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HERSEY, MINN. [38y

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LOCAL.

WORTHINGTON, MINN., DEC. 18, 1874.

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☞S. O. Morse is our authorized agent at Bigelow to receive subscriptions and advertisements for the ADVANCE and receipt for the same.

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REGISTER OF DEEDS—T. C. Bell.
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First District—I. W. Miller, of Graham Lakes.
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The Advance is for sale at Moore & Smith's.

Price the Albums at Moore & Smith's before buying your gifts. They are selling "dirt cheap." 1w.

Toys in endless variety at Barber & Lawrence's. 1w.

The Presbyterian Church is at present topped off with eight Corinthian columns.

A SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

One of those Kerosene Stoves would be a most appropriate Gift and one that could not fail to be highly appreciated. A few left at MOORE & SMITH'S.

The Ladies' Prayer Meeting will be held on next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the rooms of Mrs. R. F. Humiston.

The Ladies' Fair at the hall this afternoon will be worth going to see, whether people have any money to buy with or not. There will be many beautiful articles on sale.

NOTICE.

If the persons who borrowed my Statutes, Township Organization Laws, and Justices Manuals, before election, will return the same they will confer a favor. [1w.] C. C. GOODNOW.

Rev. C. Otis Thatcher, of the Presbyterian Church of Troy, New York, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church, on next Sunday morning at 10½ o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

A series of discourses on the Moral Heroes of the Bible will be delivered on successive Sabbath evenings, in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Worthington, to which the public, and especially the young, are cordially invited. Moses will be the subject for next Sunday night.

ANNUAL MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Nobles County Agricultural Society will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, December 30th, at Miller Hall, Worthington. CHAS. A. BARROWS, Secretary.

Barber & Lawrence have just received a large supply of Toys, Toy Books, Picture Rooks, Story Books, Picture Games and Santa Claus Goods in general. 1w.

The people of Bigelow are arranging for a Holiday Festival to be held at the School House, to consist of tableaux, dialogues, recitations, etc., the whole to be washed down with oysters and other refreshments. They are a live people and will make it a success.

Mrs. Clarke gives a Quilting Party in old style this afternoon, in connection with the Ladies' Fair. The girls will attend dressed in old-fashioned costume, and their "Zekes" and "Jedidiahs" are expected to come to supper at six o'clock.

LADIES' CHURCH FAIR.

The Ladies of the Union Congregational Church hold their Fair this afternoon and evening at Miller Hall.—They hope to be prepared to begin to sell goods by two or three o'clock, so that persons from the country may have the opportunity of making their purchases and returning before night. Every person, however, is cordially invited to stay to Supper, beginning at six o'clock. Citizens of the town are especially requested to bring their wives and families to supper, as the Ladies depend more upon the proceeds from this source, than any other.

PERSONALS.

Ex-Gov. Stephen Miller was in town on Wednesday.

Daniel Buck, attorney, of Mankato, is in town.

H. W. Sanborn, one of our Jonesville, Michigan, subscribers dropped in this morning.

James Lundy has gone to Oscaloosa, Iowa, to visit friends.

M. B. Soule and Lieut. Plotts left for Iowa on Monday on business.

J. W. Slonaker, of Mankato, dropped in on Wednesday and left some Mankato money on subscription.

E. Clark, attorney, of Windom, called on Tuesday.

C. F. Crosby, Esq., member elect of the House of Representatives from LuVerne, Rock county, has been spending a few days in the city. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and will make an efficient and valuable member of the lower house.—St Paul Press.

C. T. Pope was the first one out with sleigh and bells on Wednesday.

NEWSPAPERS VS. THE DOCTORS.

We give elsewhere a communication from Dr. Barber called out by our article on Dr. Kimball and the Hennepin County Medical Society.

The Doctor incontinently rushes into print, thus advertising himself and violating the spirit of the very rule which he aims to defend.

In the case of Dr. Kimball, it appears that he did not seek favorable mention, but discouraged it. The newspapers preferred not to be bound by the rules of the Medical Society, and they will continue to prefer this more and more, until the doctors are ridiculed out of their "professional" folly. Whenever a surgeon performs a skillful operation let the newspapers say so, and whenever a physician or surgeon is guilty of malpractice let the newspapers hold him up to public scorn. This they will do, though all the medical societies in Christendom protest.

