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Dr. John W. Goe having bought out Dr. McMillan's interest in the firm of Buskin & McMillan, "the little apothecary shop" will be conducted in the future under the firm name of Buskin & Goe. Dr. J. C. Cornelius will also remain in Jacksboro for the present, and will be pleased to see his friends at the old stand which is now occupied by the new firm.

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These are types of human character, not of masculine and feminine, but of the strong and the weak. The oak begins its existence as humbly as the ivy, it is, like its neighbor, a tender plant, which an insignificant worm might destroy. But the elements of a great tree, a monarch of the forest, lie hid in that tinny embryo. But the proper conditions are necessary to its development. What are those conditions? They are darkness, light, dew, rain, wind, storm, cold, heat, as well as soil. It must drink the dew and the rain, absorb the sunshine, breathe the air, and suck up the soil. But what part in its development does the storm, the night, the frost play? Aye, they develop its character, they make it strong, self-reliant. The hurricane threatens to uproot it, the whirlwind to shiver its heart in twain. But the one causes it to send its fibres closer together. Jupiter Pluvius sends the rains in torrents as though he would dissolve the solid earth in which it is rooted, but the tree drinks up the flood, and with it the nutriment dissolved by it, and grows strong on what threatened destruction. Watch its career, and see it calmly turning every circumstance, whether apparently adverse or fortuitous, to its own account in promoting growth or developing character.

The history of men bears a strong resemblance to the history of trees and vines. Some are born with the elements of greatness in them in such large measure that from the first they are masters of the situation. They turn every circumstance to advantage. Poverty, privation, sorrow, every so-called evil becomes a blessing, a means of development. Poverty compels labor, and labor knits muscles, quickens sensibilities, and sweetens affection. Opposition or persecution develops courage and independence of character.

Others, there are, who have no grasp on fate, no control of circumstances, no power to win the prizes of fortune and fame. Drifting or skulking through life, and clinging with morbid grasp to whatever or whoever seems to promise support, they sink at last into nameless graves, their lives unhonored, their deeds unavailing.

But the large majority of men are neither imbeciles nor intellectual giants. They are simply commonplace, endowed with common sense and surrounded by conditions that give average opportunity for development. These lack

the genius that achieves extraordinary success despite opposition; but they are safe from the necessary fate of those who spend their lives in the prison-house of despair, wearing the chain of circumstance. Within certain limits, and those quite wide, they are free to choose what manner of men they will be, whether educated, refined, intelligent, virtuous, honorable and useful, or ignorant, boorish, and vicious, a curse to themselves, their families and society. But much also depends upon the start in life they get.

"Tis education forms the common mind,
As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

Education, by which is meant developing, as well as training, guiding, and disciplining, is the circumstance chiefly instrumental in giving bent to character in the average, and education begins at birth. Every look, word, thing or person which a child sees, hears or feels, leaves an impression more or less distinct, upon its character.

As the child's mind begins to unfold in the realm of reason, its own responsibility begins to supplement that of its parents and teachers, and when the boy steps upon the plane of manhood he takes his fate solely into his own keeping. It is now a personal question; "What course in life shall I pursue, what sort of character develop?" for remember the education is only fairly begun, not finished. You have simply passed from the preparatory academy to the college; where the lessons are harder and longer, and where you are put upon your own responsibility as to behavior and progress. Your school is now more practical, your lessons being chiefly those of experience, the most valuable of all lessons if rightly used. The observance of a few fundamental rules is essential to the formation and perfection of true character in this college of the world where men and women are trained.

To be honest, to be courageous, to be magnanimous, to have absolute faith in the right, to be fixed in the conviction that a good deed never fails of its reward nor a wrong action of its punishment, that vice never succeeds, nor can virtue fail, that apparent success, which is in reality a stupendous failure. Discriminate clearly between reputation and character; between what people think you are and what you know yourself to be. To others one may seem what he is not; to himself he stands revealed. Reputation is what you pass for; character is what you are.—[Spectator]

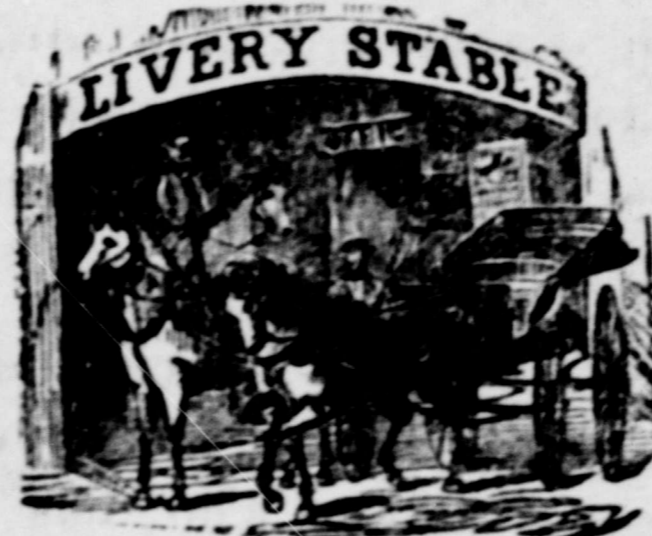
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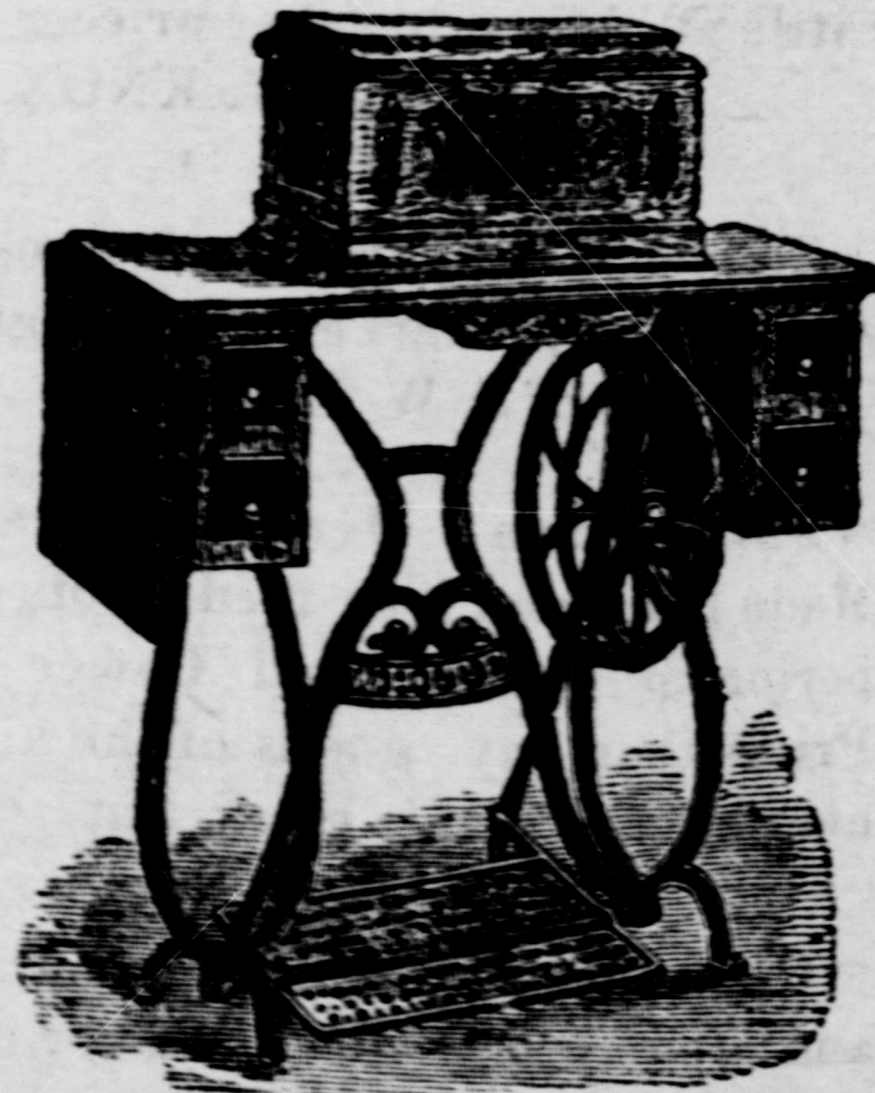
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A New Orleans correspondent of the Dallas Herald dated Dec. 30, 1881, has the following:—"I read in the Herald a few days ago, since my arrival here, a thoughtful, frank well-timed editorial in regard to the political situation and the possibilities of the success of the movement looking to the defeat of the regular democracy in Texas. There was a basis for the article that independent and liberal thinking men will recognize, if they will but open their eyes and see beyond the narrow sphere of their own immediate presence. The Herald has done simply its duty in calling the attention, as it did, to the cloud-speck that had its origin in Virginia, the "mother of Presidents," and the supposed conservator of a State's honor, and which speck is traveling Southward and Southwestward, enlarging as it moves. People who sneer at the precautionary signals of the independent, unshackled, unbiased newspaper that day time and night time watches unceasingly the true interests of its patron and its section, will find out that their wrath or unbelief was ill-founded and disastrous to those who prefer to follow their one sided counsels, the children of their feelings and not the product of their reason and enlightenment. Mark the prediction; time will prove this true and the Herald will in good time record and refer to it.

