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DRY GOODS
Spring 1872. Spring 1872.

BAHAR.

A. ALBERT WOLFF.

Quick Sales & Small Profits.

BEST AND CHEAPEST STOCK

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes.

We have a large stock to select from.

OUR MOTTO,

AND A SUCCESS.

A. ALBERT WOLFF.

OLD MAN ZORE

Inform my friends and the public generally that I have opened again at my old stand,

COMMERCE STREET,

and offer a new and well assorted stock of

DRY GOODS,

BOOTS,

SHOES,

HATS,

CLOTHING

and **FANCY GOODS!**

All prices to suit all.

Being determined to keep my prices low, I shall sell cheaper than the average.

Please call at

LOUIS ZORE'S

Old Stand, Commerce Street.

59-61st St.

FURNITURE.

PH. CONRAD & CO.

MOVED

Opposite the National Bank.

Dealers in all kinds of

FURNITURE,

PARLOR AND BED-ROOM

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Mattress-making and Upholstering.

Have just received a select stock of

FURNITURE

Consisting of

Wardrobes,
Dressing Cases,
Bureaus, &c., &c.

And a full assortment of WALL PAPER.
All of the above articles can be had at liberal prices.

They also offer their services for repairing Furniture, Paper Hanging, Cleaning, and Carpentry. (May 18th)

NEW PAINT-SHOP.

I have opened a new paint-shop in Market street near the Hill-street, and sell all the various kinds of paints and colors, and also put up signs, and do all the painting and decorating work in the city.

My motto is to give satisfaction to all.

CHARLES BURLECK.

94-7th St.

ALEX. VARGA.

GROCER

AND

IMPORTER

OF

FRENCH WINES

AND

LIQUORS

BEST QUALITIES OF

FRENCH COGNAC!

114-10th St.

GROCERIES.

Eugene Robin,

FRENCH BAKERY,

FAMILY GROCERIES,

Fine Liquors.

AT THE OLD STAND, COMMERCE STREET.

MR. ROBIN is an experienced French Baker, and furnishes bread of a superior quality at

VERY LOW RATES.

He has also on hand a constant supply of

Fresh Groceries,

Consisting in part of

FLOUR,

COFFEE,

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STARCH,

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Old Brandies,

COGNAC,

ABSINTHE,

VERMOUTH,

PINK CLARET,

The choicest brands of flour at low prices, and a great many other articles too numerous to mention.

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Wholesale Liquor Dealers,

GROCERS

AND

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Commerce Street,

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

5-12 1/2 St.

TH. SCHLEUNING,

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

IMPORTER,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALER IN

LUMBER OF ALL KINDS,

and Building Material, having a large and well supplied depot at the terminus of the Western Texas and Pacific Railroad, and our own train to haul and deliver Lumber at short notice.

(17-17 1/2 St.)

F. GUILBEAU,

NORTH-EAST CORNER

OF

PRESIDIO

AND

LAREDO STREETS.

GROCER

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IMPORTER

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BEST QUALITIES OF

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114-10th St.

GROCERIES.

Maverick & Kroger,

GROCERS,

Corner of Avenue E & Alamo Plaza,

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

WOULD call the special attention of their friends and the public generally, to their

LARGE STOCK

OF

STAPLE

AND

FANCY GROCERIES.

We are in weekly receipt of

New Groceries,

which we sell as low as the lowest market prices.

We have a large and choice stock of

TEAS; also,

COFFEE and SUGAR,

Especially selected for family use. Give us a call or send for samples.

Persons purchasing

STAPLE GROCERIES

to the amount of \$2.00, will be dealt at wholesale rates.

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MAVERICK & KROGER,

SUCCESSORS TO BRACKENRIDGE & STAPP,

DEALERS IN

LUMBER

OF ALL KINDS, AND

BUILDING MATERIAL,

Cor. of Alamo Plaza and Avenue E,

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

WE WOULD call the special attention of Builders and Contractors to our extra facilities for supplying them with

LUMBER OF ALL KINDS,

and Building Material, having a large and well supplied depot at the terminus of the Western Texas and Pacific Railroad, and our own train to haul and deliver Lumber at short notice.

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WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

Staple and Fancy Groceries

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MANUFACTURERS

AND DEALERS IN

Jewelry, Silver-Ware, Plated-Ware

WATCHES, CLOCKS,

Spectacles, Fine

Pocket and Table Cutlery,

BARBERS, SCISSORS,

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Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

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Coffee House,

WINE & LAGER BEER SALOON,

Commerce Street,

The best of Wines and Lagers always on hand.