Our friend Dr. Barber takes up the cudgel readily in defense of the Grand Army, the Medical Society, and other societies in which he is interested, and he is in danger of gaining the very thing which he utterly detests, and the Medical Society utterly ignore, condemn, forbid and spit upon, viz: newspaper notoriety. We have a great deal of respect for Dr. Barber, and we, therefore, as a friend, advise him not to get into any controversy with the newspapers. He will be sure to come out, as did the Knight of La Mancha in his tilt at the wind mills, completely worsted and discomfitted.

THE WORTHINGTON LYCEUM.

Wednesday evening was stormy but the Lyceum hall was well filled notwithstanding. The Woman Suffrage Question was discussed, with Rev. B. H. Crever, J. Ames and A. P. Miller, in the affirmative, and Prof. Humiston, Rev. B. H. Tuttle and C. B. Laugdon, in the negative. A desire has been expressed by a number of persons to have the discussion continued, with lady disputants, and a repetition is contemplated. Mrs. R. F. Humiston read "The Old Fisherman's Prayer" from Jean Ingelow, and A. P. Miller read a poem. Mrs. Bell read the Critic's report.

The question for Wednesday evening is, Should education in our public schools be compulsory. Readers for the evening—Mrs. L. C. Bell and Mrs. Bullis.

MINNESOTA ATLAS.

A. E. Simons, agent for the Andreas Atlas of Minnesota, is in town distributing the work. We have heretofore had cosiderable to say of this Atlas, which is the most complete one of the State ever issued, the work costing the company over $100,000. It contains 394 large pages, with numerous full page pictures of towns, lakes, public buildings, etc. Maps of the World and the United States are given, besides the State and County maps. It also abounds in statistical information. There is also a portrait gallery of prominent men of the State in which we notice the familiar face of Prof. Humiston, of this place. There is an exellent map of Nobles County and a full and extended history of the county from its first settlement to the present time. The map is well worth the price. In fact, it is invaluable and ought to be in every office, business house, and farm house in the county.

We are indebted to Mr. J. A. Huff for a basket of California dried fruit consisting of grapes, plumbs, peaches, apples and figs. The fruits were sent him by friends in California, and their flavor and freshness are remarkable.

The Postmaster informs us that the paper to a Lorain subscriber is regularly delivered, but is frequently taken out by neighbors, who must fail to deliver it. We are inclined to think that the Postmaster is right and is not to blame for the non-delivery of this paper.

We regret to say that the cold snap brought from Illinois by the southeast wind of Tuesday has checked plowing for the present. The farmers should not complain, however, and should remember that the winds are not often from that arctic quarter.

Elsewhere a correspondent, who has had experience in railroad building, gives some figures of interest bearing upon the narrow gauge question. The feasibility of narrow gauges for this section, in the immediate future, seems to be very generally conceded by practical men.

Rev. B. H. Crever, of the M. E. Church, is preaching a series of character discourses upon some of the leading characters of the Bible. He has already preached upon the careers and characters of Daniel and Joseph, and we hear the discourses highly spoken of.

MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.

A Musical Association is about to be organized in Worthington. A preliminary meeting was held on Monday evening, after the chorus class, and a committee appointed to draft Constitution and By-Laws. Prof. Bagley has the cantatta of Esther in rehearsal now, and we learn that the Association will bring it out under his direction.

We suppose that we shall not be in error this time in saying that the van guard of winter has reached this latitude. We feel the more certain of this because all day on Tuesday the wind blew up from the direction of Illinois and at night brought a snow fall of several inches. We are pretty sure to have winter weather when the winds blow upon us from those Polar regions.

Major Bell, statistical correspoodent of the county, has our thanks for a copy of the Agricultural Reports for 1873.

Remember the Ladies' Fair this afternoon and evening.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

The Union Congregational Sabbath School, on Sunday last, held some exercises, consisting of appropriate songs, prayer and addresses, in memory of Wilson Bedford, who was a member of the school at the time he was drowned.