These reflections are induced by THE PORTENDING CLOUD that now threatens Louisiana; of the same sort that is now gathering in South California, viz: the breaking up of the "Solid South," by the entering wedge of self-interest in the shape of pecuniary advantage, and urged on by the North and by Republicans and others at home. I mean the partial repudiation of the public debt; a readjustment of financial affairs after the manner set by the Old Dominion. To this end I understand that in this State a movement is now on foot to start a new morning daily paper, with a capital of \$100,000, to prepare the people for the evolution by showing this tax-ridden people how iniquitous have been the impositions placed upon them by unscrupulous and corrupt legislators under ridiculous pleas and serving to enrich their few authors at the expense of the toiling many.

THE TAXES ARE NEARLY FOUR PER CENT. paid by these, citizens. Of these 1-2 of 1 per cent. is for State tax; the city tax for current purposes is but 1 per cent., while the tax to settle judgments and interest against the city will be 21-2 per cent. This back indebtedness the tax payers have no patience with, and the city is full of men and women holding property, considered

honorable in all the transactions of life, who will silently hail and secretly support a movement looking to the repudiation of this heavy judgment of indebtedness. The budget for the coming year as adopted will show a need for over \$1,000,000; of this nearly \$600,000 is for judgments and interest. True, this is a local matter of New Orleans, but add the force of those who favor repudiation to the Republican element, the Independents, the disaffected Democrats, and the aid of the Federal government to overturn the existing political dominant party, and it is by no means that Louisiana is Democratic to-day in sentiment. Add to this that a promise to protect her sugar and manufacturing interests and Mr. Gould's desires, and a free election and fair count might relegate to obscurity the Democratic officials now in place. Here, indeed, is a nucleus—a rallying point with a potent call.

Texas, true, has no such financial trouble, but the ball once set in motion, there is no telling where it will cease its roll. The air is full of matters and disaffections, even in the Lone Star State, that took the banner last year. It would be a most regrettable matter to see our people once more delivered unto Radical rule. The Herald has given the warning, and should the evil day come let it be known of all men that its cautions were disregarded. For I tell you that the action of the majority in the last State convention at Dallas showed the dragon's teeth that have been busy in growth from the day that the minority were so tyrannically snubbed until now. The self-assured may laugh or vaunt or threaten as they may please their fancies, but I tell you the Democracy of Texas, because of that conduct is thousands and thousands of votes short to-day.

What Our Boston Friends Think of the South.

The Boston Commercial says: The South with its immense cotton, rice, tobacco and sugar, fields, has, with but few exceptions, blossomed as the rose. White labor, industry, united with Northern capital and enterprise, have been steadily at work developing its agricultural, commercial and manufacturing resources, in nearly all the principal departments of human activity. Producing the the largest cotton, wool, rice and tobacco crops in any previous year of its history, it has not rested content with these, but has been steadily extending its commercial efforts in other direc-

tions as well, developing and enlarging its manufacturing facilities in various departments, and most notably that in cotton goods production; the building of railways, and in cultivating a more intimate commercial union with the North and West, and its foreign neighbors. The establishment of fuller steamship communication with the various parts of the new and old worlds has further added to the increased prestige and success which it now so largely maintains. The Cotton Exposition at Atlanta proved a most desirable, grand undertaking, and opened the eyes of the world to the unequalled possibilities possessed by this most favored section of our country. The people set resolutely to rehabilitate their fallen fortunes and to the development of their ample natural resources, and if proof be needed that they have succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations, it is furnished not only in the improved condition of all interests there, but also by the fact that the Southern States as a whole, within the past year or so, have been made several hundred million dollars richer. The drouth, then, rains and freshets, brought then, temporary drawbacks in lessened crops and business in some parts, but these were more than offset in the main by the improved prices which the products of the soil, the shop and factory brought in general.

LOST OR STOLEN! One Iron-gray horse pony, about 6 years old, 13 hands high, heavy mane and short tail, branded K on left shoulder and hip. A liberal reward will be paid upon the delivery of said animal to me at Jacksboro Texas.
2t B. Rush McConnell.

Estray Notice!

Taken up by James Felder and estrayed before William Obarts J. P. Precinct No. 2 Jack County, Texas: One bay horse about 13 hands high, 10 years old, branded u in a circle over a half-circle on the left shoulder and vP on the left thigh and T with a — across the bar on the right shoulder: Also one bay mare, 2 years old 3 white feet, blaze in the face lower end turning to the left, no brand: Also one brown pony horse 4 or 5 years old both hind feet white, 13 hands high, white spot in forehead no brand. D. B. Mizell, Nov. 8 1881. C. C. C. Jack Co. Tex.

Taken up by J. G. Eubank and estrayed before Thos. W. Williams J. P. Prec. No. 1 Jack Co. Tex., Dec. 7th 1881: One black filly 3 years old, 13½ hands high, no brands perceivable. And one bay horse 4 years old, 13½ hands high, some white in face, branded IS on the left shoulder. D. B. Mizell, Co. Clk.

Taken up by E. A. M. Owen and estrayed before T. W. Williams J. P. Prec. No. 1 Jack county Texas; one sorrell horse 3 years old, 12 hands high, branded CO on left side of the neck, IOU on the left shoulder and — on the thigh; also one sorrell yearling horse colt, blaze face, both hind feet and one fore foot white. No brand.

Taken up by Theodore Green and estrayed before T. W. Williams J. P. Prec. no. 1 Jack Co. Tex., one iron gray horse 4 or 5 years old, 14 or 15 hands high, left hind foot white, shod all round, 2 on the left shoulder.

Taken up by E. B. Baxley and estrayed before T. W. Williams J. P. Prec. no 1 Jack Co. Tex., one bay mare 6 or 7 years old, about 15 hands high, shod all round, and branded JH (connected) on left shoulder; also one black horse 5 or 6 years old no brand. Dec. 24th 1881. D. B. Mizell, Clk. Co. C.

