Friday, October 14, 1887.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

on fact, but is purely a product of the imagination.

The secretary of the interior has the joint resolution of congress, ap- average legal tribunal a farce. proved May 31, 1870, makes a grant of land between said points.

Purchasers of goods will be benefited, in the long run, by making it a a rule to patronize, exclusively, the merchants who advertise. The reably make it known by judicious adverhaving nothing to offer, has nothing which is involved in the most bewil to say, and who sits inside of his es- dering perplexity and uncertainty. tablishment waiting for customers to It is expected that the Commission intrude themselves, and insist on will also undertake the settlement of buying something.

We are in receipt of Copp's Settlers Guide, published by Henry N. Copp. Washington, D. C. It tells about the homestead, pre-emption, timber culture and other land laws; how to decipher surveyed township, section and quarter-section corners; how long residence must be continued; what settlement and improvements must be shown; how and on what grounds contests against abandoned and illegal entries can be commenced; location of government land offices and names of land officers, and it will doubtless save many settlers from the loss of their land and improvements. as designing people often mislead uninformed settlers as to the requirements of the settlement laws. All who are about to start for the West or to locate on Southern railroad lands will find this guide of special service. Price 25 cents.

The lunatic George Francis Train is creating considerable stir in Chicago, and is exercising his twisted intellect in behalf of the condemned anarchists. The Examiner has the following from Chicago: George Francis Train delivered a lecture in the Princess theatre, this afternoon, to a small audience. A part of the lecture, if literally reported, would read like a nightmare. 'Being born on a mountain top, " said Mr. Train, "I saw you couldn't hang seven men in Cheago for committing no crime, (Great applause) I am going to move here and settle down. All in fayor of my living here say 'aye.' (Ayes vociferously granted) You hang those seven men if you dare, and I will head 20,000,000 workingmen to cut the throats of everybody in Chicago. All in in favor of cutting the throats of everybody in Chicago say 'aye,' (Ayes given with a roar of laughter) How can you convict men of being accessories to a crime for which there is no principal?" he suddenly shouted, "Furthermore, how are these men accessories, and why should they hang? By similar reasoning Jeff. Davis and Robert E. Lee ought to have hung for tiring on Fort Sumpter: Deanis Kearney and the rest of the sandlotters and coast editors ought to hang for the Rock Springs Chinese massacre which they fomented, and Mayor Harrison and the chiefs of police who permitted the anarchists leaders to incite the Haymarket massacre during years of inflammatory speeches should hang." A vote was then taken on a proposition to hang Jay Gould to a lamp post, and unanimously carried.

It is probable that the owners of the alleged Cascade Mountain Wagon Road will succeed in swindling the government out of an enormous area of land after all. The effect of their golden hued persuasions is apparent in the following from a Portland paper: "Some of the gentlemen who have been attending the wagon road Investigation at Albany returned yes- it is broken up.

THE OREGON SCOUT. terday, the matter having been closed so far as the Willamette Valley and AMOS K. JONES . . EDITOR, Cascade Mountain Wagon Road is concerned. The testimony showed City and County Official Paper. that the road had been constructed in good faith. The evidence of Milton Hale, an old pionerr, fully corroborated by other witnesses, left no question of the good faith of the organization and builders of the road. During the taking of the testimony it The September number of the West | was disclosed that the only opposition Shore is at hand and is an exception- came from parties most benefited by it ally interesting number. Among and whose interests, which the road other literary articles, it contains a in question involved, are that they story by Ella Higginson, the scene of may obtain the lands, upon which which is laid in Grande Ronde valley. they have squatted and fenced in with-The story, however, is not founded out paying the company for them. * * * * * * This Summer over \$50,-000 has been expended upon the road, and about 200 men are now at work along various portions of it, repairing reversed the decision of the commiss- | the damage done by landshides, washioner of the general land office of Feb- outs, etc. In view of these facts it is ruary, 1886, in the case of Donald evident that the land grant has been McRea vs. the Northern Pacific. The honestly carned and should not be question at issue was whether the forfeited." Since the lands along Northern Pacific has a grant of lands | the line of this road have become valfrom Portland, Oregon, to Puget uable, we have no doubt that the sound, Washington territory, a dis- company would be willing to put a tance of about forty miles. The com- few more men at work, if it would missioner found that the company make matters look better and had no grant. This decision of the strengthen their case any. Verily the secretary reverses that, and finds that world is full of corruption, and the

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the editor of the Orgoon Scour.

Washington, Oct. 5th, 1887. In administration circles it is given out that the next important question son for this is obvious. The wide for consideration is the appointment awake merchant who has, or thinks of suitable members of the joint High he has, bargains to effer will invaria- Commission to adjust the fishery troubles with our Canadian neighbors tising, and having an ambition to get and it is understood that Secretary all the trade possible will offer every | Bayard finds great difficulty in securinducement to secure it. It is a great | ing the services of capable men for deal more pleasant and profitable to these positions of inter-national trust, deal with this kind of a man than it is as it is thought to be a thankless and with one of the opposite kind, who, profitless work, the final issue of the disputed boundary between the United States and British Columbia. adjust the jurisdiction of the United States over Behring Strait, and also consider the question of reciprocal commercial relations between the United States and Canada.

It appears that full confidence has been restored in financial circles by the action of the Treasury in purchasing bonds, by which means about thirty millions have been added to the volume of the country's circulating medium within the past formight. thus dispelling, at least for the present, all fears of general commercial distress. And now that the breakers are supposed to have been safely passed, it is apparent that, ontside of Wall street, the danger was more imaginary than real, for the general business situation was and is as good or better than usual before the government came to the rescue of commerce. In proof of this, I have to offer the records of the Treasury Department which show that there are \$15,000,000 more money in circulation now than there was last year.

Secretary Whitney expresses the opinion that the most important fire arm yet invented is the dynamite gun which has been the subject of a practical and most satisfactory experiment, with the result that the destructive agency can be thrown with perfect precision fully one mile and a half, and even furthur, if the gun be trained for that purpose. The dynamite gun will destroy the largest and strongest ironelads, and is undoubtedly one of the greatest of inventions.

One of the latest presidential booms is that of Gen. Sheridan which is worked very quietly, the initiatory step being the publication of his life.

The great popular demonstration in honor of Ex-Governor Shepard will take place next week and will be an event to be pleasantly remembered many years, as the grateful citizens of Washington are thoroughly enlisted in its support, having contributed the liberal sum of \$10,000 to add to the grandeur and impressiveness of the

During the absence of the president and Mrs. Cleveland-they leave today—the White House will have a fall cleaning and the usual annual renovating. Matting will be exchanged for carpets, and the heavy window hangings will replace the light draperies that grace the vistas all summer, completely transforming the general internal appearance of the mansion. NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

Advices from Melbourne state that an immense nugget weighing about fifty-one pounds, of pure gold, has just been unearthed in the now famous Midas mine. The find has created intense excitement. The nugget is flat and has something of the contour of a colosed hand, held open, with the thumb and finger close together. Its greatest length is twelve and one-half inches. The value is estimated at \$10. 000. A cast of it will be taken before

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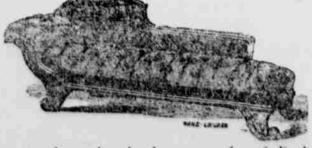
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