The Superintendent opened with some remarks, and then called upon Mrs. J. C. Clarke, teacher of the class to which the young man belonged. We have space for only a few of her remarks:

"I heard of the coming to town of some members of Mr. Bedford's family. I knew with what care and diligence their parents had trained them in wisdom's ways, and I called at their rooms and invited them and the young people living with them, to come to Sunday School, and extended a special invitation to Wilson to come into my class, hoping that his attention to and interest in the lessons would enkindle a fresh interest among the others, and it was so. I felt it a stimulus to *myself*, and the whole class, without, perhaps, being themselves aware of it, were roused to new activity. He was with us but a little while. God called him away so suddenly, we still feel the shock. But we will not soon forget his thoughtful earnestness, his quiet but firm and ready answers to questions. And I shall always remember how, as at the close of the study of the hour, I addressed a few plain, practical questions to all and to each, a tear glistened in his eye. I don't remember that I asked him, or that he said in so many words that he was a Christian, but I felt that he *was*, and that he was ready to acknowledge his love to the Saviour.

"And I wish to say from my full heart just a word to these young lads and lasses, who were school mates and companions of the dear boy taken from life with so little warning. Was it not blessed for him that in the few fearful moments of agony, he had not to do his work of repentance and make preparation for the life beyond the dark flood? For him, was that sad hour in which to think of mother and father, of sisters and brothers, of *life* that we all love. None may know what he suffered, nor can any tell us in what sweet manner the dear Saviour, that he had so long loved and tried to follow and honor, may have come to him when every earthly hope faded from his sight, sustaining and cheering him as he passed through the dark waters, and receiving him safe, *safe* in the Heavenly home from which he shall go out never more. And will you let me ask you now, today—yes, *to-day*—while you are well and strong and your minds are clear—and you have no engrossing care—and while Jesus is sweetly calling you to '*come*'—'come unto me'—'come follow me'—'take my yoke upon you and learn of me' and 'find rest to your souls,' and have 'treasure in Heaven.' Do you not know the way to give yourselves to Him? Go ask him *once*, sincerely, earnestly, *heartily*, to lead you in the way, and see what you will find. He did never turn any away who came to Him. Will not some of you *boys* TODAY take up the work Wilson Bedford has laid down?"

Prof. Humiston also made some remarks, dwelling especially upon the kindness of God in so creating men that sensation and consciousness are soon suspended when we are called to pass through such seeming calamities as befell young Bedford.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NARROW-GAUGE.

EDITOR ADVANCE: Having noticed in your paper of late, that you are taking quite an interest in the project of a narrow-gauge railroad from this place to the coal fields of Iowa, I thought you would be pleased to hear from others in regard to the feasibility of the project.

In any undertaking of this kind it is always necessary to estimate the cost as near as possible. The first thing to be taken into consideration is the survey by a competent engineer. It is quite probable that the route from here to Fort Dodge, Iowa, might be surveyed on a preliminary line for $500.

We believe that such survey would demonstrate the entire practicability of the project and also that it could be built at a small cost compared with what has been the cost of railroad building in this country. We believe that the road bed can be built ready for the iron, at a cost not exceeding $3,000 per mile. It would be a road on which no costly bridges would be required, and comparatively little trestle work. The grading would not be likely to exceed 4,000 yards per mile, at an expense say of $600. The ties can be furnished here for about $1,000 per mile. The cost of iron and the laying of the same is not an easy matter to compute at this time, when the iron and coal industries of the country seem prostrated. This is also true of the cost of depot buildings and the materials which largely enter into their construction.

NARROW-GAUGE.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

EDITOR ADVANCE: Your article in regard to the medical profession of Hennepin County, and of Minnesota and the United States (as the article complained of is in the constitution of every medical society of the United States), it seems to me is unjust to the medical profession. Dr. Kimball is a member of a medical society, one article of whose constitution forbids the advertising complained of. He in joining that society voluntarily bound himself by that article. Does the Editor of the ADVANCE consider it "manly" for him, under these circumstances, to "hurl the reprimand back," and "stand upon his own merits?" The medical profession consider themselves solemnly bound by their word; the journalistic, according to the ADVANCE, have a different code of ethics.

A word further: What would be thought of the minister of the gospel who should seek out a reporter and ask him to "puff" every sermon—funeral or otherwise—that he preached, every prayer he offered, every lecture he delivered—who should take a reporter to the bedside of a sick lady of his congregation to tell the public how eloquently he talked to his dying friend—or if he did not seek such notoriety, even suffered it, would it not be considered in exceedingly bad taste?

The medical profession, from its very nature, is not second to the clerical in the sacred confidences it imposes, entering, as it does, the family circle, and probing secrets that only they have a right to know—the mouth of the physician should be sealed and the pen of the reporter silenced.

