

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A stranger from a distant city has an opinion of the inventiveness of our people when he notices the different kinds of places that prevail.

The following extract is from the Express of March 1870: "Some time since the committee on public improvements reported in favor of improving and enlarging the Main Avenue, so as to take a year to pass without anything being done towards so laudable a work."

In WILMINGTON almost every winter, that in vindication of the bad roads, the Mechanics make a corner on wood, and run it up in a manner that would reflect credit on a Wall street financier. The only way to flank these Astro-Wood financiers, is for some enterprising man to establish a wood yard, and play Bowditch on them, that is to throw two or three hundred cords on the market, whenever it gets beyond four dollars. It is astonishing that nobody has established a wood yard in this city, as it is self evident that it would pay.

VIOLETTA and RUDOLPH.—A short but moving tale.—Violette started convulsively and turned her tear-drenched eyes wildly on the speaker, for to her there seemed something strangely familiar in these low-toned, half-singing tones. Their eyes met; his laughing with love and tenderness, hers gleaming with wild uncertainty.

"Violette?"

"Rudolph! hast thou brought me a HOWE SEWING MACHINE from NORTON & DURST?"

"No, thou queen of my soul, I forgot it."

"Then, dog-gone you, just git."

He got it for her next day, however, and it gives perfect satisfaction, so much so indeed, that she wants to work on it all the time. Go thou and do likewise.

The District Court is making extraordinary time on the Criminal docket. An American citizen, on whose broad consciousness has enthroned him, is stuck head first into the machine, and in less time than it takes to form an opinion, he comes out at the other end with a thorough ticket to HELLVILLE. In the case of Jesus Rodriguez, the jury came to the conclusion that it was just as Mr. Ultimat said he would have to be hung, draw, and quarter. He was accused of complicity in the escape of a prisoner placed under his charge.

The next case was of another Rodriguez, who failed to answer to his name, he probably didn't know that he was the one they wanted; his bondsmen are convinced, however, that he was the man.

JAMES BROWN, son of old man Brown, saw Dittmar fixing him; and like Capt. Scott's soon, he came down at once, he plied "grit" to them, from a house; he goes to Huntsville for two years.

ROMEO HOWE, alias "lazy Bob", dead guilty for a simple assault, (he was charged with an aggravated one), and fined \$50. He will lay down his club and take up a spade, and play for ever, on the new road that is being constructed for the benefit of the country. He is colored.

A COWARDLY murder was perpetrated on the night of the 12th ult., at Oakville on the person of David West. It seems that about three years ago, a man named Smithwick was murdered by a gang of men fourteen in number in McMillen County and it was thought by some of the friends of the murdered man that West, who was standing guard over him at the time, was particularly culpable. The fourteen were indicted by the District Court of Live-Oak County and the trial of West, which had not yet taken place, was to be had at Oakville on the day of the tragedy last year, but the case was again continued by consent of the District Attorney. On the evening of the same day, West, who was still on bail, was playing cards with a dozen others at a house in Oakville, had his hands blown off by some unknown party taking advantage of the open door near which he was sitting. A small boy saw the six-shooter at the moment of firing and testified to the ramrod falling from its place by the violence of the concussion. No clue has been found as to the identity of the assassin, whose forbearance in delaying until it was evident that a trial of this sort could not be had deserves mention. It is supposed, however, that a brother of Smithwick has something to do with it. We were surprised to learn that a Mexican, who merited an American sympathetic of Reed about six weeks ago at Black Ranch, in Bee County had been found guilty and sentenced to be hung on the 12th of December, there were evidently no mitigating circumstances in his case. We had no idea the law-abiding citizens of Live Oak could be so severe. We are indebted to the courtesy of Gen. Park, who was one of the counsel for the unfortunate West, for those interesting particulars.

Arrived at the MAHOGANY HOTEL—
W. E. Slayter, New York.
D. Mitchell,
W. A. Wallace, Cibolo.
John Frazee, Wilson County.
Michael Conney, Capt. 9th U. S. Cav.
Geo. Stiles, Commiss.
L. B. Elkin,
Wm. Votaw, Pleasanton.
W. L. Lawton, Atascosa County.
Col. R. S. Comstall and family, U. S. A.

New Books.

"FRENCH, THE CHOCOLATE" or "La Petite Fadette," by George Sand, has been received from T. B. Peterson's Store, and is for sale in our city by JULIUS BRENNER. We always take pleasure in noticing Frenche's publications, because no house in the United States excels them in beauty of printing, and excellence of letter-press. This volume consists of that beautiful and interesting book, "Across the Atlantic," published over three years ago, by the same firm. "FRENCH, THE CHOCOLATE" is a work of genuine taste and genius, full of life and animation depicting the trials and vicissitudes of a young girl with a style that is truly distinguished and charming told in the author's best didactic style. The plot of the story has been ingeniously adapted to a domestic version, which has been presented in all the principal Theatres, and has been an unbroken success, to the lively "Mignonette". The action does not stop.

The eruption of Vesuvius has assumed proportions, and on the evening of the 7th ultimo the lava flowed abundantly, descending to the sea of the Atrio, Capri, and Pozzuoli.

A water-gated fortress of Gisland, Isle of Man, carrying 2000 pounds of tame of the dragon, was blown down flat, and doing considerable damage to the fortifications, which caused some slight injury, but a few days' work will repair it.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

CHURCH.—The Rev. Dr. Whitecomb's Church for children, is open as the midday, noon hour, and gentle and quieting as the Sabbath.

"Sep advertisement of Dr. Butte Dispensary, headed "Book for the millions" May 20th in another column."

IT IS SAID that if a puff of air were to blow into a vein of an animal, death would instantaneously follow, because circulation would be stopped. The blood makes the entire circuit of the human body every seven minutes, and whenever this circulation is impeded or any of its channels are clogged by impurities, which might be carried off, disease follows—fever, or a disorder of liver or kidneys, or gout, or rheumatism. Take out and remove the source of the difficulty, use the oil and infallible blood purifier, DR. WALKER'S CALIFORNIA VACCINE PILLS. (25-10-71d4w).

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Information having reached this office that some part in San Antonio, Texas, other than our regular authorized agents, were advertising themselves as agents for our machine. We hereby caution the public not to purchase of them, for while they have procured us an undersigned and reliable method, a few of the celebrated Singer Sewing Machines, they cannot continue to be supplied, as the Singer Manufacturing Company have but one agent in any designated locality; and the only authorized and responsible Singer Sewing Machine Agent for San Antonio and vicinity, is Messrs. Reed & Mathew, No. 69 Commerce Street.

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