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This decision still stands, nor is there much probability that the ruling will be set aside by the present Secretary. It is a liberal and sensible rendering of the law, and will enable claimants to desert lands to perfect their titles, just as soon as they have brought a quantity of water upon the land sufficient for the raising of a crop by irrigation.
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TRIM, well known to all old Nebras, and a noted member of the Brush State, died in San Francisco, recently.

The value of the valuable lives lost by the present outbreak, the Terrible and the entire southwest will in every material interest.

RONALD may be a brutal, bloody, ignorant savage, but he has gathered and out-fought, more than thirty times his number of armed and well armed troops.

A "unknown" has been discovered by Cleveland in the wilds of Hoosierdom. The state man's name is Donley, and he has just been sent to the Senate as Minister to China. W. A. and M. C. who helped to get this appointment, may bid to have committed poetical kari.

Mr. G. H. Oury is in Tucson with the bomb in his face. Mr. Oury told a Tuscon.