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ness under the firm name of Foster & Petersen, at
Coeur d'Alene, Boise county, I. T., has been dissolved
by mutual consent, Mr. Foster having purchased the
interest of Mr. Petersen, who continues to conduct
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rules should be carefully committed to
memory, as the knowledge of them
will prevent that hesitation about the
spelling of common words which is
frequently experienced even by the
well educated:

1. All monosyllables ending in l, with a single vowel before it, have double l at the close—mill, sell.
2. All monosyllables ending in l, with a double vowel before it, have one l at the close—wail, sail.
3. Monosyllables ending in l, when compounded, retain but one l each; as, fulfill, skillful.
4. All words of more than one syllable ending in l have one l only in the close, as faithful, delightful; except recall, befall, unwell, etc.
5. All derivations of words ending in l have one l only; as equality from equal, except they end in err, or ll—as mill, miller, full, fuller.
6. All participles in ing from verbs ending in e lose the e final; as have, having; amuse, amusing; except they come from verbs ending in double e, and then they retain both; as see, seeing; agree, agreeing.
7. All verbs ending in ly, and nouns in ment, retain the final of their primitives; as brave, bravely; refinement; except judgment, acknowledgment.
8. All derivatives from words ending in er retain the e before the r; as reference; except hindrance from hinder; remembrance from remember; disastrous from disaster; monstrous from monster; wondrous from wonder; cumbersome from cumber, etc.
9. All compound words, if both end not in l, retain their primitive parts entire; as millstone, chargeable, graceless, except always; also, deplorable, although, almost, admirable, etc.
10. All monosyllables ending in a consonant, with a single vowel before it, double that consonant in derivatives; as sin, sinner; ship, shipping; big, bigger; glad, gladder.
11. Monosyllables ending in a consonant with a double vowel before it do not double the consonant in derivatives; as sleep, sleeping; troop, trooper.
12. All words of more than one syllable ending in a single consonant, preceded by a single vowel and accented on the last syllable, double that consonant in derivatives; as commit, committee; compel, compelled; appal, appalling; distil, distiller.
13. Nouns of one syllable ending in y, change y into ies in the plural; and verbs ending in y, preceded by a consonant, change y into ies in the third person singular of the present tense, and ies in the past tense and past participle; as fly, flies; I apply, he applies; I reply, or have replied, or he replied. If they be preceded by a vowel this rule is not applicable; as key, keys; I play, he plays; we have enjoyed ourselves.
14. Compound words whose primitives end in y change y into i; as beauty, beautiful; lovely, loveliness.

LAND PATENTS.—There are over three hundred thousand patents to land laid away in the General Land Office at Washington during the years that have elapsed since the organization of the Land Office. The first issue of patents for land was in Ohio. These patents are valuable as evidence of conveyance of the land by the Government to the original owner, and the title on which the validity of subsequent transfers depend. It is true a record of issue is kept at the General Land Office, but the procure-

ment of a transcript is attended with annoyance and cost, and the records are liable to be mutilated, lost or destroyed, in which case they would be without the patent and no record of title from the United States. This large number of patents have accumulated by the return of uncalled for papers by the several local offices after the lapse of a certain time, those entitled to them having, through carelessness or a want of knowledge of their value, failed to apply for them.

There are over 60,000 of these for lands in Illinois, and a number for land that is now a portion of the city of Chicago. The Commissioner and Recorder of the General Land Office are now engaged in perfecting a plan by which these papers may be placed in the hands of those to whom they belong, which will probably be made public in a short time. Patents issued prior to the second term of President Jackson bear the autograph signature of the President; since that time they have been signed by a Secretary to the President, appointed for that purpose.

ONE OF THE WONDERS OF VISION.—Aaron Shute, of 479 Tompkins avenue, Brooklyn, who was thought to have been fatally shot by a burglar nearly a month ago, is recovering. One of the bullets entered three inches under the left ear, another on the right side of the neck, and a third close to the left ear. Soon after the burglars escaped from the house Mr. Shute vomited large quantities of blood, and the physicians pronounced the case fatal, and refused to do anything. But through Mrs. Shute's entreaties one of them gave her husband a dose of ice water, and the bleeding was stopped. The wounds were not dressed until seven the next evening, the physicians declining to give useless pain to, as they thought, a dying man.

