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Locals.

Christmas Turkeys on the streets. T. J. Atkinson and lady are in town.

Wm. Harrell is on a flying trip to Graham.

D. C. Brown is gone to Sherman on business.

W. R. Curtis of Cambridge is in town to-day.

H. M. Horton left Monday morning for El Paso.

Dr. Banner will have a lot of fine apples in a few days.

Surveyor Hughes has gone to Antelope to lay out a town.

S. W. Eastin received yesterday from St. Louis 30 bags of coffee.

Our readers may look for another mineral well boom in a few days.

Miss Bell Mizell left on Sunday morning for her home in Ellis county.

A St. Louis firm closed down on Maj. Horton yesterday. He is one of the oldest and most respected merchants & citizens of Jacksboro.

There is the best opening in Jacksboro for a tin and hardware house in Texas.

S. W. Eastin received the largest invoice of crackers ever shipped to this place.

Buskin & McMillan's Christmas goods will doubtless be in before this reaches our readers. Don't fail to call on these affable gentlemen.

Johnie H. Harper has gone to Colorado City. We understand that he had a liberal offer with a good man. Johnie is one of our best boys. Success to him.

L. P. Adamson wishes to inform the people that he will not receive any logs at his mill after the 1st of January.

Go to S. W. Eastin for Oakes' fine loaf-sugar candies fresh from St. Louis yesterday.

Ed. CITIZEN:—Where can I get the cheapest groceries in town? please answer.

Sid says:—"Why go to S. G. Adamson's, he is decidedly the cheapest man in Jacksboro.

S. W. Eastin received yesterday five loads of groceries, of which is a fine supply of Christmas goods.

Drs. Gresham and Cornelius have invoiced their drugs to Buskin & McMillan, and these gentlemen solicit a continuance of the customers of the retiring popular physicians. Dr. McMillan comes well recommended.

Don't forget that S. W. Eastin will give you the top prices for your hides &c.

We are gratified to state that our new type and everything necessary for the enlargement of the Citizen, except our new power press, has arrived, and the press will be due in six or eight days. After one more issue we hope to be able to present the Rural Citizen in a size and dress that will be satisfactory to the most exacting of our readers.

Bring your butter to S. W. Eastin, he wants all you can make and will give you the highest price.

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The new Methodist Preacher in charge, Rev. Mr. Reese is expected here next week, any way by the 4th Sunday.

It is quite noticeable that a number of strangers visiting Jacksboro is on the increase.—All of them look like business men and doubtless they mean business.

Wm. Taylor avails himself of the present opportunity to inform his clients that he will be in attendance at the Dist. Court and will give to the cases that he has; the attention that they merit. 3t.

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The Presbyterian and Baptist Sunday school has decided to have a Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church on Monday evening 26 inst. The school will put up the tree, and parents, teachers, and friends, whether in the school or out of it, are requested to deliver their presents with names of those for whom they are intended attached to the committee appointed to receive presents and decorate the tree. We will give further notice and names of committee next week.

Last Sunday, at Stevens & Worsham's ranche near Henrietta, Willis Faulks shot and killed John Brown. Faulks skipped the country; his father is captain of the 6th U. S. Cavalry.

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UNCLE SAM'S CLOCK.

A Washington correspondent of some Boston paper sends the following interesting communication:

At the Naval Observatory in Washington stands the clock that regulates time for the whole country. It is not beautiful like many lovely French clocks that tick upon the parlor mantel. In fact it is large and tall, with plain face, and body of dark wood, and without ornamentation. It is much like the old-fashioned clock that stood in our grandmother's kitchen. It nowhere touches either the floor or walls of the building, but is securely fastened to a stone pier, which rests upon a solid stone foundation, so that it may not be affected by any motion of the building or ground. Rains may descend, floods come, wind blow and beat upon the house, but the clock feels it not, for it is built upon a rock. It is a splendid timekeeper. At the present time it gains at the rate of forty-eight hundredths of a second per day.

In order that the people all over the country may have uniform time, so important for railroads, steamboats and other public conveyances, at three minutes before twelve each day this clock is connected, by means of a galvanic battery, with the wires of the Western Union Telegraph, which extends into the room containing the clock. All other messages, however important, must give way for these three minutes, and in every town and station, from Maine to California, where there is a telegraph operator, as the pendulum of the clock ticks, each second a click is recorded by the telegraph, and at the instant of twelve two ticks are given.

At the same instant a huge black ball, which is drawn up a few moments before, descends upon the dome of the observatory; and hundreds all over the city stand, with watch in hand, to see it drop, to keep, as we say, "ball time." Thus when this ball drops, a click in every large town in the land tells the hour of twelve.

So while the clerks of Washington are watching the ball, the restless schoolboy of Minnesota is waiting to hear the big clock upon the town house sound its merry peal, the signal of dismissal, and the tired factory girl at Lowell listens eagerly for the same sound.

