

THE COUNTIES COMPROMISE

The suit pending between this and Wallowa county, over financial difficulties consequent on the division, has been compromised. The officials of Wallowa county proposed to pay the costs that have accrued, and settle according to the terms suggested by the board appointed by the legislature to adjust the matter.

RESIGNATION OF SPARKS.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has resigned. The thieves, land grabbers and railroad monopolists have succeeded, and the principal bulwark that impeded them has been removed.

For the last twenty years the most outrageous frauds have been perpetrated against the government by organized syndicates of thieves, and but little effort has been made to check their progress till Sparks tried it, and he has failed.

Of fraudulent land entries, as a result of the year's investigation, 2,312 entries, covering about 370,000 acres, were held for cancellation, and 153 entries, covering about 180,000 acres, were cancelled for fraud.

While the area of fraudulent entries is gradually becoming circumscribed there still remains much to do; an entire or general cessation of fraud cannot be expected, so long as the facilities offered for its perpetration by the existing laws are so great.

One thousand and eleven cases of timber depredation or trespass were reported on during the year, involving in timber and products \$6,116 655 recoverable to the United States. The amount actually recovered is \$128,642.

No sensible and honest man will deny that the above report sets forth the matter exactly as it exists to-day. To-morrow it will have a different aspect.

Unpleasant facts will not come to the front any more. Some "good and suitable man" will in all probability be chosen to succeed Sparks, who will give satisfaction to the land grabbers, robbers and capitalists.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A heap of wisdom is crowded into ten words by the Davenport, Iowa, Gazette, when it says, "Partisan judges are not wanted any more than partisan juries."

The postoffice department has lately decided that postal cards uncalled for shall be returned to the writer, also advertised letters shall be held but two weeks instead of four, before being sent to the dead letter office at Washington.

Here Most, the Anarchist, on account of his utterances at a recent meeting, was arrested and is again behind the prison bars. The time has come when these vipers should be stamped out of existence, and the officers seem to be doing their duty well.

The committed anarchists have been put to work—Schwab in the prison kitchen, where he will peel potatoes, chop the hash and otherwise assist in preparing the convicts' food, and Fiedler in the stone department. They are now engaged in something useful for once in their lives.

The East Portland Vindicator has changed its form from four to eight pages and is otherwise improved. It is an excellent paper.

The Macon Telegraph declares itself in favor of inaugurating a relentless war on the harmless crank and the bogus bomb. The list could be enlarged greatly with propriety.

A line of railroad is said to have just been completed in Sweden beyond the Arctic circle to an iron mine in that locality. Pretty soon the iron horse will be climbing the north pole.

Among the distinguished American citizens now in Europe may be mentioned Buffalo Bill, James G. Blaine, Jake Kilrain, Jay Gould and John L. Sullivan. They form a charming quintet, and if they do not bring back all there is in sight it will be funny.

One of our exchanges publishes this very sensible paragraph: "No paper can be published without home patronage, and every man is interested in keeping up a paper. If a railroad or factory is wanted, the newspapers are expected to work for it. If a public meeting is wanted for any purpose, the paper is called on for a free notice."

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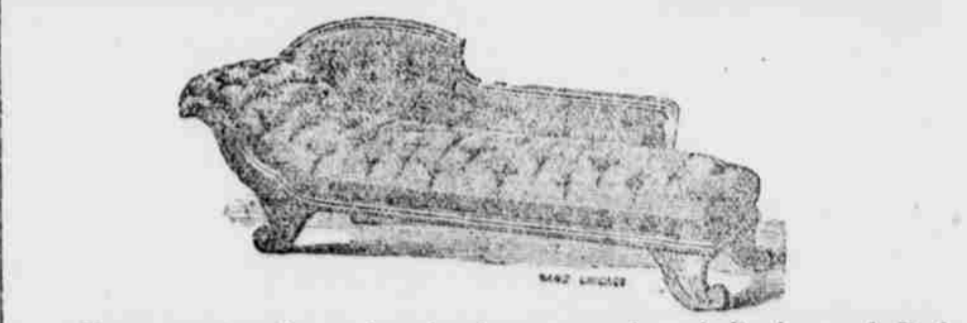
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