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sists muce of our pureet bliss


## ABSTRACTOP THE GENERAL LaND OPFII REporit The report of the General Land Office is of more than uewal

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1856, and diving various subjets of its ju
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system, of the United States lands sold an
dise disposed of, during the period covered by
the report. There were sold for eash 10 , $062,107.19$ acres of the public lands; an
located with military bounty land warrant swamp grants $6,036,874.39$; and appropri swamp grants sailoze,
ated by the rair rands
grants of May and August, 1856 , (as estimated,) 13,755 ,
550 acres, making a grand aggregate (including other interral improvement selec
tions) of $14,116,396$ a 58 acres of the public domain disposed of during the five quarter
ending 30th September, 1856. This is large inerease vereumber quantity Thisposed o
during the five quarters preceding during the five quarters preceding. Whil
the sales for casi have greatif fallen off; th
disposed of Congressional disposed of Congressional grants and 10
tion of land warrants has more than p portionably increased. The tables accom panying the report showing the esles, looa,
tions, swamp seletion,
Lands., are very fo no foll.
Lensiderable extent have been proolaimed and offered at public sale during
the year 1856 the the year 1856 , the present poliey of the
oficee being to secure them to the actual set tlers under the pre-emption laws, rath
than to favor speculation therecin, by preei itating public sales of large quantities be Wond the means of settlers to purchase ment piiney of the oifice, the report recom tion aws. awher amendenents for the equit
able adjustment of conflicting settlement upon uasurveyed lands are reeommended. September, 1856, of which plats have bee returned and approved, amount to 16,873 ,
699 acres, of which $9,991,884$ aeres are o the Paeific coast. . Extensive surveys have
been made which have not yet been reported.
The 1856 amount to $41,118,443$ acres, of whic Territories of Oregoo, Washing ton, Kanssas,
Nebraska and Utah.
Marriagg is designated as a "bridal" state,
as it puts a curb upon most people

What the Asiatics Have Done. The following passage is quoted, from
Docto Draper's "Human Physiogy, "oon
to be issued by a New York publishing
 The IIIssissippi River. In Europe the career of improvement is
in the society; in A Asia, it is is the ind ivid.
aul
and the unkown rival the game of chess. We have no hy- clusively that even at that time they had The Mississippi river is the greatest stream
draulic constructions as great as the Chinese secretly commenced the work of purging in the world. Its total length is 4,000
canal) no fortifications as extensive as the their vaults of private coinage, passing off miles. On looking over a volume recently
Chinese wall. We have no artesian wells on the unsuspecting publi, for full value, issued, entitled "Loid's Steamboat and Rail Chinese wall. We have no artesian wells on the unsuspecting public, for full value, issued, entitled "Louid's steamboat and Rail
that can at all approach in that can at all approach in depth some of what they had already determined to depre- road Directory," we find the following in
is theirs; we have not yet resorted to the prac- ciate and to refuse without a heavy discount. structive article on the waste
 or- ciate and to refuse without a heavy discount.
It is the most unistakable evidence of a
r- powerful monied league to cheat the people,
for it
$\qquad$ however, our pleasant duty to mentio e, pose more tban 3000 feet deep.
Similar observations may be made if
examine the Asiatic contributions to scienc vate with any will enree of certainty the ele

to the fact that, in the midst of a universal While the learned of Europe were forbid ind it is that of Messrs. Lucas, Turner \& their channels; in others, the entire lower
despotism, the primest democratic element ding as a heresy, the doctrine of a globular Co., who have nobly and righteously acted valley of the Mississippi is submerged. Em.

