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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

**Elegiac Oratory in Congress. Now for the Star Route Cases. The Yellow Envelope in the P. O. D. Aestheticism ad nauseam.**

[From our regular Correspondent.]

{ Washington, D. C.  
January 28th, 1882.

No remarkable legislative work has been accomplished during the week. Elegiac oratory, in memory of Senators Burnside and Carpenter, occupied much of the time of Congress. Some of the orations, notably those of Senators Harrison,

Edmunds, and Lamar, were of a very high order of eloquence, and of rhetorical finish. In speaking of Senator Carpenter, deceased, the habitually cold and saturnine Edmunds was so overcome with emotion that he had to pause, for some moments, in the midst of his address.

Now that the Guiteau trial has been terminated it is expected that an active prosecution of the Star Route cases, will be begun. The Government prosecuting officers have nearly completed the work of preparing the cases, which have been selected so as to be, as far as possible, representative of the different degrees of fraud alleged to have been committed.

A large number of discharges are expected in the P. O. Department during the coming month, and hundreds of clerks are trembling in fear that they may be the ones to find the fatal yellow envelope on their desks, when they enter their offices. It is pretty well known here why these discharges are made. The new members of congress must have places for their friends. Many members owe their election to the promise of these places. Other members hope for re-election through the distribution of this patronage to a few workers from their districts; hence, experienced clerks must be discharged to make place for those who have no experience or fitness for the work. In other words, the tools are to be taken from those skilled in their use and given to bunglers. Only big corporations, like the United States, can stand such an unsound and ruinous system of employment. I do not mean to say that the clerks now in the employ of this department are the best that could have been selected, but long usage has made them familiar with work, and they are far better than new men, who will be appointed without the slightest reference to fitness.

Washington society has just had a sensation, followed, I think, by a feeling of nausea. Oscar Wilde, the self-garlanded leader of aestheticism, appeared in our midst, and some of our purblind society leaders mistook the tawdry humbug for a real Appollo. Some of these leaders have perhaps not yet realized their mistake, for they are not

accute or critical, but go for anything labeled "English," or "Early English," like gudgeons for an artificial fly-bait. But there are others, that follow the lead of the leaders, who are heartily ashamed of the incense that they have been burning to an ass, in the least deceptive lion's skin ever put on by the long eared-species. They have begun to ask themselves, what are the real claims of this affectedly eccentric man, who came here in long hair and mediæval costume, to read a trite composition, rehashed and spoiled, from Ruskin. What does he know about art; what has he painted, or carved, or written, that entitle him to consideration, to say nothing of homage. We all admire the beautiful, with taste more or less refined. The lower animals also admire the beautiful, as every reader of Darwin is convinced. But what is there peculiarly beautiful in Oscar Wilde's admiration of the beautiful, that makes our vulgar Washington society run after him? It is but another expression of morbid sentimentalism and ignorant, unhealthy, depraved appetite for ordure, such as induces women to seek the autograph of Guiteau.

An Austin special to the Dallas Herald, of Jan. 25 says:

"General Benito Gonzales, Sheriff of El Paso county, against whom suit had been brought by the State for defalcation, appeared at the Comptroller's office this morning with his vouchers and brought the State in his debt to the extent of \$200.19.

Black and Wyatt, the Gonzales stage robbers, plead guilty. Black who turns out to be Jack Harris, of the 'Billy the Kid' gang, was sentenced to ten years. Black acknowledged that his name was Ed Jones, a son of Judge Jones, of Llano county, and asked clemency on account of previous good behavior. Sentence was suspended in the Jones case to afford him an opportunity to prove his former good conduct. Grigsby, found guilty last week of robbing the Lampasas mail, will be granted a new trial to enable him to get the benefit of the plea of guilty. He is also the son of a Judge."

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Yes, and the printers' are little types; the bankers' little bills; the confectioners' little sweets; the jeweler's little gems; the milliner's are little dear, and the shoemaker's necessarily—the last—[Longview Democrat.

And the politicians' are little pets, and the editor's are little devils, the ministers' are little angels—[Ex.

The Farmers' are little presidents. There is no denying the fact that our noblest, greatest, and wisest men of whatever class, come from the country. We give the following from the *N. Y. Times*:

"Who are our leading men if they are not those whose names lead in the list of millionaires? It is mammon worship which stunts mental growth, dwarfs the noblest ambition, and makes individuality impossible. In the city, fashion and the struggle for the possession of wealth engross the thoughts of the young. These they drink in with the imported milk of infancy. Fashion reduces all young men and women to the same dull and uninteresting level. New York is now an old city. It has produced generations of men. How few of them have ever made their mark, here or elsewhere! It cannot be said that they go into other parts of the country and there develop the higher forms of manhood. They are never heard of except in the aggregated, concrete form of our 'fellow citizens.' How much of a man is due to qualities born in him and how much to his early environment, no philosopher has been able to tell us. But it is impossible to conceive of a sagacious intellect like that of Lincoln, or a glorious mind like Webster's, emerging from the false glitter and noisy commotion of the city. We think of Washington, the patrician sage, pacing among the stately oaks of Old Virginia; of Jefferson in his country seat, and of John Adams tilling his farm in Massachusetts. These men it is true, flourished in a time when there were no big cities in the United States. But later on we see Lincoln, Grant and Garfield reaching the topmost round of fame's ladder from the obscurity of country homes. Not one American President, from first to last, was born in a city.

"It is from the country that the city draws its best blood. Into the silence, darkness, and moral ig-

nominy of the cruel city how much of the country's promise has sunk, we can only guess. The men and women whom the temptations of the city have wrecked, and the fierce conflicts of the city competition have crushed, are a great multitude. But the men who have molded public opinion, the men who have led the people in great crises, and who have given the city its greatest honor have come into it from country homes. From where mothers, not nursery-maids, rear the young; from country homes where there is opportunity for tranquil thought, reflection, high resolve and communion with the subtle influences and visible forms of nature. Of the Americans who have exercised the widest influence upon modern thought, we may mention Emerson. A city-born Emerson would be an anomalous impossibility. Hawthorne was the subtlest American novelists. Born and bred in a city he would never have been heard of.

"For the condition of things of which we speak there is no apparent remedy. The influences of any city are not creative. They cannot be made other than they are; nor can their currents be changed. The New York boy, whatever may be the example of his country-born parents, whatever the counsels that fall from their revered lips, is continually spurred to emulation. Not to the emulation of the larger minds that dominate the whole country, and whose names will endure when the merely rich are forgotten, but the emulation of those who build palaces for themselves, display glittering equipages, and make great show with the pomps and vanities of fashionable city life. Out in the wide spaces of the country, in the suggestive solitudes of forests and fields, where boys and young men are unconsciously absorbing the influences of nature, doing their own thinking slowly forming individual character—there we must look for the coming men will govern the politics, society, morality, and thought of the city."

**UMBRELLAS AND PEPPER.**

The umbrella trade grievously threatens the existence of the pimento plantations of Jamaica. An official estimate made in Kingston, last fall reckoned that more than a half million umbrella sticks were then awaiting export to England and the United States. These sticks were almost without exception pimento, and it is not surprising to be informed that owners and lessees of pimento walks are becoming alarmed at the growth of a trade which threatens to uproot, in a few years, all their young trees. The export returns for the past five years show an average of 2,000 bundles of sticks sent out of the island annually in the ordinary course of trade,

and the returns for the first three-quarters of 1881 show an export of over 4,500 bundles, valued at \$15,000. When it is remembered that each bundle contains from 500 to 800 sticks, each of which represents a young bearing pimento tree, the extent of the destruction may be realized.—[Scientific American.