Taken up by John Nelson and estrayed before J. A. Hightower J. P. Pr. t. no. 3 Jack Co. Tex., one bay mare, 13½ hands high, 4 or 5 years old, saddle and collar marks no brand. Dec. 27th 1881. D. B. Mizell, Co. Clk.

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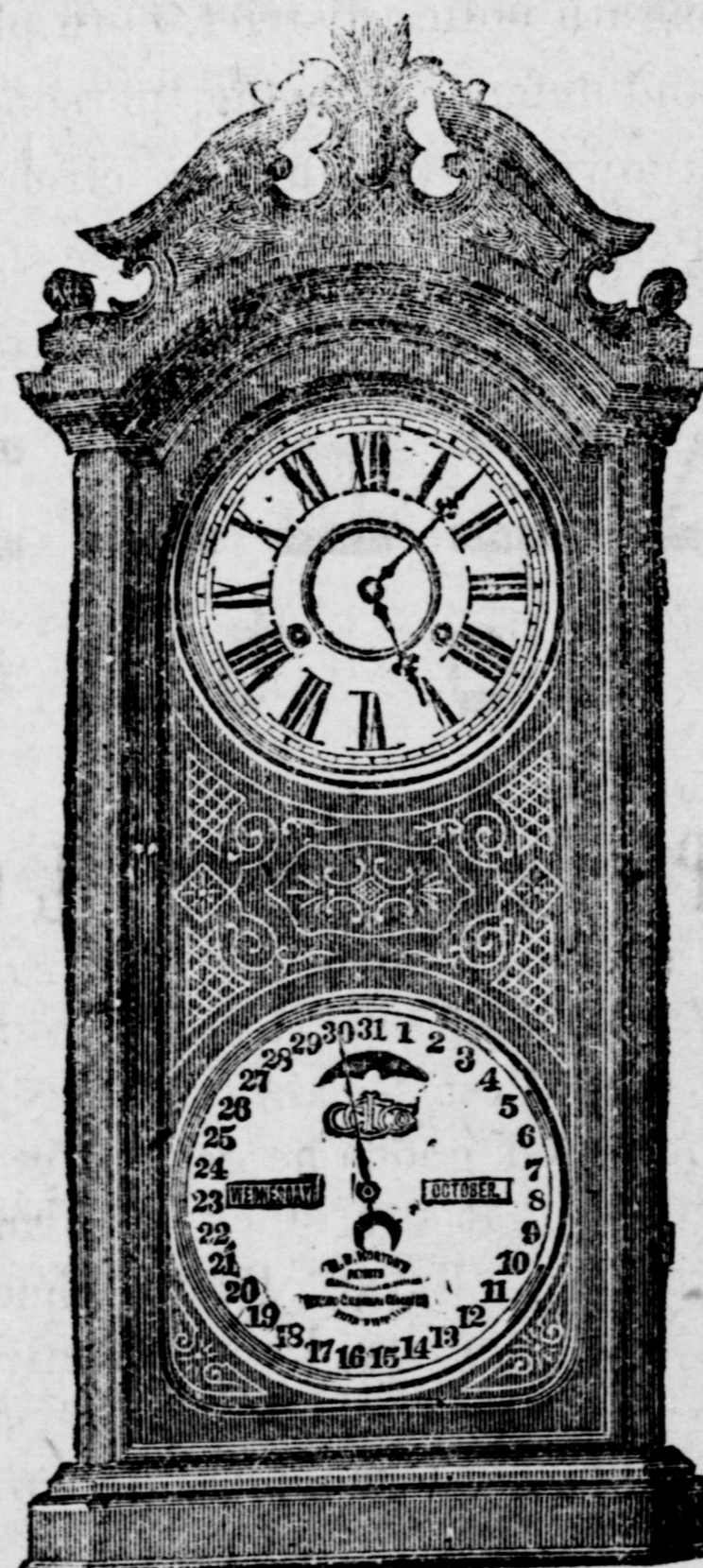
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

New Year's Receptions The Tinsel of War and Diplomacy Under the Gaslight at Noon.

From our regular Correspondent, C. A. S.]

Washington, D. C. Jan. 1st, 1881.

There has been more gayety than usual during the summer-like holidays, which we have enjoyed since congress adjourned. The chief social event has been the New Year's receptions, which in Washington as in all capitals, are picturesque in the pomp and tinsel of diplomacy and war—not "grim visaged war" nor harsher havoc than that made on the susceptibilities of girls, by the elegantly uniformed and perfectly padded shapes manufactured at West Point and the Naval Academy. New Year's calls in Washington are the overture to the great social opera which is played every season, with ever varying, comic, tragic, or romantic episodes. On New Year's, masculine Washington, from the highest official to the department clerk, and through all the ranges, of *haut ton*, and of chromo society, call and pay their respects to feminine Washington, who, whether matron or maid, budding beauty or *blase* spinster, is to be found, usually in a gas lighted parlor, arrayed in her most æsthetic, least peripathetic dress. The social opening to-day was not essentially different from those of former years. The diplomatic corps, in full court dress, dazzlingly bedizzened with gold, lace, and buttons, called first on the President, then on members of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court, and finally, upon others of less distinguished official rank. The members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, Army and Naval officers,

and so on down through all the various ranks and grades of official life spent the day in calling from house to house; shaking hands; making bows; wishing everybody a happy new year; eating cake, oysters, and chicken salad; drinking wine and brandy; getting sick or drunk *ad infinitum e pluribus unum*.

Senators and members of Congress who have been absent during the holidays will now return and bring their wives with them. The wives, if they have not fair daughters of their own, will invite the fair daughters of some influential constituent and in this way, the beauty of many congressional districts will be represented. But the beauty, wealth, taste, and vulgarity of the country will find representation here without the chaperonage of the wives of congressmen. The many and spacious hotels are already filling up with those who have money or can get credit. Washington, during the season, is to a great extent the rendezvous of those who spend the summer in Europe, at Saratoga, Long Branch, and a score of other seaside or mountain resorts.

But Washington life is not all roseate. We are on the eve of investigations that will tear reputations to tatters; of legislation that may charge the frontier lines of parties; and of diplomacy that will vitally affect the future of this hemisphere, and relatively affect the world. Call you these dull times? Time is never dull except to those who are ignorant of what is going on.

ST. PETERSBURG LETTER.

Regular Correspondence.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17th 1881.

Considerable interest was excited in the Russian capital a short time ago by a curious case tried before the chief magistrate of the eighth police district, both plaintiff and defendant being persons well known in the upper circle of St. Petersburg society. The former,

Michael Grisdinski, a noble by birth, is a fashionable dancing master, patronized by the court and aristocracy; the latter Captain de Bresenski, a staff-officer of the Imperial Guard. It appears that Grisdinski had given twenty dancing lessons, at the rate of two ruble per lesson—his regular charge—to the Captain's youthful daughter, and had applied repeatedly for payment of his bill, but in vain. One evening he called upon De Bresenski in person to collect his forty rubles, and was shown into a dining room, where the gallant guardsman, whose speech and demeanor exhibited unmistakable symptoms of vinous excitement, greeted him with affectionate joviality, and, in reply to Grisdinski's respectful request for a settlement of account, declared himself ready and willing to pay up, on the spot to the last copeck, upon one trifling condition—that his creditor should there and then dance the "Kamariuski," for his, Bresenski's special and particular delectation. This the Terpsichorean professor steadfastly refused to do; whereupon Bresenski's cheerfulness incontinently forsook him, and, summoning his servants, he commanded them to throw the dancing dog into the street." They fulfilled his orders to the letter. Charged with assault, Captain de Bresenski attempted to excuse his conduct on the ground that he had intended to pay Grisdinski a compliment in asking him to dance, and on his abrupt refusal to comply with his request, had been moved by natural indignation to turn him out of doors. The court, however, failing to recognize the force of this argument, sentenced Captain de Bresenski to suffer three days imprisonment, and to pay the outraged dancing master's claim in full.