But you must remember that only places on the same meridian with Washington have, after all, exactly the same time. The sun in passing round the earth, which is divided in three hundred and sixty degrees of longitude, every twenty-four hours, must pass through one degree, which is about sixty-nine miles every

four minutes. So if the sun rises in Boston at seven o'clock, it will not rise in New York—two hundred miles west—till twelve minutes past seven, or seven o'clock will not come to them for twelve minutes after it has reached Boston. Neither will it be twelve o'clock till twelve minutes later than in Boston.

Take the Pacific railroad and travel west, with your watch correct in Boston; when you reach Omaha you will be an hour and a half ahead of their time; and, when you arrive at San Francisco your watch will be three hours and a half fast, because old Sol is still on the way. When you in Boston are going to church at eleven o'clock the boys in San Francisco are just taking their breakfast at half past seven.

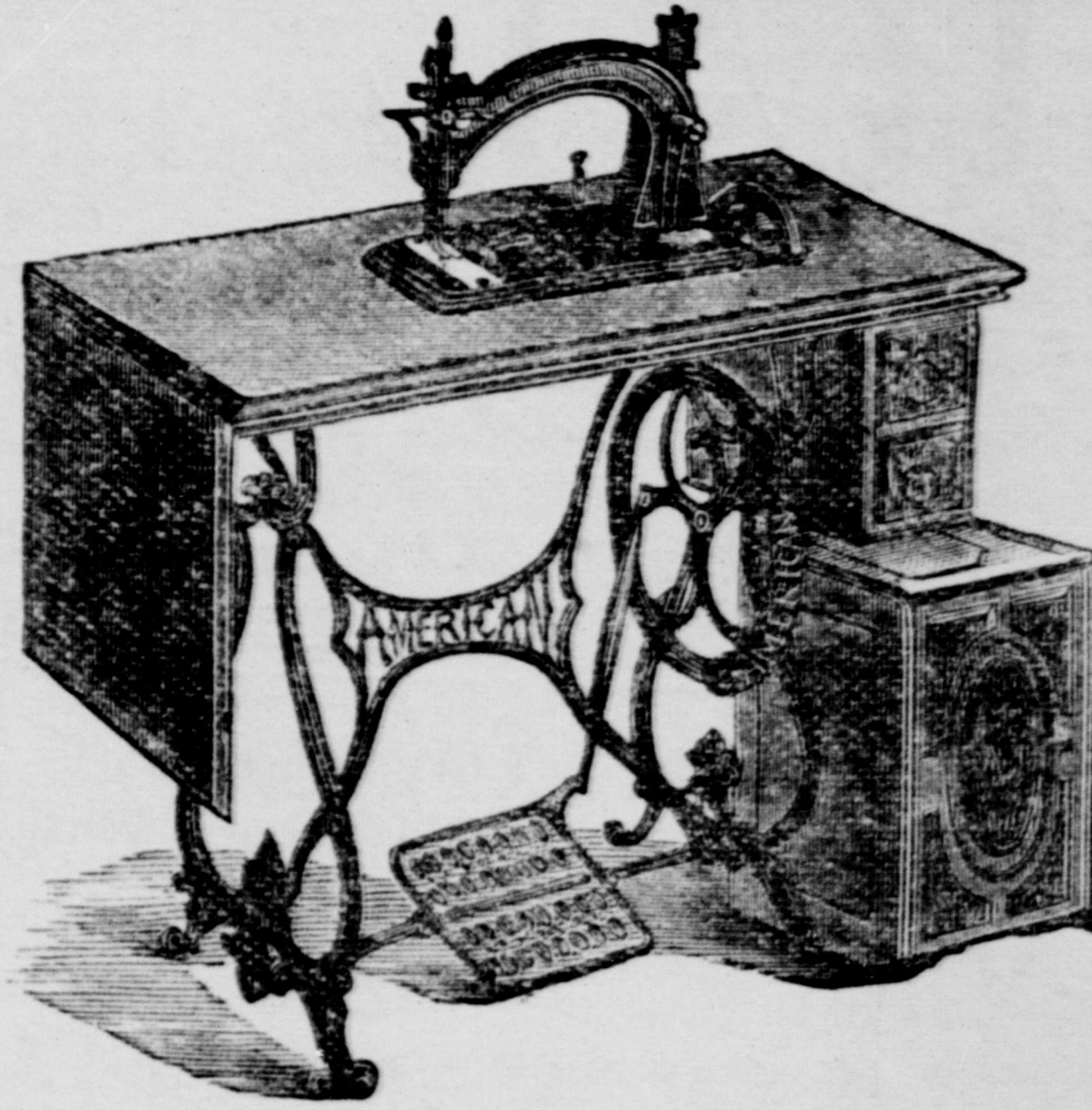
So while we tell you that all the towns receive the click of twelve at the same time, you must remember that in places situated in longitude east or west from Washington, the number of minutes it takes the sun to pass those degrees must be added or subtracted from twelve to give the correct time.

