lower  
court awarding the executor \$100,000 for  
the use of the unimproved property sold  
by the city was not concurred in.

The case probably has been the most in-  
teresting, the hardest contested and the  
most prolonged pending in the history of  
this country. Over thirty years ago  
Justice Wayne, of the United States  
Supreme Court, said that when the histo-  
rian of the American bar should come to  
write up the case it would be registered  
as the most remarkable in the history of  
the courts. It had been before the Su-  
preme Court five times in one form or an-  
other and has now been decided as many  
times again. The first suit in the case  
was brought by Mrs. Gaines (then the  
wife of General Whitney) in 1824, and  
since that time decision has followed de-  
cision in regard to the title. It has be-  
come a byword that there was always a Gaines  
case pending.

The first suit sought to recover what  
was known as the Evariste Blanc tract  
in New Orleans from remote sections  
for about \$4,500 from the executors of  
General Daniel Clark, a prominent citizen  
of New Orleans. He sold it and some  
other land to the city of New Orleans for  
\$45,000, and the city subdivided the tract  
and sold it to a number of persons for  
between \$600,000 and \$700,000, agreeing to  
defend all questions of title. Mrs. Gaines  
succeeded in a few months in recovering  
the tract and she then brought suit to  
reclaim the land. The grounds on which Mrs. Gaines set up  
her claim were that she was the child of  
General Clark by a secret marriage be-  
tween him and Zulime Carriere, a woman  
well known in the city. The city of New  
Orleans had left a letter will than the one  
under which the property was sold. This  
secret marriage formed the axis on which  
the litigation revolved, and the case was  
fought with bitterness by both sides. It  
was not until a few years before the war  
that Mrs. Gaines was finally declared to  
be the illegitimate child as well as the  
lawful heir of General Clark. Even then  
the city of New Orleans refused to ac-  
knowledge the claim and after the war Mrs. Gaines was com-  
pelled to bring a suit for damages. In  
1881 the Circuit Court of the United States  
for the Louisiana district gave judgment  
in her favor for \$1,267,000 and she ap-  
pealed from this judgment, but the case has  
been decided. The present case, it is  
generally conceded, exhausts all the re-  
sources of the law and is regarded as a  
final settlement of the title. Mrs. Gaines,  
fighting to the very last for her  
rights, is dead, and so, it is believed, are  
all her immediate relatives except her  
daughter-in-law, Hattie L. Whitney, in  
the administration of the estate of the  
estate of Mrs. Gaines the case stands on  
the court docket.

Justice Bradley rendered the decision  
of the court, which was unanimous. Jus-  
tices Lamar and Chief Justice Peckham  
were not members of the court at the time the  
case was argued and took no part in the  
decision.

**MURDER AND ROBBERY.**  
George W. Richards Murdered and Robbed  
in New Mexico.

**BROKE IN TWO.**  
A accident to a Mixed Train on the Union  
Pacific.

**THE FREIGHTS COMPANY'S MARRIAGE.**  
NEWARK, N. J., May 14.—Miss Tillie  
Freight, daughter of the late ex-  
Senator and Secretary of State, and who  
it was understood, was engaged to be  
married to the late ex-President Arthur,  
will be married to-day to Mr. H. W. Win-  
naker, a prominent lawyer of Newark, son  
of the late W. B. Traverser, of New  
York.

**WON BY ALBERT.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—The six days'  
go-as-you-please race concluded at ten  
o'clock last evening. James Albert, the  
winner, earned \$33,000; Gus Guerrero,  
\$25,000; Albert received \$10 and Guerrero \$5  
per cent. of the gate receipts.

**NATIONAL EXPENDITURES.**  
What It Costs to Run the Government—  
The Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Statements  
showing the results of the acts of the sec-  
ond session of the Fifteenth Congress upon  
the finances of government have been  
prepared by Thomas F. Cleave and James  
C. Courts, clerks respectively of the Sen-  
ate and House Committees on Appropria-  
tions. They show that the total amount  
appropriated by Congress was \$285,044,  
\$285,044, less the amount of the Treasury  
deficit appropriations were estimated by  
the Secretary of the Treasury at \$105,601,  
\$85,000, making the total estimated expen-  
diture of the Government for 1869-70, \$390,-  
\$85,000. The annual revenues for the same  
time are \$439,500,000.

The act provides for 37 new offices, the  
salaries of which aggregate \$418,800,  
\$418,800. Among the new offices created  
are: Chief Clerk of the Senate, \$12,000;  
and messengers, one House committee  
clerk, three clerks of the signal office, ten  
clerks in the Navy Department, one in the  
Interior Department, two laborers in the  
Post-office Department, judge attorney  
and marshal of the Indian Territory  
court, secretary, assistant secretary, as-  
sistant librarian and assistant stationer  
in the Department of Agriculture, 23  
teachers, clerks, etc., in the District  
of Columbia, six keepers of life  
saving stations, fifty keepers of light  
houses, eight registers and receivers of  
public land-offices, superintendent of the  
seventy-seven assistants and clerks of the  
census, six officers of North Dako-  
ta, seven of South Dakota, six of Mon-  
tana, six of Washington, an additional  
Brigadier-General, Colonel and Major on  
the retired list of the army; six assistant  
engineers of the navy, 100 mariners, a  
superintendent of the Indian school at  
Pierre, Dak., and the Sioux, Chippewa and  
Cherokee commissioners.