There are some cases that might properly be given to the public. But who is going to decide what are proper and what are improper. Who shall draw the line, and where shall it be drawn. The only safety is in forbidding all such advertising.

There are other weighty reasons for this action, but this must suffice for this article.

R. D. BARBER.

[For the Advance.]

HINTS FOR HOME STUDY.

This winter, for reasons evident to all, our district schools, with one or two exceptions, are closed, and most parents in the country are trying to teach the children at home. In a large, well warmed, cheerful house, with well trained "help" and all the machinery of the day going on like clock-work, it is possible for children to make considerable progress in their studies, having "only mother" to help them. But when you go to bed at "early candle-lighting" and get up at almost any hour before noon, warm your house with a hay fire, and do all your own house-work while the boys attend to the stock, there isn't much opportunity for teaching in the short, busy, tangled-up days. However, it is worth while to try, and will be good for fathers and mothers as well as boys and girls. As a general thing, children don't like to study at home, but once get them at it in a systematic way and their opposition becomes small by degrees and beautifully less. Dont review the old lessons which were gone over last summer; there is little to excite enthusiasm in reviews. Sometimes indolent children like to drone over the old lessons just because they are easy. Help them to long for the larger lessons with pleasanter stories and more interesting instruction. It is better not to have many recitations in one day. Here is a system of home study which has been tried and found tolerably successful: For Monday, reading from a selected article in some juvenile paper or magazine. If the children are tired of their school readers this is a very good plan. A simple poem or article from any paper will answer the purpose. Dictate words from this lesson to be written on the slate as exercise in spelling. Tuesday, Geography recited "topically". That is, after studying the lesson your pupil writes upon his slate such facts as he can remember, putting them in his own words when it is easier to do so.

This improves spelling and writing, and composition of sentences, and assists the memory. Besides, it is a quiet way to recite, and doesn't attract baby's attention. These lessons, which are seldom irksome, come on washing and ironing days. Arithmetic is reserved for Wednesday when there is more leisure. The mental arithmetics which have problems to be solved mentally and explained aloud are excellent for home study. The boys like it as well as telling riddles or guessing puzzles, and sometimes before you know it, the whole family will be eagerly listening and joining in the exercises. This method has more life and enthusiasm in it than poring over long sums on the slate. Thursday, Grammar. On Grammar day let the whole family lie in wait for trespassers on the King's English. If father says "I be" when he means "I am" allow Johnny to politely correct him, and let the children understand that on this day their language will be rigidly criticized, and that they must heed the criticisms. Friday, Arithmetic again. Saturday, no lessons. Sunday, one of the various lesson leaves for the Bible. Never call a child away from his lesson except for a matter of deep necessity, and have his time for study come at the same hour every day if possible. It is deeply important that children of ages from seven to fourteen years have regular lessons, winter and summer. Then the faculties are freshest and keenest, but if allowed to lie dormant too long will never, except in a very few instances, take hold of study with much success.

A small black-board will assist you greatly and help to interest and amuse old and young. The whole cost of one need not exceed fifty cents, if manufactured at home. You will be astonished at the zest it gives to your exercises. Written spelling lessons should be insisted upon, when the children are able to write. Very many people can spell orally with "the greatest of ease" who have no more idea than a Hottentot of the way a plain English word *looks*. Perhaps I may say here that if your children are well advanced in their studies and in your teaching you come to any difficulty you cannot master or if questions arise which you are not quite prepared to answer, the County Superintendent will be glad to help you by letter or conversation. He feels that the success of next summer's schools depends largely on these regular winter lessons. They should not be considered an irksome task, but noble, wholesome, necessary work, the most important, pleasantest business of the family through the winter. A few persevering young people have taken up advanced studies and made great progress with but little assistance. Let others be encouraged by their example.

L. C. B.

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THE LYCEUM.

Most Western towns at this season of the year find more or less pleasure and profit in the lyceum. It is an excellent school, and withal affords very agreeable evenings. We have the lyceum in Sioux City, and no event of the week attracts more attention in the way of amusements than its regular Saturday evening meeting. The members, however, it seems to us, need to be reminded that the organization is not altogether for the loosening of the tongue, for the use of words, ever so freely, without reason, is no particular accomplishment to be proud of. The primary object of the lyceum is to develop the mind, to give it scope and power, and at the same time cultivate the gift of language so as to be able to tell readily and forcibly what one knows. To go right, there must be care in the selection of the subjects for debate; there must be foresight and application of reason in determining the phraseology in which questions are stated.—*Sioux City Journal.*

In other words, the Journal means what we have insisted on, viz: that those who undertake to debate questions should prepare and bring their best thoughts and best language to bear.