Another thing in the room where the clock is would interest the boys who are delighted with everything that pertains to a ship. This room may be termed a government depot, for here are two hundred ship chronometers. These are simply large-sized watches, and are furnished to every sea-going vessel. Here they are kept several months, to be regulated, and their accuracy tested by this clock. The officer in charge examines them daily at a certain hour, and carefully rates the time of each.

When a government vessel is ordered to sea, this official takes them with all possible care to the vessel, protecting them as far as possible from all sudden jars or violent jolting.

When on the cruise the captain also rates daily the time kept by the chronometer. This he does by lunar observation. He marks the time between the moon and some star by his quadrant, which he verifies by his nautical almanac. One was seen at the observatory that had been absent three years with an eastern squadron and varied during the whole time but a few seconds.

The most recent reported victim of the dime novel is Charlie Elwell, a Boston lad. He became such an ardent admirer of William the Kid, and gentlemen of his stamp, that he longed for a life of freedom on the rolling prairies. To such an extent did he thus long that he forged a check for \$250. With the money thus secured he laid in a stock of suitable weapons, and then, heavily armed, went to the depot. Fortunately for the poor Indian, the lad was arrested. Charlie will now have leisure to reflect that the life of even a clerk, uneventful as it may be, is preferable to that of an inmate of a reformatory or State prison. If the boys would drop these crazy dime novels, fewer of them would be caught in such silly scrapes.



