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### AN IMPORTANT LAND DECISION.

On appeal from the commissioner of the general land office, the secretary of the interior has overruled the decision of his predecessor in the Phelps case, allowing a pre-emptor to make a second pre-emption filing for the same tract of land. In overruling this decision the secretary holds, (to use his own language) "I cannot concur in such a construction of the act, (pre-emption act) for it involves the proposition that until a settler has acquired the title under the pre-emption law, he never loses the right to file anew for the land. That if he elects, on expiration of the time fixed by law, to not buy the land, such election gives him in the absence of adverse rights, the privilege of again excluding the settlement rights of the public for another period of thirty-three months. When the whole of this section (Section 2261, U. S. revised statutes, being in substance the 10th section of the pre-emption act—Stowich) is considered together, it becomes apparent that congress by the first clause said: 'No man shall have more than one pre-emption right,' and by the second, 'that right shall be restricted to one tract of land.' Full effect is thus given the whole section, without giving to the pre-emptor the exclusive right to hold the land beyond the time fixed by law, and thus receive more than one pre-emption right." In conclusion the secretary says: "This decision is not to be taken as affecting cases already adjudicated under the rules in the Phelps case, which is hereby overruled."

### Money Saving.

In general, money which is inherited is as apt to go as easily as it came; but the person who has earned money by hard labor and deprivation, is not the one to allow it to slip from his grasp. He knows what struggles he had to accumulate that amount, and knows how to handle it to get more. The writer has seen numerous instances where young men have been set up in business by the money of parents, and in the great majority of cases they made a failure of it. Never having learned the secret of saving money, it was but natural for them, when it came into their possession, to make free use of it. The person who has the tact to save a thousand dollars from his earnings by the time he is 25 years of age should have no trouble in raising it to ten thousand dollars by the time he is forty, and often to a much larger amount. It is the first thousand dollars that tries the ability, and what comes after is easy enough if the person only keeps level-headed, and does not allow himself to be carried away by success.

### The Fascination of Gold Mines.

An old forty-niner says of gold hunting: "It's the fascination of it. Look, man, when you're struck it pretty rich and can see your gold right in front of you; when you're piling it up every half hour of the day, with a nugget every now and again as big as a bullet to cheer you, and then when even a hundred and you count it up and find a combed odd dollars just poked out of the earth that day—well, there ain't nothin' like it. Then when you don't strike it rich you always think you're goin' to next day, an' it's just as excitin' bearing other men tell in the evenin' what they pulled out as it is countin' over your own. Why, I've been three and four months at a time without making a dollar and without a cent in my pocket; but once you strike the excitement of it don't give a man twice to think of how hard up he is."

### The Chinaman's Pigtail.

It is curious that what at first was the token of Chinese subjugation at the hands of the Tartars, the pigtail, has now become the pride and glory of the race. Cut off the queue of a Celestial, and smile is the only honorable course open to him. If he is especially tenacious of life, however, he may don a false article until his hair has grown again. While at work the coolies wear their pigtails wound up on the back of their heads; but when they have occasion to present themselves before you, it is invariably unwound. For a Chinaman to appear in your presence with his pigtail in a knot would be equivalent to your entering a drawing-room in America with a hat on and your pants tucked in your boots.

### Plans for a California Yacht.

Plans and specimens for a fast cruising schooner yacht have just been sent to James V. Coleman, of San Francisco, by A. Cary Smith, of New York. As the vessel is to be built in California the plans are necessarily very complete. Coleman deserves success for his enterprising yachting spirit. By building a vessel in California an opportunity will be afforded for using the magnificent woods of that country, for every part of the craft, with the additional satisfaction of being able to thoroughly inspect her construction from keel to completion. Coleman has also ordered a full-rigged model of the yacht made, which he proposes to keep at home.

A Detroit woman wants a divorce because her husband, she has discovered, lied to her before he married her. He told her that he owned a horse and wagon, and possessed the truth, inasmuch as he owned a wood-horse and a dog, and the latter's tail had a wag-on. It is believed the court will not only grant a divorce, but sentence the fiend to be hanged.—Norrstoten Herald.

Mary Ellen Chase says "there will be three women to one man in heaven." Then there will be two women out of every three that will be all-mighty lonesome and don't you forget it, Mary Ellen.

### Whole Meat as an Article of Food.

A Norwegian speculator has been turning his attention recently to the introduction of whole meat as an article of food. He was induced to do this through a belief that it was both nutritious and palatable, and the knowledge that immense quantities of it are annually thrown away, notwithstanding large quantities of it are eaten each season by those engaged in the whale fisheries. He concluded that if some preserving process were adopted that it could be profitably used on shore. He accordingly made arrangements with several captains of whaling vessels and two meat preserving firms, and some time since he gave a whale dinner. At this dinner he claims to have proven that whole fish can be cooked in a dozen different ways, and that it forms a delicious as well as a wholesome article of diet. It is said that some parts of the fish supplied material for an excellent imitation of turtle soup; other portions resemble beef, while other portions again are almost as white and tender as spring chicken.

### Dangerous Navigation.

Navigation of the lower Spokane river is somewhat dangerous. A party of three men started down in a skiff a few days ago. They ran the rapids at the mouth of Hangman creek successfully, but about four miles below they found the riffles running several feet high and the boat was thrown end for end with such force that they were able to reach the shore and walk back to Spokane Falls. Had they taken the trouble to inquire about the character of the lower Spokane river they would have learned that the channel was through canyons 2000 feet below the plains to the south and full of rapids and falls entirely un-navigable.—Spokane Chronicle.

The initials of the four most prominent republican presidential candidates—Blaine, Arthur, Lincoln and Logan—spell B-A-L-L. It is now time for some fortune-teller to inform the democrats that this signifies that the republicans will get the grand bouree.

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