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THE SWAMP LAND PETITION.

tion. The thing is done. Swamp land-Last week we published the petition of nineteen "citizens of Jackson county," addressed to the Surveyor General of the State, which petition strikes us as intended more to give publicity to the names of those attached than for any practical benefit that can result. The effusion is evidentally a highfalutin and nonsensical emanation from the brain of the irrepressible Sam Colver-"full of sound and fury, signifying nothing ;" and was gotten up in the interests of the "Ring," of which he is the "Bamboo Chief."

In the first place, it claims that the pe- his family, alone. This is right. We titioners are 'farmers and stock-raisers' on disapprove of the spirit which seems to Link river, but among the names we fail actuate so many of our brethren of the to see the names of Jacob Thompson, press in seeking to expose Miller's fami-Dennis Crawley, O. T. Brown, E. F. ly matters. We hold that these are sa-Walker, Geo. Nourse and others, all cred, unless one or the other of the parwell-known land-holders in that vicin- ties should make them public ; and unity who might be mentioned, whose til that is done, no journal has a right to names would have given character to invade the sanctity of the domestic circle, such a petition. On the other hand, we in order to gratify lovers of scandal and find the name of Jesse D. Carr. Well, if satisfy the morbid appetite of those who Jesse D. Carr is a "citizen of Jackson make it the business of life to attend to MOST Co.," a "farmer or stock-raiser" here, it the affairs of others, while they neglect is as much a matter of news to citizens their own.

of this county as it will certainly be to GOING BACK ON IT .- Hon. James H. his associates in San Francisco when they Slater has been making a speech in Easthear of it. After a recitation of grievern Oregon, and from the report of the ances, these "farmers and stock-raisers" same it seems the honorable gentleman and "citizens of Jackson county" prois disposed to "go back on" the "New Deceed to ask the Surveyor General to extend the public surveys over a portion of land already returned on the public surveys as "lake," according to the petition. Whether the Surveyor General has the power to order a re-survey of public lands, after the first survey has been received and approved by the General Land office, is a matter upon which we have the gravest kind of doubts. But let that be as it may; these modest "farmers" and "stock-raisers" deliberately ask the Surveyor General to initiate a conflict of jurisdiction between the State and General Government about these lands-re-survey the same, and then throw them open to entry under the United States laws, whereby the State will lose the benefit of their sale as swamp and over-flowed lands. We opine that if Surveyor General Odell is a man of common sense, as we believe him to be, he will not pay the slightest head to these "farmers" and "stock-raisers." Then to cap the climax, the Surveyor General is asked to use his influence with the general Government to prevent the cession of any of these lands to the State until the surveys asked for are made and returned to the General Land Office. No doubt Mr. Odell will do just what these men ask. They desire the cession to the State retarded in order that they may grab thousands of acres of valuable swamp lands which properly belongs to the State, but which they fear they cannot grab under the State laws. There is the secret of the whole matter. If the Swamp Land Commissioner had not discovered the little game, whereby the "Colver Ring" was occupying and using thousands of acres of the public domain, to the exclusion of bona fide settlers, without paying a dime to the general Government or a cent to the State in taxes, we would never have heard of the "farmers'" and "stock-raisers'" petition. It makes all the difference in the world to the "Colver Ring" whose ox is gored. No doubt they think they can make a political hobby of it, and indeed we fancy we see, in the columns of a co- \$100,000,000 temporary, the ears-lengthy ones, tooof the same anti-swamp land animal, upon which the proprietor finally hopes to ride into the capitol at Washington as Oregon's next representative. The profound desertations on swamp lands, which appear weekly in the columns of a cotemporary, bring vividly to our remembrance those famous essays on M. MENSOR "Water Rights and Irrigation," which were of so thrilling and interesting and profoundly learned a character, that the very babies cried upon each appearance MERCHANDISE,

ject. There is no more to be said now. henceforth and forever. Let Colver burn his petition and return and hide his deminished head in the swamps of Link river, and let the "farmers" and "stock-THE raisers," and "citizens of Jackson county" preserve their souls in patience. The brief in the case of Fowler vs. Cluggage, although not illustrated by the wooden head of the author, has settled the ques-

ers, "pass in your checks." JOAQUIN MILLER AND HIS WIFE .-Mrs. Miller publishes a letter in the Oregonian, in which she plainly intimates to the public that the private affairs of herself and Miller and their marital squabbles are matters which concern themselves alone, and that they are pro-

bably able to manage them without outside interference. She asks the public to take cognizance of Miller's public character, and to let his private character, at least so far as concerns his relations to

