

## NEW LANDS IN IOWA.

ABOUT 15,000 ACRES SOON TO BE OPEN  
TO SETTLERS.

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 7.—On July 6 there will be open for entry in Iowa the unearned forfeited lands within the indemnity limits of the grants for the Sioux City and St. Paul, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad Companies, and not embraced in selections heretofore made on appeal for said companies. There will be probably about 15,000 acres of these lands opened up for settlement and entry, as ordered by the Secretary of the Interior and advertised by the Register of the Land Office at Des Moines.

Inquiries for the lists and about certain pieces of land have been coming in very fast since the announcement of the opening. A large part of these lands is occupied by settlers who have been innocent purchasers of the railroad companies, and have made improvements. In bona fide cases of this kind the settler who has lived a long time on a farm will be in no danger of being driven off if he looks to his interests and makes application as a homesteader himself. The settlers will be given the first opportunity to make entries.

Several thousand acres of the land, however, is raw prairie, worth from \$10 to \$20 an acre. All this will be open to the general public for entry. The land is some of the best in the world, situated in Northwestern Iowa, and the efforts to capture it will be tremendous.

## GONE OFF WITH HIS FOUR BOYS.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF LESTER L.  
BRISTOLL OF JERSEY CITY.

Lester L. Bristoll, Superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad tunnel, Jersey City, has been missing from home with his four children, Louis, William, Dexter, and Harry, aged eleven, nine, seven, and five years, respectively, since Saturday last. The boys left home with their father Saturday morning, and although the police of New-York and Jersey City have been making diligent search for them, no trace of any of the party has been discovered.

Bristoll is an educated man and an expert electrician. He has been working on a patent for several months, and is believed to have become of unsound mind. He had complete charge of the tunnel, ordering the movement of scores of passenger trains daily.

Superintendent Reasoner of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western received Bristoll's resignation Saturday afternoon. It appeared to have been written by an insane man.

Mrs. Bristoll is nearly distracted. She indignantly denies that any domestic troubles existed, and says her husband was devotedly attached to her and the children. She fears that in his insanity he may harm the boys.

Bristoll's father, who is stopping temporarily with the family, also received a rambling letter from his son Saturday afternoon. It tells the old gentleman in time of trouble to go to the Bible.