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U. S. Land Commission.

A full Board convened on the 20th inst. and decided the following claims:

No. 125.—Robert Walkinsham for Poselini, including El Posito de los Animas, containing 3032 acres, in Santa Clara county. Confirmed. Opinion by Felch.

No. 656.—John A. Sutter, for the Mokelumne Indians, for a tract of four square leagues in Sacramento county. Confirmed. Opinion by Felch.

In Motion for a Re-hearing of the Limantour Case.—Notice of this motion had been given at the last sitting of the Board, and we have already stated the main grounds of the motion set out in the statement. A very heated discussion took place, when the motion was called for argument; Gen. Wilson, the claimant's attorney, complained in very strong terms that the motion was only designed for delay, and for manufacturing public opinion. He said that his practice had always been to reject with disdain false testimony when it was offered to him, and such would always be his determination.—*Evening News.*

INDICTMENTS FOR CARRYING AN EXCESS OF PASSENGERS.—In the U. S. District Court, on the 20th inst., the Grand Jury brought in an indictment against James H. Blethen, Captain of the steamship Sierra Nevada, for taking on board his vessel 562 steerage passengers, not including children under one year of age, contrary to the act of Congress, which provides that on the main and poop decks, the number of passengers shall not exceed a proportion of one for each 16 clear superficial feet of deck, and on the lower deck one for each 18 superficial feet. The bill charges that there was an excess of 295 passengers on the Sierra Nevada, over the number allowed by law. Another in