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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1876.

DECISION OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

A Washington telegram of Oct. 20, says, Kopp's Western Landowner for September reports the following important decisions by the Commissioner of the General Land Office: Congress having confirmed the grant to a town, as reported by the Surveyor General, the town is not necessarily restricted in its claim to the four league limit of a public grant under the Mexican government, where the boundaries described in the grant are strictly followed.

Where claimants under the soldier's homestead laws do not in the absence of adverse claims, make entries within 60 days after notice, their filings will be treated as expired and of no legal effect.

The acting Secretary of the Interior has affirmed the decision of Commissioner Burdett in the case of the Central Pacific Railway Co. vs. the Mammoth Blue Gravel Co.

WHAT HALF A CENT CAN DO.

A Washington special says information is received from New York to the effect that the recent reduction of 55-100 of a cent per pound in the drawback on refined sugars exported has completely stopped the exportation of refined sugars from the United States.

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THE OLD-FASHIONED MOTHER.

Thank God, some of us have an old-fashioned mother, not a woman of the period, enameled and painted, with her great chignon, her curls, and bustle, whose white jeweled hands never felt the clasp of baby fingers: but a dear old-fashioned, sweet-voiced mother, with eyes in whose clear depth the loved light shone, and brown hair just threaded with silver, lying smooth upon her faded cheek.

A curious fact has just come out to confirm the old saying that ill-gotten money never stays long with the getter. A young man who maintained intimate relations with William M. Tweed managed to acquire by ring processes a fortune not far from \$250,000.

The report of the committee of the Northern Pacific Railroad, made to the meeting of the stockholders on the 21, shows that the patented and certified lands of the company remaining unsold amount to about 600,000 acres, all in Minnesota and Dakota.

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Story of an Elephant.

Elephants have a decided liking for military life. Various regiments whilst serving in the East have had an animal, which often rendered good service to corps to which he might be attached.

When the vessel steamed off and left him adrift, he became frantic with rage and despair, and when he had proposed that he should be transferred to another corps, but he persistently refused to have anything to do with it.

Cladin & Co., New York, have concluded to move to Omaha, the indictments charging them with embezzling, instead of pleading not guilty.

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NEWS FROM ALL POINTS.

The New Orleans Times accounts for the great scarcity of young men at most of the fashionable balls.

Russia is said to have entered upon a course of army organization which will take fifteen years, and will result in giving her 2,000,000 effective troops.

It may be noted as a fact indicating the natural depravity of mankind that when a church fire gives way with a congregation, letting things down into the basement, they are as likely to get mad when referred to in a respectful way as "the droppings of the sanctuary."

Three Saginaw girls, of the Methodist persuasion, having met together, concluded to pray for the welfare of their lovers, but the first one had not got very far along in her petition when it was discovered that they were all engaged to the same man.

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Pacific Slopers.

Frank Orsell, of Walla Walla, has made 300 gallons of wine out of 6,000 pounds of grapes this year.

The railroad is completed to the city of Walla Walla by the present writing, in all probability.

The Denver News says: Brigham Young met President Grant at the Depot in Salt Lake and tendered him the hospitality of the hotel during his sojourn in Zion.

The Salt Lake Tribune says: Owing to the penitentiary walls, Lee and Dame were prevented from attending conference, but the man who counseled the Mountain Meadow "massacre" was the center of attraction.

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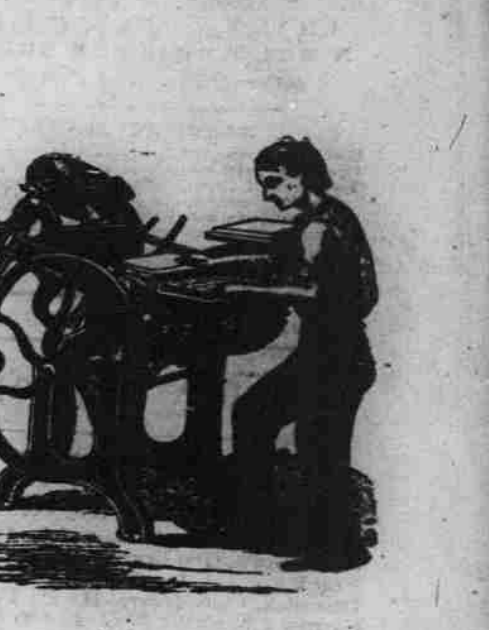
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