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Life Insurance Decision.

An interesting decision in a life insurance case has recently been rendered by the Supreme Court of Kentucky. A person named Coffey, a few months before his death, and when upon the verge of bankruptcy, insured his life in favor of his wife, for \$10,000 in one office, and for \$5,000 in another, cancelling in the latter case an old policy for \$10,000, which was payable to his personal representatives. He also insured in another company in favor of his brother for \$10,000. After his death both the wife and brother compromised with the insurance companies, she taking one-half the insurance payable to her, and he receiving \$7,000 on the \$10,000 policy held by him. The creditors sought to recover the money received by both of these parties, on the ground that the premiums being paid out of the means of the deceased, the proceeds should belong to his estate. The widow denied that the premiums were paid out of her husband's private means, and the brother alleged that the policy made payable to him was to secure a debt due him by the deceased, and also to guarantee him against loss as surety.

The Court decided as regarding the policy originally issued in favor of the wife, that as her statement that the premiums were not paid out of her husband's means (although she offers no rational explanation as to how they were paid) was not denied, she was entitled to retain the money collected upon it; but as regarding the policy issued in lieu of an older one which was cancelled, the creditors were entitled to the proceeds, as being in the nature of a voluntary post nuptial settlement, which, under the statute of 13th Elizabeth, was never permitted to affect existing creditors. In relation to the policy held by the brother, the Court said that although the agreement that it should be held to indemnify him against loss as creditor and surety, created a preference in his favor over other creditors, still as it had never been held in Kentucky that such preferences were fraudulent, he should only be required to pay over to the creditors what was left after satisfying his claims.

Although it is probable that the rulings would have been different had the proceedings been before a United States Court in bankruptcy, the case is full of interest to those concerned in life insurance.

J. P. Coburn was shot, with a probable fatal result, in an altercation with Joe Hutchins, at Palmdale, Nev., not long since. The latter was arrested.

The Apache War.

The Alta refers as follows to Senator McCoy's resolutions, which were adopted by the California Legislature and telegraphed to President Grant as the protest of that State against any more sham warfare or perfidious peace with the Apaches:

The above resolutions, passed we believe without a dissenting voice in either House of our Legislature, truly represent the opinions and feelings of the great majority of Californians in regard to the Apache question. Our patience is exhausted; our reason is offended by the lack of any plausible pretext for the vacillating, indecisive and pusillanimous policy of the last six years; our self-respect is insulted by Congress and by the Secretaries of War and the Interior, who, in their debates and official documents, skip over the murder of 1,000 citizens as though it were a mere trifle not worthy of any serious consideration. An impression prevails that the motive for this disregard of all the sound rules of public policy must be a desire to save money in a direction where the favorites of Congress have no chance to make much profit out of the expenditure. People will think, and partisan managers ought to understand, that it is not wise to provoke indignant thoughts in matters of this kind. Thousands of voters in California have lost friends and acquaintances at the hands of the Apache assassins, and they want to see a speedy end of this vacillating nonsense.

Presidential Candidates.

A Philadelphia paper thinks that, as two Presidential tickets have already been nominated—one representing the Labor Reformers and the other the ultra Temperance men—and as it is to be expected that the Women-Rightists and the so-called Liberal Republicans, to say nothing of such minor organizations as the Republican and Democratic parties, will also make Presidential nominations, there will apparently be at least "six Richmonds in the field" by next November; so that the free and enlightened voters of the land will have opportunities for making selections from an unusually large variety of candidates and platforms. The particular description of Presidential candidate required by the cultivated tastes of that ardent and advanced patriot, Theodore Tilton, to-wit—a colored woman married to a white husband—has not yet been formally placed in nomination; but even this want may be supplied before the list of nominees is fully completed.

Territorial News.

We condense as follows from the Tucson Citizen:

Dr. Jacinto Gierdo was arrested and committed to jail in default of \$2,000 for malpractice. He was summoned, some time last week, to the bedside of a sick woman, and did his work so thoroughly that the patient died in a day or two afterwards. A post-mortem examination was held upon the body by Coroner Thayer, assisted by Dr. Handy, and the verdict of the jury was as above charged.

On Saturday, the 16th instant, Chief Justice John Titus left Tucson for Philadelphia, by way of New Mexico, accompanied by Estevan Ochoa. The Judge anticipates returning early next fall.

James E. Baker, Deputy Collector of Customs at Tucson for nearly two years, left that post to go to Illinois last Saturday week.

J. W. Hopkins, Esq., is appointed to the Collectorship. He is well known in this country, and has the ability to fill the position with credit to himself and the Government.

G. H. Oury, Esq., is fitting up for a prospecting expedition along the southern boundary of the Territory. Some twenty citizens of Tucson have already enlisted. Those wishing to join the party should address the above named gentleman, either by letter or in person.

The Citizen warns the traveling public against a certain firm in this Territory—the noted Messrs. Apaches.

Dr. Edward Phelps, of unsavory notoriety in Arizona, is reported as having been murdered while on his way to the city of Mexico.

The Indians have not abated in their depredations. Seventeen head of beef cattle and four horses and mules, belonging to Bishop Goodrich, the Government beef contractor, were stolen at the Salt River Crossing, about 15 miles from McDowell.

The Chicago Post says: "Horse thieves are hanged in Kansas, while murderers are sent to the penitentiary for two years. Kansas must breed very valuable horses and very inferior men, if her penal code is any criterion to go by." Her criterion is all right. You see, she gets her horses from Kentucky, and her men from Chicago.—[Denver Tribune.

The barbers of Vallejo, California, have united in a petition to have their places of business closed at midnight on Saturdays, in order that they may enjoy Sundays.

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