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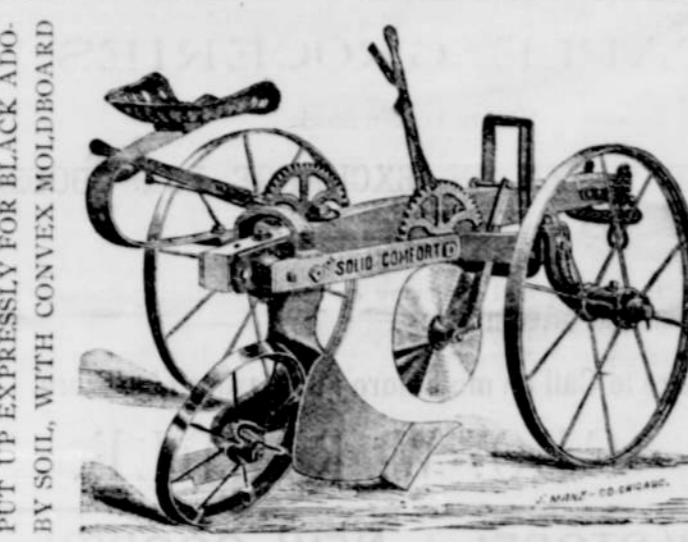
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INGTON LETTER.
 INGTON, Dec. 18, '86.

Field interspersed her lecture with passages of scornful loathing for the people, who under guise of a divine revelation, were engaged in undermining the "noblest government on earth." She has confidence in the present administration, and believes that President Cleveland and Senator Edmunds will grapple successfully with the treason in Utah.

Of Interest to Settlers.
 (Oregonian)
 The following circular will be read with interest by many settlers in Oregon. The rules of practice in local land offices, in contests between settlers and the State, are so modified as to throw the burden of proof on the settler, and to conclude the state's claim when no protest or application is made for hearing, within sixty days after notice to the governor. Formerly the *onus probandi* was on the pre-emption or homestead claimant, and the state after default, appealed the settlers' cases, and in many instances defeated them upon technicalities.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
 Washington, D. C., Dec. 13 '86
 Registers and Receivers United States Land Offices—Gentlemen:—
 The rules heretofore in force relative to the admission of entries and filings on land selected (and prior to their approval and certification by the secretary of the interior as "swamp and overflowed and rendered thereby unfit for cultivation," are hereby modified as follows:

1. When any settler upon such lands or applicant to enter the same under the public land laws of the United States shall apply to make a filing or entry under said laws, accompanied by a statement under oath corroborated by two witnesses, that the land in its natural state is not swamp and overflowed and rendered thereby unfit for cultivation, the register and receiver will allow such filing or entry "subject to the swamp land claim."

2. Upon the admission of any such filing or entry the register will at once notify the governor of the state thereof, and allow him sixty days within which to object to the perfection of the entry and to apply for a hearing in behalf of the state to prove the swampy character of the land.

3. When a hearing is ordered between the state and claimant under the public land laws, the burden of proof will be upon the state to establish the character of the land.

4. When no protest or application for a hearing is presented on the part of the state, as herein provided, the state will be deemed concluded from thereafter asserting a claim to the land under the swamp land grant.

5. The foregoing applies only to those states whose claims are adjudged by examinations in the field.

6. Where swamp land selections are based upon the field notes of survey, and the land is alleged not to have been in fact swamp and overflowed, and rendered thereby unfit for cultivation at the date of the swamp land grant, the burden of proof will be upon the contestant or adverse claimant under the public land laws.

7. You will promptly advise this office when notice is given the governor in any case, stating the date of such notice and the description of the land involved. You will also duly report the governor's action in each case.

Patents Granted.
 The following are the patents granted to the citizens of the Pacific States during the past week, and reported expressly for the COURIER by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.:
 J. C. White, San Francisco, Cal. Anatomical chart. L. H. Titus, Los Angeles, Cal. Fruit gathering shears. J. S. Seatter, Visalia, Combined rake and hoe. T. Price, San Francisco, Neutralizing fumes. D. Lubin, Sacramento, Cal. Clod crusher and seeder. J. M. McKay, Rocklin, Cal. Safety snap hook. C. W. Hoyt, Sacramento, Cal. Grafting tool. D. Houser, Stockton, Cal. Harvester. W. Hayes, Los Angeles, Cal. Railway tricycle. O. Carpenter, Oakland, Rubber dam clamp. I. Baldwin, San Francisco, Cal. Stool. R. M. Bills, Oroville, Cal. Sheep shears.

For the first time in its history, Oregon has a State Printer in fact, as well as in name. Since his election to that office, Mr. Frank C. Baker has purchased a large outfit, consisting of three presses and a great quantity and assortment of type, which he has placed in position in the new quarters assigned him in one wing of the capital building. Although his term of office does not begin until January, he is already doing all the state work under contract with W. H. Byers, the retiring official. He employs twenty-two men and has one of the largest and most complete offices north of San Francisco. His facilities admit of a large increase of this force whenever the exigencies of the service require it. There is every prospect now of having our statutes issued before they are totally forgotten.—[West Shore]

Last Sunday morning Jacob Hoover died at his home near Hillsboro. Mr. Hoover's death was not unlooked for, as his last illness had been preceded by a gradual failing for several years. Jacob Hoover could well lay claim to being one of the pioneers of the Pacific coast. He came across the continent with the primitive ox team, forty-two years ago, settling in Oregon in the fall of 1844. He has resided in the state ever since and was widely known, honored and respected. He was in the seventy-third year of his age at the time of his death. Among his children are Jacob Hoover, Esq., lawyer of Spokane Falls; Thomas B. Hoover, of Wasco county and Mrs. B. Killin, of Portland.—[Ex.]