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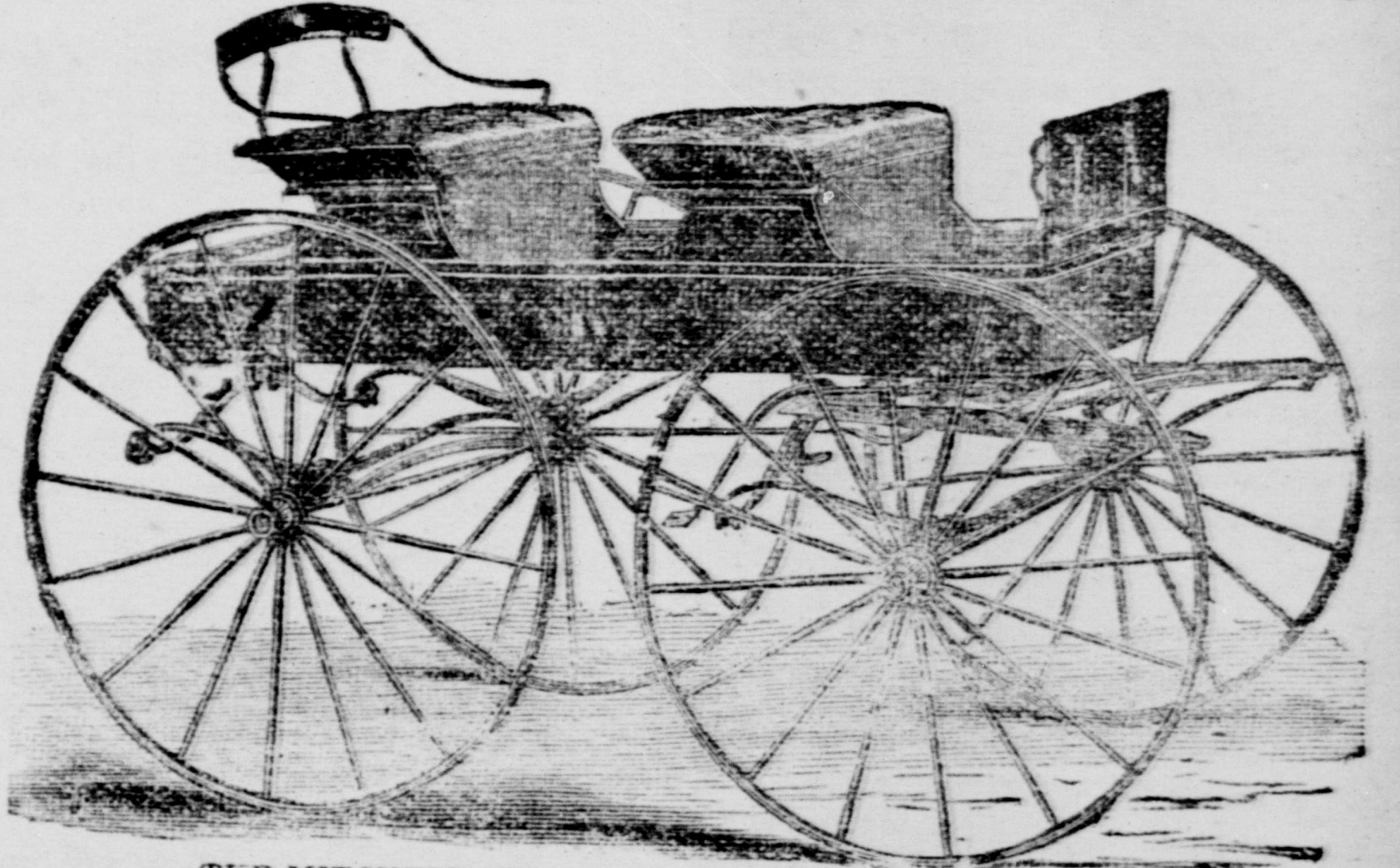
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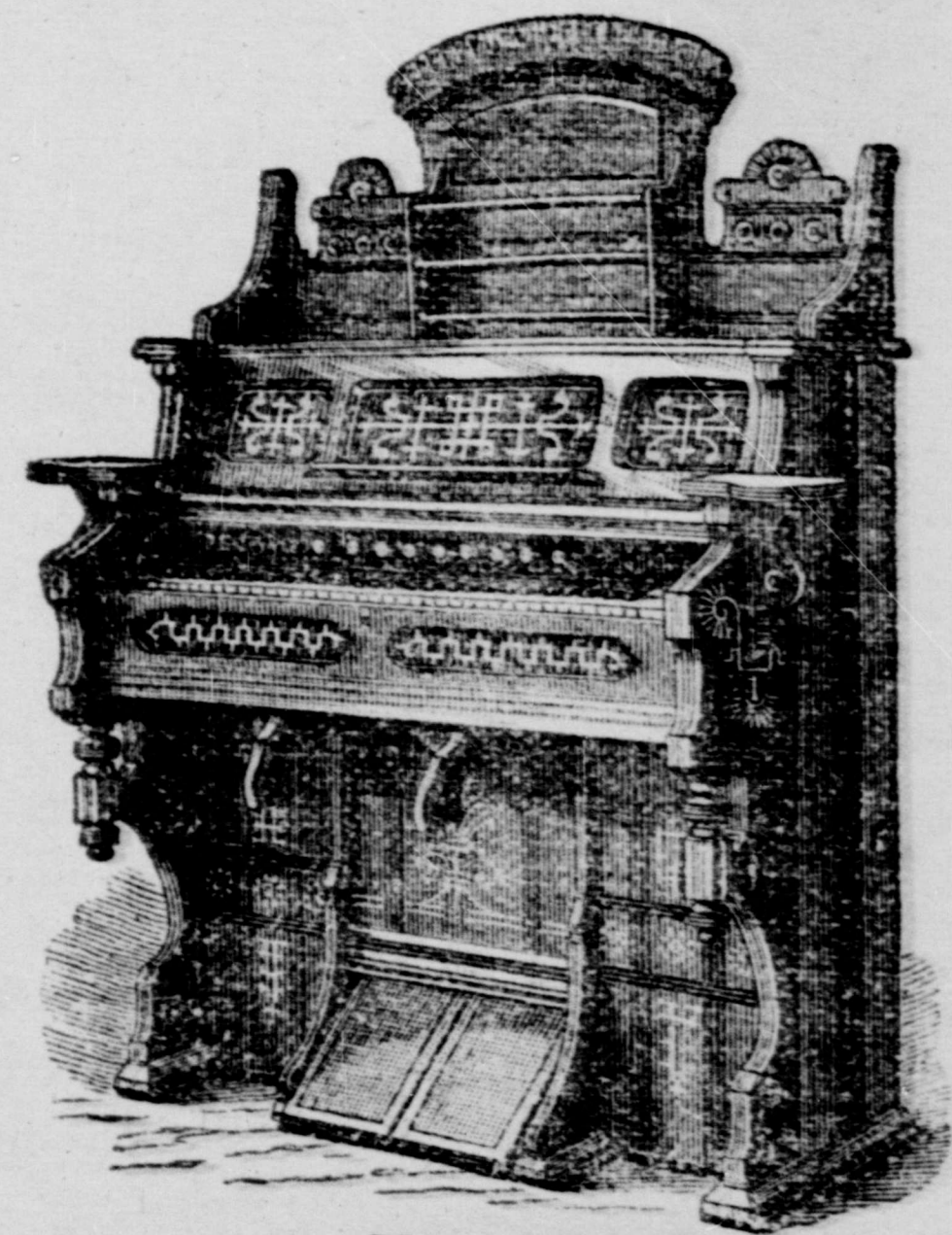


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The Court Farce at Washington.