Reports having reached the Government of Poltova, that the nuns of Welikobud were stirring up the Senkoff peasantry against the sanitary Commission visiting that district, denouncing the Commissioners asimps of Satan, and their dis-

infectant procedures as sorcery inspired by the foul fiend, his Excellency dispatched an official in high authority, accompanied by a strong police force, to the convent in question with orders to bring the seditious sisters to their senses." When the official arrived at the convent, high mass was being celebrated. He awaited the conclusion of the ceremony in the church, and then, as the congregation were preparing to leave, he addressed them in energetic language, representing to them that the Sanitary Commission had been sent to them for their good, and that the nuns, in denouncing it as a work of the devil, had grossly imposed upon their credulity. "To prove," he added, how utterly unfounded are these wicked allegations, I shall proceed forthwith to disinfect this church and convent." He had hardly spoken these words, when a tumult broke out among the nuns, some of whom attacked him and his following, whilst others rushed to the belfrey and rang a furious alarm peal. Soon a number of peasant women, armed with brooms, fire-irons, and hayforks, appeared on the scene and set upon the policemen with such ferocity that the latter were compelled in sheer self-defense, to make use of their side arms. Repeated charges upon the enraged women, however, failed to disperse or put them to flight; and after a desperate struggle, in which several of his men were disabled, the officer himself severely hurt, was compelled himself to beat a hasty retreat.

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JAMES W. KNOX.

Rural Citizen--

SUPPLEMENT.
January 12th, 1882.

Rural Citizen.

N. & Alice M. Rogers. Editors

The first number of a new paper called THE SPECTATOR, published at Washington City is on our table. From its name and the make-up of the present number it will doubtless become very popular. Subscription 50 cents per annum.

The first Part, Volume 3 of GOLDEN DAYS is on our table. This is one of the brightest and best magazines for boys and girls that we have seen. It is a perfect gem and we are pleased to put it on our exchange list. We will make occasional extracts from its pages. Send to James Elverson, Philadelphia, 25 cents for one part, or \$3.00 for one year.

T. E. Horan has made quite an improvement in his store house. Call and see his fine display of saddlery. See advertisement in another column.

Don't fail to read the new advertisement of Buskin & Goe. We bespeak for these gentlemen a liberal share of public patronage.

We call special attention to our school advertisements this week.

Prof. Peterman's school in the Masonic Hall is in a very prosperous condition.

Prof. Howell, of the Breckinridge Male and Female Academy, is, we are informed by those who are in position to know, that he is a thorough teacher of superior abilities.

A full line of woolen goods at greatly reduced prices at D. C. Brown's

Mrs. Sherry, wife of our very efficient Telegraph Operator, arrived from Washington City last Monday evening.

Mr. Sherry has been on duty in this office nearly 14 months, and has not lost an hour's time from his business from any cause. How is that for health, and fidelity to business.

The Methodist Preacher in Charge, Rev. J. Reese preached at the Masonic Hall last Saturday and Sunday.

He will continue the appointments at this place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The first Quarterly meeting begins at Carrolls Creek next Saturday.

Eld. R. M. Johns, Baptist minister, will preach (D.V.) at the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7 p. m.

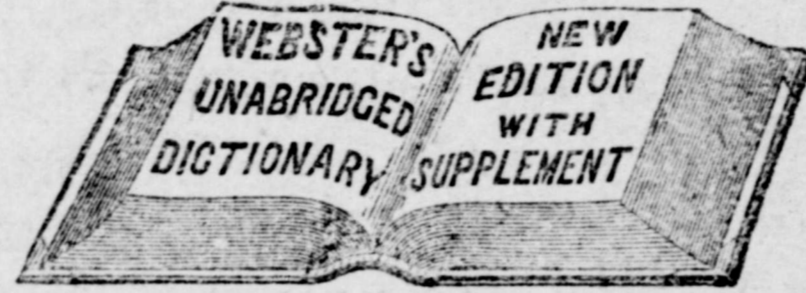
P. Banta & Co. have opened the Texas Western Railroad Saloon, on the West side of the square.

As the winter is passing away and spring approaching D. C. Brown would call the attention of the public that he is desirous of reducing his stock before taking an inventory & will offer special inducements to cash and responsible buyers in order to reduce his stock to make room for his spring purchases which will be on hand March 1st 1882.

Judge West left at noon to-day for Weatherford, and other cities, he will visit Denton in the interest of Jacksboro.

In the Guiteau trial Judge Porter commenced his speech for the prosecution on last Tuesday, it was eloquent and entranced the court and audience; the silence was almost painful. Guiteau will surely swing.

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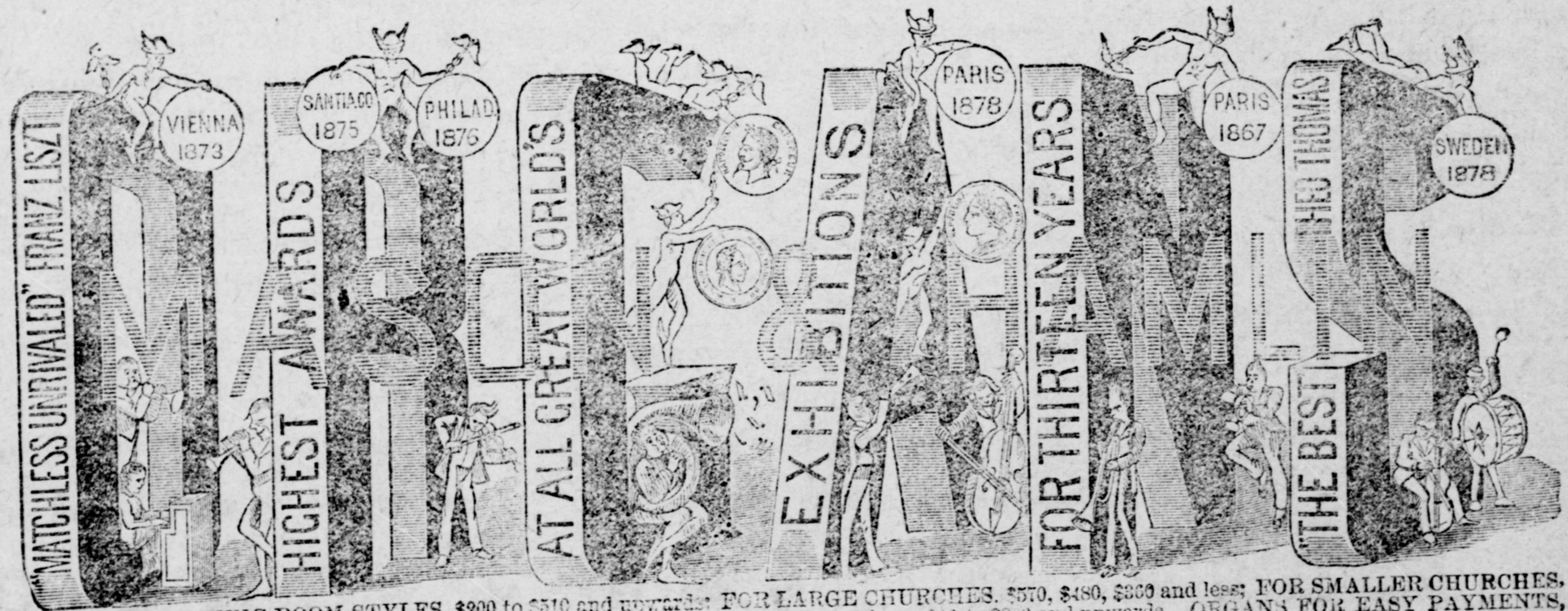
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

**The Re-assembling of Congress.
Mr. Orth Protests. Mr. Spring-
er Indignant. Breakers
Ahead.**

From our regular Correspondent, C. A. S.]