DIED,

In the town of South Creek, Cottonwood County, December 5th, 1874, GUY LESLIE OAKS, son of L. W. and Emeline Oak, aged one year and three months. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

WORTHINGTON MARKETS.

WHEAT	$ 55c @ 60
FLOUR ℔ bbl.	5,00 @ 8,00
CORN ℔ bushel	65 @ 70
OATS "	40 @ 45
HAY ℔ ton	2,50 @ 3,00
BEANS, WHITE, ℔ bush.	3,00
BUTTER	12 @ 25
EGGS ℔ doz.	12
GROCERIES—COFFEE 28 @40c TEA	60 @ 1,50
SUGAR, (Coffee A.) 12½c; Ex. C.	12 @ 13
Brown 11c; SYRUP, 65 @ 1,00; RICE, 12½@15c;	
SALT ℔ bbl.	3,50
PROVISIONS—PORK (mess) ℔ bbl,	23,00@26,00
HAMS 18c; SHOULDERS	10 @ 11
BACON 16c; LARD 13@15c; D. APL'S	12 @15
COAL ℔ ton	6,50 @ 8,00
LUMBER—Common ℔ m.	16,00@18,00
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

PROBATE NOTICE.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss.
COUNTY OF NOBLES, }

IN PROBATE COURT.

IN the matter of the estate of J. A. Mann, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Jennie Mann, of Nobles county, representing, among other things, that J. A. Mann, late of Lorain township, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 874, at his residence died intestate, and being, a citizen of this county at the time of his death, leaving goods, chattels, and estate within this county, and that the said Petitioner is the wife of said deceased, and praying that administration of said estate be to I. P. Durfee granted, it is ordered that said petition be heard before the Judge of this Court, on Saturday the 26th day of December A. D. 1874, at 2 o'clock P. M. at my office in said county.

Ordered further, that notice thereof be given to the heirs of said deceased, and to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this order for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing in the Worthington Advance, a weekly Newspaper printed and published at Worthington in said county.

Dated at Worthington, the 7th day of December, 18 4.

By the Court.
J. CRAFT, Judge of Probate.
14—3w.]

NOTICE.

LICENSE having been granted me by the Probate Court of Nobles county, Minn., to sell lots 10 and 11 of Block 1, in the village of Worthington, of said county and State.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will sell said lots on the 15th day of December, 1874, at private sale.

W. S. STOCKDALE,
Adm'r of estate of O. Ralit, dec'd.
Dec. 5, 1874.—13.

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Nov. 20, 1874.—11-3w.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

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C. B. LOVELESS.

Worthington, Nov. 6, 1874.—8-3w.

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NOTICES OF CONTEST.

NOTICE.—U. S. Land Office, Worthington, Minn., November 17, 1874.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Dorwin Lester against Ole E. Wiger, for abandoning Homestead Entry No. 16,763, dated July 15, 1873, upon the ne¼ section 18, township 103, range 34, in Jackson County, Minnesota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 19th day of December, 1874, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

MONS. GRINAGER, Register.
11 J. B. WAKEFIELD, Receiver.

NOTICE—U. S. Land Office, Worthington, Minn., Nov. 28, 1874.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Carlos M. Hardy against Isaac S. Newton for abandoning Homestead entry No. 8771 dated April 23d, 1874, upon the nw¼ of Section 20, Township 101, Range 37, in Jackson County, Minnesota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 18th day of March, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

MONS GRINAGER, Register
13 J. B. WAKEFIELD, Receiver.

NOTICE U. S. Land Office, Worthington, Minn., Nov. 8th, 1874.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Carlos M. Hardy against Chester A. Newton for abandoning homestead entry No. 8772 dated April 23d, 1874, upon the n½ ne¼ and sw¼ ne¼ of section 20, township 101, range 37, in Jackson county, Minnesota, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office at Worthington on the 18th day of March, 1875, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and fusnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

J. A. LEONARD, Register.
13] J. B. WAKEFIELD, Receiver.

GOVERNMENT LANDS.

Land Office Decisions and Instructions—Important Information to Settlers—Clip this out and Preserve it.

