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States land officer, will be of interest laws of the United States: to many persons in this State:

It is of course well known to all the following note: who have been familiar -with the instructions and rulings of the general testimony is taken should call the atland office, that multitudes of persons tention of the witness to the following who have ever taken homesteads bave section of the revised statutes, and not strictly complied with the law in state to him that it is the purpose of regard to establishing "a residence" thereon. Heretofore, homesicaders, that be testifies falsely, to prosecute have, of course, solemnly sworn that him to the full extent of the law: they have resided on their homesteads as provided by law, but, as a matter of fact, such residences have been Largest and Best Selection technical, rather than bona fide. It seems, however, the general land office commissioner has decided to put a stop to this loose way of doing business, as new blanks have been issued depose, or certify truly, or that any to the various offices, prescribing a new sort of emphatic and specific sition, or certificate by him subscribed questions both for the homesteader himself and for his witnesses. For the information of the public, and especial. ly for the information of homesteaders der the new regulations, the homesteaders must answer, and the ques -

> QUESTIONS FOR THE HOMESTEADER. Ques. 1. What is your name. Be careful to give it in full, correctly

searching and pointed:

spelled, in order that it may be here written exactly as you wish it written in the patent which you desire to ob- their patents, who could have done so gaging in short and earnest conversatain.

Ques. 2. What is your age? tamily ennsist?

have you declared your intention to homestead law as closely as they have and Dye answered that it belonged to ing blood in her eye deliberately

Ques. 5. Are there any indications of coal, or minerals of any kind on the lands embraced in your homestead and who intend to prove up, to do so what they are, and whether the inquiry is now being made for homesprings or mineral deposits are valua steads, and several contests have re-

Ques 6 Is the land more valuable for agricultural than mineral purposes? haps have acted in good faith and Ques. 7. What is your postoffice address?

Ques 8. Have you ever made a homestead entry except for this land, strictly, will be liable to be put to No ....? (If you have, give, as nearly the trouble and expense of a long conas you can, the date there f and des test, should they delay the matter for no agents, but ship direct to families at factory price. We make only one style and have but the entry still subsists, or, if it has is it to be to the interest of all persons been cancelled, state the cause of its who, under the rulings, may be in cancellation.)

Ques. 9. Have you sold the land or conveyed to any one your right and interest in the same? And it so, to They should as soon as practicable whom and for what purpose?

Ques. 10. Does any one except yourself claim the land under the home. stead or pre-emption laws?

Ques. 11. When did you first make settlement on the said land.

Ques. 12. When did you first establish a residence upon the land? Ques, 13. At the date you have given as being the date that you first es-

tablished your residence upon the land did you move thereupon in person? Ques. 14. Up to what time have

you resided on the land? Ques. 15. Was your residence upon the land continuous during the period

Ques. 16. It you had a family during said period of residence on the bomestead, did your family reside

Ques. 17. What improvements have land. (Describe them.) Ques, 18. When was your house

Ques. 19. What is the total value of said, improvements?

you need the land? Quer. 21. How much of the land have broken and cultivated, and what land. Charts and reports are being

Another affidavit which the homesteader must take contains the follow- Congress when it convenes.

ing clause;

And I do further swear that I have The following article from the Du- not beretofore perfected or abandoned luth Tribune, whose editor is a United an entry made under the homestead

The new instructions also contain

Note-The officer before whom the the government, if it be ascertained

TITLE LXX-CRIMES-CHAPTER 4.