Washington, D. C. Jan., 7th 1882.

The holidays are o'er. The national bunting has again been run up at both ends of the Capitol, announcing the presence of the House and Senate in Congress assembled. Postmaster General James has formally resigned, and the new Postmaster General, Howe, has been duly installed at the head of the largest postal department on the planet. The most noted, and, owing to its cause and episodes, the most repulsive, trial in modern judicial history is rapidly nearing its close. The social world at the Capital is abroad on the boulevard, or at home in the drawing room, alert, irrepressible, diabolically gay, and aesthetically wicked. Until within the last five days, we have had the balmy winter climate of South Carolina; but the new year brings a temperature and snow-fall that has set the oldest inhabitant talking.

The House met on Thursday and, after a brief session, adjourned 'till Monday, but the session, brief as it was, was sufficiently long for Mr. Orth, of Indiana, to express his protest and his indignation at being ignored in the formation of important committees. This is the beginning, the forty-seventh Congress will not hear the end of the very general dissatisfaction with Keifer's committee mechanism. For the last ten or fifteen years, there has been a feeling among legislators that the system of naming the personnel of committees by the

Speaker concentrated too much power in the hands of one man. So long, however, as the Speaker followed the rule of recognizing, as far as possible, the leaders of the House, and placing them on important committees, there had been no emphatic protest; but now comes Speaker Keifer, ignoring all precedents, and nearly all the recognized leaders, causing great dissatisfaction in both rank and file, and in both parties. Mr. Springer of Illinois, will in a few days, offer a resolution, setting forth that unknown and inexperienced men been assigned to important committees, while older members, and those familiar with legislation and the rules of the House, have not only been gagged by being placed on unimportant committees, but that they have been removed from important committees where they have long served, and that their efficiency as legislators has been conspicuously and wantonly impaired; that the action of the Speaker is not so much a personal affront as it is a wrong to their constituents and the country, whose interests demand the best ability and most mature experience, or, in other words, that tools shall not be given to burglars, but to those who can use them. The feeling of dissatisfaction among members is, by no means, confined to Mr. Orth, or to Democrats. It is shared by the friends of Mr. Orth and of Mr. Kasson, and is prevalent among the Western, the Eastern, the Southern, the New England, and the New York delegations. It needs no prophet to predict that, with this intense feeling the forty-seventh Congress will not be a dove cote, or the speaker's chair a bed of roses.

POST OAK.

Post Oak, Texas, Jan. 7, 1882.

Ed. Citizen:—I have seen nothing from our community in your invaluable paper for quite a while and thought I would drop you a line or two. Notwithstanding the shortness of crops our community gives some signs of improvement. Two new store buildings, several new residences and others being improved. Trade is tolerably good and if the families fail to come in and trade with our merchants they are not to be beat; they just step around and do a little trading on their own hook, for instance, Steed & Newton bought out Tarrant & Wilkerson yesterday. I believe I told you that we had a Steam saw and grist mill, also a cotton gin, Steed and sons Proprietors. I guess from observation they have ginned about 200 bales of cotton this season. The average of wheat is very large and while most of our wheat is rather late it looks splendid. Some farmers have their corn and cotton land all turned over, others have only a part broke and some as usual are idling around the stores looking after, they don't know what. When will the day come that our people can be educated up to a correct standard of business. Our society is what might be called good, several church organizations and the Masonic brethren have just constituted a Lodge proper. We failed to be on hand consequently have no particulars. They have a good lodge room over the M. E. Church South; the two together make a very substantial building. Our Sunday school is tolerably good, average attendance about fifty-five. About sixty-five lessons were issued the last Sunday of last quarter and very often two were required to use one quarterly; there were probably about seventy in attendance.

I might write you our Railroad prospects and how we are expecting very soon to hear the whistle of the iron horse, but it would not be news to most Jack county people so we will defer saying anything about it, and I could tell you about Post Oak Mineral Wells but that would not be new, either, so I will close for this time.

Nestor.

Editor CITIZEN:

On last Thursday evening three carriage loads of gentlemen rolled out of Jacksboro, and as they carried neither guns, fishing poles, nor whiskey, the fact is worthy of notice. This party proceeded to Post Oak, whither they went by direction of the Grand Lodge of masons in Texas, to "constitute Post Oak lodge No. 540 in Form." After a delightful ride of about three hours we drove into Post Oak, and found the citizens on the lookout for us. Your correspondent, with his well known tuition of good things, at once introduced himself to Bro. Kirk, the worthy Postmaster, and other equally hospitable gentlemen took charge of the balance of the crowd. Supper over we proceeded to the new lodge room, a very comfortable and convenient building, erected by the Methodist church and Masonic fraternity between them. The house is 40x24, two stories, the lower room intended for the use of church and school, the upper room for masonic uses.

Prof. Hester is teaching a fine school there at present, and the whole village and settlement gives one the impression of thrift and intelligence.

The officers of the new Lodge are as follows:

N. J. Black, W. M.
J. P. Kirk, S. W.
I. H. Steed, J. W.
Geo. Gore, Treas.
J. N. Newton, Sec.
J. C. Turner, Tiler.

We predict for this lodge a successful existence, it has started off in good hands, and under auspicious circumstances.

We met Dr. Whiting, he is looking well and doing well, but thinks it a dreadfully healthy locality.

We enjoyed a good night's rest, (rather short) and after completing the destruction of Bro. Kirks provisions at breakfast the next morning left for home, having had a pleasant trip. Our last trip to this portion of the county was in Indian times, and it was hard to realize the change that has taken place in the few past years.

FAX.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent)

A Happy New Year to you, my good friends in Texas, and may the new year, altho' not the year of prophecy be the brightest, happiest and most prosperous for you.

Mother Shipton's ghost is now laid and we can settle down to honest square business, having taken a new lease of life.

The holiday week has been particularly dull in our Empire City. Theaters have been filled, and the agents of Santa Claus have been well occupied; but tradesmen say that the season has been dull, whilst politicians are complaining about the past. Trade has however been better during 1881 than it was in the preceding year. There have been 391 failures with total liabilities \$11,130,933, against actual assets \$3,901,096. This leaves a loss of over seven and a quarter million dollars to be made up by labor. Every bankruptcy and failure means that labor has to suffer. The store keeper cannot meet his obligations to the wholesaler arehouseman, he in turn tells the manufacturer that he has so many losses he must buy at a less price and have longer credit, and then the manufacturer calmly posts up a notice that the wages of the workmen will be reduced ten per cent in order to enable him to bear the losses of the year. Capital never suffers, labor always has to bear the burden. A patriotic Irishman, member of the Land League has beaten the best pedestrian record. A six days walking match was held last week. Fitzgerald walked the wonderful distance of five hundred and eighty-two miles fifty five yards. The total time he was on the track was 118 h. 23 m. 19 s. Noremac was second with 565 1/4 miles and Herty third making 565 miles. There was joy in Land League circles at the victory of their champion. One Land League declared that Ireland was bound to win every time. God grant that the declaration may be true. The City's vital statistics for 1881 proves a large increase in the death rate, a decrease in births but an increase of marriages over the preceding year. It is a matter for serious study, how to account for the excess of deaths over births.

