

FRIDAY AUGUST 16, 1869

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The most original swindler of the day is the one who has been telling the colored people of Georgia that he world will come to an end August 16th, and has sold 150 pairs of "angels' wings" at ten dollars a pair.

Judge Terry, who killed Senator Broderick in California years ago, was shot by a U. S. Marshal Wednesday. Judge Terry was a desperate character and richly deserved his fate.

The South Bend Tribune says an election bet made last fall by an Indiana Democrat has just been paid by his taking twenty pretty girls to Niagara Falls and paying all their expenses.

The Columbia (Lancaster Co., Pa.) Iron Company has voluntarily increased the wages of its puddlers from \$3.50 to \$3.85 per ton. The wages of other employees have been increased in proportion.

When Senator Voorhees talks he always badly rattles the opposition. The Indianapolis Journal is still sounding the key-notes, called forth by Mr. Voorhees' recent utterances, and all the lesser dogs of that breed join in the doleful howl.

If the ordinance, originating in a spirit of selfishness, to tax establishments that offer undesirable competition (to rivals) could be enforced, it would afford to our people a direct illustration of the "protection" theory advocated by the republican platforms, press and orators, and result in a repudiation of the principle by many who have always accepted it as correct.

Strikes, lock-outs and cut-downs! Such is the burden of news reports from nearly all the industrial centers of the country. Meantime the formation of trusts goes right along, and additional tribute is being levied daily by monopoly on the laborers and mechanics whose wages are being reduced. As that is what the laborers and mechanics voted for last fall, however, we suppose they are happy. If they are not, the Carnegies, Carbins, Goulds and Vanderbilts are.—[Labor Signal.]

An ordinance relating to "Cheap John" stores was adopted. This ordinance makes it unlawful for any transient merchant to sell goods, wares or merchandise of any kind, without first procuring a license, the rates of which shall be \$2 for one day, \$10 for one week, \$25 for one month and \$100 for six months. Upon conviction the fine shall be \$10 for each offense. This ordinance takes effect immediately, but we very much doubt if it will stand the inspection of the courts.—Republican.

The ordinance, of which the above is an outline, was passed by the Town Board last Monday evening. Messrs. Reeve, Kann and Porter voting for it. These gentlemen, by their action in this matter prove themselves to be in hearty accord with the leading principle of their party—"protection for the few at the expense of the many." Messrs. Day and Phillips refused to favor the monstrosity. The ordinance meets with almost universal condemnation. It certainly cannot be enforced, and will therefore prove a dead letter. It should also prove to be the grave for the political aspirations and hopes of those who favor the theory of taxing the masses for the benefit of the few.

A WONDERFUL WATCH.

The Intricate Mechanism of a Cleveland Man's Timepiece.

W. T. R. Huntington, of Cleveland, is the owner of a unique watch presented to him by his father, John Huntington, a watch that is one of two, Mr. Huntington, Sr., carrying the duplicate. For both of these, it is said, the latter paid \$5,000 in gold to the makers, Messrs. J. Badollet & Co., of Geneva. The case of the one described is of pure gold, four-ounce, while the works are of the most delicate and intricate character, and number 400 pieces. On the larger dial appear four smaller dials. The one at the top shows by a diagram of the sky the changes of the moon, the firmament being of lapis lazuli, studded with golden stars. The next dial to the right shows the leap year, the tiny hand moving around the circle once in four years, and an auxiliary hand shows each month. On the dial at the bottom is a hand marking the quarter seconds and one showing the day of the month. At the left, on the fourth miniature dial, is a hand pointing out the day of the week, and another the tide as it ebbs and flows. Around the large dial, besides the usual hour and minute hand, moves a second hand and an extra hour-timer so arranged that the distance between two horses at the finish is accurately noted in quarter seconds. By pressing a button the past-hour is struck on a deep-toned bell, one of a fairy chime; the quarters are a more silvery note, and a rapidly tinkling companion gives the minutes. The watch is a stem winder and one spring furnishes the motive power.

HOW JAMRACH WAS FOOLED.

He Thought He Was Buying the Greatest Curiosity That Ever Lived.

Jamrach, the celebrated London dealer in strange animals, picks up many bargains from the mates and stewards of the vast fleet that sails or steams into the Thames on every tide from the four quarters of the globe. But sometimes he gets picked up himself. A few years ago he bought for a few shillings a very rare and therefore valuable animal from a mate, just in from, say, New Guinea. Presently the mate saw his venture in the "Zoo" with a great gaping crowd about its cage, and learned that the society had paid a small fortune for the curiosity. "I'll fix him," says the mate. So the next voyage he returned with the very rarest curiosity ever seen in or out of London docks. "Hullo," says Jamrach, fairly excited, "what do you call that now?" "Dunno," says the mate, indifferently. "Looks like a bald squirrel," says Jamrach, and the mate said him not nay, for certainly it did look like the baldest possible squirrel, and of the queerest color, too, "sort of no color at all," as Jamrach put it. Well in three minutes Jamrach had bought that rare animal for 50 guineas down, and in three hours he was back on the dock raging at the mate laughing loud at the far end of a long hawser. "You've sold me a shaved rat," shouted Jamrach. "I just have," laughed the mate. "Ship's doctor chloroformed him for fun and ship's barber shaved him for a glass of beer. Anything else in our line this morning?"