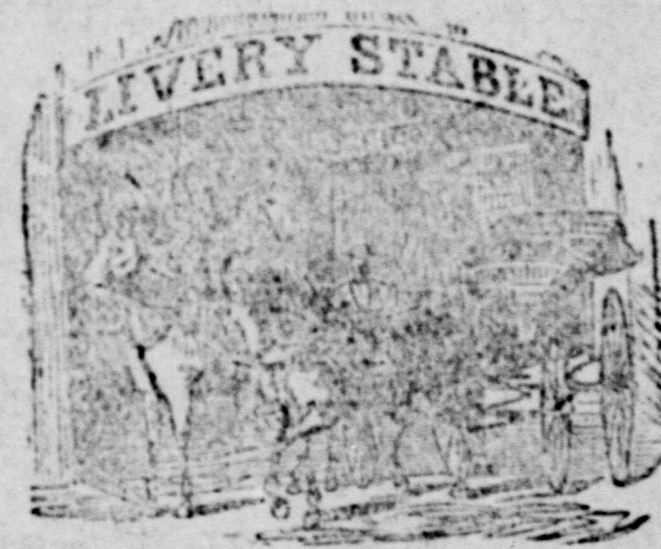
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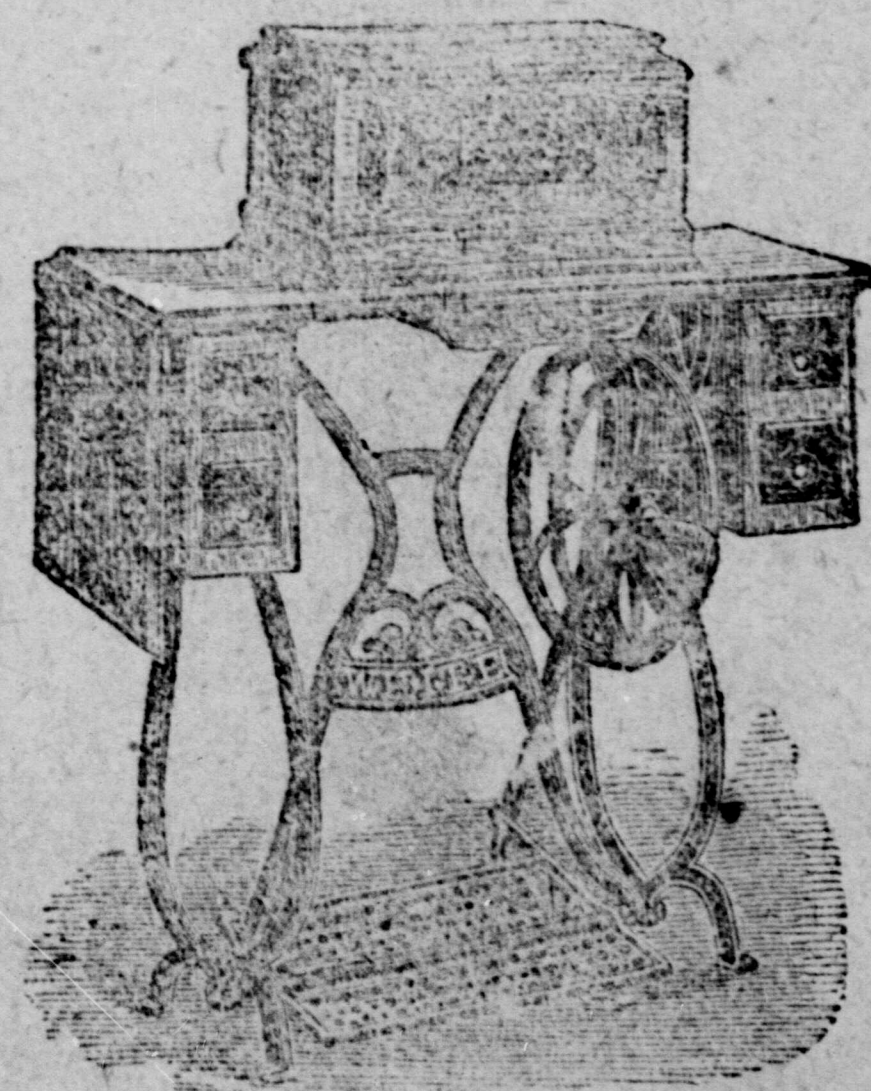
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**In A Fix.**

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 D. B. Mizell,  
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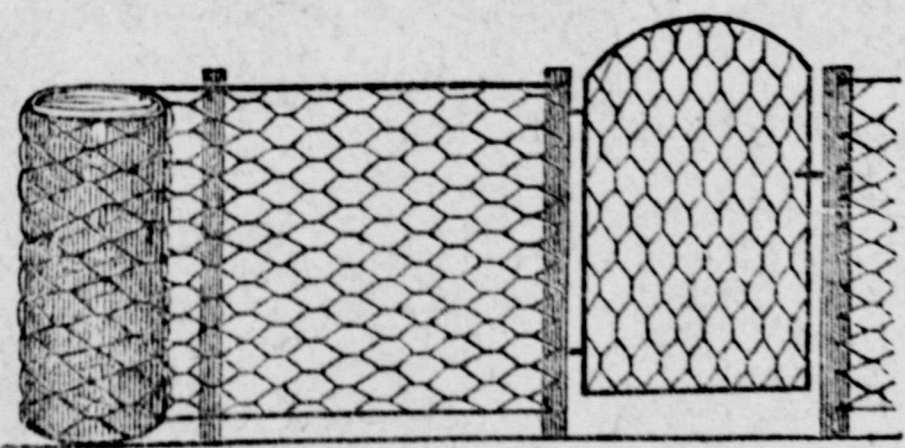
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## OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent)

The Temperance platform on Saturday and Sunday gave some able Southerners an opportunity of showing a spirit of fraternity. Gov. Colquitt of Georgia said, 'I am here to extend my hand; and there is a heart in it.' Ex-Confederate General Gordon, was still more fraternal "The feeling of union, harmony, and friendship," he said "has been ringing in my breast ever since the stars and bars went down." These sentiments will make us all kin, whilst the mischievous utterances of poor old Jeff. Davis in declaring that "the cause is not lost but only sleeping" will tend to inflame the passions and retard the progress of the country. Our fine art stores are full of the photographs of the young Irish poet Oscar Wilde. This young man has left a painful impression on every true and honest heart. Coming here to teach us good taste and improve our tastes, he exhibits himself in the most fantastic garbs, and with hair hanging over his womanly face unto his shoulders. His dress is neither artistic nor æsthetic, but strained, unnatural, and foolish. His mother the sweet songstress "Sperauza" must blush to find the son whose infant life was her choice care, growing up to be the pet of aristocratic society, and the opponent of liberal ideas of government. His poems are vapid and weak with only here and there a line of beauty. The best of them are too filthy for family reading, and I wonder how it is, that our Censor Anthony Comstock allows them to pass through the mail.

DeGress.

For the Citizen:

Jan. 28, 1882.