In 1881 there were 38,609 deaths and only 26,130 births, whilst in 1880 the deaths numbered 31,866, and the births 27,536. The last year witnessed the of 1,074 over the previous year. Of the 26,130 children born last year 13,349 were males and 12,781 females. Five of the mothers were under fifteen years of age and three over fifty years. One mother at the tender age of thirteen years and ten

months, gave birth to twins: Of the fathers 472 were over fifty years and 58 under twenty years. The nationalities were as follows:

	Fathers	Mothers
Native Americans	8,281	10,784
" Irish	4,056	4,169
" German	8,643	7,061

Seventeen persons died, who had reached the patriarchal age of 100 years. The oldest was Julia Nolan a native of Ireland age 110 years. James Reiley on his hundredth birthday put his "dudeen" in his pocket without extinguishing the ashes and was burnt to death. Our anti-tobacco friends will say he was punished for his love of the weed. W. H. Vanderbilt intends continuing the railroad war, although his profits are lessened thereby. The public will be the gainers. The Railroad Corporations are fast becoming as dangerous to the stability of our Republic as the great Banking Monopoly.

The Pennsylvania Legislature passed an act prohibiting the selling of unused railroad tickets, and recently a poor man, a ticket broker was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for selling property which he had legitimately purchased. Able lawyers in New York as well as in Philadelphia declare the law to be unconstitutional but Wilson the imprisoned "scalper" is too poor to test the case in the appeal court. It is a monstrous shame that poverty should cause the unjust imprisonment of any citizen.

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A Gigantic Enterprise.

St. Louis Republican.

Dallas Tex., December 31.—Articles of incorporation have been prepared and charters will be secured within the next two weeks for another gigantic railroad enterprise in Texas, to be known as the Gulf and Pacific road, to run from New Orleans via Dallas to Isleta, near Albuquerque, N. M., and form a junction with the Atlantic and Pacific. It will run from New Orleans to Sabine river via Opelousas, a distance of 220 miles; thence to Dallas over the Texas trunk absorbing that road a distance of 250 miles; thence northwesterly to the boundary line of the State in Bagley county, a distance of 400 miles; thence via Fort Sumpter to Isletta, in the valley of the Rio Grande. The length of the road is 1,130 miles. The road will be in three separate divisions: The Louisiana, the Texas and the New Mexico. There will be three separate boards of directors. It is proposed to capitalize at the rate of \$15,000 per mile making the stock \$16,950,000. Bonds at the same rate will be issued. The road will be operated by three companies, incorporated under the laws of Louisiana, Texas, and Mexico. It will be built by a construction company formed under the laws of New Jersey. The road is backed by some of the strongest banks and capitalists of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, as well as Europe. In addition the A. and P. are very much interested in the western end of the road.

The old Spanish mines, east of Albuquerque, recently reopened after an abandonment of years, are found to be incredibly rich. The owners will also take large stock in the road. The Dallas and Western, recently organized, will be abandoned and the Gulf and Pacific takes its place. It will run through the rich coal fields the Dallas and Western was intended to reach. It is the intention to make Gen. D. E. Sickles, lately identified with Paris capitalists, president, and ex-Gov. Throckmorton, vice-president; Hon. James G. Blaine, ex-Speaker Randall, his brother Robert, now in Paris, the Seligmans, of New York, the Nickersons, of Boston, and others of national reputation are interested in the project. Arrangements have been consummated to pay off the debts of the Texas trunk, take it out of the hands of the receiver and made it a link in the new project. W. Henderson, the manager of the Texas trunk, recently returned from the East, is the originator of the new enterprise.

Rebecca Bates, who, with her cousin Abbie, in 1812 scared off several boat-loads of British troops

by sounding the roll-call behind the rocks on the beach, died in Scituate, Mass., on the 14th ult.

Lelia Osgood, the youngest daughter of Wm. H. Vanderbilt, was married on the 20 ult. to Dr. Wm. S. Webb, of New York. The father of the bride presented her with a magnificent residence on Fifth Avenue, and a check for \$250,000.

The Garfield monument committee of Cleveland propose to erect one of the finest works of art in the world, to cost \$250,000; one-half of which is expected to be raised outside of Ohio.

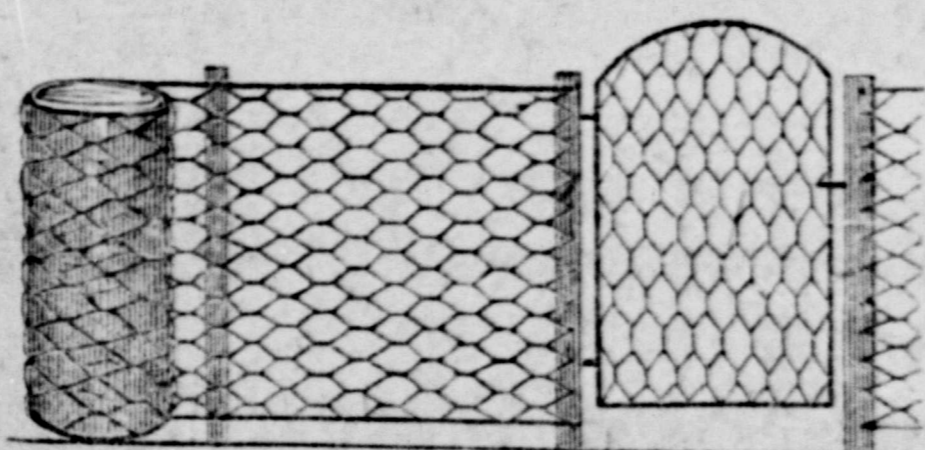
The following are the profits of some of the London dailies: The Times, \$5,000,000 per year; Telegraph, \$600,000; Standard, \$300,000 and Daily News, about \$200,000. Mr. James Gordon Bennett gets something over a \$1,000,000 a year clear money out of the New York Herald.

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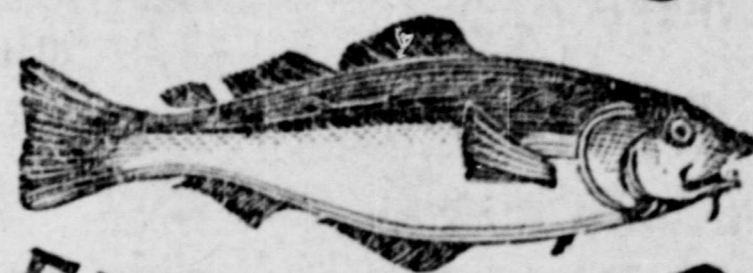
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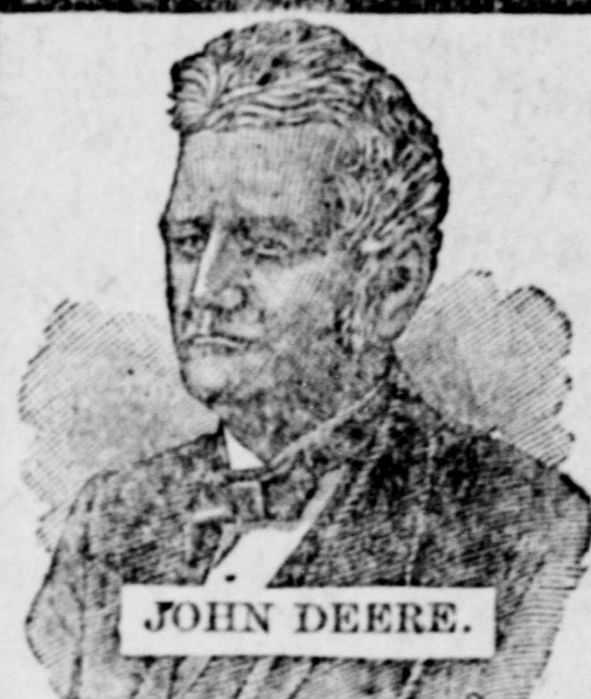