The trial of the murderer of President Garfield has developed into a broad farce, disgusting to the public and an insult to justice. The bloody handed criminal is allowed to black-guard the court, counsel, and every body else whom his sweet fancy pictures as meriting his foul abuse. The court has threatened to remove him during the progress of the trial, and even threatened to gag him; but the matter ended with threats, and the culprit is having everything his own way. The country is becoming tired of the nonsense, and the world is looking upon it with nearly unutterable disgust. The plea of insanity has no more ground to rest upon than it has had in numerous other cases which any reader will call to mind, and in which the accused were acquitted, only to be turned loose on the community in a few months or years at most. If Guiteau is acquitted, it will be the greatest travesty upon justice that was ever enacted in any court in Christendom. His entire life and the whole of the evidence thus far presented show him to be a cunning rascal. There is no mental depth to him, but if he is to be acquitted of one of the foulest murders on record, simply because he has not the mind of a Daniel Webster, we might as well shut up our courts. The sole object of the murder of Mr. Garfield was notoriety. That appears as plain as the nose on a man's face. As to the consequences to himself, he hoped to escape them in some way, and it he showed himself to be a fool at all, it was right at this point. He might have thought that the faction that was opposed to the President would be sufficiently reckless to come to his rescue, and through its influence to save his worthless neck. If he thought this he was a fool, but was responsible for his act. It is more likely, however, that like the New York murderer he thought that "hanging was played out." He has a smattering of law, and knows very well of some of the loop holes through which criminals escape, and very properly expects that there are others of which he does not know. It is not a matter of surprise if he was willing to run the comparatively small risk of hanging to obtain the notoriety which he sought. His expression that "as soon as he was acquitted he meant to enter the lecture field, and expected to make seventy-five thousand dollars," shows what is in his mind and has been in his mind ever since he first contemplated assassinating the president. He had not the ability to lift himself into sight by decent means, and so sought prominence by sneaking up behind the head of fifty millions of people, and shooting him down. His first anxiety after the shooting was to get into jail away from personal harm. That did not show insanity.

Next he wanted sufficient time to elapse before his trial, for the popular passions to cool. That was not evidence of insanity. Then he determines to play the buffoon all through the trial, as an evidence of insanity, but his plan is too methodical entirely to accomplish his purpose. It is not unreasonable to suppose that with our army of unhung and unimprisoned murderers, he calculated that his chances of escape were good. Guiteau is not insane, and if that Washington jury decides that he is, the whole of them ought to be judged insane or worse.

The laws for the prevention and punishment of crimes must be made more stringent. Life is the cheapest thing in the community and it is getting cheaper every day. If things go on the way they have been going Judge Lynch will take a hand in "fixing" judges as well as criminals. Have good, stringent laws and then execute them. That is the only way to save our good name and prevent anarchy.—[Western Rural.

Men Wanted.

The great want of the age is men. Men who are not for sale. Men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core. Men who condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as others. Men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole. Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels.

Men who can tell the truth and look the world and the devil right in the eye. Men who never brag nor run. Men that neither flag nor flinch. Men who can have courage without shouting to it. Men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep and strong. Men who do not cry nor cause their voices to be heard on the streets, but who will not fail nor be discouraged till judgement be set in the earth.

Men who know their message and tell it. Men who know their places and fill them. Men who know their own business. Men who will not lie. Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor. Men who are willing to eat what they have earned.—[Texas Methodist.

Bill Arp on Praying.

Bill Arp, the Georgia humorist, has this to say about praying for rain: "If the rain is to fall upon the just and the unjust, there is something wrong with us at my house, for it don't come. Maybe we don't pray enough, or there is a Jonah in the ship, or something, I don't know

what. I met a preacher the other day and he said they had been mighty dry up in his neighborhood, and the brethren were alarmed and discouraged, and last Sunday they asked him to pray for rain, and he did so with faith and importunity, and while he was preaching, the clouds gathered and the rain fell in torrents and he closed the sermon and thought it the best time in the world to send around the hat, for the brethren were feeling good and thankful, and the

hat came back with only three dollars in it, and the rain quit all of a sudden, before they had half enough, and he didn't wonder at it, for he thought sure they would have raised fifty, and so after dinner, they held a church court and turned out three of the brethren for conjugal looseness and four more for habitual tightness and several for lying and cheating, and about the time they got through the rain begun again, and they had a splendid season."



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WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Tedious Trial. A Hung Jury Will not Hang About the Rope. The New Cabinet.

From our regular Correspondent, C. A. S.]
Washington, D. C. Dec. 3, 1881.

Public attention is just now divided between the tedious trial of Guiteau in the City Hall, and the canvas for the speakership, which is waged at half a dozen large hotels. A month ago there was but one opinion relative to the issue of the trial. Everybody thought Guiteau would hang, and looked upon the trial only as a decent preliminary to the inevitable rope. Now, one out of every three you meet, and perhaps half the lawyers, are of opinion that the jury will not agree. It is said that the jury contains more than one crank whose sympathy for the guild will shield Guiteau. Expert testimony for the prosecution may convince every jurymen of his responsibility for the crime, and Judge Porter's cross examination of the murderer, eliciting his sharp and connected replies, ought to persuade them of the inconsistency of his defense. Guiteau mistakes his infamy for fame, is happy in the conspicuousness that has been the lifelong craving of his abnormal egotism, and, I think, is wholly untroubled by visions of the St. Louis rope. It is perhaps not generally known that Mr. Robert Humphries of St. Louis has the grim privilege of supplying all the sheriffs of the United States with an article absolutely indispensable in the enforcement of the law's extreme penalty. For some years past this singular monopolist has exclusively manufactured the ropes used for the execution of murderers throughout the length and breadth of the Union. Made of the choicest hemp, admirably spun, and of extraordinary strength, Mr. Humphry's ropes fulfill their dread mission with a completeness that leaves nothing to be desired. They are somewhat costly, his charge for them is six dollars apiece; but, in consideration of their infallible effectiveness, the executive authorities

consider them cheap at that price. Down to the present time no malfeactor to whose neck a Humphry's rope has been adjusted *secundem artem* has succeeded in surviving the treatment for more than a minute or two.