As it has been some time since we ventured to write anything for the Citizen we trust a few remarks

concerning the affairs of our little town and community in general will not be out of order. The holidays passed off quietly but not without adding a ray of sunshine to the dull routine of our every day life. Since the advent of the New Year there has been a good deal of sickness in the neighborhood but we are happy to note that most of the cases are improving at the present time. There has been a little trading going on among our citizens since our last writing, viz., Mr. Custis selling his gin and saw mill to Mr. Hendricks for the sum of sixteen hundred dollars and Mr. Fuller selling his house and lot to Mr. Purnell for one hundred and thirty dollars and in turn buying Mr. Ellis's house for seventy dollars. Parson Dawes of Wise county delivered a lecture on the Farmers Alliance at the school house Thursday evening the 19th of this month, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a very good attendance and the consequence was the organization of a subordinate alliance with seven members. The free school closed the 16th of this month on account of the patrons failing to manifest a desire sufficient to warrant the continuance of the school for a longer period. Saxet.

### Conclusion of the Guiteau Trial.

Judge Cox in the conclusion of his charge to the Jury said:

The indictment charges defendant with having murdered James A. Garfield, and it was the duty of the Court to explain the nature of the crime charged. Murder was committed where a person of sound memory and discretion unlawfully killed a reasonable being, against the peace and dignity of the United States, with malice aforethought. It had to be proved, first, that death was caused by the act of the accused, and, further, that it was caused with malice aforethought; that did not mean however, that

the government had to prove any ill-will or hatred on the part of the accused toward the deceased. Whenever homicide was shown to have been committed without lawful authority, and with deliberate intent it was sufficiently proved to have been done with malice aforethought, and malice was not disproved by showing that the accused had no personal ill-will to the deceased, and that he killed him from other motives, as for instance, robbery, or through mistaking him for another, or, as claimed in this case, to produce a public benefit. It should be shown that the killing occurred in the heat of passion or under provocation; then it would appear that there was no premeditated attempt, and therefore no malice aforethought and that would reduce the crime to manslaughter. It was hardly necessary however, to say that there was nothing of that kind in the present case. The jury would have to say either that the defendant was guilty of murder or that he was innocent. In order to constitute the crime of murder the assassin must have a reasonably sound mind—in technical terms, he must be of sound mind, memory and discretion. An irresponsible, insane man could not commit murder. If he was laboring under disease of the mental faculties to such an extent that he did not know what he was doing or did not know it was wrong, then he was wanting in that sound mind, memory and discretion that was part of the definition of murder.

In the next place, every defendant was presumed innocent until the accusation against him was established by proof.

In the next place, notwithstanding this presumption of innocence, it was equally true that the defendant was presumed to be sane and to have been so at the time when the crime was committed; that is to say, that the government was not bound to show affirmatively as a part of its proofs that the defendant was sane. As insanity was an

exception and as a majority of men are sane, the law presumed the latter condition of every man until some reason was shown to believe to the contrary. The burden was therefore on the defendant, who set up insanity as an excuse for crime. To produce proofs in the first instance to show that that presumption was mistaken so far as it related to the prisoner's crime, therefore, involved three elements, killing, malice, and responsibility in the murderer. After all the evidence was before the jury, if the jury while bearing in mind both these presumptions, that is, that defendant is innocent till he is proved guilty, and that he is sane until the contrary appears, still entertains what is called a reasonable doubt on any ground as to any of the essential elements of the crime then the defendant is entitled to the benefit of that doubt and to an acquittal.

In regard to the insane delusion Judge Cox said that the most certain thing was that the act of an insane person was never the result of reasoning and reflection. A man might reason himself, or be reasoned by others into absurd opinions, and be persuaded into impracticable schemes, but he could not be reasoned or persuaded into insane delusions.

At 4:40 p. m. the jury retired and came into court again at 5:36 p. m. and rendered a verdict of "Guilty, as charged in the indictment."

Scoville demanded a poll of the jury, which was granted, and each responded "guilty" as his name was called. As the last man answered Guiteau shrieked: "My blood will be upon the head of that jury, don't you forget it." Again, Guiteau who, from the moment Judge Cox began delivering his charge had dropped completely his air of flippant arrogance and sat with rigid features and compressed lips called out in tones of desperation: "God will avenge this outrage."

Judge Cox then turned to the jury and said; "Gentlemen of the jury, I cannot express too many thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duty. You have richly merited the thanks of your countrymen and I feel satisfied that you will take with you to your homes the approval of your consciences. With thanks, gentlemen of the jury, I dismiss you." Court then adjourned.

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Thankful for past patronage and fully expecting to increase it in the future by giving best goods at *living* prices, I remain,

Respectfully Yours,

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**Apportionment of Representatives in U. S. Congress.**

Washington, January 27—McCord's apportionment bill, reported to the House to-day, is based on the Seaton method of computation, and as amended by the committee is as follows:

A bill making apportionment of representatives in Congress among the several States under the tenth census.

*Be it enacted, etc.* That after March 3, 1883, the House of Representatives shall be composed of 320 members, to be apportioned among the several States as follows: Alabama 8, Arkansas 5, a gain of 1; California 5, a gain of 1; Colorado 3, a gain of 1; Connecticut 4, Delaware 1, Florida 1, a loss of 1; Georgia 10, a gain of 1; Illinois 21, a gain of 2; Indiana 13, Iowa 11, a gain of 2; Kansas 6, a gain of 3; Kentucky 11, a gain of 1; Louisiana 6, Maine 4, a loss of 1; Maryland 6, Massachusetts 12, a gain of 1; Michigan 11, a gain of 2; Minnesota 5, a gain of 2; Mississippi 7, a gain of 1; Missouri 8, a gain of 1; Nebraska 3, a gain of 1; Nevada 1, New Hampshire 2, a loss of 1; New Jersey 7, New York 14, a gain of 1; North Carolina 9, a gain of 1; Ohio 21, a gain of 1; Oregon 1; Pennsylvania 29, a gain of 1; Rhode Island 1, a loss of 1; South Carolina 6, a gain of 1; Tennessee 10, Texas, 10, a gain of 4; Vermont 2, a loss of 1; Virginia 10, a gain of 1; West Virginia 4, a gain of 1; Wisconsin 8.

Sec. 2. That whenever a new State is admitted to the Union, the representation or representatives assigned to it shall be in addition to the number of 320.

Sec. 3. That in each State entitled under this apportionment, the number to which such State may be entitled in the XLVIIIth and each subsequent Congress shall be selected by districts composed of contiguous territory, and containing, as nearly as practicable, an equal number of inhabitants, and equal in number to the Representatives to which such State may be entitled in Congress, no one district electing more than one Representative; provided, that unless the Legislature of such State shall otherwise provide before the election of such Representatives shall take place, as provided by law; here no change shall be hereby made in the representation of a State, the Representatives thereof in the XLVIIIth Congress shall be elected therein as now provided by law. If the number as hereby provided for shall be larger than it was before this change, then the additional Representative or Representatives allowed to said State under this apportionment may be elected by the State at large, and

the other Representatives to which the State is entitled by districts, as now prescribed by law in said State; and if the number hereby provided for shall, in any State, be less than it was before the change hereby made, then the whole number to such State hereby provided for shall be elected at large, unless the Legislature of said State should otherwise provide before the time fixed by law for the next election of Representatives therein. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

The ratio of representation as adopted by the committee (320) is 154,285.

When the matter is taken up for consideration in the House, Representative Colerick, of Indiana, will probably offer an amendment pro-

viding that the total number of Representatives shall not exceed 316, which will make a ratio of 156,238.

Representative Tillman, of South Carolina, has intimated an intention to propose an amendment fixing the total number of Representatives at 730 instead of 320.