A party of Southern Pacific R. R. surveyors in charge of Assistant Chief Engineer John A. Graham, made camp at Dollarhide's on Tuesday night of last week, and are now running a preliminary line on the west side of the valley, to ascertain if it be practicable to avoid the Back Rock tunnel loop by making a neatly straight line with heavier grades from the Siskiyou tunnel to Ashland. Tellings.

Two notable women have lectured here during the week, on subjects pertinent to the interests of woman-kind. Miss Kate Field spoke for the emancipation of woman from the degradation of Mormonism in Utah, and Mrs. Jeannette Miller talked for the liberation of all women from the bondage of bustles, whalebones, steels, high heels, and all other hindrances to women's development in the present system of dress. Miss

A PARALYZED BEAR.
 A Florida Girl Spits in Its Eye at Close Quarters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Tribune's Tallahassee special of December 15th, says: "This morning, while Mr. Gaudier and his daughter were on their way to mill they were attacked by a bear. The girl climbed a tree while her father was getting his gun ready. Gaudier, when he prepared to shoot, was horror-stricken to find that the bear had reached the girl in the tree and that he could not shoot one without endangering the other. The girl, while in the bear's embrace, spat in his eye and brum came tumbling down, when Gaudier killed him. Miss Gaudier dips snuff, and it was the discharge of this which disconcerted the bear."

After the bear showed such a decided preference for the girl's company, it was cruel for her to spit in his eye. Perhaps she intended he would hang on till he got used to it. That's the way almost any other young fellow would have done. To say the least, the story is bear-ly reasonable.

A New War Story.
 During the war about twenty confederate soldiers were left at Fort McHenry, stored away in a fodder loft under guard. One morning Captain Ned Bridges was playing an innocent game of cards, when the sick call was sounded—the signal for ailing soldiers to report at the surgeon's office and be examined. "Lieutenant," said Captain Bridges, turning to a young soldier, "answer sick call for me and let us finish this game. Go down there and personate me, and tell the doctor you want another box of his liver pills." The obliging lieutenant marched out and proceeded with other soldiers, under the escort of the guards, to the surgeon's office. When the name of Captain Bridges was called, the lieutenant's face appeared at the little window. "Doctor," he began, "the pills you gave me helped me up considerably, but I want another box. I think another box will fix me up all right." "Didn't them pills cure you?" asked the doctor abruptly, looking over his spectacles at the bogus Bridges. "No but another box will fix me, I think."

"Well, well," said the doctor, half to himself, "I'll have to change the treatment on you." Thereupon he picked up a graduating glass, and from various bottles mixed the most infernal mess that mortal ever saw. The lieutenant shuddered. When the villainous compound was made up the doctor stirred it vigorously and viciously, and handing it out said, "Drink that." The lieutenant took hold of the glass, and chills ran up and down his spine. "Doctor," he stammered, "I'd—I'd er hear ruther take the pills." "Drink it!" stormed the doctor, and in the excitement the medicine went down the lieutenant's throat. When the lieutenant returned to the fodder loft he was very grim. When the game of cards grew monotonous, Captain Bridges turned and asked, "Lieutenant, git them pills?" "Naw!" "Well," said the captain, "you needn't be so snappish about it. What did the doctor say?" "He said he was going to change the treatment on you, and if you don't git well it ain't my fault, for I've taken the nastiest—dose for you that ever I saw!"—[Atlanta Constitution.]

"Don't Amount to Much."
 Bro. Nixon, of the Vreka Journal, says, "Medford don't amount to much, there were a few lots sold at first." Well, perhaps it don't amount to much to a man who has lived in a dilapidated mining town. But let us see; we have a railroad with daily trains, a fine depot, large warehouses that send out 20 car loads of grain daily, a telegraph office, the finest brick hotel between Red Bluff, Cal., and Salem, Or. Besides this, we have another large brick block 75 feet front by 70 feet deep, two stories high; and to these we must add five one story brick business houses, all in active use. Nor is this all; we must still swell the list by an addition of 25 or more frame business houses occupied by persons as well skilled in their several callings as can be found in any place (outside of Vreka of course). We suppose our worthy cotem means by the "few lots at first sold," the parcels of land whereon the three hundred residences and business houses which comprise a portion of our town, have been built. We have a large public school, employing three teachers, and two private schools. Come down, brother, before you attempt to write us up again; come over and see us, and take a look at our well graded streets and broad side walks, our fine location, and the rich and fruitful country around us. Yes, come over, and we will show you round, and dine you at the Riddle House.—[Monitor.]

If a hog is worth having on a farm he is worth feeding until fit to kill.

Old Santa Claus now has a whole year to get ready for Christmas, 1887.

Approved:
 L. Q. C. LAMAR,
 Secretary.

WM. A. J. SPARKS,
 Commissioner.

ED. COURIER.—Mound Sunday school had a Christmas tree at the school house on Saturday night, and to say it was splendid would hardly give a full idea of its good qualities. The children in their declamations and songs, did honor to themselves and credit to their school. There were quite a number of rewards of merit given by my daughter, who has been superintending the school for some time. Among them was a half dozen Morocco bound bibles, which were given to a class of boys and girls who had made the best record in their lessons. Sister R. Cox read an excellent article on Temperance that met with general approval. Everything went off very pleasantly and all went home well pleased with the entertainment.

The past week has been a little moist and last night gave us a real Oregon mist from about 8 o'clock and yet it comes at 7 this morning. Do not put Reverend I to my name, in fact do not give it to any human being; for it belongs to God alone. See Psalms, CXL, 9. "Holy and reverend is his name." This is the only place in the bible that I find the word reverend used. Publish this so that others may profit by it.

M. PETERSON