COLTON'S IOWA.

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LONGITUDE WEST FROM WASHINGTON

RANGES WEST OF FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

LONGITUDE WEST FROM GREENWICH

RANGES WEST OF SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

Capital ✱ DES MOINES
County Towns ● Newton.
Railroads
" in progress
" proposed
Distances on railroads indicated thus ..... miles
Canals

SCALE OF MILES

0 5 10 15 20 25 30

By the plan adopted in surveying the Public Lands of the United States, the country is divided into townships, by lines 6 miles apart, running due East & West, called town lines, and others, 6 miles apart, running North and South, called range lines. Both of these systems of parallel spaces are numbered in regular order from 1 upwards, and the square or townships thus formed, are known by a combination of both town and range numbers. Full townships of 6 miles square contain 36 square miles called, sections, numbered from 1 to 36 thus:

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

These sections are subdivided into quarters and into quarter quarters. Therefore to locate any described piece of land on this map, first find the township, numbered in figures on the Principal Meridian, or on the line between ranges XXXIII and XXXIV; second, the range, numbered, on the northern and southern boundaries of the state, noting whether the description calls for E. or W. of Principal Meridian, then, prolonging the two, the point of intersection is in the township sought.

A full section contains 640 acres.

The Colored lines & figures show the Congressional Districts

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