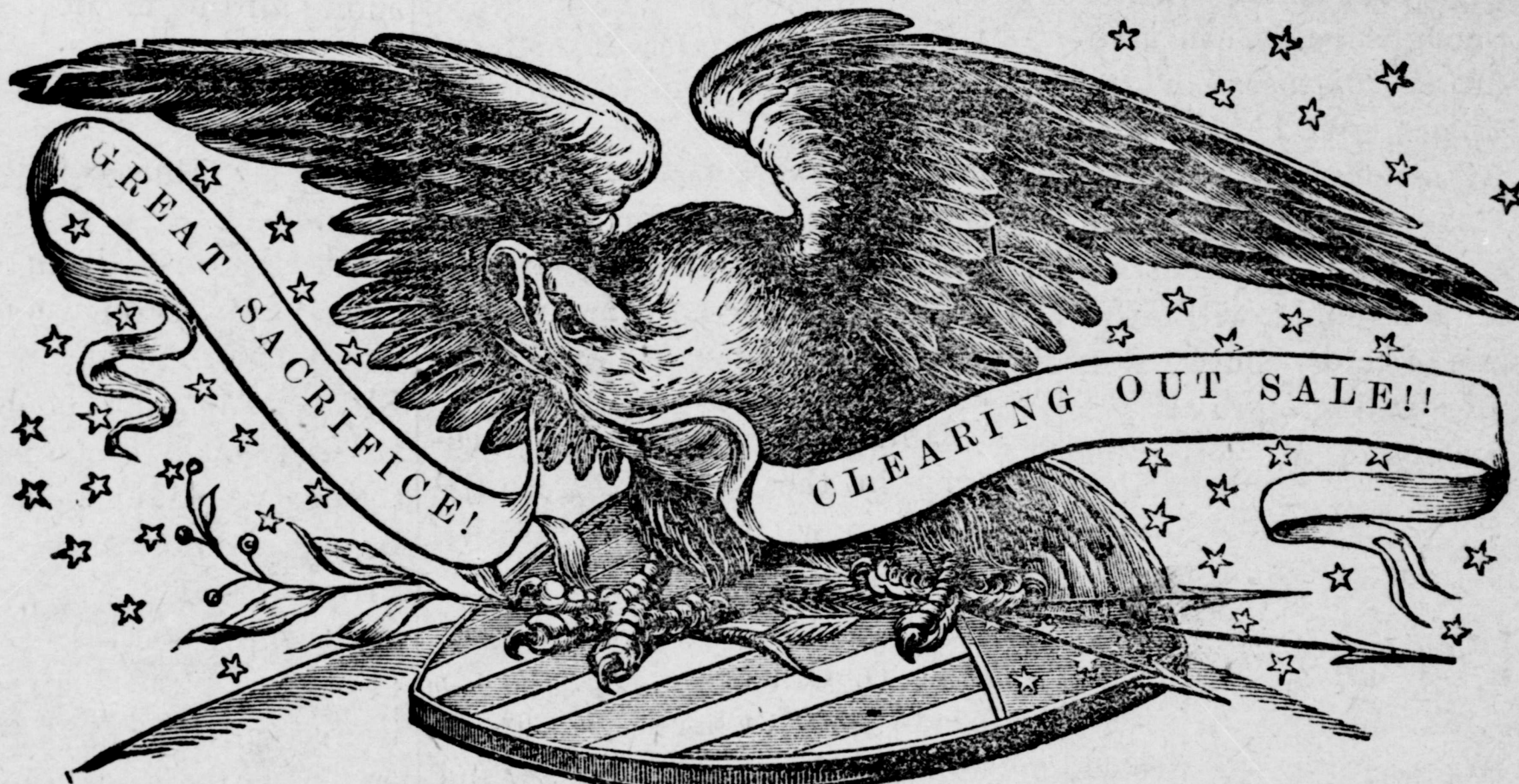
Oscar Wilde received a setback at Washington the first time he went out. He took in the House of Representatives, and during the proceedings sent his card to Speaker Keifer, evidently expecting that gentleman would adjourn the House, or perhaps announce the the sacred presence of the aesthete and notify the members to brace up. But what the Speaker did do

was to send word to Mr. Wilde that he did not receive callers during the sessions of the House, and this caused Mr. Wilde to go off in a frame of mind.—[Dallas Herald.

The Princess Louise is going to contribute to Good Words a series of drawings, illustrating Quebec and its surroundings, and her husband will publish a poem on "Quebec" in the periodical.

Governor Churchill of Arkansas, has offered a reward of \$200 each for the arrest of Walker Mayberry, who killed Alex. Field last October, and Wood Miller, who killed Dallas Miller in 1874. Both murderers are said to be hiding in Texas.

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Respectfully,  
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JACKSBORO, TEXAS.



# Rural Citizen.

J. N. & Alice M. Rogers. Editors

The annual meeting of the Grand State Farmers Alliance of Texas will be held in Weatherford, on next Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the first terrible winter spent by the Pilgrims at Plymouth, in Massachusetts, the seeds of pulmonary diseases were planted, and took deep root in families which became the progenitors of thousands of the American people. The prevalence of consumption, thus early developed, directed the attention of the most eminent physicians and scientific men to an investigation of its cause and the means of prevention and cure. The best results of professional studies on this subject are combined in Dr. J. C. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, which is now recognized as the world's remedy for coughs, colds, consumption and other diseases of the throat and lungs. We believe it to be absolutely certain in its remedial effect. It is a safe, pleasant and reliable remedy, and if kept on hand in every household, will prove in many cases of colds, coughs, &c., a means of preventing more serious results.—[Richmond, Va. Religious Herald.

## Locals.

Go to S. W. Eastin's for peeled peaches.

Call at Knox's for your John Deere Plows.

A full line of rubber goods at D. C. Brown's.

Judge West has returned from his St. Louis tour.

H. M. Horton returned from El Paso last Saturday.

Mason Oldham of Sewing Machine renown, was in town this week.

Don't forget that S. W. Eastin will have in due time D. M. Osborne & Co's. Reapers and Mowers.

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

Go to McKeehan's dry goods and hardware house, for Moline plow points.

Just as we go to press, we learn that some cattleshieves have been

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JAMES W. KNOX.

T. E. Horan has opened a shoe shop in connection with saddle store call and see him, he takes pleasure in accommodating his customers.

Col. P. Toberman, proprietor of the Central Hotel, Seymour, and Deputy Surveyor of Baylor Land District, was in town last week, he purchased our little Columbia Press, the same on which we first printed the Sunday Wreath and Rural Citizen; it is a splendid little press and we wish his son success.

Don't forget that S. W. Eastin has been advertising D. M. Osborne & Co's. Reapers and Mowers, in this paper for several weeks past, he will have them here in due time those wishing to purchase call and see him.

McConnell has a nice assortment of Valentines, comic and sentimental.

Knox guarantees his prices as low as can be had anywhere, regardless of when, where, or how goods were bought. Do not forget this.

P Banta has bought out his co-partners in the Texas Western Saloon and now runs it in his own name

A. V. D. Old esq. has left for Colorado City, where he intends engaging in the sheep business, and also in the practice of the law.

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We learn that in the Justice court in the Court House yesterday attorneys Stark and Old used unbecoming words towards each other, and then offered to pass chairs, all in an unpleasant way. This was a bad example for limbs of the law to set before the people. What were our peace officers doing? Expounders of the law how read ye?

The Christian church at this place has secured the service of Eld. Pritchard as minister, for the first Sunday in each month.

Notwithstanding the hard times, D. C. Brown continues to sell goods right along every day in such quantities as show that he sells goods at prices to suit customers

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Jacksboro, )  
Feb. 1, '82. ) James W. Knox.