A Tete-a-Tete Interrupted.

A Henry street girl and Cass avenue young man were standing on the corner at the intersection of two streets the other night waiting for a car.

"You never looked as well in your life before, Clara," said the young man in a tender tone. He spoke low and only for the ear of his companion, but immediately a loud voice responded:

"Rats!"

The youth felt highly insulted, and turned round to chastise the party who had spoken, but the girl soothed him and said it wasn't meant for them, and he calmed down.

"That car isn't in sight yet," he said. "Tell me that you love me, Clara, as much as I—"

"O pshaw!" cried the unseen party.

"I'll brain him," shouted the angry lover, brandishing his cane.

"You a rascal," called a hoarse voice, and as a piece of cracker fell on the lover's head he looked up and saw the Vendome parrot in her cage above. They take the other corner now. Rats.

Peterson for Sept. is already on our table. The steel engraving, "Pick a Back" is a charming picture; the wood illustration, "The Young Family" is exceedingly pretty. The illustrated article, gives a variety of head dresses and costumes, and describes them in a charming way. Miss Bowman's serial "In St. Tammany Parish," ends most touchingly, while the other continued story, "Ted and I" concludes in as sprightly a manner as it commenced.

The short stories are exceptionally good and the fashion and household notes are as complete as ever. The "Talk By A Trained Nurse" gives useful and much needed directions for "Lifting and Moving A Helpless Person." Altogether this number thoroughly maintains "Peterson's" high reputation. Terms: Two Dollars a year. Address Peterson's Magazine, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

The Work of the Doctors. Old Mrs. Bentley—What a lot of new diseases they have now they didn't have twenty years ago!

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The Old-Fashioned Destrict Skule.

The remarkable, laughable, old-fashioned, time-honored representation of the school system of forty years ago will, by request, be repeated at the Opera House, on Thursday evening, August 22d, by some of Rensselaer's most prominent citizens.

No citizen that enjoys something laughable, or that would have his liver invigorated, can afford to absent himself from this performance.

Many quaint things of years gone by, will be literally reproduced by the personal enjoyment at the skule.

Everything will be represented and enacted true to life as nature and custom then demanded? Come one, come all! one everybody.

Admission 15 cents. Reserved seats 25 cents. Tickets on sale at Hardman's Jewelry store.

There will be Harvest Excursions Aug. 20, Sept. 10, 24, and Oct. 8 via L. N. A. & C. and connections to points west, north-west and south-west. One first class fare for the round trip.

Patrons and teachers of the schools of the county are invited to call at the Post Office book store, before going elsewhere.

During the first five months of Mr. Harrison's term 13'000 changes in fourth-class post masters were made, as against 4,000 by Mr. Cleveland in the same period. In the same time Harrison made 1,059 presidential appointments, as against Cleveland's 854. "Do you want to see how the machine works?"

Prizes of millinery, ladies' and gents' summer underwear cut in two.

Chicago Bargain Store.

B Forsythe, of the Chicago Bargain Store, was to the city this week and purchased a fine stock of shoes, slippers and boots at 50 per cent. discount, and most of them are the standard brand of Phelps, Dodge, Palmer & Co.

This is the policy of a president who, when a senator, delivered himself of this invocation:

I do lift up a hearty prayer that we may never have a president who will not either pursue, and compel his cabinet advisers to pursue, the civil-service policy pure and simple and upon a just basis, allowing men accused to be heard, and deciding against them only upon competent proof and fairly. Either have that kind of a civil service, or, for God's sake, let us have that other frank and bold, if brutal method of turning men and women out simply for political opinion. Let us have one or the other.

President Harrison promised "the one" but is pursuing "the other"—except that, instead of being "frank and bold, if brutal," his policy is canting and hypocritical. Is it any wonder that the flavor of piety in his speeches and the taking of a "pastor" with him on Sunday excursions has not saved Benjamin Harrison from the contempt of honest men in both parties who despise a Pharisee and a promise breaker?

Bargains.—In order to make room for a larger stock of goods, J. E. Spitzer, at the post office, will close out his stock of stationery, books, etc. at a bargain.

Loose's Red Clover Pills Cure Sick Headache, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation. 25c per Box, 5 boxes for \$1. For sale by Long & Eger.

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The Indianapolis Sentinel Co. is offering as a premium with the Indiana State Sentinel, a magnificent engraving of Munkacy's "Christ before Pilate," Rosa Bonheur's "Horse Fair" and the "Lions at Home," by the same artist. Subscribers can obtain any one of these by paying a nominal sum to cover the cost of putting up and forwarding the picture. The engravings are readily sold at \$1, but it is proposed to ask an advance of little more than one-tenth of that amount over the regular subscription price for the weekly Sentinel and the picture. The Sentinel Co. will send any one of the pictures to new subscribers, old subscribers renewing their subscriptions, and the Weekly one year for \$1.15.

This is only 15c. to cover express charges from New York, postage, wrapper, clerical work and other incidentals. The picture is given free. It is a remarkable offer.

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CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Al Bryer has located his cigar factory up stairs, over Priest & Paxton's store, is in full running order, and prepared to furnish his celebrated Mascot cigar to all who desire a first class article. As a citizen and business man, he comes highly recommended. He respectfully solicits your patronage.

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