THE NEW CABINET.

There has been so much talk over the speakership that the new cabinet has been little thought of. It is said that the President will be ready with a list of names which will probably be confirmed at the first executive session of the Senate. The latest intelligence is that Mr. Brewster, of Philadelphia will be Atty. General; Ex Senator Boutwell, of Mass., Secretary of the Navy; Ex-Senator Chaffar, of Colorado, Secretary of the Interior; Ex-Senator Howe, of Wisconsin, Post Master General; Ex-Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, Secretary of state. Secretaries Lincoln and Folger will retain the portfolios of War and Finance. All but three of the proposed cabinet have been in the U. S. Senate, and three of them—Ex-Senators Boutwell, Frelinghuysen, and Howe, have had long experience in public life. The appointment of Mr. Brewster as Atty. General would seem to indicate a vigorous policy in the Star Route cases.

PARIS LETTER.

Regular Correspondence.

The duel fought yesterday between M. Paul de Cassagrac and M. Adrien de Montebelle is, after the Ministerial crisis, the event of the day. There has been for some time a bitter grudge between the two, which was aggravated by M. de Montebelle's attempt during the election to wrest the constituency of Mariande, originally represented by M. Granier de Cassagrac from his son. The contest was keen, but the Bonapartists triumphed nevertheless. For some weeks there seems to have been a sort of truce, but M. Paul de Cassagrac took offense at M. de Montebelle's congratulating M. Clemenceau on his attack on the Government, and on the following

day the *Pays* appeared with a furious article against M. Leon Say's, chief secretary from its impetuous editor's own pen. The insult was too gross to be assed over, and M. Adrien de Montebelle accordingly at once dispatched two of his friends the Vicomte de Saint Pierre, senator, and M. Casimir Perier deputy, to M. Paul de Cassagrac for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries of a hostile encounter. These gentlemen were promptly joined by M. G. Brame, deputy, and Commandant Blanc, acting for M. de Cassagrac, was settled that the duel should take place on Saturday afternoon at half-past one at M. Buloz's estate at Epinay sur Seine.

Punctual to the minute, principals and seconds appeared at the trysting place yesterday, but it was soon perceived that the ground selected would not suit, and an hour was spent in search of a better arena. Finally a spot was found that answered every requirement, and the adversaries were soon face to face with each other. It was a battle of giants, M. de Cassagrac is a big, heavy man, rather over than under six feet in height, but he is small in comparison to M. de Montebelle, who actually towers above him, though of a very spare build. Both are very strong and admirable fencers, but the Bonapartist proved the better man of the two.

After a pass or two, a blue vest worn by de Montebelle was pierced by his adversary's sword, and he exclaimed that he thought he was touched in the breast. The doctor examined the place, but found no wound, and the combat was continued. It was at the fifth pass that M. de Montebelle wounded in the right arm, M. de Cassagrac's weapon penetrating to the very bone. He dropped his sword, and M. de Cassagrac, turning to his seconds, remarked that he thought it was all over, as he felt that he had struck home. His prediction proved correct, the doctor refusing to allow the combat to be continued.

It is affirmed that M. de Cassagrac has declared that although he had

already fought sixteen duels, he had never had such trouble with an adversary before. Although hardly a match for him, M. de Montebelle was very energetic in his attack, and M. de Cassagrac needed all his address to defend himself, and to avoid inflicting a mortal wound on his opponent. "It is lucky," he remarked to a friend, "that I have been practicing every day for some time, as, had I been a little rusty, I should have been less sure of myself, and the duel might have terminated in a tragic manner." Curiously enough a rumor was current for several hours last evening that M. de Cassagrac had been severely wounded, and that his life was despaired of. Some even went as far as to assure that he was dead. As for M. de Montebelle, he returned to the Petit Luxembourg at five and found many of his friends anxiously awaiting his arrival. His wound is not serious, but a few days rest and care are needed to set him to rights.

Pleasant Grove.

By John D. Rains.

The above is the title given to a new and splendid school house, now about to be completed by the people of school community No. 48. This structure, which would reflect honor and credit on any community, is situated near the 4 mile post, on the road leading from Jacksboro to Graham City; it is twenty-four feet square, and has cost two hundred and fifty dollars. Taking into consideration that the greater portion of the means expended in its construction, was obtained from individual contributions, too much praise cannot be awarded our citizens for the generosity, the zeal and public spirit actuating them. A school will commence at "Pleasant Grove" on Monday the 19th, under the supervision of Judge Stoddard; and preaching at the same place on Sunday the 25th, by that aged veteran of the cross, the Rev. Jno. Powell.

