### Important to Settlers.

From the Walla Walla Union. The last Congress passed a law which will in its enforcement save many homesteaders the time trouble and expense of a personal trip to the Land Office, when it becomes desira-Land Office, when it becomes desirable or necessary to make final proof for their claims. The new law, which is now in force, provides that any party desiring to avail himself of the provisions of the act must go before the Judge, or in his absence, the Clerk, of any court of record in the county and State, or district and Territory, in which the lands are situated, with his witness, make the proof, and take the affidavits required by law, according to the prescribed forms. The jndge or clerk taking the proof, is required to transmit it with the proper fee and charges to the Register and Receiver of the Land Office. if the testimony is taken by the clerk in the absence of the judge, he is required to certify on papers to the absence of the judge.

The officers of the Land Office are required to examine the papers thus madeout and sent, and if satisfied with their regularity, and the sufficienc; of the proof, upon the receipt of the full amount of money due, to issue the proper receipts and make the required returns. If the officers are not satisfied with the papers, they are required to notify the party and advise him of his rights in the matter. The practical working of the law in the Walla Walla Land District will, in our opinion, be confined to the counties of Walla Walla, Yakima and Whitman, because the letter of the law provides for taking the testimony "before the Judge, or, in his absence, before the clerk of any court of record of the county and State, or District and Territory in which the lands are situated", and the only court of record in the "District and Territory," is the U. S. District Court, which holds terms at Walla Walla, Colfax and Yakima, and has a clerk at each place. The law may possibly have been intended to allow the proof to be taken before the judge or clerk of any court of record in the county, in which case the proof could be taken before the judge or clerk of the Probate Court, that being the only Court of record in this Territory, besides the District Court, recognized by the Land Department. But in our opinion, proof taken before a judge or clerk of the Probate Court, and sent to the Land Office, would not be considered good. We hope we are not wrong in our construction of the law, and would be happy to publish a decision of the Department overruling our opinion.

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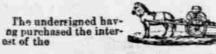
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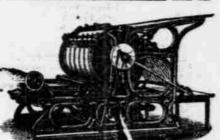
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