ANTON ADAM,

Proprietor.

W. A. QUAY. **STANLEY HAYES.**

STORY & HAYES,

WINE AND SALES STABLE,

100-10th St.

THE VALLEY OF THE POY.

"Far away—far away,
Far away—as far, as least
Lies that valley as the day
Hanging with the golden East;
All things lovely—yet not they
One and all, too far away!"

"It is called the valley No,
And a Syrian tale there is
Thereabout which, Time hath said,
Shall not be interpreted,
Something about Satan's dart,
Something about angel wings;
But the valley 'tis, at best,
Means 'the valley of Uroth."

"Once I smiled in a silent dell
Where the people did not dwell,
And the people did not dwell,
And the people did not dwell,
With a vision full of meaning,
O'er the stagnant waters were leaning;
Or the sun-ray dripped all
Through tall tulips overhead—
The people did not dwell,
On the quiet Amphidell."

"Now, each visitor shall confess,
Nothing save the air that brood
O'er the unquiet Amphidell—
Here the air with pinions folded,
That slumber o'er the valley World;
No wind in heaven! yet of the trees
The roll like the tattered shawl,
Holding like a waterfall
O'er the bottom's grey wall.
Halo, like the tylian eyes,
Low crouched on earth some violet lie,
And, nearer heaven, some lilies wave,
All watchful, and all true,
And, one by one, from out their tops,
Eternal dew come down in drops—
Ah! I see by one, from out their stems,
Eternal dew come down in gems!"

The Old-Time Pony Express of the Great Plains.

BY MARK TWAIN.

However, in a little while, all interest was taken up in stretching our necks and watching for the "pony-rider"—the fleet messenger who sped across the continent from St. Louis to Sacramento, carrying letters nineteen hundred miles in eight days. Think of that for perilsome horse and human flesh and blood to do. The pony rider was usually a little bit of a man, bristling with spirit and endurance. No matter what time of day or night his watch came on, and no matter whether it was Winter or Summer, or whether his "beat" was a level, straight road, or a crazy trail over mountains and bad lands, he carried his letters through peaceful regions, or regions swarming with hostile Indians; he must be always ready to leap into the saddle and be on like the wind.

"There was no idling time for a pony-rider on duty. He rode forty miles without stopping, by daylight, moonlight, starlight, or through the blackness of darkness, just as it happened. He rode a splendid horse that was born for a race, and kept him in his utmost speed for ten miles; and then, as he came crashing up to the station, where stood two men holding a fresh, impatient steed, the transfer of rider and mail-bag was made in the twinkling of an eye, and away flew the pair, and were out of sight before the spectator could get hardly the ghost of a look.

Both rider and horse went flying light. The rider's dress was thin and fitted close; he wore a "round about" and "skull cap," and tucked his pantaloons into his boot-tops, like a race-rider. He carried no arms—he carried nothing that was not absolutely necessary for even his postage on his literary freight was worth two dollars an ounce. He got but little frivolous correspondence to carry; his bag had business letters in it mostly. His horse was striped, if all traces of white were left. He wore a little white of a saddle, and no visible blanket. He wore light shoes, or none at all. The little fat mail-pockets, strapped under the rider's thighs, would each hold about the bulk of a child's primer. They held bulky and many an important business chapter and newspaper letter. But these were written on paper as airy and thin as gold leaf, and thus bulk and weight were economized.

The stage coach traveled about a hundred to a hundred and twenty-five miles a day (twenty-four hours); the pony-rider about two hundred and fifty. There were about eight pony-riders in saddle all the time, night and day, stretching in long scattering processions from Missouri to California—forty flying westward and forty toward the West, and among them, making four hundred gallant horses earning a stirring livelihood, seeing a deal of scenery every day in the year. We had a consuming desire from the beginning to see a pony-rider, but somehow or other all that met us, managed to streak by in the night, and so we only heard a whinny and a halloo, and the swiftness of the desert was gone before he could get our heads out of the windows. But now we were expecting one along every moment, and would see him in broad daylight. Presently his "dive" or "neck" is stretching further, and every eye strained wide. Away across the endless dead level of the prairie a speck appears against the sky, and it is plain that it moves.

Well, I should think so! In a second or two it becomes a horse and rider, rising and falling—sweeping nearer and nearer—growing more and more defined—nearer and nearer, and the clatter of hoofs comes faintly to the ear. Another instant, a whoop and a hurrah from our upper deck, a wave of the driver's hand, but no reply.