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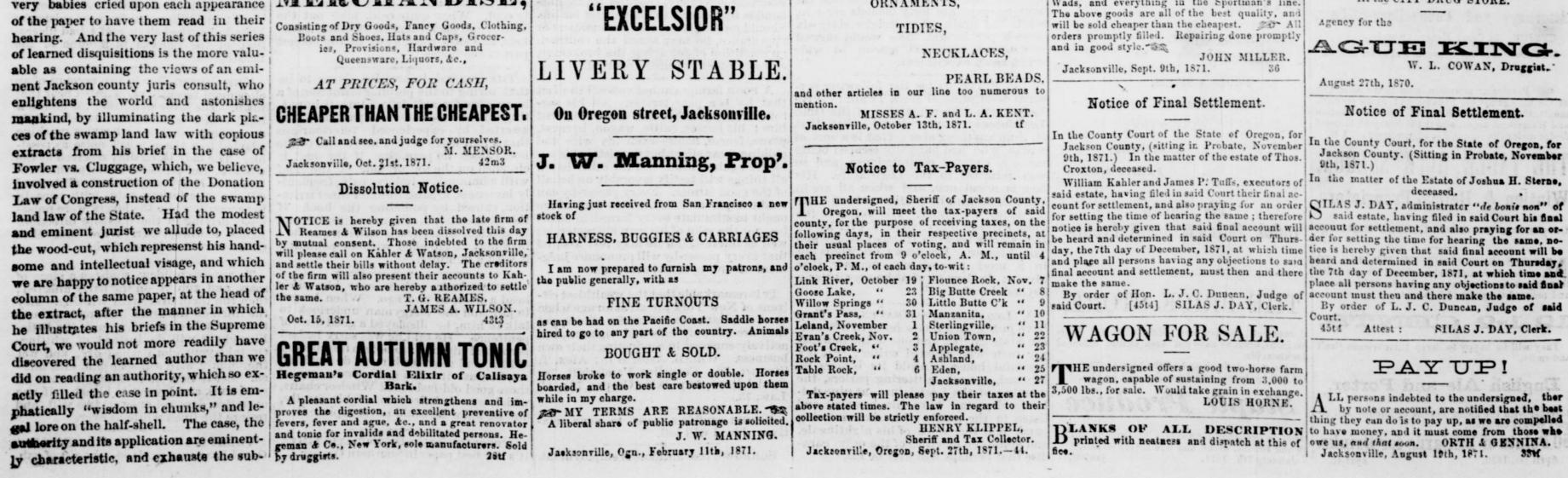
At the CITY DRUG STORE.

crat published Mr. Slater's adhesion to the heresy with an immense flourish of trumpets, and it seems Mr. Slater did not think it necessary to deny his devotion East-in fact, all over the Union-had sounded its knell. We imagine this late repudiation of it will not tend to elevate him in the opinions of his constituency. who certainly would much more admire in him a consistent adhesion to the principle, even in adversity, than a hasty and eager surrender of it. That speech, repudiating the "New Departure," is entirely "too thin."

COMING DOWN .- We learn that the railroad company has reduced freight at least one-eighth lower by the cars than the steamers. This looks to be a curious move, since the C. P. R. R. own the steamers as well as the railroads to Red Bluff, but it is evident the company desire to give the people their choice, and intro-duce the railroad as a more popular route for Northern California freight; besides the railroad cannot deliver goods as far as Red Bluff yet, which may also be a And reason for the reduction. Railroad freight ought to be cheaper than steamer freight, especially at this season of the year when the upper Sacramento is so shallow and difficult to navigate, requiring all the freight to be put in flat bottom barges and towed up to Red Bluff from Sacramento. -Yreka Journal.

THE NEW YORK ELECTION. - The Tammany Ring was defeated in the Democratic City of New York at the late election. Thank God we belong to a party honest enough to defeat public thieves. Let the Republicans follow the example set by the New York Democracy, and defeat the Washington gang of public robbers.





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