The Post-office Appropriation bill in-  
creases the allowance for compensation  
for clerks in post-offices from \$5,975,000 to  
\$6,500,000. It also increases the salaries of  
clerks from \$5,245,793 to \$5,600,000 with  
a \$350,000 deficiency item.

**ARID LANDS.**  
How the Senate Committee Will Investi-  
gate the Question of the Irrigation of  
the West.

**WONDERFUL INVENTION.**  
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**THE WRECKED STEAMER.**  
Serious Loss of Life Feared by the Wreck  
of the Steamer Alaskan—Seventeen  
Missing.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—Captain R.  
E. Howes, of the foundered steamer  
Alaskan, and First Officer Wood have ar-  
rived here on the steamship Columbia.  
They state that the Alaskan sailed for  
San Francisco from Astoria last Satur-  
day, crossed the Columbia river bar  
safely and headed down the coast Sun-  
day forenoon. A very heavy gale sprang  
up which soon increased to a terrible  
storm, and the sea ran very high and the  
vessel began laboring heavily. In the  
afternoon the steamer strained and  
began taking water. The pumps  
were going constantly and the crew val-  
lantly endeavored to stop the leak by  
stuffing in blankets and bedding. The  
water poured in on all sides, putting out  
the fires in the furnaces and literally flood-  
ing the upper deck. The engines were  
stopped and the huge vessel pitched and  
tossed completely at the mercy of the  
elements. The pumps could not be worked  
in regard to the water, but Captain  
Howes gave orders for all to stay by the  
vessel, hoping that the storm would soon  
abate.

About twelve o'clock Monday night it  
was decided the steamer would anchor  
founder and Captain Howes then gave  
orders to launch the lifeboats and rafts.  
All the boats were launched but one or  
two which crushed against the side  
of the steamer. The engines were stopped  
and obeyed orders promptly. There  
were forty-four men on board the  
vessel and three stowaways. About one  
thirty-five men were preserved, got in the  
boats and rafts and drifted away. Some  
refused to leave the steamer at all, pre-  
ferring to take their chances on board  
rather than commit themselves to the hun-  
gry waters.

At 2:15 a. m. Monday the steamer took  
a plunge and went down stem first,  
Captain Howes gallantly stayed with the  
vessel until she sank, and, clinging to a  
portion of the wreckage, floated away.  
He was afterward picked up by those on  
board the rafts. After thirty-five hours  
he and others were picked up by the tug  
Vigilante. The steamer was also picked up  
by the first officer, G. W. Wood, T. Wallace,  
W. Collins, R. Bernhard, J. Monaghan, J.  
W. Brown, Alfred Bronson, John Welsh  
and George Childrup.

Chief Wip had a leg broken by the bear-  
ing of timber, the leg leaving the steamer  
and died soon after being picked up. John  
Welsh was found dead on a piece of  
wreckage. Chief Engineer Swaine was  
washed off one of the rafts soon after  
leaving the sinking vessel and is known  
to be lost.

Among those who refused to leave the  
Alaskan and were certainly lost were Al-  
bert Hales, steward; S. T. Week, second  
officer; W. J. Lewis, steward; and J. Leman,  
El Paso to San Antonio, thence by the  
Fort Worth, Santa Fe and Colorado railroads,  
across the Staked plains, the Panhandle  
region and part of Southwestern New  
Mexico into the Territory, Kansas,  
Colorado and Wyoming.

The committee will be accompanied by  
Major Powell, director of the geological  
survey, and will prepare a report on irri-  
gation in the United States. The committee  
has been appointed irrigation engineer in the  
United States geological survey. The  
six engineering parties in the field some  
time before the committee starts. The  
public domain west of the one hundredth  
meridian will be divided finally into about  
fifteen hydrographical districts as the  
topography of the region indicates the  
best method of irrigation. The six districts  
now formed embrace the region between  
the one hundredth meridian west longi-  
tude and the Rocky mountains, Montana,  
Idaho, Utah, Nevada, and all the basin  
between the Sierra California, California,  
west thereof, New Mexico and Arizona.

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M. E. CHURCH (German Society).—Praying  
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every other Sunday after Nov. 4. Sabbath school  
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ing Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

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**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**—Corner Fourth and  
Morris streets, W. A. Watson, pastor. Ser-  
vices every Sabbath, morning and evening. Sun-  
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Tuesday evening, prayer meeting Thursday eve-  
ning.

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streets, W. A. Roworth, pastor. Services every  
Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school  
every Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Teachers meeting every  
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tor.

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sion. Letters of Inquiry prompt-  
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