A man and horse burst past our united front, and go bounding away

like a flash of aerial fancy, that, but for the flake of white foam, left quivering and peering on a small sack, after the action had finished by and disappeared, we might have doubted whether we had seen any actual man and horse at all, may be.

Spring Novelties in Shoes.

The New York Shoe and Leather Reporter thus speaks in reference to Spring novelties in shoes:

"The latest news on fashions for shoes seems to be not only desirable, but almost a necessity in these days, when new styles are being brought out every month. It is a task of no little difficulty for dealers out of large cities to keep themselves posted in novelties which are constantly appearing, so that their orders may include not only the general style, but also the many pretty and ingenious devices that go to make the shoe a thing of beauty forever. The soles are being made broad, firm and thick, and the heels comparatively low and wide. An improvement so much needed, once sanctioned by the majority of fashion, and we will have no more French heel abominations, with the unvarying weak, tottering gait, but a free, elastic step, as beautiful and graceful as the former was painful and awkward. There is no hint of dress, perhaps, that is so much criticized as shoes, no item more important, and certainly none where comfort has been more sacrificed. The practical solution of the question, can ease and beauty be combined in shoes? has been in a measure accomplished this Spring. The first innovation noticed is the Scotch welt walking boot for ladies, with broad soles projecting about an eighth of an inch beyond the uppers, and a heel about a plain shoe, with no attempt at ornamentation but decidedly sensible, and one which in time no doubt will be adopted universally. A buttoned walking shoe of pebble grain, strong and simple, with a plain button, and by its style of finish. The trimming is of pink kid, button-holes in scolloped edge stitched by hand, and heels finished with a row of highly polished copper tacks, with small studs, as large as a pin's, invisibly as far as preserving the shape is concerned, and greatly adding to the beauty. It is a noticeable fact that shoes are cut much lower than last season. A buttoned walking shoe of pebble grain, strong and simple, with a plain button, and by its style of finish. The trimming is of pink kid, button-holes in scolloped edge stitched by hand, and heels finished with a row of highly polished copper tacks, with small studs, as large as a pin's, invisibly as far as preserving the shape is concerned, and greatly adding to the beauty. It is a noticeable fact that shoes are cut much lower than last season.

Somehow, after the style of the "Newport" of last Summer, in a garden shoe, called the "Metropolitan" material, French kid, lined entirely with kid, making the value of the shoe inside and out the same, tied across the instep, with ribbon and a single, or double, button, is an elegant shoe, and one that will undoubtedly be a favorite. A croquet shoe comes next, of black glove kid, lined entire with white kid; a rosette of black ribbon, with buckles, relieving the severe plainness; material, satin, with fancy bow of same; feelings of white satin; heels wooden, covered with satin, suitable for home, full dress or carriage shoe; retail price is \$12. It takes from one-half to five-eighths of a yard of material to a pair. A rival of this shoe is one of heavy black silk, with trimmings of heavy blue kid; a dainty rosette of thread lace and silk, entirely unique in design. Brown boots are no longer worn by people of refinement and taste; they have had their day, and must give place to black, which is far more genteel. Black shoes are no longer stilted in white; simplicity in style seems to be in favor.

An Important Fact in Grape Culture.

We would mention a fact, which has come within our observation and experience, which, if generally true, is of some importance. It is this: That the third fruit-bud from the base of the past year's cane throws out larger and better developed bunches of grapes than either the first or second. The grapes from these buds seem also better flavored and sweeter than those from the first and second. In accordance with this hint we have adopted the plan of cutting the cane at such length as to leave the third bud, generally, and sometimes the first, second and third, and then rubbing off the first and second buds, and leaving the third and fourth for fruit. The number of fruit-buds left on the vine must depend on the age and strength of the vine. If the vines are strong and vigorous at three years, from two to three bunches of grapes may be allowed to mature on each without injury.—[Piedmont Rural Press.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says: "A lady of rank and culture, for ten years enjoying high social standing, and leading a happy, virtuous life, beloved alike in the family circle and society, is suddenly confronted with the reproach of an error of earlier days by a second, who thus sends in destroying the home, sending the husband to the mad-house, and the wife a fugitive over the land. And thus England's 'good Queen' with quiet feeling for the purification of court society, conceals the tithes of the lady to presentation at court. The years of exemplary living can not atone for the youthful indiscretion. Oh, rare, queenly charity that shrouds a Prince of Wales and blazes a repentant woman!"

It was very unkind of a contemporary to say that if Mr. Greeley were nominated he would be able to tell next fall what he knows about "a big bear."

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AMBULANCES

For traveling and other purposes, and of all prices.

BUGGIES—Of every description and various prices.

