

PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR.

THE VIEWS THEREON OF A YOUNG MAN WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO.

The Tribune has received the following letter: New York Tribune, Gentlemen. Having heard of an advertisement...

MUSIC.

THE CHRISTMAS-TIDE "MESSIAH."

The fashion of commenting on the annual Christmas performance of Handel's "Messiah" is getting decidedly old and showy...

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—2-810—Way Down East. AMERICAN THEATRE—2-815—The Beggar Student. BROADWAY THEATRE—2-810—The Beggar Student.

Index to Advertisements.

Table with 2 columns: Page Col. and Page Col. listing various advertisements and their page numbers.

Business Notices.

Roll Top Desks and Office Furniture. Great Variety of Style and Price. T. G. SULLIVAN.

THE SAME OLD TRAITOR.

When in 1863 the United States was engaged in a desperate struggle for self-preservation it was the ill fortune of New-York to be made conspicuous by its mob as a lurking place of treason.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—Boers and Kafirs have fought on the western border of the Transvaal, the natives being defeated after heavy fighting...

THE CUBAN PRISON.

Between a free country and a country not free the difference is the prisons. What they contain, after what trials, under what conditions, will determine beyond question whether justice rules and equal laws are impartially enforced.

MAKING HASTE TO DO WRONG.

Chicago's desperate haste to get open its drainage canal is not altogether creditable. Enterprise in pushing any beneficent work to completion is characteristic of that city and is commendable.

Paterson, N. J. What that polluted stream is Chicago proposes to make the Des Plaines and Illinois rivers.

It is an unworthy performance all around. Chicago began by fouling her own water supply. Finding that a disastrous practice she now proposes to foul that of others.

AS TO OLEOMARGARINE FRAUDS.

Two items of news in the papers the other day, from different sources but appearing simultaneously, were in their conjuncture particularly suggestive.

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We cannot congratulate the Boers on the championship which couples them with the Dervishes of the Sudan and with the followers of the Mad Mullah.

Nor do we think it would be doing the Boers any kindness to print such insinuations, purporting to be in their behalf, but actually inspired not by any love for them but simply by blind hatred of England and of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Now it seems that somebody besides the United States and England has an "unwarrantable" war on hand in the opinion of the opposition.

The people of Beveridge, Kan., thought it would be a graceful thing to invite Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, to lecture in the town. But their invitation brought the following reply: I beg to say that it is not my present or ultimate intention to enter the lecture field.

ERASTUS FRANKLIN HOLDEN.

Erastus Franklin Holden, of Syracuse, whose death at the age of seventy-three is announced, was born at Charlotte, N. Y. He began life as a carpenter, and later entered the coal business.

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