Mr. J. H. Black of Antelope, at the close of a business letter says: "I must tell you that our mineral wells are doing finely; they are curing that come to them. This is the strongest that I have tasted among all the medical waters."

## Vineyard City.

Editor Rural Citizen:

Our city is on the "boom". A great many people were here on Saturday last, and most all of them seemed busily engaged buying property. Many people come here from a distance to test the medical properties of the water and all of them expressed themselves as highly pleased with the wonderful effects it has produced. The mineral water here, is certainly effecting many wonderful cures. Business and building is the order of the day. The city is growing rapidly, and is assuming rather formidable proportion. Many contracts are now let, for the erection of business and residence houses. Now is the time to buy lots. Come, and tell your friends to come also, and see for themselves, for seeing is believing. More anon.

A Subscriber.

That good cattle are not higher than they are, is thus explained by the Pittsburg Stockman: "Several things affecting the cattle market are worth mentioning. (1) The mildness of the winter has resulted in more fat cattle being produced than was thought possible during the corn scare in the fall. We held all along that there would be plenty of corn, and feeders, after the season opened, came to be of the same opinion, and decided to ripen a great deal of stock which they had at first only intended to winter, provided they could not sell advantageously for stocker purposes. This of course largely increas-

ed the expected supply. Then (2) this same mildness of temperature has decreased the consumption of meats to a marked extent. These unforeseen circumstances were supplemented by (3) a wonderful dullness in the export trade, which has thrown on our home markets vast quantities of beef which it was reasonably expected would be served upon the tables Europe. The export trade is in a condition from which it would be difficult to expect anything worse and from which any change ought to be for the better. Exporters, however, now seem to think that a permanent improvement in their traffic must be preceded by a general reduction of values—something which feeders do not like submitting to until a season of abundance shall have placed them within reach of plenty of low priced grain. The revival of a brisk export demand would at once relieve the pressure now resting on the trade, and would cause the seeming excess of fat cattle at this time to disappear. But there is no telling just when that revival will come. Good cattle are still higher than at the same time last year, but are slightly lower than they were in the fall, and are undoubtedly lower than they would be without these peculiarly adverse circumstances to contend with. Common and medium cattle are doing fairly, and are more nearly where feeders and dealers think they should be in value."

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## Meteorological Table for Jacksboro

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Latitude, 33° 10 min. N., Longitude 98° west, Greenwich.  
Above Sea level 1119.23 feet.  
Highest Temperature 75 deg. & 7  
Lowest " 13 " 7  
Monthly range of 62 " 7  
Greatest daily range 42 " " 10  
Least " " 6 " " 27  
Total Rain-fall or melted snow 1.9 inches.  
Prevailing Winds N.  
Total Monthly Movement of the Wind 5059 Miles.  
Maximum Velocity of Wind, and Direction 19 Miles per hour, S.  
Jan. 7 & 25  
Total No. of Days on which Rain or Snow fell 01.  
Total No. no Rain or Snow fell 21.  
Dates of Frost 1, 2, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 29, 30, & 31.  
James P. Sherry, private,  
Signal Corps, U. S. A.



Com. of Agriculture:— Alluding to the subject of making the Commissioner of Agriculture a Cabinet officer, the St. Louis Republican of the 20th inst. makes this suggestion:

"We know that cabinet officers now wield an authority in politics proportionate to the number of subaltern officials and citizens they deal with; and a secretary of agriculture, having relations with the largest class of citizens in this country, could easily make himself the most powerful and active agent in the presidential schemes that have their center at Washington."

These words reveal the marrow in the bone of opposition which politicians use to prevent the farmers having a representative in the President's Cabinet. Make one of their number a Secretary of Agriculture, and "the largest class of citizens in the country" would make themselves felt in the legislation and administration of the government. And, pray, why should not "the largest class," a class which out-numbers all other classes rule in this country. Our contemporary holds, or professes to hold, the doctrine that majorities should rule. A government in which the majority does not rule, is not republican, is not democratic, in fact, whatever it may be in form. The words quoted necessarily imply that the farmers, the largest class of our citizens, do rule. They do more, they assume that the majority of our people, the farmers, should not be allowed control in our governmental affairs. Hence, the farmers should not have a Cabinet representative. According to the prevailing political dogma, only capitalists and corporations should rule. And that is the rule and practice in this country at this day and hour.—[Journal of Agriculture.]

It is a cheap kind of demagoguery that attempts to make political capital by pretending to espouse the cause of agriculture.—[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

That is just what it is. And that is what the demagogue partisan newspapers of to-day mean when they pretend to espouse the cause of agriculture. They aim to make political capital and secure the farmers' votes for "the party." —[Journal of Agriculture.]

**Small Pox---A Remedy.**

A correspondent of the Stockton Herald gives the following sure cure for small pox. It may interest some so we publish it:

As this loathsome disease appears to be making rapid strides through the country, it may be as well to start the following remedy

or cure on the rounds again, as given to the public by a correspondent of the Stockton (Cal.) Herald. He says:

I herewith append a recipe which has been used to my knowledge in hundreds of cases. It will prevent or cure small pox, though the pittings are filling. When Jenner discovered cow pox in England, the world of science hurled an avalanche of fame upon his head, but when the most scientific schools of medicine in the world—that of Paris—published this recipe as a panacea for small pox, it passed unheeded.

It is as unfailing as fate, and conquers in every instance. It is harmless when taken by a well person.

It will also cure scarlet fever.

Here is the recipe as I have used it to cure my children of the scarlet fever, here it is as I have used it to cure the small-pox. When learned physicians said the patient must die, it cured.

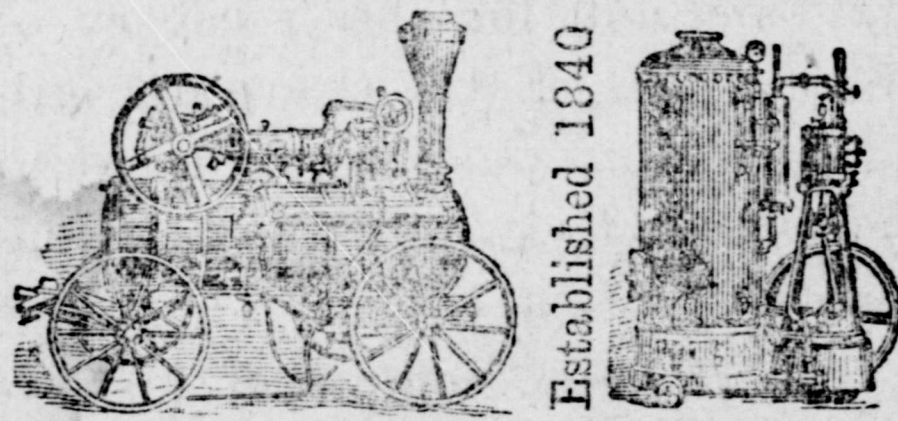
Sulphate of zinc, one grain; fox-glove, (digitalis), one grain; half a teaspoonful of sugar, mix with two tablespoonfuls of water. When thoroughly mixed, add four ounces of water. Take a spoonful every hour. Either disease will disappear in twelve hours. For a child smaller doses according to age.

If counties would compel physicians to use this there would be no need for pesthouses. If you value advice and experience use the above for these terrible diseases.

