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SILVER CITY DESOLATED.

The Flourishing County Seat of Grant County Presents a Sad Spectacle To-day.

Business Part of the City Wrecked by Unexampled Floods—Postoffice and Hotels Ruined—Damage Estimated at \$150,000.

Denver, July 23.—A special to the Times from Silver City, N. M., says: This town presents a sad spectacle to-day, caused by the most destructive flood ever known in this region.

On Sunday night, the water came down from every direction, and, meeting at Porterfield's corner, threw the flood right on to the principal business houses.

Mid and sand piled up on Broadway HALF WAY UP TO THE WINDOWS. The postoffice is ruined. The Tremont and Timmer hotels are badly wrecked, the lower floors being filled with sand and water.

Gillette & Son have lost goods to the amount of \$12,000. Other business houses have lost similar amounts.

DAMAGE \$150,000. The approximate estimated loss is \$150,000. A number of bridges have been washed away. It will be a week before trains can run into town.

THE MARKETS.

New York, July 23.—Money on call nominally easy at 1 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3 @ 4. Silver, 66 1/2; lead, \$3.20. Chicago.—Cattle, market steady; Texas steers, \$2.75 @ \$4.10. Sheep, slow.

CLAIMED BY BRITAIN.

Island of Trinidad Practically Seized by England—Monroe Doctrine Defied.

New York, July 23.—A Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres says: A correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that advice to the English legation there declares that England claims the island of Trinidad as its own.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Secretary Smith Has Gone to Georgia on a Talking Tour—Woman Suffrage Complication in Utah—Death Sentence Commuted.

Washington, July 23.—Secretary Hoke Smith has gone to Georgia to enter upon the campaign of education. The secretary will oppose the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

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Killed in Dakota.

Hot Springs, S. D., July 23.—On Saturday evening, on Lame Johnny creek, six miles north of Buffalo Gap, John Taylor, a young rancher, was shot and instantly killed by Horace Crofford, ex-commissioner of Custer county and an extensive sheep owner.

BANNOCKS ON THE WAR PATH

Further Bloodshed Expected Before Jackson's Hole Troubles Are Finally Settled.

Indians Evidently Preparing to Fight—Many Have Gone to the Scene—Opinion at Agency that Federal Troops Must be Used.

Poncha, Idaho, July 23.—As the Bannock Indian agency, twelve miles north here, those in authority do not believe that the trouble in the Jackson Hole country can possibly reach a final settlement now without more bloodshed.

From some of the most respected police, it is learned that many Indians who are apparently returning to their homes, have said that they were taking their squaws and papooses home to the reservation, and would return to see the whites in the Jackson Hole country.

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INNOCENTS ABROAD.

Pacific Coasters Who Pretend to Believe in the Validity of the Peralta Grant.

"Baron" Peralta-Reavis Alleged to Be a Persecuted Individual—One of His Old Backers Speaks.

San Francisco, Cal., July 23.—That James Addison Peralta-Reavis, claimant of the famous Arizona grant, is an arch conspirator in the most stupendous fraud ever conceived and attempted to be perpetrated in this or any other country is deemed by many persons in this city to be an impossibility.

That he is the victim of persecution because of his claim and because of the fact that should it be allowed 12,000,000 acres of land in Arizona, now populated by 40,000 persons and worth \$75,000,000, would revert to him, is confidently asserted.

But whether he be conspirator or conspirator against, the story of the Peralta grant surpasses in interest any tale in romance or real life that has held the attention of the public in many a long year. It is essentially

A CALIFORNIA STORY, for though the property in question is located in Arizona, the wife of Peralta-Reavis, through whom he has endeavored to establish title, is a native of this state and has relatives and acquaintances in San Francisco.

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repeatedly decided that documents which come from foreign countries properly certified shall be accepted in the courts of this country as correct, and how they can set aside the action of the Mexican courts in this matter I do not know.

"It is impossible that any one man could have forged all the signatures in this case. Reavis would have had to forge over 200 Spanish

DOCUMENTS AND SIGNATURES. No man could have done it. It is the most improbable thing conceivable.

"To return to the paternity of Mrs. Reavis, I will venture to say that no American jury upon seeing Mrs. Reavis would decide that she was the daughter of an Indian squaw by a white man, even if all the squaws and squaw men in Mendocino were to testify that they had personally witnessed the birth and were cognizant of all the facts."

"What will now be done in the case?" "I don't know. I should not think the decision in Santa Fe would be final. The court was composed of United States judges, but not supreme court judges. Surely, I should think there could be an appeal. It is the first time I ever heard of imprisoning a man for trying to get what he considered belonged to him."

"Is Mr. Reavis still in prison?" "I do not know whether he has given bail or not. I had a telegram from him about ten days ago. He simply said that he was well. I do not know where Mrs. Reavis is. She may be with him in Santa Fe."

