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## More Accurate Area.

GEOGRAPHIES and other statistical works have for the last two decades given areas of our states and territories as nearly correct as it was possible; yet it was always felt that exactness in the matter of square miles had not been reached.— But the admirable system of statistics compiled during the taking of the last census comprised an exact calculation of areas of surface, as well as compilation of other important tables, and the result is now published. The generally accepted statement relative to areas receives a violent shaking up. The area of Oregon was always put down at 95,274 square miles; California, 188,981; Nevada, 104,200. The new survey, according to the reports of the tenth census, show that our own state has 96,030 square miles; California, 158,360; Nevada, 110,700; these figures differing materially from former ones. But even for the new figures absolute exactness can not be claimed, close approximation being the most that can be admitted.

Our total area of states and territories, exclusive of Alaska, can be easily remembered as about three million square miles—the census figures being 3,025,600—of which 55,600 are water surface, such as lakes and rivers. Alaska would, probably, add half a million square miles; Rhode Island is the smallest, with 1,250 square miles. Next to Texas come California, Nevada, Colorado, with 103,925 square miles. Oregon, and then Minnesota with 83,365.

There is a wide contrast between these six states and the six smallest; Rhode Island with but 1,085 square miles of actual land surface; Delaware with 2,050; Connecticut with 4,900; New Jersey with 7,815; Massachusetts, 8,315: and New Hampshire, 9,305. But there is no less an inverse contrast in the influence these little commonwealths have exerted upon the history of our country. The largest county in any of the states is Nye county, Nevada, with about the smallest population; the smallest county is New York county, N. Y., with by far the largest population. There is another striking contrast. Dakota heads the territories (exclusive of Alaska) with an area of 149,100 square miles; and Montana follows closely with an area of 146,080. Dakota asks to be divided before she enters the Union, but she is already smaller than Texas or California and hasn't got half the population of those states. Texas will undoubtedly be divided into four states, each one larger than New York or New Jersey together. The ratio of water to land area affords another source of contrast among the states and territories. Proportionally, Rhode Island has the most water in hers —165 square miles to 1,085 of land. Maine, Florida, and North Carolina are other examples of large water area, including bayous and inlets. As a contrast we find arid Arizona with 100 square miles of of water surface to 112,920 square miles of land: and her neighbor, New Mexico, with 120 square miles of water to 122,460 of land.

## Independence.

THE Salem Statesman quotes approvingly an Eastern rhetorical fusilade in which occurs the singular statement that a newspaper cannot be independent and consistent. The Eastern man was mistaken in writing it and the Statesman is worse mistaken in endorsing it.. The opinions of a newspaper have a value proportional to the freedom of thought on the part of its proprietors. Of course, at this day, a man that has no opinion on political matters is a fool: a man that is afraid to express his opinion is a coward: and any man has a right to be wrong. Time was when any and all newspapers had to have a strong bias either one way or the other; when the views of the editor were eagerly looked for, and the opinions of one man moulded the opinions of his readers. That era has passed away: it passed when died Blair, Rhett, Ritchie, Prentice, Bennett, Raymond, Greeley. The party whip can no longer be laid upon the backs of thinking men, least of all upon men who refuse to train blindly with raw political recruits and swallow, implicitly, all that they are told. Faith is a good thing in religion, but it will not give any man his true bearings in politics. A newspaper that "holds the mirror up to nature," that acts as a reflex of whatever of import is going on, that gives credit for good wherever found, and castigates evil wherever it exists, must, assuredly, have more influence in its utterances than the "organ," be it Republican or Democratic, that can see no good in any man or men who happen to be on the opposite side.

This government is a government of checks and balances. It needs two great parties: it will always have them; the nearer those two parties are equal—numerically—the better the class of men put forward for office; the better the government, the more prosperous the nation. 'Tis the province of the INDEPENDENT newspaper to contribute toward this desideratum by refusing to throw mud at merit or attempt to clothe devils in the robes of angels of light; 'tis the privilege of the independent newspaper to rise in the sunlight of truth above the mist and darkness of political intrigue, and, discerning the right to proclaim it; 'tis the prerogative of the independent newspaper to refuse to "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning," by giving unworthy men to know that it cannot be coaxed nor bullied nor bought to advocate any party creed or party cry that is inimical to the eternal principles of independence that underlie the institutions of our country. But some one who finds difficulty in defining his terms may say: "You can't be neutral." No, indeed; a paper that tries to be "neutral" is a sort of hermaphrodite, neither fish nor flesh, man nor woman, horse nor alligator. Neutrality is as different from independence as a green-scummed frog pond is from the current of the Columbia. Neutrality cowers in the earth; independence dares to disagree and opposes anything that tends to injure the common good. An independent newspaper is not necessarily an iconoclastic one; there is no need to go around breaking images, but there is great need in this age of gas, glass, glare and dazzle, of shams and bladders, to be able and in due position to show up unworthy motives and give due credit to all honest efforts for the right.

NEW TO-DAY.

**Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Lands.**

U. S. LAND OFFICE, VANCOUVER, W. T., February 8, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory," Ambrose Foster, of Pacific county, Washington Territory, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the northwest ¼ of Sec. 29, Township 10 North of Range 9 West of the Willamette meridian. Testimony in the above case will be taken before the Clerk of the District Court, at Oysterville, W. T., on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1882. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land, or any portion thereof, are hereby required to file their claims in this office within sixty (60) days from date hereof.

FRED. W. SPARLING, Register.

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LAND OFFICE NOTICE.—Land office at Vancouver, W. T., February 13, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge of the Probate-Court, at Cathlamet, W. T., on Monday, March 20, 1882, viz: Elijah C. Nelson, homestead application No. 2115, for the east ½ of southwest ¼ of Sec. 24, T. 9 N., R. 6 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George Hathaway, Frank Charles, Jesse Graham, J. J. Foster, all of Cathlamet, W. T.

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FRANK J. TAYLOR,
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Committee on Ways and Means.

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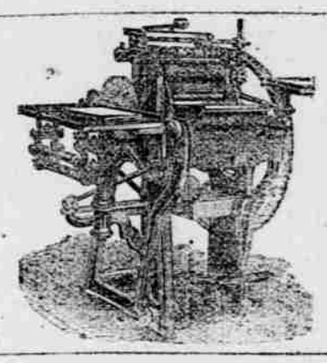

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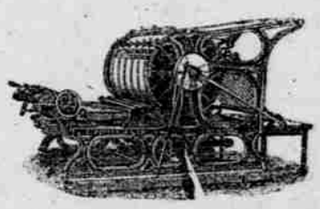

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