DALLAS HERALD: If it be true that the records of our public men are so bad that they fear to punish the guilty, as the following brevity would seem to indicate, then it is time constituencies were on the qui vive: The Mormon lobby at Washington, which is working to some purpose, has discovered a way of frightening those Congressmen whom its money cannot purchase. It has employed nearly all the detective talent of the capital, and is having every M. C. shadowed and watched. It claims that it will be able to show that many representatives are Mormons in practice, if not in principle. The news has naturally caused the greatest alarm in Congressional circles. It is to be hoped that the Representatives will not allow themselves to be intimidated by blackmailing threats of this kind, but will do their duty to the world by passing some stringent anti-Mormon law.

Philip Murphy, a coal miner, at Collinville, Illinois, while sitting in a saloon, on the evening of the 25th dropped dead from heart disease caused by excessive use of liquor.

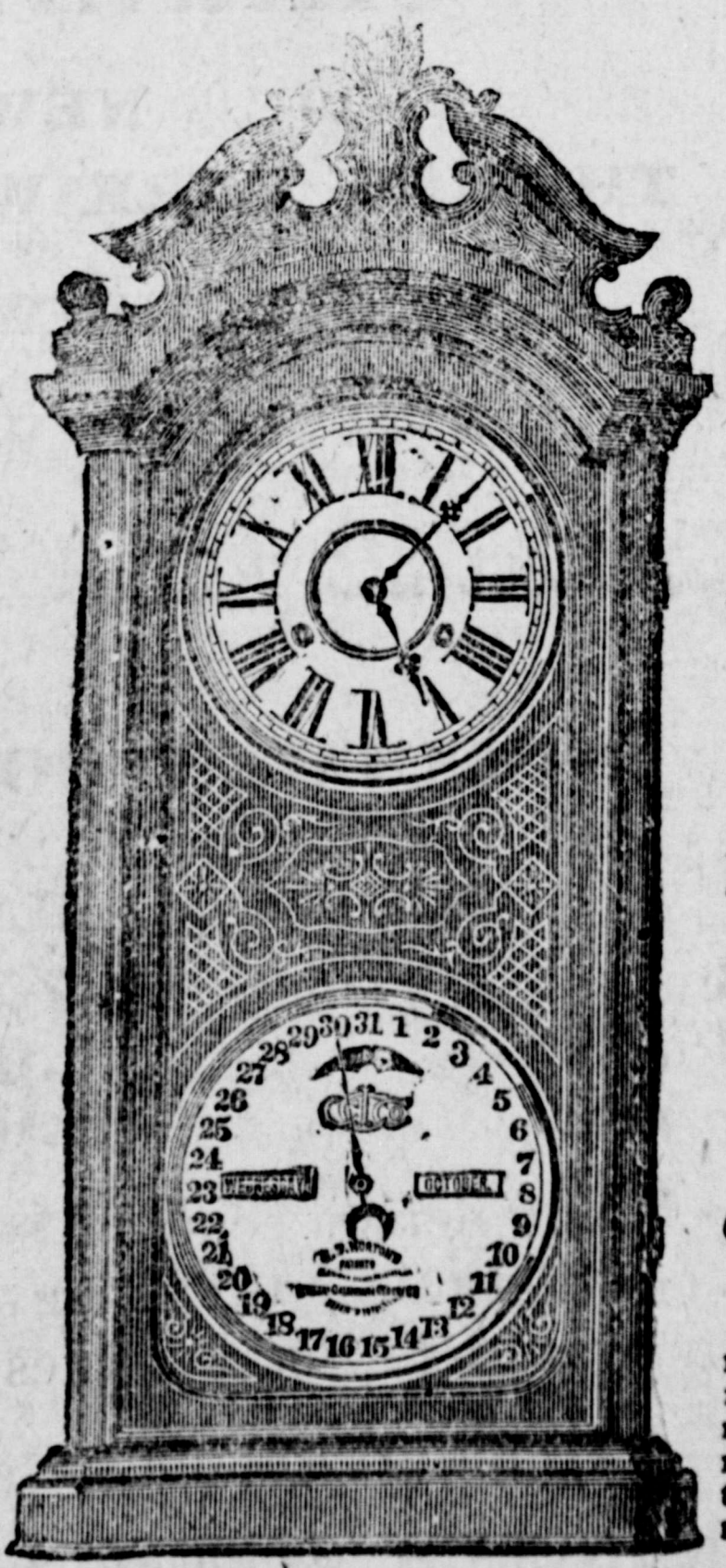
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**OUR EUROPEAN LETTER.**

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

LONDON, Eng. January 10th 1882.

There is no lack of signs which indicate that the improvement of this great Metropolis, dimly foreshadowed by the late Richard Brush, who acted as minister from the United States to the Court of St. James between 1817 and 1825, has begun to make many and great strides in advance. The more I see of this wonderful town, the more perplexed am I to discover how its daily business is carried on. Even during the few years that I have known London, new bridges have been made and new buildings have gone up on every side of me; not to mention that I have also seen such manifestations of national energy, enterprise, and opulence as would have astonished the Emperor Augustus in the heyday of his power; but how these narrow streets contrive to find room for the increasing traffic by which they are choked is a problem which I must confess that I am utterly unable to solve. Among the countless improvements which have helped to make the City accessible to the throng of human beings who get their daily bread within its restricted confines, none has been more serviceable, or would have filled him with more wonder, than the Under Ground Railway. It will be remembered that on the 18th of last January a sudden and unparalleled storm of snow shut off the metropolis for two days from the provinces; and that during the 19th and 20th the City was almost unapproachable to vehicles, yet the Underground Railway afforded opportunities to passengers to reach Mansion House and Broad street and the other Metropolitan stations, which were denied to them in other ways.

Close upon the arrival of a Chinese merchant vessel in the Thames, comes news that an electric telegraph line has been stretched between Shanghai and Teintsin. In a few weeks this first wire of the Flowery Land will be carried on to Peking. A message can then be sent direct from London to the Chinese capital. This is an immense innovation for the pig-tailed people, although for the present it is only a Government enterprise forced upon the Vermillion Pencil by the anxiety felt during the late quarrel of the Chinese Court with Russia, when their coasts might have been invaded and their cities captured while couriers were slowly bringing news. Railways will some day follow the electric wire, the difficulty being that the bodies of departed Chinese must not be disturbed by the sacriligious shovel of a navy that the custom has always been to bury dead Chinese "all over the place." It is next to

impossible, therefore, to make a mile of railway without making a scandal to match. But the Celestials are growing so practical that they will soon find something in Confucius to get them over the pious obstacle.

Mr. Alsop, solicitor to Lord Crawford, has ordered 50,000 placards, offering a reward of £600 for information with regard to the robbery of the late earl's body; —£100 and a free pardon to any accomplice on behalf of the Government, and £500 on behalf of Lord Crawford. These will be circulated all through the country at once. It is believed that there were at least six persons implicated in the outrage, and two of them are at present in direct communication with the authorities and Mr. Alsop. A difficulty is experienced in getting anything like definite information from them, however in fear of arrest; but Mr. Alsop believes that the publication of the Government offer of pardon to an accomplice will reassure them to such an extent that some statement as to the crime will be forth coming. It is thoroughly understood that the reward is merely for information, and not for the recovery of the body, as Lord Crawford still adheres to his determination not to ransom the body under any circumstances.

The Premier completed his seventy-second year yesteday. Members of the Cabinet, Liberal M. P.'s and Liberal associations sent Mr. Gladstone congratulations from all parts of the country. Three years ago a movement originated among the working men of Chester to recognize Mr. Gladstone's birthday in the same way as the Colston anniversary is celebrated at Bristol. This year the movement culminated in a banquet given in honor of the occasion at the Town Hall, kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Sir Thomas Gibbons Frost, Mayor of Chester. Congratulations came from all parts of the assembly to Mr. Gladstone. This was telegraphed to the Premier. The speeches made in his honor were received with the greatest enthusiasm.