Section 5,392. Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will, testify, declare, pulling. written testimony, declaration, depois true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material to sell. In the month of June matter which he does not believe to Troy Dye came to him and wanted be true, is guilty of perjury, and to borrow \$100. Witness told him who have not yet "proved up," we shall be punished by a fine of not more that he was pressed a little themand publish below the questions which, un: than two thousand dollars, and by im- could not let him have it. Dye came prisonment at hard labor not more repeatedly for the money, but did not than five years, and shall, moreover, obtain it, and said frequently during mony in any court of the United a big estate to settle, and that will States until such time as the judgment | make it up." against him is reversed. [See Sec. 1,750 The effect of these new and more

do. Be this as it may, would recommend all persons, who have had homesteads, for the requisite length of time, cently been instituted; and parties who delay proving up and who perdone the very best they could to comply with the law, but who in some respect may have been unable to do so doubt as to whether they can hold their homesteads or not, to be satisfied on that point as soon as possible. come forward and make their proofs and state the facts just as they exist and rely upon the generosity of the government, in view of its past dealings with homesteaders, to allow them to squeeze through.

The Sacramento Bee notices a new process for drying fruit, which was ace cidentally discovered. The superintendent of the Placerville foundry, having placed some apples in the cold air deaft of the furnace, found that after a few hours' exposure to the current they were cured in a very superior manner. Further experiments led to the belief that this mode of drying will be found preferable to the hot-air process, as it saves the expense of fuel, and the blast of cold air frees the fruit from moisture without the possibility of burning it. The result is said to be much more satisfactory than even that you made or do you possess on the can be carried on without regard to ize that it is better to invest their earns weather.

The examinations and surveys ordered by the act of Congress of June 18, 1878, at Cape Foulweather, Alaea river and bay, Coos bay, Coquille riv-Ques. 20. For what purpose have er and Port Orford have all been completed, and the various parties engaged on these works have returned to Portprepared, and will be forwarded to Dye and Anderson.

The following extracts taken from the testimony elicited yesterday during the examination of the Tullis murderers are taken from the Sacramento

C. F. Trask, living near Courtland, on the afternoon of the murder saw a boat going down the river with two men in it. The boat was newly built and rough looking, not painted, and made of redwood. Noticed a small bundle, done up in paper, on a seat. Witness described the appearance and clothing of the two men in the boat, and stated that the man pulling had his hat over his eyes and the man in the stern never looked to one side or the other. Witness recognized Ander. son positively as the man who was

D. J. Simmons, an auctioneer and general broker of Sacramento knew Dye; was appointed Administrator's auctioneer, but never had an estate tions for his witnesses are equally thereafter be incapable of giving testi- the conversations, "We will soon have.

Here, for the first time, seemingly during the examination, Dye betrayed rigid rulings will probably be to pre- anxiety, rising from his seat, rushing vent some homesteaders from securing over to where Haymond sat, and enunder the old rulings, and the govern- tion. The witness went on to say ment undoubtedly means to put a stop that on the 4th or 5th of July he acrossed the table. The unfortu-Ques. 3. Are you the head of a to the loose way in which some per would not give Dye \$100, but let him nate fly alighted in a a wet and family, or a single person; and, it the sons have heretofore gone through have \$50. The two went out to the bedraggled condition on Mrs. H.'s head of a family, of whom does your the farce of proving up, but it may be door together, and Dye took occasion plate. She indignantly grabbed that the government will look with to remark that there would soon be him and flung him back into her Ques. 4. Are you a native born cit- some degree of allowance upon those a large estate down the river to sell. husband's plate. James gazed izen of the United States? It not homesteaders who have lived up to the Witness inquired of him whose it was, steadily at her a moment and seen A FULL LIFE OF ASBLAND GOODS become a citizen; and have yen obtain- supposed that they were required to a man named Tullis. In response to picked up the fly, and, with a hand the question as to whether Tullis was dead or not, Dye replied in these words: "No, but he is old and sickly, and can't live long." Witness told a entry above described? (It so state as soon as practicable. Considerable straigt-forward story, which was not impaired in the slightest by a crossexamination by Mr. Haymond.