"Reavis was not given his chance to prove his case at Santa Fe. He was not represented by counsel. He asked a continuance, but it was not allowed. He had NEVER BEEN SERVED and he had to go into court as he was and produce such evidence as he could."

"He gave his testimony in a straightforward way and with a confidence that the officials in the face of all the testimony that had been adduced to disprove all that he said."

"The story of this, though, has been published. The strangest part of all this strange story is that it is a deception on the part of Reavis it should have been done so cleverly as to deceive such minds as those of Roscoe Conkling, Bob

INGERSOLL, Col. Broadhead, of St. Louis, Huntington, Crocker and hundreds of others, and that by a man who would not be suspected of unusual imagination or ability. Conkling declared the title perfect and believed in the claim."

Cowboy's Terrible Experience. Hango, Colo., July 23.—Samuel Watson, a cowboy employed by J. O. Dostal, near Arroyo, was thrown from his horse, ten miles from the Dostal ranch, breaking his leg. He crawled across the prairie nine miles and was found, after two days, within one mile of the ranch terribly exhausted. County Physician Rothwell had the injured man removed to St. Anthony's hospital, Denver.

WHITE METAL IN OREGON. Democrats Consulting as to Wisdom of Calling a State Convention to Discuss 'Coinage Question.

Portland, Ore., July 23.—Napoleon Davis, secretary of the Democratic state central committee, has sent a circular letter to the chairmen of the county committees as to the propriety of calling a state convention for the purpose of adopting a declaration regarding silver.

Democratic Silver Editors. Sedalia, Mo., July 23.—The attendance at the Democratic free silver editors' state convention has met the most sanguine expectations of those who prompted it. Editors are here to-day from every section of the state.

Death of a Pioneer Freighter. Deadwood, S. D., July 23.—William Hecht, one of the wealthiest men in the northwest, dropped dead this morning, while walking along the main street at Rapid City to his home. Hecht and his brother friend the pioneer freighting firm of the west, but, after railroads were built through the country, they turned their attention to the mercantile and stock raising business, amassing large fortunes.

DAUGHTER OF A SQUAW were given by squaw-men and persons whose testimony should have no weight in any court. One affidavit was from a squaw who, as I learn, swore that she was present at the birth of Mrs. Reavis. I believe that she testified that Treadway was the father. Now I know Treadway. He came out to California in the early days with my brother. I know that he never pretended to be the father of the girl, and in fact nobody ever supposed that he was. We never heard of such a thing.

"This whole case has been tried in the newspapers and by corruption funds, in my opinion. Now I will show you an instance of how facts have been perverted and false opinion created." Dr. Sherwood here went into an inner office and returned

WITH A NEWSPAPER in his hand. It was a copy of a great St. Louis daily. "Here," said the doctor, "is a picture of Mrs. Reavis and under it is a picture of her father. They were published together to show the remarkable resemblance between father and daughter. You can see for yourself that there is an unmistakable resemblance. Well, in order to bolster up the theory that the woman is the daughter of Treadway they have put the name of John A. Treadway under the man's picture, whereas the likeness is really that of Jose Maso, the woman's real father. I'll prove that to you."

Dr. Sherwood took down a book which contained evidence in the case, and turned to a page which bore the picture of Maso. It was an exact counterpart of the picture published in the newspaper as being the counterfeit presentation of

JOHN TREADWAY. "You see they used this picture to show the resemblance and put the wrong name under to create the impression that the girl's father was Treadway. What could be more palpable? Those articles were written for money."

"As for this court, can anyone tell me what right an American court has to go to Mexico to sit and decide that documents that have been declared by Mexican courts to be genuine are frauds and forgeries?"

"Mr. Reavis in the course of his investigation was told that if he went to Mexico he would find on file there records of the grant. He went, and spent three months searching for them in the archives of the master of records. He failed to find any mention of them, and was in despair. He had, though, letters to many

PROMINENT MEN IN MEXICO, and he went to these gentlemen and told them his troubles. One of them told him that a clerk in the office of the master of records had been there many years, was a historian and knew more about such matters perhaps than any man in Mexico. Mr. Reavis went to this man and was promptly told that if there were any such records as those he wanted they would not be in the custody of the master of records. They were what were called royal records, and were kept in another department, and found the grant and all the documents in connection with it. The volumes were ancient and the binding of the books stuck together. Reavis then petitioned the master of records for certified copies, but was informed that the master had no authority to issue them, but that he might go into court and secure

A WRIT OF MANDAMUS to compel him to issue the certified copies. This he did, but the matter came up for hearing. The result was that the master of records was ordered to issue the papers, and, of course, complied, as he desired only the authority of court for his action. Those certified copies were signed by the master of records and by all the officials whose signatures were necessary. Now, on the top of this, this American court goes down there and says that the documents were all forgeries. The supreme court of this country has

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