The Somerset Herald.

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EVERY Republican voter should see that his taxes are paid on or before Saturday, October 2d.

IT SPEAKS well for the American farmer that the only kind of famine with which this country is familiar is a freight car famine.

SATURDAY next, October 2d, is the last day for paying taxes in order to qualify an elector to vote at the coming November election.

THE yellow fever of this year is the mildest yet known, but the best course for a town or village is to keep clean and avoid it altogether.

A NARROW gauge railroad over White Pass, near Skaguay, is promised by May first. While it will not cover many miles, it will greatly reduce the toil and hardships of a trip to the Klondike.

IT IS SAID that in his coming message President McKinley will recommend a substantial increase of the navy. Probably he agrees with Secretary Long that a strong navy is a guarantee of peace and pleasant relations with the world.

THE new administration does not find any necessity for selling bonds to keep up the gold reserve. The amount of gold in the treasury since March 4th has been greater than at any time in many years, and is now over $145,000,000.

WITH the "fake" primary candidates on the ticket by nomination papers, a little life will be infused into what otherwise promises to be a rather sluggish campaign. We will wager that the "fakirs" will not poll as many votes this fall as they did at their "fake" primary in June.

NEXT Saturday, October 2d, is the last day for paying taxes in time to secure a vote at the coming election. Tax receipts can no longer be bought in bulk by an organization or an individual. Each man must pay his own taxes or give a written order to some other person to do so for him.

PHILADELPHIA has over 20,000 manufacturing establishments, with an invested capital of $439,000,000, employing over 260,000 people, consuming annually $310,000,000 of raw material and turns out finished goods worth over $600,000,000. Not such a slow city as some people try to make it out.

MR. BRYAN seems to be about the only man among the silverites of last year willing to stand by his flag and still fight for silver. Chairman Jones has advised the New York Democrats to abandon it; Gorman has already done the same thing in Maryland, and there is a general drift in that direction.

WHEN the friends of silver get through explaining why the farm products have risen in the face of the fall of silver, won't they take up the real silver question again, just for a change? It seems rather dreary to hear nothing from them on the merits of the silver question, which they seem to have abandoned in 'explaining in low tones,' as Speaker Reed puts it, why wheat and silver have parted company.

AT THE instance of Architect Warner, of Lancaster, Judge Livingston has issued an injunction restraining the Capitol Building Commission from adopting any design for the erection of the legislative building at their proposed meeting to-day, except it be one of the eight designs selected by the board of experts to whom that duty was assigned, and the writ enjoins that the prize of the competition, the choice of a supervising architect for the building, shall not be awarded except to the author of one of eight selected plans.

REPORTS from all sections of the country show that the agricultural fairs and exhibitions have been unusually successful, and that the attendance has been away above the average. Nor is the explanation hard to find. The farmers feel in a good humor—feel as if they could afford to take a little holiday and enjoy themselves in the way that suits them best. This has been a great year for them—a year that has gone far beyond their anticipations—a year that has truly proven a golden one for the agricultural interests of the whole country.

CHAIRMAN Jones sends word to the East that the Chicago platform still stands for itself. This seems rather a remarkable statement, particularly in view of the general opinion that that thoroughly vicious and dangerous document was not now standing at all. Repudiated by the people, denounced by a very large part of the Democracy of the country, most people were of the opinion that what remained of that platform had well nigh fallen to pieces, and left nothing behind it but a wreck and an unhappy memory.

THE Hawaiian Congress has ratified the annexation treaty with the United States unanimously. There was no opposition, and the Hawaiian people are anxious to join with us and come under the flag of Uncle Sam. It is understood that at the next meeting of Congress the President will submit a message that will cover the whole subject, and ultimately lead to our at least establishing a protectorate over the islands. Of course, there is Japan to satisfy if we take possession of the islands, but Japan has very little to say in the matter.