 produced a great laxgiver. Asia has pro. cessors repeatedly determined the obliquity. of occurred to un vice versa. the flood of has often the stream, extending many miles above and
duced many. Generations of three hundred the eecliptic. A Saracen constructed the first pieces and British rupees, with which our river is restrained within this means the duced many. Generations of three hundred the eeliptic. A Saracen constructed the first pieces and British rupees, with which our river is restrained within its proper limits,
millions of men have followed the maxims thable of signs, another explained the nature money market is burdened, is entirely owing except at the greatest freskets, when the of Confucius for more than two thousand of twilight, and showed the importance of to the same spirit of banking speculation, waters sometimes break over everything,
years; three hundred millions are the follow- allowing for atmospheric refraction in astro- and the active enterprise of several of our causing great destruction to property and ers of Mohammed. The faiths which goveru nomical observations. Algebra itself was foreign houses, so noted as money lenders, sometimes loss of life. The average height
the daily. life of two-thirds of the humar invented and brought into Europe by the and agents for foreign capitalists. To the of the flood from the Delta to the junction race may well be an awful spectacle to us- Mohammedans, who gave it the name it same source may also be attributed the ele. of the Missouri is above sixteen feet. At
the more awful because we know that they
bears. The same may be said of chemistry. gant Prussian quarter operation, some time the mouth of the latter river it is twenty-five㲘 great results in the Western continent is in whoever will take the trouble to look into so glaringly apparent, that but little com- the rise is often fifty-five feet.
the supremacy of the Italian Church. But the history of any branch of science exist- parative injury was effected. Transactions At Natchez it seldom exceeds thirty feet;
Rome owed the origin of her system to the ing in the 17th century, will find how deep like the above are far worthier of money and at New Orleans about twelve feet When Rome owed the origin of her system to the ing in the 17 th century, will find how deep like the above are far worthier of money and at New Orleans about twelve feet. What
Asiatic missionaries; nor was it complete are its obligations to Asia. I shall, there- shavers on the streets, than of men who gooss with the water? It is known that the
vork of the hand of one man-it was the fore, add but one fact more: the invention pretend to the, elsewhere, honorable busi. difference between high and low wer work of the hand of one man-it was the fore, add but one fact more: the invention preten
offspring of centuries, the joint issue of a of the figures of Arithmetic, which in reality ness of bankers; albeit their banking is in as high up as White river, is about thirty long line of illustrious sacerdotal kings. In military life the highest qualities edge and commerce equally under obliga. with the direct requirements of that instruu. runs near seven miles per hour, and opposite
Ihine fort. If the talent for command and tions. For its simplicity, beauty, and uni. -ent. The heaviest blow will fall on the to New Orleans the difference between high
the capacity of a statesman are to be mea- versality, this invention alone is enough to interior towns and mining localities, whither, and low water mark is only twelve feet, and the capacity of a statesman are to be mea- versality, this invention alone is enough to interior towns and mining localities, whither, and low water mark is only twelve feet, and
iured by thie grandeur of undertakings and command the gratitude of the human race. we learn, a great proportion of this depre- the current little over three miles to the
their success, it still remains for Europe to The manner of using the cipher, and placing ciated private coin has been sent.
hour, the width and depth of the river
 captains held almost all Asia in their iron
grasp. The opinions we commonly hold re

The Late Banking Swindle.

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& \text { gallibility of the masses. }
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lately become so notorious for destroying lately become so notorious for destroying
sed the lives of human beings-as in the case
ous of the infamous Dr. Palmer, recently exe ous of the infamous Dr. Palmer, recently exepoison. A dog has been killed with the
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& \text { entomach it acts with fearful energy, causing } \\
& \text { s-stoms, }
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& \text { oe death in a few minutes. It is odoriess, but } \\
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to so intensely bitter as to be perceptible to

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solution ever offered, is that it escapes by the
bayous Plauquemine, Latourche yous Plauquemine, Lafourche and Iber-
ille, but when we calculate the width, ort of of of these bayous, they fall vastly Atrue explanation can, we think, be given
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$\qquad$ are of deposit, made by the river above its ou descend, the river diminishes in volume er mark diminishes and nearly correspond
it, and wherever the hows throughout the whole extent that the many places the ocean shingle, thribung at hurry the subterranean current. If the reader has ever stood upon a Mississipp
sand bar in a hard rain, or seen water poure from a bucket on the sand bar, he has seen tity to produce any current or accumulation on the surfuce. The curvent is, therefore, from the time it comes below the limestone stra-
tas of Missouri and Kentucky, wasting itself through its own bottom.
If the Mississippi river had to pursue its walled in by rock and impervious clay banks,
the high water mark in New Orleans would reach one hundred feet aboveits present limy a deposit made of sand, ancient deluvial
detritus and vegetable mould, no more ter reaches the ocean than the excess over ercolation or passes off in the thenperation in process of ean descent to the ocean. The river, withthe bottom or bank, is left free to the government of no other law than the law of
ydrostatics. The washing or the banks cannot be perverted, though the caving or sliding of large portions
time may be easily guarded against.

The Smithsonian Institution's already ric f natural history has latterly been branche $d$ by the exploration in the interior of the Meras, Missouri. These Dhayden on the Upriflers of the forest, prairie, lake and riverour naturalists and the public under deep are those from the Northwest. They comor four pairs of beasts of all the kinds found sil remains and geological gatherings. These valuable and interesting specimens are now
being opened from the packages in which lassification. No less than 5,000 applications were made
the Patent Oflice last year for patents.