Leave your Money at Home!!

FARMER'S WAGONS—Heavy and light to suit purchasers.

ONLY THE BEST MATERIAL, which we import from the North direct, (because our State has no Wagon timber to speak of) is used by us and we

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Orders from the country will be promptly attended to, and work executed to the entire satisfaction of purchasers.

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Policy issued in the above Companies an Liberal Terms in the City of San Antonio, or also in the Country in any portion of Western Texas.

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(Over over Robert & Thompson's Bank.)

WAGONS! WAGONS!!

FROM THE MANUFACTORIES OF

WILSON, CHILDS & CO., Philadelphia, Pa.

STUDEBAKER BROS., South Bend, Ind.,

E. H. FERRIS & BROS., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin,

LA BELLE WAGON.

Of all which, a complete assortment always on hand.

Iron-Axle and Thimble-Skein Wagons, with Springs.

12 Chihuahua 3 in. axle Wagons, complete.

Those Premium Wagons!

At the late San Antonio Fair, the Ferris and "La Belle" wagons have justly received the First Premium as the best Farmer's wagons. Sold as heretofore, on Commerce street, by

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Is prepared to contract for all kinds of Mason Work, Stone cutting, Carpenter Work, Plastering and Painting.

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A. NETTE

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Has just received a lot in stock of

DRUGS,

MEDICINES,

PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTIONS

in fact all the leading articles, such as

PATENT MEDICINES,

that are usually kept in a

FINE CHINA TEA,

The stock being selected by himself in this matter.

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DR. F. PETERSEN,

Physician and Obstetrician.

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From 10 to 12 p. m.
From 2 to 3 p. m.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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NO. 9, COMMERCE STREET,
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Great Bargains!

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House Furnishing Goods, Crockery, Glassware, &c., &c.

For the purpose of making room for the largest and most extensive assortment of Furniture ever brought to San Antonio.

94-7th St.

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Cracker and Candy Factory

Commerce and Market Streets,
Wholesale Manufacturers of

CHACKERS

Of all kinds, in quantities to suit purchasers.

Candies.

Of pure lard sugar, in boxes of 10, 25, and 50 pounds.

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WEDDING AND BALL CAKES, Made with the best ingredients, according to the latest and most improved recipes. All kinds of

Soda Water Apparatus

constantly on hand.

All orders received in the above departments will be promptly attended to, and the most desirable and most reliable goods and articles at the lowest possible prices and terms. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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Y. Robinson
Dresser & Bryant
F. Gross & Co.
and 129 1/2 St.

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A new supply of the

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AND

Confectionery.

Candies, Cakes and Confectionaries constantly kept on hand. Cakes trimmed to order.

100-10th St.

Advertisement for various goods including iron and brass ware, stoves, and machinery. Includes text like 'Manufacturers of Iron and Brass Ware' and 'Patent Churn'.

Advertisement for 'The American' newspaper, featuring a large table of names and their respective contributions or affiliations. Includes the title 'THE AMERICAN' and 'PRICE 35.50'.

Advertisement for 'Billiard Room' and 'VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE'. Includes text like 'Billiard Room, Corner of Main and Second St.' and 'VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE For 1872'.

Advertisement for 'First Class SEWING MACHINES' and 'ATTACHMENTS'. Includes text like 'First Class SEWING MACHINES, AND THEIR ATTACHMENTS' and 'Grover & Baker'.

Advertisement for 'U.S. MAIL' and 'Fast Line to South & Columbia'. Includes text like 'U.S. MAIL, Fast Line to South & Columbia' and '33 HOURS TO ASTORIA'.

Advertisement for 'Bloomington Nursery, Illinois' and 'Fruit Trees, Evergreens, &c.'. Includes text like 'Bloomington Nursery, Illinois' and 'Fruit Trees, Evergreens, &c.'.

Advertisement for 'W.C.A. THIELEPAPE' and 'For Sale Cheap!'. Includes text like 'W.C.A. THIELEPAPE' and 'For Sale Cheap!'.

Advertisement for 'MARRIAGE GUIDE' and 'A BOOK FOR THE MILLION'. Includes text like 'MARRIAGE GUIDE' and 'A BOOK FOR THE MILLION'.

Advertisement for 'The Penn Letter Book' and 'HOUSTON AND TEXAS Central Railroad'. Includes text like 'The Penn Letter Book' and 'HOUSTON AND TEXAS Central Railroad'.

Advertisement for 'Do not Fail' and 'STEWART COOK STOVES'. Includes text like 'Do not Fail' and 'STEWART COOK STOVES'.

