

SAN JOSE'S BIG WILL CONTEST. Mrs. Parker's Fight for Her Father-in-Law's Property.

SUES FOR A FORTUNE. The Estate She Seeks to Gain Possession of Valued at Over \$300,000.

UNDUE INFLUENCE ALLEGED. Claims the Decedent Was Not of Sound Mind When His Will Was Executed.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 19.—The contest of the will of George H. Parker, whose death resulted from a runaway accident in this city in August, 1883, by Emma L. Parker, the widow of Edward Parker, a son of the testator, began in Judge Reynolds' court this morning. The property involved is worth over \$300,000. The case is attracting a great deal of interest and the courtroom was filled all day long with spectators. The time was occupied in the selection of a jury.

Not since the Barron will case was tried has such an array of legal talent been in court here. Mrs. Parker, the contestant, is represented by T. C. Coogan of San Francisco, Nicholas Bowden of this city and Van H. Patterson of San Francisco. D. M. Delmas, F. E. Spencer and D. W. Burchard represent the executors of the will, Volney D. Moody, Charles E. Wilson and J. R. Patton. The beneficiaries under the will are represented as follows: For the residuary heirs, Francis E. Spencer and D. W. Burchard; for the Shelter Arms Society, Robert Syer; for the Home of Benevolence, Welch & Wilcox; for the Unitarian Church, H. F. DeSousa; for Lizzie Sykes, H. V. Morehouse and V. A. Scheller.

By the terms of a will filed for probate in September, 1883, Parker bequeathed to his son \$10,000 and the rents and profits of the Parker House on Market street in San Francisco during his lifetime and in the event that he survived his wife he should take the whole of this property in fee and all of the property of the testator after deducting certain legacies, including \$25,000 to the children of Marshall Pomeroy of Santa Clara and \$7000 to other legatees. In case the son should not outlive his wife, the sister of the testator is made the residuary legatee of a half of the property and Marshall Pomeroy of the other half, after \$5000 is paid to the Unitarian church, \$10,000 to other persons and \$25,000 to the Pomeroy children, five in number. By a codicil the \$5000 bequest to the Unitarian church was revoked, and by a second codicil the bequest of \$10,000 to his son was revoked and the latter given an income of \$300 per month during his life.

The contestant and her husband were married in Hartford, Conn., in June, 1883, and the husband died in December of the same year. He made his will the sole legatee of his share of the estate.

It is alleged by the contestant that on October 14, 1892, when the will was executed, Parker was not of sound mind, but was wholly incompetent. It appears that Parker was twice married and Edward L. Parker was the issue of the first wife. On her death the son was placed in the care of Jane and Noah Pomeroy in 1851, remaining with them until his marriage with contestant. In 1858 Parker remarried, coming to California to live. He contributed considerably to the support of his son up to 1875. The contestants claim the Pomeroy in the East advised Parker of the conduct of his son and had gained great influence and control over his mind in matters pertaining to his son, and this supreme influence continued until the death of the testator.

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suffrage meetings at the Unitarian church this afternoon and evening were well attended, and the same interest was manifested in the cause at the meetings yesterday. Miss Gertrude Hay presided.

Rev. N. A. Haskell delivered an address on "Does the State Need Woman's Ballot?" The following papers were read: "Does the Taxpayers Woman Need the Ballot?" Mrs. Sarah Severance; "Is Suffrage for Women a Necessary Factor for the Higher Development of Society?" Miss Lucretia E. Watson of West Side. Mrs. Nico Beck Meyer of Denmark addressed the meeting, and Miss Gertrude Hay spoke about the "Practical Work of the Campaign." The question box was answered by Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

The evening session was addressed by Rev. Anna H. Shaw. Miss Gertrude Hay made the closing remarks.

SHOOTS AT OFFICERS. Wife-Beater Fox of Los Gatos Resists Arrest for His Offense.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 19.—R. B. Fox, who was given the preference of leaving Los Gatos or serving a six months' sentence in the county jail for mistreating his family a couple of weeks ago, returned to that place last evening. When Constables Pearson and Lane attempted to arrest him Fox drew a revolver and shot at Pearson, the bullet passing through Lane's coat. He was finally overpowered and taken before Justice Beggs, who sentenced him to six months in the county jail on the old charge of disturbing the peace of his family. On the expiration of his term he will be charged with attempt to murder.