On Saturday Mr. Shute's right eye was taken out. Exactly in the centre of the eye ball was a small bullet. The bullet that entered under the left ear broke off and carried before it a splinter from the spinal column about the size of a pea. This bone was afterward found by the side of the bed. The second bullet that grazed the lobe of the left ear, went obliquely under the left eye, and lodged behind the pupil of the right eye.

Since the removal of his right eye Mr. Shute has almost recovered his health, and has been able to see much better with his left eye, which had been long near-sighted.

ELLIOTT, the special agent sent to Alaska, has submitted his report. From the report it appears the land is worthless for agriculture; that the fisheries are not extensive and scarcely profitable; that there is no evidence of mineral deposits of commercial value, and that the only considerable industry is that of the annual catch of seals and a few less-important furbearing animals, profits of which go to the Alaska Commercial Company.

According to the *Cleveland Plaindealer*, the Ohio Republicans are forming a "secret political organization," known as the "Order of '76," with grips, "after the manner of the Know-Nothings of 1854." The oath of admission, the same paper states, provides that the applicant "shall not vote for any foreigner or Roman Catholic for office." Several lodges are said to have been formed in Cleveland.

FAMINE IN ICELAND.—Mr. Eirikr Magnusson, sub-librarian of the University library, writes to us from Cambridge: "Iceland has this year been visited by a calamity in the shape of a volcanic eruption (in character and extent almost identical with that of 1783, which proved the death of 14,000 human being), the inevitable consequences of which will be famine and destruction of life on a large scale unless timely aid should be forthcoming. A large number of the most prosperous country districts in the island were laid waste in the course of four hours last Easter Monday, by being covered with scoriaceous sand, pumice and volcanic ashes. The inhabitants have had to fly for life, with their stock, into districts not yet affected, the pastures of which have been charitably placed at their disposal by the respective owners; but being many times overstocked, they are beginning already to yield only famishing sustenance. In private letters which I have just received from the distressed parts, it is calculated that pastures to the extent of from 2,500 to 3,000 square miles have been destroyed; which supplied the necessary food for 40,000 sheep, 2,000 cattle and 3,000 horses. The spread of the distress into those very districts whose charity is supporting the first sufferers is itself increasing the evil to an alarming extent, so that any aid, to be effectual, must make provisions not only for the instant wants of the people, but also for the ensuing winter, as all prospects of a hay harvest (the only harvest known in Iceland) is gone for this year in the immediately affected districts, and is largely impaired in the invaded ones. Food and fodder being immediately required for the starving herds, it is proposed, should this appeal be liberally responded to, as I sincerely hope it will be, to charter a special steamer at the earliest possible date, to convey direct to the country as a first installment of English charity, such stores as are absolutely necessary at this moment."

A LITERARY gentleman at Grundy Centre, Iowa, is writing a new Bible.

In Nebraska more than 12,000,000 forest trees were planted last year.

In 1869, in Central Illinois, corn was planted as late as the 3d of July.

A Mennonite colony has settled in Cottonwood county, Minnesota.

A Minnesota woman killed forty-eight bushels of grasshoppers and got \$1 per bushel.

The liquor sellers throughout Michigan are crying loudly for injunctions to restrain the collection of the new liquor tax.

A "true friend" of Joaquin Miller informs him, through the columns of the *Milwaukee News*, that he cannot materialize as Lord Byron.

A jaw, three feet long, has been unearthed at Goshen, Indiana. It is supposed to be a relic of some woman's righter of the Silurian age.

The Middle States have suffered severely from heavy winds and rainstorms during the past months. As the grasshoppers disappeared from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota, another scourge appeared not less destructive. Towns were torn to atoms by tornadoes and what remained of crops in many localities were literally drowned out.

The thermometer marked 93 at four o'clock yesterday evening.