

THE "DESERT LAND" SWINDLE.

The application for so-called "desert lands" in Kern county have been made by a class of persons whom it is difficult to regard as applicants in good faith...

The above taken from the San Francisco Chronicle illustrates, to some extent, the methods used by land-sharks to swindle the government. The Desert Land Bill, like the Swamp Land Bill, is good enough in its provisions...

SENATOR GROVER TO BE INVESTIGATED.

It will be seen by the dispatches that the committee appointed by the U. S. Senate, to investigate the charges made against Mr. Grover...

STRUCK A LEAD.

Our evening neighbor has been out prospecting and thinks it has found a lead and struck it rich—with optics keen it imagines it sees a thirty dollar lead in the Court House management...

Among the recent applicants for Post Offices from the new Administration is a daughter of ex-Senator John C. Calhoun...

GOOD ADVICE.

About the most comfortable thing for each person to do is to stand on his own independent judgment.—Oregonian.

The above good advice was called forth by an article in this paper, in which it was asserted that, on the side of Chamberlain and Packard were the law and equity...

To the mind of our contemporary this may seem to be the only thing for the President to do—and would be correct considered abstractly—but there are other considerations that enter into the solution of this question...

Under the Constitution of the United States and the laws of Congress, there are some questions and rights left for the States to look after; among these is the right to determine who has been elected Governor at State elections...

Had it been made the duty of the President, by the law of the land, to canvass the votes given for State officers and to maintain them in office...

But since this is not the business of the chief executive of the nation, we cannot see the inconsistency of assuming the fact that Chamberlain and Packard were duly elected and at the same time hold that the President has acted wisely...

REMARKS BY SENATOR GROVER.

The Herald's Salt Lake special day before yesterday says the Prophet arose at an unexpected moment and broke forth in an address to the Saints and sinners...

BROWNVILLE CORRESPONDENCE.

MINERS—CROQUET—QUARTZ—MINE. BROWNVILLE, May 8th, 1877. EDITOR STATESMAN.—P. Home and family have returned from San Jose, California, having made the journey by land...

TRANSPORTATION.

The subject of transportation is now attracting considerable attention throughout our State. Benton county is waked as from a dream, and is again moving in the matter of constructing a railroad to Yaquina Bay...

This is as it should be—cheap transportation is one of the great questions for the producers of this country to solve. This can only be accomplished by continued competition.

Monopolies in any department of business make the most of their opportunities; this is as natural as it is for water to run down hill. Therefore the most important point to settle is that of permanent, healthy competition.

The building of the Yaquina Railroad ought to be encouraged, this will open a new route to commerce and develop new enterprises and open up to settlement quite a large district of country which will add largely to the material wealth of the country...

It is true that all heavy freight can be transported much cheaper by sea than by rail, yet the want of railroad connection is and has been a very serious drawback to our State.

Our State has been pretty thoroughly advertised during the last twelve months and now all that is wanting to bring to us vast increased immigration is some pleasant and more direct way than by ocean travel. Tourists and pleasure seekers by the hundreds would come among us to enjoy and admire the good things of our favored land...

Everything is growing splendid and gives a promise of a good crop.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, May 8, 1877. The following is the result of proceedings of the court martial at Fort Abercrombie, which recently tried Major Reno on a charge of having made improper overtures to the wife of Capt. Bell.

MAJ. RENO'S SENTENCE.

WASHINGTON, May 8, 1877. The proceedings in this case having been forwarded to the Secretary of War, have been most carefully considered and have been submitted to the President, who approves the finding and sentence...

ST. LOUIS GLOBE.

St. Louis Globe: In the Dancer will ease there are said to be thirty lawyers, and \$450,000 to fight over. This is only \$15,000 to each lawyer. The Bar Association should protest.

PARSON BROWNLOW'S LIFE.

Parson Brownlow's life was full of variety and stormy enough. A carpenter, Methodist minister, Whig, defender of slavery, radical Union man, Governor and Senator, he at least gained what so many drive for, wide notoriety.

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OUR COQUILLE LETTER.

COQUILLE RIVER, May 20, 1877. BENTON STATESMAN.—Coquille River is just now in its prettiest aspect, and it is certainly a beautiful sight to pass up or down its waters...

This mouth and next will be the most pleasant time to visit the sea beach, and picnic parties will be in order. There is generally very little wind blowing and fishing good; plenty of sea loins, clams and crabs, and those who do not desire to camp will find Mr. Nelson the best of landlords.

On account of some parties from San Francisco buying Simon Lane's black sand mine, the prospectors are out in full force trying to find more of the same kind.

It seems the State has made some selections of State Capitol land, in Town 28, S. R. 14 west, which have been claimed by certain party in the land ring that he has named on long. Now as the state has acquired a title to these lands...

The Grangers of Hall's Prairie Lodge have got a new organ for their hall and last night gave a ball. I believe the attendance was good and all parties happy.

FROM WALDO HILLS.

WALDO HILLS, May 6, 1877. ED. STATESMAN.—On yesterday a neighborhood picnic was indulged in near the residence of Mr. B. A. Leonard...

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THE DESERT LAND BILL.

We print the full text of this bill, in order that all may be informed of its provisions, and judge for themselves of the wisdom of the act.

Be it enacted, etc. That it shall be lawful for any citizen of the United States, or any person of requisite age, who may be entitled to become a citizen, and who has filed his declaration to become such, and upon payment of 25 cents per acre, to file a declaration under oath with the register and the receiver of the land district in which any desert land is situated...

SEC. 2. That all lands exclusive of timber lands and mineral lands, which will not, without irrigation produce agricultural crops shall be deemed desert lands within the meaning of this act...

SEC. 3. That this act shall only apply to and take effect in the States of California, Oregon and Nevada, and in the Territories of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico and Dakota...

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