PREFERS A TRAMP'S LIFE. Capture of a Boy Who Ran Away From His Michigan Home.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 19.—Charles Morey, a 17-year-old boy who ran away from his home in Coldwater, Mich., over a year ago, was arrested in this city last night by Deputy Sheriff Black. His father has traveled all over the country looking for him, and was in this city about two months ago. The boy says he prefers the life of a tramp to remaining at home. Morey, who now resides in Seattle, has been notified of his son's arrest.

FRESNO'S OIL INDUSTRY. Capitalists Organize for the Development of the Fields. A Company With \$5,000,000 Stock Gains Control of 17,000 Acres of Land.

FRESNO, CAL., May 19.—Articles of incorporation of a company which will develop the oil region in the western part of Fresno County are ready for filing in this city. The company has gained 17,000 acres of oil-bearing land and its capital stock is fixed at \$5,000,000.

THE CALICO KILLING. A Coroner's Jury Decides That the Murder of Albert P. Roland Was Unjustifiable.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., May 19.—Full details of the killing of Albert P. Roland by E. P. Scollard at Calico on Sunday were brought to this city today. It was a gambling and saloon row. Scollard was a recent arrival at Calico and claimed to be a mining man, but spent most of his time at the gambling table and the bar of the saloon.

THE MERCED INQUEST. Officers Dowd and Collins Escape Trial On the Charge of Having Killed an Innocent Man.

MERCED, CAL., May 19.—The inquest in the case of the unknown man killed by Officers Dowd and Collins on May 11, near this city, was concluded this evening. As a result of the jury's verdict the officers will probably not be tried upon the charge of having killed an innocent man, whom they supposed to be Burke, the Selma burglar.

WEALTH OF THE KOOTENAI MINES. Gold Fields That Rival the Rich Tracts of South Africa.

YIELD FORTUNES DAILY. English and American Capital Invested in Bonanza Claims.

BOON FOR UNEMPLOYED MEN. Can Find Situations in the New El Dorado—Exodus From Northern Cities.

PORTLAND, OR., May 19.—G. B. Wright, brother-in-law of the late J. C. Ainsworth, a well-known Oakland (Cal.) capitalist, this evening gave a call correspondent the most reliable information yet furnished the press relative to the West Kootenai mines in British Columbia, now attracting so much attention in this country, as well as in England. He has just come from the new gold fields.

REDWOOD CITY CONVENTION. Women Plead for Their Rights and Praise "The Call."

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., May 19.—The Women's Suffrage Convention was opened this afternoon in the new Alhambra Theater under most favorable auspices. The hall was appropriately decorated, yellow being the predominant color. Dr. Jordan of Stanford University delivered the address of welcome. Then followed a symposium on woman's enfranchisement, consisting of ten-minute papers.

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Court's petition for letters of administration of the estate of Martina Castro Depeaux, who was the daughter of Don Castro, the original owner of the Soquel and Soquel Augmentation ranches, which have been in litigation for several months. Mrs. Peck is the grandchild of Martina Castro Depeaux and one of her heirs.

MILL VALLEY INSPECTION. Health Officer Spottiswood Finds a Camp of Scenic Road Workmen in a Deplorable Condition.

MILL VALLEY, CAL., May 19.—Dr. John J. Spottiswood, Health Inspector of the Mill Valley district, accompanied by a call representative, visited camp 3, known as the "A. P. A. Camp," of the Mill Valley and Mount Tamalpais Scenic Railroad to-day to inspect the jolly supplied laborers on the road. The men have claimed that the jolly was unfit for food and that it was manufactured from ox blood. It was to ascertain whether this was true that the doctor made the visit to-day.

When he reached the camp, which is situated in Blytheville Canyon, about a mile from Mill Valley, he found things in a deplorable state, and, as a result, will serve notice on the California Construction Company to-morrow demanding that immediate attention be given to the sanitary conditions now existing at the camp. The doctor, after obtaining samples of the jolly, inspected the camp. A pig pen, forty feet from the kitchen, was reeking with filth, and its pretensions poisoned the water of a creek from which the water for the camp is procured. The drain pipe of the kitchen also emptied into the creek. Dr. Spottiswood was indignant at the condition of the camp and said that he would lose no time in compelling the construction company to remedy matters. The doctor will examine the jolly to-morrow, and it is found to be as claimed by workmen on the road, he will compel the company to make a change.

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BATHED IN THE LOURDES GROTTO. Health Restored to Mrs. Everson of Santa Cruz.

Remarkable Physical Transition Following a Plunge Into the Waters.

HAD BEEN GIVEN UP TO DIE. When Physicians Could Do No More She Resolved Upon a Pilgrimage to the Shrine.

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