Grand View, Texas, Dec. 13, '81.

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McCONNELL'S HOLIDAY GREETING.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Christmas, the season of universal joy among all civilized people is again at our doors, and all classes and conditions of men look forward to it as a time bringing more or less happiness, as their surroundings and circumstances, and tastes will admit of. More especially is it the children's one great Holiday of the year. How longingly do they look forward to its approach, how they count the passing days as bringing it nearer, and what visions float through their little brains as they dream over and discuss what Santa Claus may bring them. It is the duty of every parent, as far as their means will permit them, to make their children's lives happy, and the little gifts lovingly bestowed, will shed an influence that will reach far along the vista of life, and form bright spots to look back to in the days to come, when the child has become a man, and the realities of life are before him. In view of the fact that I have heretofore endeavored at this season to make a specialty of Holiday Goods, I have this year determined to present to my friends such a variety and quality of appropriate goods as to make competition an absurdity, and have purchased the various lines of goods offered, at "Headquarters" in each department, thus securing not only every advantage in style, novelty and quality, but also in prices. Being aware that my stock will be scrutinized by as experienced and intelligent a community as there is in Texas. I would beg leave to indicate a few of the specialties in each department.

SILVER WARE.

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New, I am

Very Truly,
 H. H. McCONNELL.

Rural Citizen.

J. N. & Alice M. Rogers, Editors

Our limited space prohibits our giving the President's message.

The North Texas Advance and the Ft. Worth Democrat are consolidated.

The New Orleans Times and Democrat have been consolidated, and will, hereafter be issued as The Times-Democrat.

The Helping hand, a missionary monthly, for December is on our table, and, as usual is full of interesting articles. Subscription 35 cents per annum.

The first number of The Home Circle, a new family magazine published by the A. B. P. Society, Philadelphia, Pa., is on our table a very neat and good magazine well worth the subscription price, \$1.50.

We are constantly receiving articles on all sorts of subjects, and as often as otherwise without any proper name accompanying the document, and sometimes we have not the least idea who is the author. Just now we have one of that class, on our public school system. As a matter of good faith, authors who write over a *nom de plume* should give us their real name, either on the same paper or a separate sheet; regular correspondents should do this, as well as others.

We will issue no paper Christmas week; we will need the time to set up our new press and make the necessary arrangements and changes for the enlargement of the Citizen. Those wishing new advertisements or their advertisements changed will please send them in by the 22 inst.

We will publish a large edition of the first issue in January. Will our friends please send in the names and postoffice address of their neighbors for a copy of that edition. We will receive subscriptions for the Citizen, for 1882 at \$1.00 per copy until January 1, 1882, after that the price will be \$1.50.

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Address to the People.

(Continued from last Week.)
Railroad methods of controlling political action were exposed in 1873,

through the agency of a railroad quarrel in this State, resulting in the appointment by the Legislature of a committee to investigate the management of the Erie railroad. The following is from the report of the committee—testimony of Mr. Jay Gould:

"I do not know how much I paid toward helping friendly men. We had four states to look after, and we had to suit our politics to circumstances. In a Democratic district I was a Democrat; in a Republican district I was a Republican, and in a doubtful district I was doubtful; but in every district and at all times I have always been an Erie man."

The state of things unearthed by this investigation was officially described in the report of the Legislative Committee as follows:

"It is further in evidence that it has been the custom of the managers of the Erie Railway, from year to year, in the past to spend large sums to control elections and to influence legislation. In the year 1868 more than one million dollars was disbursed from the Treasury for extra and legal advices." For interesting items Mr. Watson's testimony, pages 336 and 337.

"Mr. Gould, when last on the stand, and examined in relation to various vouchers shown him, admitted the payment during the three years prior to 1872, of large sums to Barber, Tweed and others and to influence legislation or elections; these amounts were charged in the 'India rubber account.' The memory of this witness was very defective as to details, and he could only remember large transactions; but could distinctly recall that he had been in the habit of sending money into the numerous districts all over the State either to control nominations or elections for Senators and Members of Assembly. Considered that as a rule, such investments paid better than to wait till the men got to Albany, and added the significant remark, when asked a question, that it would be impossible to specify the numerous instances as it would to recall to mind the numerous freight cars sent over the Erie road from day to day." (See testimony, p. 556.)

The report of the Legislative Committee concludes with the following remarkable words:

"It is not reasonable to suppose that the Erie Railway has been alone in the corrupt use of money for the purposes named; but the sudden revolution in the direction of this company has laid bare a chapter in the secret history of railroad management such as has not been permitted before. It exposes the reckless and prodigal use of money, wrung from the people to purchase the election of the people's representatives, and to bribe them when in office. According to Mr. Gould, his operations extended into different States. It was

his custom to contribute money to influence both nominations and elections."