A tatal case of poisoning by peach stones, which is noted in the French papers as having recently occurred in Paris, should serve as a warning to families in which children are allowed to take care of themselves for hours at time. Probably very few adults themselves know how poisonous peach stones are. The victim of the recent accident in Paris secreted the stones of a number of peaches, and obtaining a hammer, when left alone, broke them open industriously and ate them, the result being that he was fa tally poisoned by hpdrocyanic (prussic) acid. Since the peach season is now upon us, it is as well to explain what quantity of poison the peach-stone possesses. Writers on toxicology state that one ounce of the kernels contains about one grain of pure prussic said, this quantity, it is well known, is suf. ficient to kill any adult person. Even two thirds of a grain has very often inferior in other respects. When we proved tatal, and indeed may well be come to consider these figures and regarded as a fatal dose for any child. compare the amount of alfalfa hav

It is a surprise to the whole country that the subscriptions for the four per cent United States bonds continue for so large amounts. Statements have been made to the effect that the aggregate sum taken during August will be fully \$25,000,000. If all our bonds could be owned in the United States, and the interest kept at home instead of being sent abroad, times would speedproduced by drying, while the time of being sent abroad, times would speed-required is much less and the work ily change. The people seem to realings in safe securities than to use them for speculative purposes.

A dispatch dated London Sept. 5th says: Later estimates of the number of persons drowned by the collision on the Thames are higher than those giv. en yesterday. It is now stated that between 600 and 700 were lost, the majority of estimates favoring the lat, Washington in time to be laid before corpses packed tour and five deep in the states east of the Rocky mountains. the cabin of the Princess Alice.

A Scotch paper is responsible for the following anecdote: A Scotchman who was sailing with a number of ladies in a boat-including his wife, her sister, her mother, and his mother-and the boat having been overturned near the shore by a squall, shouted out to the rescuers to save one old lady in particular, who was afterwards found to be his mother. On being asked , why he did not point out his wife. as the chief object to be rescued, he calmly replied: "Well, ye see, a man can get as many wives as he needs, but he can never get anither mither."

#### What a Fly Did.

James Howard, of Walker, married an interesting young lady name ed Symonds about a year ago, and they have lived cosily and happily together ever since. But the other morning at breakfast an inquisitive and hungry fly dropped down from his perch on the ceiling, and stretched his legs, began skirmishing around for his breakfast. He crawled slowly around Mr. Howard's coffee-cup once or twice, snuffing the delicious aroma and wondering how he could manage to get a drink, when his foot slipped, he lost his grip, and in a moment more was floundering around in the liquid. His struggles attracted the attention of James, and he pulled him out and playfully tossed him trembling with suppressed rage, threw it back on her plate. Then began a regular game of shuttlecock. between the two, and that fly flew back and forth until he was completely worn out. Then the young wife, bursted into tears. seized her bonnet and rushed from the house to the residence of her parents, vowing she would never come back, and James went out to the barn, swearing to himself. In an hour or so the father of the much abused wife came over with a team and removed all her baggage, and now they "meet as friends no more." They have separated for good, and thus two lives are rendered miseras ble by the single misstep of a fly. On such small things do our destinies depend!

As compared with the best English hay, which is supposed to be the hest in the world, alfalfa hay possesses a greater amount of fateforming principles, and almost as great an amount of flesh-forming. Alfalfa is ahead of the best red clover as a fat former, though produced on a single acre of ground. it will be seen that an acre of alfalfa bay will fatten three or four times as many animals as English hay or the best of red clover. We suspect thatexperiments will demonstrate the fact that California farmers have been cut; ting their alfalfa too ripe, and that better hay would be produced it cut

Our wheat seems to be purchased almost as fast as offered for shipment abroad. In Oregon and California it goes on shipment as fast as it arrives at tide water. With such prices as we are obtaining for our surplus wheat, there must be an immediate change in our finance for the better. Then our barley crop, which is large and of exa cellent quality, will be in demand at good prices; for it is announced that tor number. A diver says he felt the crop has been seriously injured in Altogether, the outlook is quite good.