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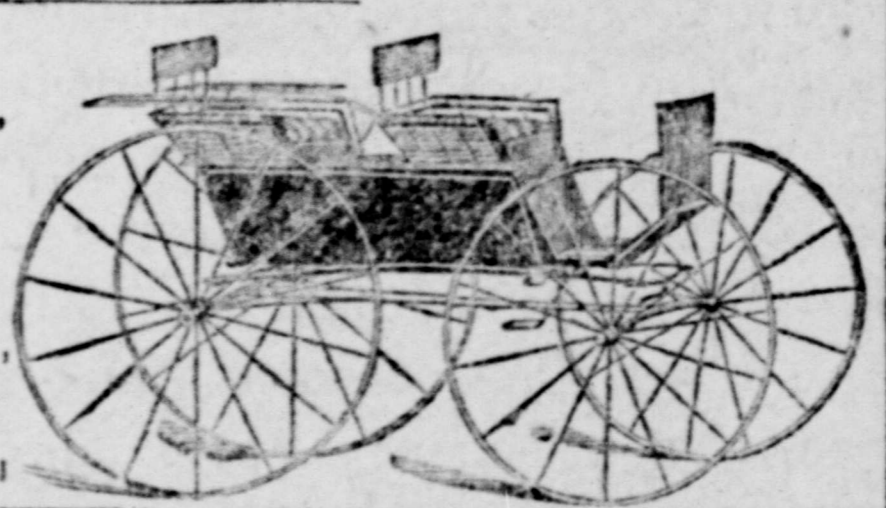
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We gather from the Times-Democrat (N. O.) that, from the 1st of September to December 31 1881 there was received at all the ports of the United States 3,134,112 bales of cotton; last year 3,440,291; year before 3,133,787. Total crop last year 6,605,759; year before 5,761,252.

In the Guiteau Trial Jan. 4 the prosecution submitted a statement of law points on which they would rely as follows:

1st—The legal test of responsibility where insanity is set up as by the defense for an alleged crime, is whether the accused, at the time of committing the act alleged, knew the difference between right and wrong in respect of such an act; that is, if he knew what he was doing, and that what he was doing was contrary to the law of the land, his responsibility—

Guiteau—"I didn't because my free agency was destroyed."

2d—If the accused knew what he was doing and that what he was doing was contrary to the law of the land, it constitutes no defense. If it were true when he committed the act, that he really believed he was thereby producing a public benefit or carrying out an inspira-

tion of divine origin, or approved as such, the belief would not afford any excuse, nor would such excuse be afforded by the fact that in the commission of the act he was impelled by a depraved moral sense, whether innate or acquired, or an evil passion or indifference to moral obligation.

Guiteau—"All of which is false."
3d—Insanity would, however, constitute defense, if by reason of disease, the accused at the time of committing the act charged did not know what he was doing. If he did not know that what he was doing is contrary to law.


Guiteau—"I had no choice in the matter."
4th—The only evidence in the present case tending to show an irresistible impulse to commit homicide is the claim of the accused that his free agency was destroyed by his alleged conviction that the death of the President was required for the good of the American people, and was divinely inspired. Such conviction, if it really existed, could not afford any excuse when the party knew what he was doing and that it was contrary to law. No mere delusion or error of judgment prohibited by law is commanded or approved by divine authority—

Guiteau—"God's law is higher than man's law."

—Can exempt the accused from responsibility for breaking the law. To have such an effect, the commission of the act must have been the result of an insane mind, which was the product of a disease of such force as to deprive the accused of the degree of reason necessary to distinguish between right and wrong in respect to the act, so that at the time of committing the act he did not know what he was doing or if he did that the act was wrong or contrary to the law of the land.

At Scoville's motion the court was then adjourned until Saturday morning, to give time for the defense to prepare points of law.

