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Some of our exchanges take great exceptions to the peculiar rulings of Commissioner Sparks, and one of them gives the following "which may possible appear" in the near future:

No proof, either on homestead or pre-emption entries will be allowed, unless the claimant shows that he has broken 640 acres on his quarter-section of 160 acres, and has built a palace or mansion thereon worth at least \$5,000. In order to prevent fraudulent or bogus entries in Kansas, the claimant will be required to show: That he is living in a palace. That he has a piano and billiard table in his house. That he understands equestrian, whist, and other farm duties. That he has an orange grove on his claim. That his barn is painted red and pig-pen white-washed. That his butter cows give fresh butter and his work cattle give butter-milk. Why he came to Kansas. Why he settled in such a county. Why he selected a particular quarter-section of land. How he managed to live on \$100 per year, when \$5,000 is required to keep the wolf from the commissioner's door.

These rulings are created for the benefit of the poor man, and it is absolutely necessary that he renounce all belief in a hereafter and trust in the homestead and pre-emption laws and subscribe to the infinite wisdom which emanates from Sparks.

A New Railroad Snow Plow.

Railroad men and travelers will feel skeptical at first when informed that a machine has been invented which will practically put an end to snow blockades. Those who have been snow-bound along the lines of western railroads, and have been detained for weeks at a time, waiting for the snow-plows to clear the tracks, may well have felt discouraged when they learned from the officials of the road that some 4,000 patents have been issued for snow plows, and that the best fail to raise a big blockade.

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SENATOR LOGAN has introduced a bill to pension survivors of rebel prisons. There were 108,000 federal soldiers thus held by the enemy of whom about 60,000 died, leaving 48,000 for exchange. It is not believed that more than half this number are living. General Logan's bill provides that those confined for two months and less than four months shall receive \$2 per month; for less than six months' confinement, \$4; for six months and less than a year, \$6, and \$8 per month for those confined one year or longer, and commutation for rations, quarters and medical attendance at the rate of \$2 per day.

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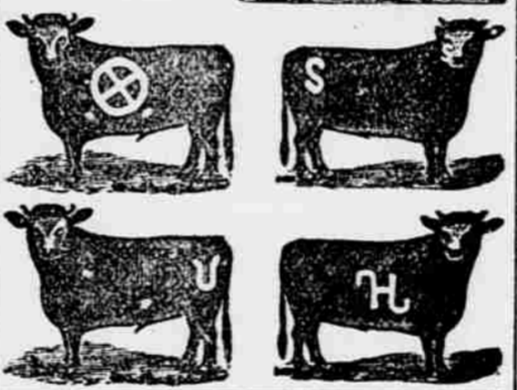
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