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 thursday, february 12, 1857. Arrest and Escape of John Powers. The Sherif of this county having received
a warrant from Los Angeles for the arrest of a warrant from Los Angeles for the arrest of mands on the 6th inst. No diffieulty wa experienced in the arrest of the person ac
cused, but after being taken into custod cused, but arter being taken into custody
Powers desired to consult an attorney in re lation to the matter, which was accorde
him. Upon arriving at the office of hi counsel, Mr. Liess, Powers made a depositio before him, stating in substance that he was was one of the men that overtools the perso illegally confined, that he had been absent deavoring to make his escape on a mule, an from Los Angeles county since the month killed him. Also, that he was a member
of September last, and that there now the party that killed a man in San Juan being great excitement in said county, his and then robbed his store of some \$140. H dife would be in imminent danger if he was kept under guard until $90^{\circ}$ 'clookk and
should be taken there at the present time. then hung. During the night succeeding made, requested that a writ of habeeas corrna might issuy to test the legality of his deten progressing, Mr. Lies requested that th charge, stating that he would be personally responsible for the safe keeping of M Powers. This, after some reluctance,
eventually acceded to on the part of Sherif, trusting in the good faith of $t$ In the course of the evening, howeve
Powers succeeded in making his escape, an thus the matter stands, the Sheriff accus Mr. Lies, and Lies in
of violated promises.
It is generally conceded that Powers is No good citizen should so far commit him self as to harbor a fugitive from justic making himself thereby liable to heavy pen
alties and punishment if detected in the ac Whatever may be the guilt of Powers, w hope that eventually justice will be mete without any unwrrantable excitement. Upon a final hearing of the case, Judge
Fernald decided that Powers was legally ber in custody, and a reference to our advertis ing columns will show that Mr. Lies offer It is with reluctance we state that th steamer Sea Bird on her last down-trip failed On her return, after the lapse of three days, we are very graciously permitted, we suppose, to be placed in possession of our indi-
vidual correspondence-the delay causing much inconvenience and annoyance. Suc mail agent, merits severe censure, and som proper person should be appointed to the
office who would be capable of understandin one of its most ordinary duties.
We acknowledge the receipt of the first San Francisco under the designation of the Weekly Gleaner. It is a weekly periodical devoted to such religious and literary in shall be best calculated to pron the editor, terial and moral welfare of the Jewish race. Fach number is embellished with an inter pearance is very neat.
Mr. Holliday, who has been engaged recent public land surveys in the vicinity of singular specimens of petrified bone, picked up on the Desert. In one instance, what
was the "marrow" is petrified, the surrounding bone still retaining its original properderful as they are unceasing.
Hutching's California Magazine for February is at hand. It is embellished with then usual variety of excellent wood cuts and con-
tains that peculiar variety of interestin
contents that stamp it a genuine California production.
S. G. Wilder, Esq, Paciic Expresss Mes. songer, has our thankh for his consider
gnd varied supply of latest nemspapers.

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## I. Jose Jesusu Espinosa, full convincei that after a fer hours 1 I shall have ceneed


$\qquad$ actions of my life, most truthfully say-tha

we, the thieves and murderers, are but te | Antonio Maria Vareles, or Chinc; Andre |
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| Fontes, Juan Cotabo, Juan Flores, Santo |
| , Santiago Silvas, Leonardo Lopez | and the remaining one which I only knop

as the "Ardillero," as the "Ardillero," and who I confess is in
nocent, as he joined us after we had com
mitted all the cormer I also affirm, that our organization date
back one month, or little less, in which tim we have committed four murders, near bu three stores in San Juan, taking away good murdered persons, I think
$\$ 120$, and about ten horses.
$\qquad$ $\dagger$ Jose Jesus Espinosa. We are informed by G. D. Fisher, Esq Buenaventura, thatned from a trip to S uenaventura, that the name of the ma A party of men started in pursuit of him o the morning of the 10 th inst,, having bee nce and apparel by Espinosa.

## The indefatigable Jerry Sullivan will con

 nue his "old tricks." We were inundate y a perfect shower of newspaporial favor on steamer day, dispensed from his munif teamer in On the arrival of the last mail teamers had left, but Jerry, admitting of no delay, chartered the magnificent steamer Surprise, and sent the whole boat, expresses and all, to the northward the same evening,on the real go-ahead principle. Deeds like his show the enterprising man.




 rived from San Pedro. Sailed same da Schr. S. D. Bailey, Hiller, from San Pe
 arrubias and W. J. Graves for copies of Atse to Hons. J. B. Weller, George
State. Also to Hage
Vail and P. T. Herbert for Congressiona
documents.
Our "Artesian" is now 62 feet in depth

Latest News from San Buenaventura.
We stated last week that two men belong
ing to the
tos Angele sober ing to the Los Angeles robber gang had limited. The wather has been ool, wit been taken in San Buenaventura. Further dry westerly winds. On the evening of the
 partioulurars relatitive to to the affairi, together by Mesestrs. Holliday and Hutton. The with other Iate information from the above assembled guests partioptated in the mazy
 Los Angeles, the oilizens of san Buenaren. com pany, in orider to topprehend, if possible, feow dass past, the town has been exited any passing fagitives from below. Late in somerthat beyond its usaal decorum by lam
the erening of the
srd
 town. As they drew near, one of the men
leaped from his horse and ran into an adja
 who had left his horse, but he suceceeded $i$ making an effoctual osape. The person se
eured was placed in in lose custody until the Eastern loality, would have the honor to plaee by his wonderful feats in the "(blaol
art") line, et ce cetera. We dispateleded a spe
 his oarliest converinene. This ovent, the the staple of general oonverastion during of our previous number.






