Daily Democrat.

MONEY THEOWN AWAY.

In spite of the repeated warnings which have been sent out from time to time by the United States legislation at Londou and by the press of America concerning the fraudulent character of so-called English estate agents in America, recent developments have shown that the warn ings have been unheeded, and that the number of dupes is increasing instead of decreasing. During the last few weeks more letters than ever before have been received from America inquiring after imaginary estates of fabulous sums awaiting the writers in the banks of England, This correspondence, as far back as Mr Lowell's time, grew to such enormous proportions that all letters of this description had to be answered by printed circulars. Mr Lowell, in his circulars, said:

in his circulars, said: The pretended prosecution of these pre-tended American claims to English property is carried on with such persist ence and ingenuity by the men engaged in it that we dispair of being able to make their credulous victims understand what an utter imposture and delusion the whole business is. I can not too strongly advise you, since you have addressed us on the subject, to have nothing to do with such schemes, and especially to remit no money to their agents.

In the case of many estates, such as th Jennings, Lawrence-Townley, or Chase Townley, Hyde, Herne, Bradford, Hedges and others, special circulars had to be printed to answer the numerous applicants The plan generally adopted by the estate agents is to insert advertisements in the country papers to the effect that a large property hrs been left by a person of the same same as that of some well known family of the district of some exceedingly common name likely to occur anywhere.

The modus operandi usually adopted by these agents is to ask first for a remittance of £2 or £3 to cover the cost of copying the will upon which the claim purports to be based; then a larger sum for the expenses of instituting inquiries, and at each successive stage more blackmail is levied, the correspondence being so cleverly conducted that several years frequently elapse before the fraud is discovered.

During Mr Lincoln's term of office as minister here nearly all the letters have come from small country towns showing that the agents find them the most profitable field. Texas, Kansas, Iowa, and the far west seem to be especially productive of them, although letters are received from all parts of the United States. Among the letters recently received at the legation are communications from claimants to some thirty five estates.

Of all the claims investigated by English solicitors not one has been found to have any validity whatever. In every case the legation here is uttery powerless to help claimants or even investigate these cases, as under positive instructions from the state department no one attached to the legation can take any part in the investigation of claims of this character, and in a report drawn up by Mr White, secretary of legation, it is plainly stated that the thre of anyone wishing to prosecute claims will be wasted by addressing the legation on the subject.

Claimants should also bear in mind that a statute of limintations fixes a period within which unclaimed estates revert to the crown, and this period is twenty-years. The limit within which action can be brought for the recovery of real property is twelve years.

There are no large sums of money heirs is altogether less than £1,000,000.

Senator Quay has had another row with

he Democrat of Springfield and the News of that city and four or five other papers are out for Frank Hurd for governor solely on the tariff grounds. It is urged that the dissatisfaction among the farmers would cause them to support Hurd on a free trade platform.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the directors of school district No 5 Linn county, Oregoe, will set as a board of equalization at the office of the elerk of said district, which is at the real estate office of Burthart & Keeney, in Albany, Oregon, on Friday, May 29, 1891, at the hour of 4 o'clock, p m of said day, for the purpose of examining, correcting and scaling in a star

ecleck, p m of said day, for the purpose of examining, correcting and equizing the as-essment roll of said district for the year 1891. All persons interested are hereby notified to be present and make their desires known, or file a written statement of the same with the clerk of sold district on or before said date. Done by order of the board of directors of said district. Dated May 1625, 1891

Dated May 16th, 1891. C. G. BURKHART,

FARM FOR SALE.

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Has just received a large invoice of new designs in

District Clerk.

A despatch from Toledo, Ohio says that L. E. BLAIN'S COLUMN.



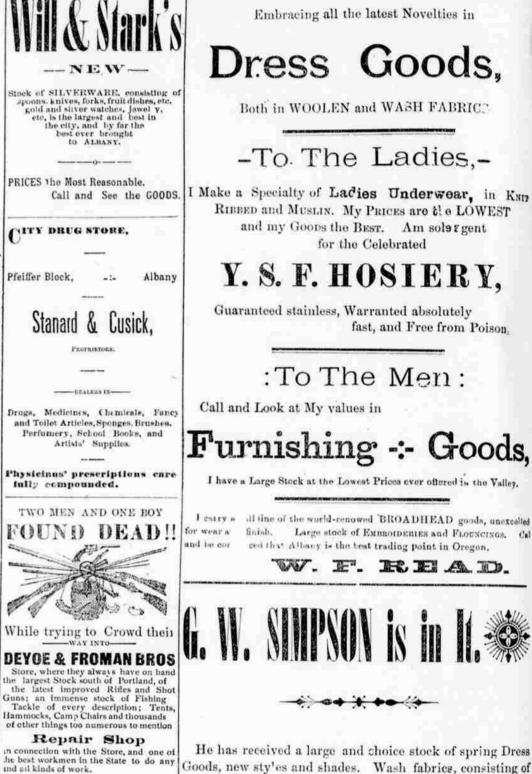


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J. A. Cumming,