The same principles govern railroad management to day. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, one of the ablest and most conservative journals in the country, in a recent editorial said:

"To perpetuate these abuses they seek political power. In many places elections in the face of this influence, have become the emptiest of forms. The railroads send their agents to the Senates and Assemblies of the States. Laws are passed or resisted as they dictate, and Governors approve or veto legislation at their bidding. In the House of Representatives they have their attorneys and in the Senate of

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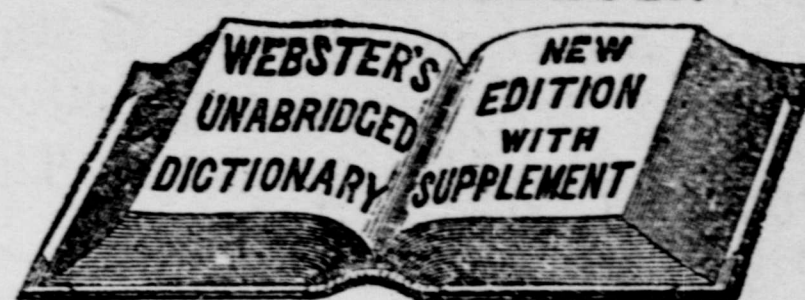
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"They say he stole from the Confederacy; that he was not honest in working up hats to cover the caputs of the whelps, who 'fit' against 'the best government the world ever saw.' Was this a crime to be brought against him after twenty years? The period of probation is passed and gone, but yet, the whelps howl. Who are the whelps? Not the men, who fought for the Confederacy, not the men who came to Texas in the days of Lang Syne and were true to Union and the flag, but, the men who have come to enjoy, who expect the feast of fat things, who sing psalms and carry carpet bags, who colporteurize the waste places and claim that they are the original Jacob Townsends and the only holy ones in the Israel of Texas, and the men, who volunteered in the Confederate cause and now protrude their red heads into the camps of loyalty claiming to be the *only* true Republicans. They are clothed in shoddy—asses in the lion's skin—and Christ never died for their sort! Mark our words, they will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Never, no never. The starch will wilt out of their shirt collars; *even in* Washington where they are not known, they have a hang dog look which of itself condemns them."

The Fire Fiasco

has been busy since our last issue. Among other places, they have had great fires at Vienna and Pittsburg.

The following is the latest from those places.

Vienna, December 11.—On account of the danger of walls falling in the work of removing the bodies from the ruins, work has been suspended until supports are erected. The President of the Council and Minister of the Interior said in the Reichstag to-day that a vigorous policy would be taken against the one proved guilty of culpable negligence. The morning papers' list numbers 580. The funeral of the victims commenced shortly after day-break this morning. The Hebrew dead were conveyed to the Jewish portion of the cemetery. The scenes at the graves were painful to witness. The Common Council has issued notice that the funeral of those victims who cannot be buried by their friends will take place on Monday. The ruins of the burned theatre were surrounded by crowds of people to-day. The work of removal of the debris has been resumed. The hall of the hospital where the bodies were laid presents an agonizing sight. An official list gives the number of missing as 917. It is feared the debris is removed a hundred bodies will be found in the blocked passages. The agent of the fire

brigade states that all inside the theatre is a heap of human bones and charred remains.

Pittsburg, December 10.—The scene at the ruins this afternoon was desolate. A shanty stood at the opening of the green hollow and nothing remained but three blackened joists and a part of one door. The site of the building was strewn with kitchen and dining room furniture more than half consumed and kitchen utensils, shreds of clothing, human bones, strips of crisped flesh and skulls, the latter being found in different places, where the north end of the building had stood. On portions of a partially consumed straw bed were the remains of seven victims piled up in such confusion as to give the beholder an idea of horrible agony. The victims must have suffered before losing consciousness. This bed was located under one of the openings and it was evident from position of the bodies that the original occupants having escaped, others had sought to flee from the opening but had become hopelessly entangled and suffocated. They were burned to unrecognizable shapes, and when the floor of the loft gave way charred remains dropped to the ground below.

The Republicans and Greenbackers in Texas will unite on G. Wash. Jones for Governor and make an aggressive campaign against the Democracy. The national Republican committee and the railroad

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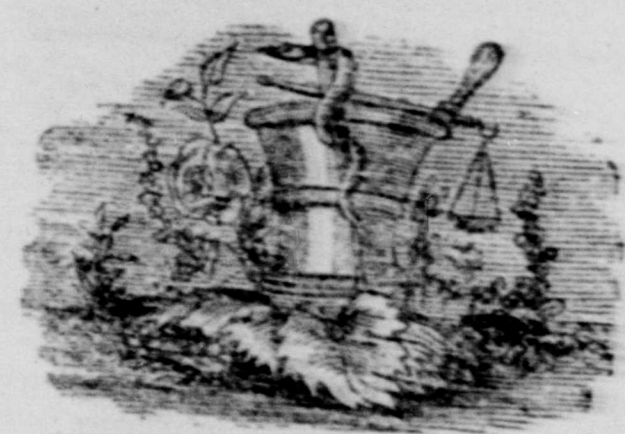
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