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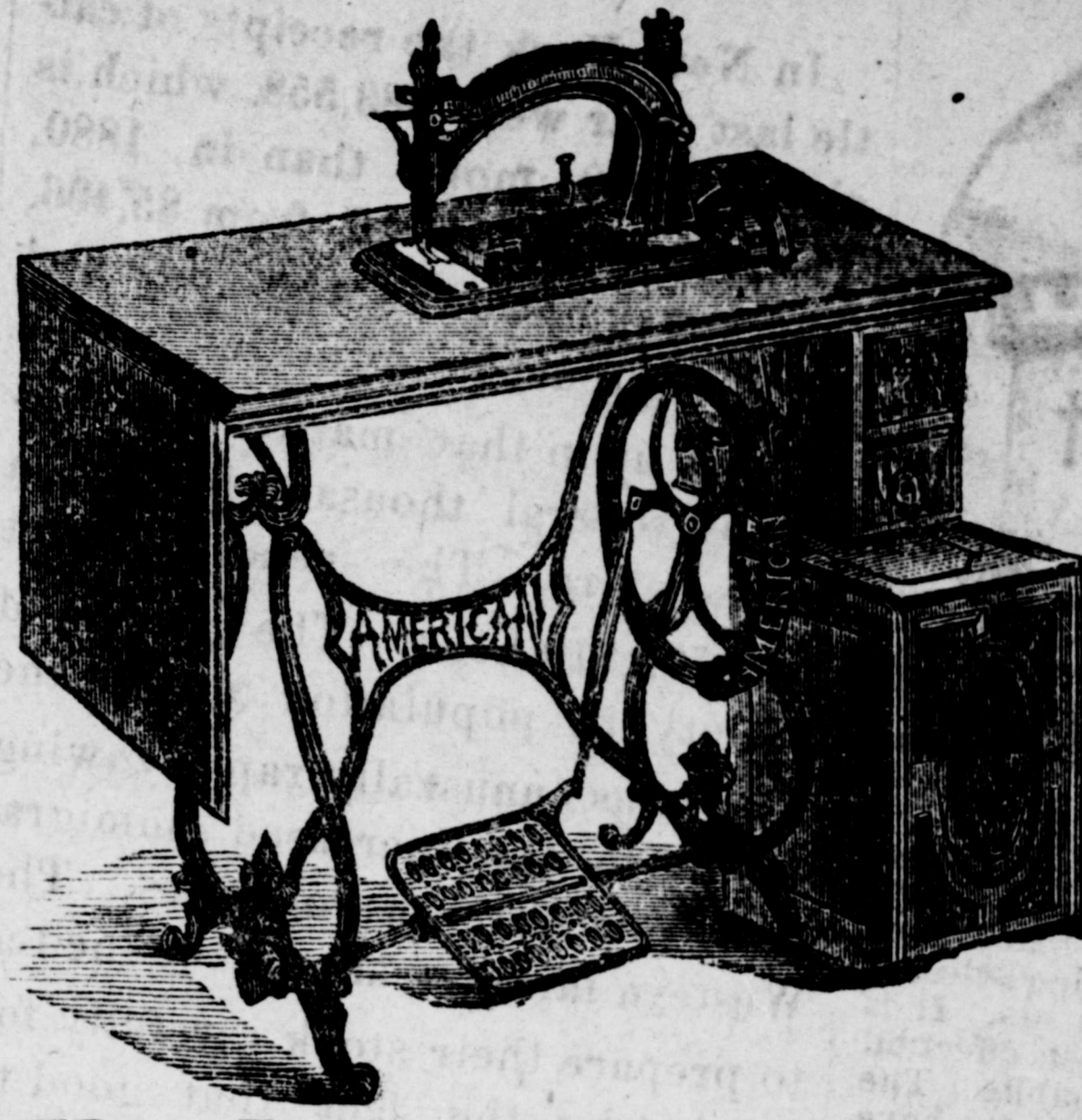
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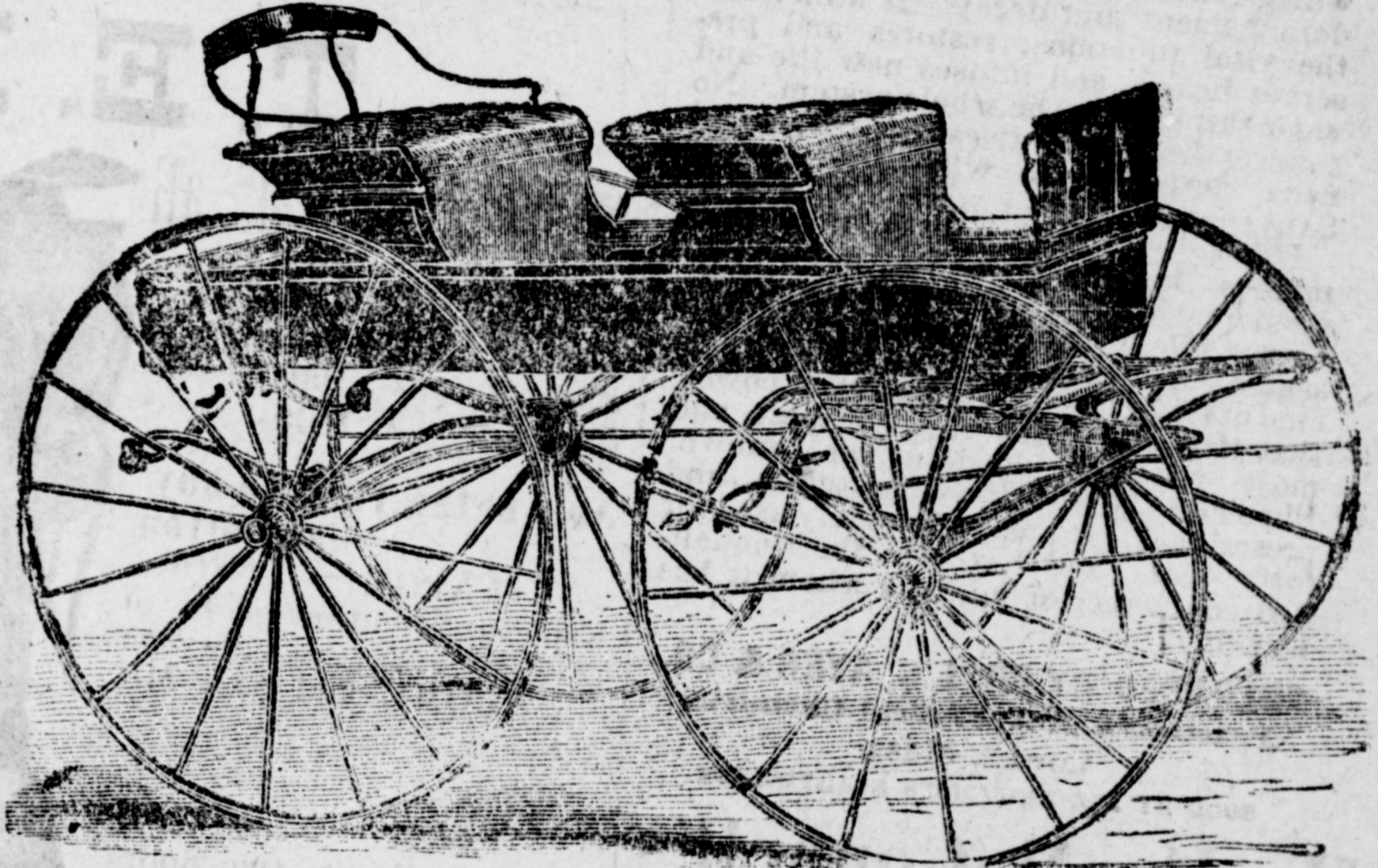
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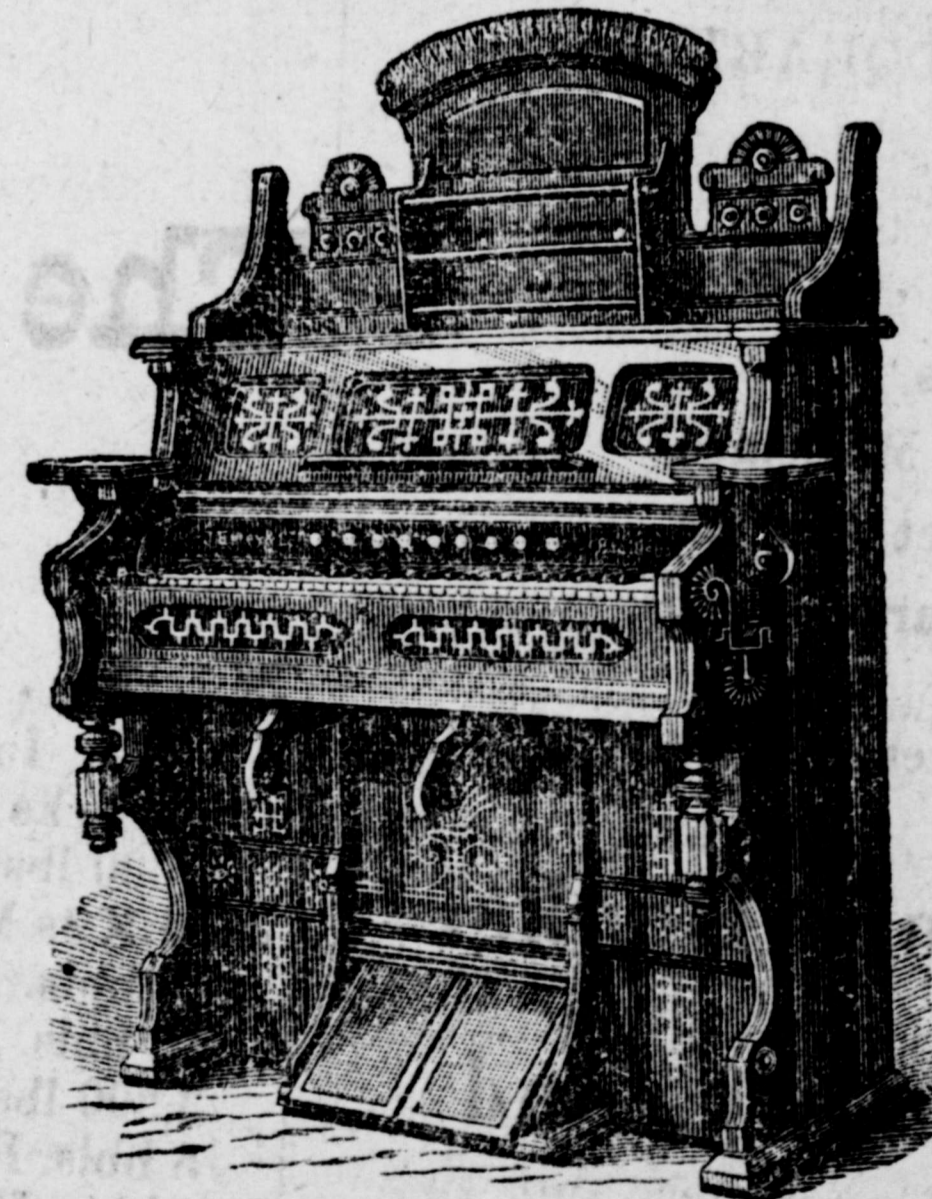


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