At present the military force in Ireland is represented by eight regiments of cavalry, thirteen batteries of Royal Horse and field and garrison artillery, three companies of Royal Engineers, seven companies of the Commissariat and Transport Corps, and twenty-nine battalions of infantry. The statistics issued by the War Office of the strength of the army in Ireland for the past ten years possess more usual interest. During the ten years the smallest force quartered in Ireland was in 1879, when it was under 19,000.

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**SORGHUM VS. CANE.**

**Result of Investigations Made by Professor Scovell and Mr. Beardsley, of Illinois, in Louisiana Sugar Culture.**

N. O. Times-Democrat.

Melville A. Scovell, M. S. professor of agricultural chemistry, for the past two weeks has been on a tour of inspection through a part of the sugar-producing districts of the State with a view of studying the relations between sorghum and cane juices, and to note their behavior with the different re-agents used.

Mr. Scovell is interested in the cultivation of sorghum and the manufacture of sugar therefrom, and proposes to assist in erecting a factory in Champaign Ill., which will be put into operation next year.

Hearing of his return to the city, a Times-Democrat reporter yesterday proceeded to the New Orleans Foundry and Machine Shops of Mr. Chas. G. Johnson, Tchoupitoulas street, where Mr. Scovell, assisted by Mr. H. M. Beardsley, were found engaged in an analysis of a keg of cane juice from Mr. Fleitas' Corinne place, below the U. S. Barracks.

Mr. Scovell readily accorded the desired interview, and in response to the scribe's interrogatories briefly, yet comprehensively, said:

"Prof. Henry A. Weber and I, after experimenting two years with sorghum as a sugar producing plant have met with such success that at our solicitation a factory is being erected at Champaign, Ill. for the purpose of making sugar from sorghum by methods devised by us. The process, in brief, is to neutralize the juice with lime while cold and then clarify it the same as cane juice.

"The juice after being clarified is carefully settled and then brought in the usual manner to the consistency of thick syrup.

"When it is desired to eliminate the sorghum taste, it is necessary to filter it through bone black. No sulphur whatever is used, and it crystallizes very readily. We anticipate making about 800 pounds of sugar—firsts—and about 85 gallons of molasses to the acre—about one-half or less of the yield of Louisiana cane. We shall raise about 500 to 1,000 acres of cane next year.

"The result of my observations in Louisiana reveal great differences in the juices of the two canes. The Southern cane is somewhat richer in sugar and the juice very much purer than that of sorghum. I came too late to get an average of the juice of the season's yield for analysis, as all the cane I saw had been more or less frost-bitten. The juice of this frost-bitten cane contained 11 18-100 per cent. of cane-sugar and 1 1/2 per cent. of grape-sugar. I am, however, informed that the general average is

about 16 per cent. of cane sugar.

"The sorghum juice at its maximum yields about 14 per cent. and its minimum falls as low as 9 per cent. Southern cane has the advantage over sorghum, not only in the greater amount of sugar which the juice contains, but in the much larger yield and also in the purity of the juice.

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"I do not think that sorghum could be raised as well here as in the north. It is necessary in order to obtain the maximum quantity of sugar in sorghum to have the plant rapidly mature which is not the case, I am informed, in this climate.

"During my tour I found much more advanced machinery on the plantations than I had expected, although in some places I was surprised to find the old open kettle system in use.

"On some plantations the sugar house arrangements did not appear to me to be the best for saving labor. This in a great measure owing to the structure built high enough to save arrangements generally sufficient height, to get this.

"The unnecessary roads, and labor system seems to be expensive. The laborers, it is to be engaged, yet our merchants work accomplished is thereat.

