

HONEST SETTLERS SATISFIED

Thieving Sharks that Prey on the Public Domain the Grumblers.

HONESTY MEETS OPPOSITION.

The Fight on Commissioner Sparks—Number of House Bills—Crook to Retain His Command—Malaria Breeding Spots.

The Land Grabber's Enemy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—[Special Telegram.]—Land Commissioner Sparks says that there is absolutely no opposition to the suspension of the issuance of land patents in the prospect area for homestead settlers.

To show how a fraudulent entry of public lands injures "honest settlers," it is only necessary to recall the case recently decided by the Supreme Court in the case of Sparks.

This is not a solitary case. It is one of thousands. Mr. Holman told Gen. Sparks that he had driven thirty miles at a stretch in Dakota over fine land without seeing a single house or human being, and yet upon inquiry he was informed that every acre of it was "taken up" under various homestead, timber culture and pre-emption laws.

Gen. Sparks did in the land office what it became necessary to do in the pension office, viz: he stopped the practice of making cases "special" at the solicitation of influential persons.

"The honest settler" will not be injured by the determination of the commissioner to take cases up in their turn. The principal interests affected by the rulings of the commissioner are those of the great railroad companies.

"Enough bills have already been introduced in the house to keep the committee busy for a body hard at work until the day of August. Yet only about one-fourth of the bills that will be introduced have been presented.

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A SENATOR'S SILVER SWITCH

How Everts Was Transformed Into an Anti-Coinage Advocate.

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Efforts to Place Sugar and Salt on the Free List—Congressmen Worried by Pension Applicants—The Rivers and Harbors.

Senator Everts' Change of Mind.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—[Special Telegram.]—People are at a loss here to know whether Senator Everts of New York will speak on the silver question. He was announced a fortnight ago that he would speak for a continuation of coinage.

Senator Everts was drawn into a committee to speak for coinage by peculiar tactics. A prominent silver senator, remembering that Mr. Everts, when he was a member of the silver committee years ago, had made a very strong speech in favor of silver.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH DEMANDED. Senator Edmunds is quoted as saying that there is little doubt about the government wanting a complete system of telegraph lines within a very few years.

UTILIZING THE DATE.

A Conference of Fishmen in Chicago on January 20.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—[Special Telegram.]—A joint meeting of the Parnell committee and the municipal council of the city of Chicago will be held on Friday evening, January 20.

LET THEM CUT.

The War of Rates Between the B. & O. and Pennsylvania.

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The Liberal Leader's Plan at the Coming Session of Parliament.

A NEGATIVE PARTY POLICY.

Home Rule Excitement Simmering Down—The Government to Stand or Fall With Their Programme—The French Situation.

A Glimpse at English Politics.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—[Special Telegram.]—The interest of the English public in home rule has shown a marked decline during the week. The papers, especially the Times, continue to publish many letters on the subject, but the leaders of both parties maintain complete silence.

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Hopefulness Almost Universal, but Development Antagonistic.

PIG IRON'S POWER AND PRICE.

Dangerous Condition of the State of Exchange—Jay Gould Master of Wall Street's Perplexing Silver Question.

The Business Outlook.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—[Special Telegram.]—The week has been without alteration in the condition of general trade interests. Hopefulness is still the rule, and in most departments of business it is difficult to find any other sentiment prevailing.

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