OF FINAL PROOF.

The Land Officers at Sioux City publish the following, showing that final proof is not obligatory until the expiration of seven years from the date of settlement:

There seems to be a wide spread impression among homesteaders, judging from the numerous inquiries received relative to it, that there has been some change in the Homestead law making it obligatory for homesteaders to make final proof at the expiration of five years.

We ask to correct such impression through the medium of your paper, by stating that there has been no change of the law in reference to the time of making final proof. And that, while a homesteader may make final proof after five years' actual residence on his homestead, the law allows him the privilege of making it at any time within seven years from the date of his homestead receipt.

IN CASE OF CLAIMANT'S INSANITY.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has decided as follows, in case of the insanity of a homestead claimant:

Upon proper evidence of a homestead claimant's insanity being presented, his homestead entry will not be contested on the ground of abandonment. A guardian, in such cases should be appointed by the proper court who will, on presenting acceptable final proof, secure patent in the name of the insane claimant.

MARRIAGE AFTER PRE-EMPTION FILING.

The Commissioner has decided and the Secretary of the Interior has affirmed the decision, that a woman cannot make entry under the preemption laws, if she marries after filing, as follows:

A woman being the head of a family having filed for a tract of public land and subsequently marries is disqualified from entering the same under the pre-emption laws she not then being the head of a family.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT.

A voluntary relinquishment by a homesteader has no more effect than a default at an examination.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY COVERS TRACT.

While a tract is covered by a homestead entry, uncanceled, it is not subject to other pre-emption filing or homestead entry.

DESERTION BY HUSBAND.

A married woman who has been deserted by her husband can make a homestead entry and upon a full compliance with the requirements of the homestead law secure a patent for the land in her own name notwithstanding her husband's return.

MARRIAGE AFTER HOMESTEAD FILING.

A single woman who makes an entry under the homestead laws does not forfeit her rights by marriage, provided requirements as to settlement and cultivation are complied with.

CANNOT COMMUTE IN PART.

The Commissioner writes, in a case of partial commutation, as follows:

You will please inform him that a homestead cannot be commuted in part, but must be, if at all, as a whole; and that he will be allowed sixty days in which to pay for the remainder.

AFFIDAVITS TO OBTAIN HOMESTEADS.

The following instructions are from the General Land Office:

To obtain homesteads, the party must, in connection with his application, make an affidavit before the register or receiver that he is over the age of twenty one, or the head of a family; that he is a Citizen of the United States, or has declared his intentions to become such, and that the entry is made for his exclusive use and benefit, and for actual settlement and cultivation.

Where the applicant has made actual settlement on the land he desires to enter but is prevented by bodily infirmity, distance, or other good cause, from personal attendance at the district land office, the affidavit may be made before the clerk of the court for the county within which the land is situated.

DECLARATORY STATEMENTS AND TIMBER FILING.

The Commissioner writes as follows to the Grand Island Land Office:

Homestead declarations must in all cases be filed by the soldier in person or by his duly authorized agent, and they should be rejected when received by mail or in any other manner than the above stated.

Local officers are not allowed to enter land under the timber culture act of March 3, 1873.

SWAMP LAND.

In a letter, dated March 20, 1874, to the Register and Receiver at New Orleans, La., the commissioner of the General Land Office decided that a person who makes a homestead entry cannot be allowed to relinquish it and make another because he found the land different from what he expected.

Should it appear upon a proper showing that swamp land to which a State is entitled has been embraced in a homestead entry said entry will be cancelled and the party may make another entry with the first payments to his credit.

DECISION AS TO MINORS AND GUARDIANS,

Commissioner Burdett writes as follows in answer to a question as to minors and guardians:

In reply to your letter of the 12th ultimo relative to the rights of a minor orphan child of a deceased Union soldier under the soldiers' and sailors' homestead act of June 8, 1872, I have to refer you to article 2, of instructions explanatory of said act as found on page 22 of circular of August 30, 1872, herewith enclosed. The guardian is not required to reside in person upon the land entered by him in behalf of his ward, but the child must reside thereon for such period as the case may require. Improvements and cultivation of the land may be made by the guardian or some party authorized by and acting for him.

SOLDIER PROOF.

A homestead settler under act of June 8, 1872, may make proof at such time as his period of actual settlement and cultivation, not less than one year, added to his term of military service will make five years. After the party has completed the term