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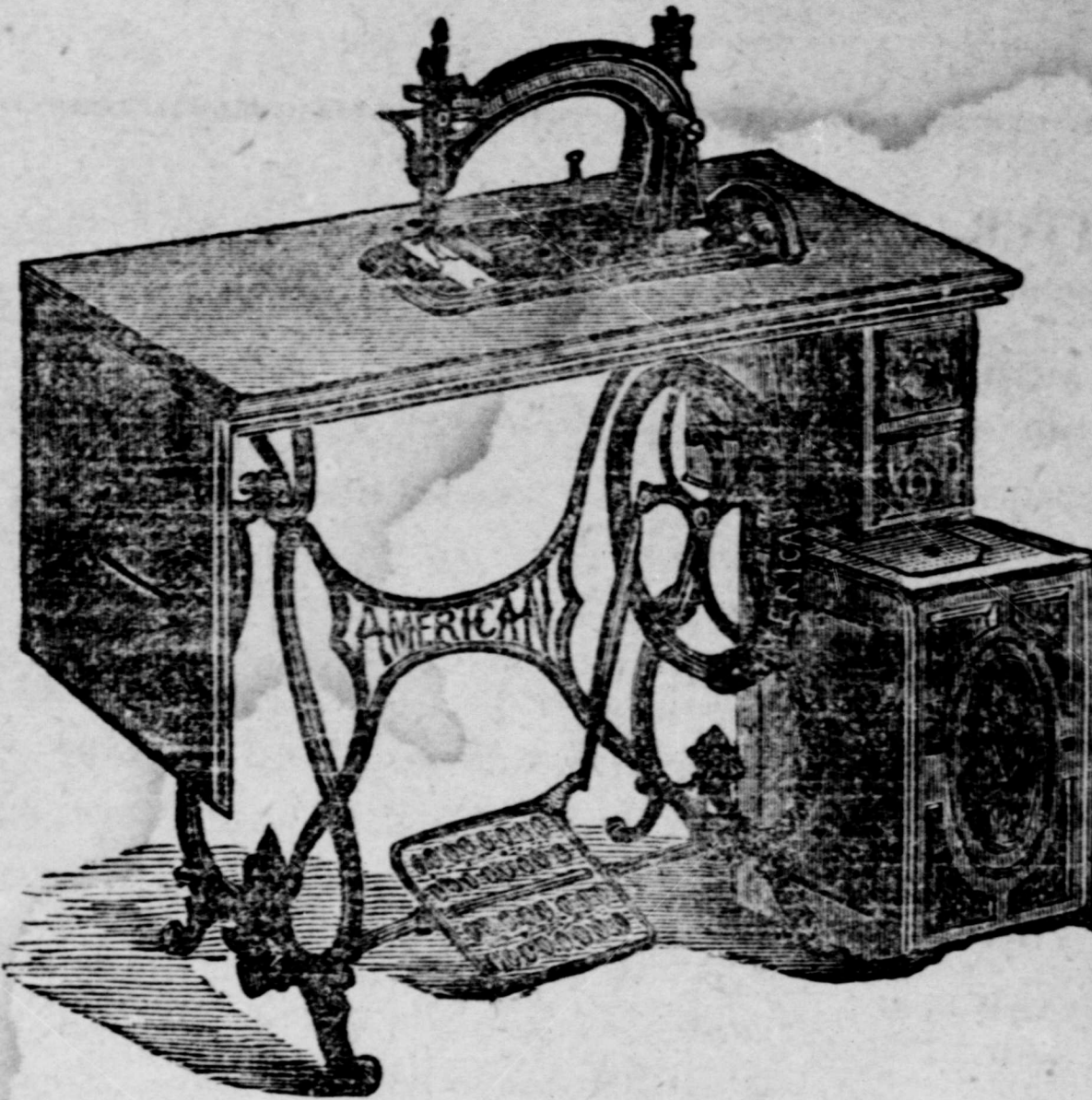
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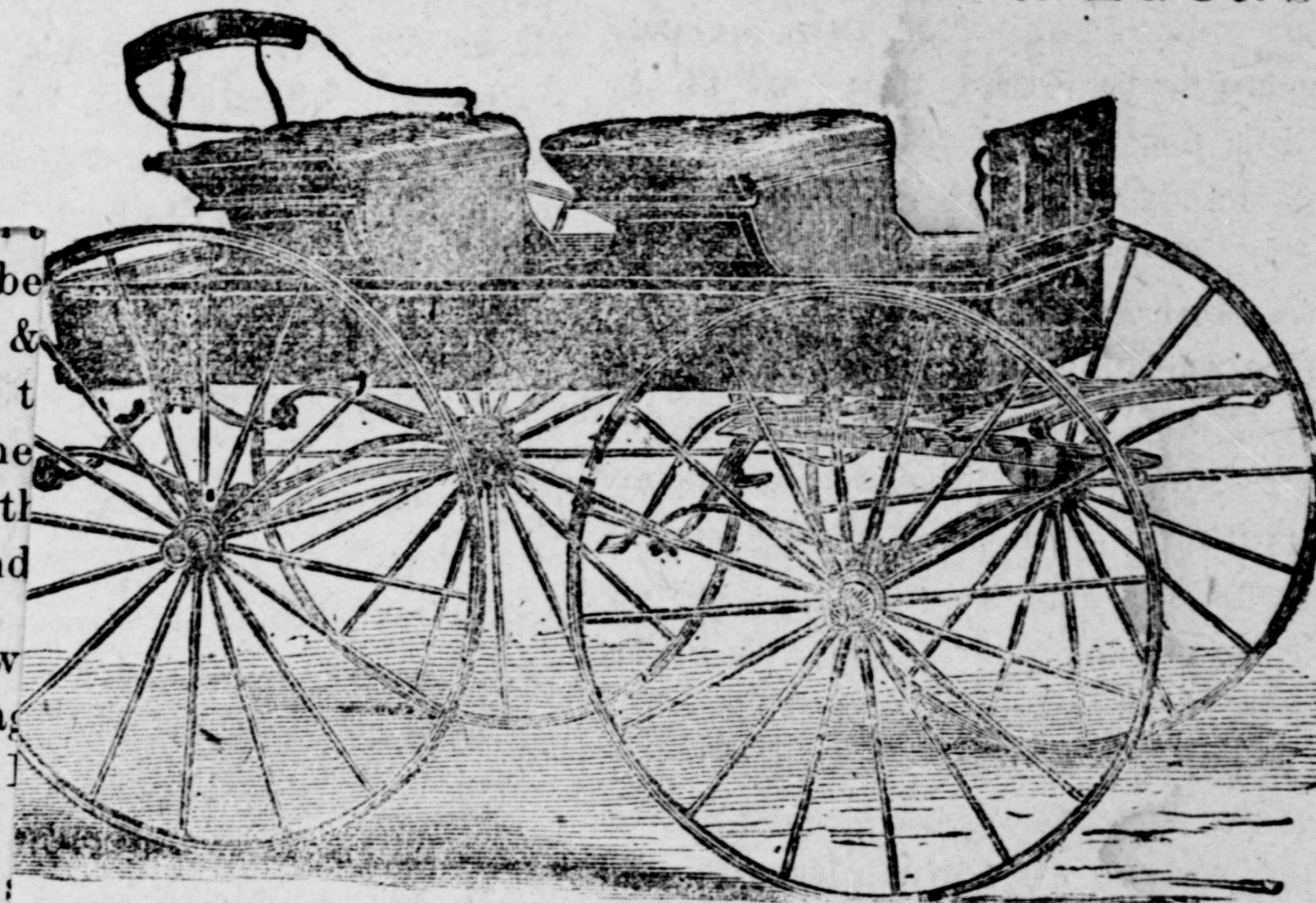
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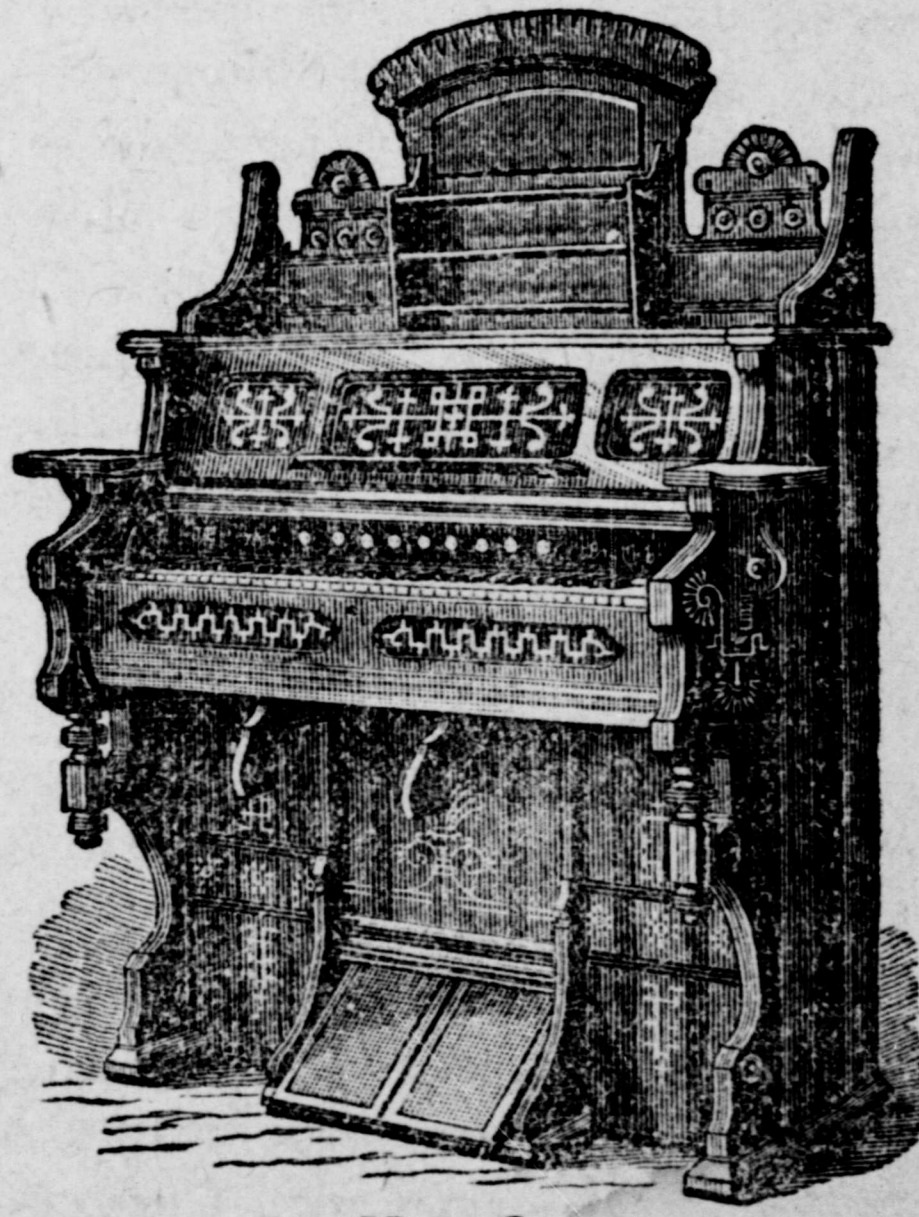


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