THE Pittsburg Times estimates that the strike in that district has involved a loss to the miners during the eight weeks of its continuance of $2,500,000, and that altogether it has cost the people of the Pittsburg district—coal miners, operators, and the whole commercial world interested—not less than $5,000,000 to $7,000,000. The Philadelphia Record says that it is too soon to fully measure the cost of the strike in the middle coal field, though its terrible cost in human life has been very nearly summed up; but if to the loss of wages be added the trade losses, the destruction of property and the pay of the deputies and militia, it will be seen that the total cost of mining strikes in this State since midsummer will foot up to the proportions of a great catastrophe. Viewing the question in a purely economic sense the query arises: Can the State do nothing to cut down this great waste? Are there no better remedies for industrial wars than contests of endurance? If there be, why not preferably spend a part of the millions wasted in a test of methods more in consonance with the laws of civilization and humanity?

CONGRESSMAN William A. Stone, of Pittsburg, says that the immigration bill prepared by him and passed by Congress, which Grover Cleveland vetoed, has again been prepared and will be reported out of committee as soon after the next Congress meets as possible. This is good news. It will be a blessing to this country if this bill shall be passed at once and sent to the President, who, Congressman Stone says, stands ready to approve the measure as soon as it reaches him. The bill provides that every immigrant shall be educationally qualified to reside here. He must be able to read and write and tell something of the character of the Government. This will put a stop to the wholesale dumping of ignorant foreigners into this country, and it will keep out a most undesirable class of immigrants.

IT WAS pretty generally understood that the decision of Judge Barker in the contest begun by the "fake" primary nominees against the certificate of nomination filed by the party organization declaring Manasses Shoemaker and Ephraim Coleman the Republican nominees for the offices of Poor Director and Jury Commissioner respectively, would be announced on Monday, and there was some slight disappointment that it was not. The almost universal opinion of lawyers and laymen is that when the opinion is delivered, the "fakirs" will get a heart blow and the regular nominees sustained. The "fakirs" themselves apparently anticipate such a result, as is evidenced by the fact that for the past several weeks they have been circulating nomination papers and quietly obtaining signatures to the same. Just what name they have selected under which to continue their fight against the Republican ticket, we have not learned. Their papers will have to be filed in the office of the County Commissioners on or before Tuesday, October 12th, as that is the last day on which nomination papers can be filed.

The President's Outing.

From the Pittsburg News.

Mr. McKinley is not a sportsman, and when desiring change from the routine of official duty, does not take his way down the Chesapeake to fishing grounds in Maryland or to the haunts of the duck in North Carolina. He visits Somerset, shakes hands with the people, hears romances of moonshine distilling, breathes the free air of the mountains, and leaves refreshed in body and spirit and in the enjoyment of the thought that the Keystone state remains steadfast to the principles which he has so long advocated. Then after a period on the treadmill he goes to New England, where the folks make shoes and weave and knit divers kinds of goods, and where, through centuries of culture, they having run largely to brain and spectacles, have ideas of their own, and a disposition to scrutinize. While the tariff bill was pending, they said frequently in a loud tone that they needed cheap leather in order to continue their shoemaking, and that a high duty on hides should not be established for the benefit of the cattle trust and of their western rivals, in St. Louis, for example, and that there should not be too high a duty on wool in the interest of the sheep breeders of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Once or twice their representatives became excited and talked right vigorously through their noses. If any roots of bitterness remained in their minds the president's visit to Massachusetts will be a means of removing them. The school children were especially enthusiastic over him, so very much so that he was compelled to change his purpose and make a speech, in which he said that the boys would soon have to take upon themselves the responsibilities of citizenship. If those responsibilities were upon them now, and he was a candidate, undoubtedly they would vote for him. Some persons would derive more benefit from a trip down the Chesapeake and in the hunting and fishing grounds of the south, than in mingling among the people, which at best is somewhat wearisome, but such persons are sportsmen, which the president is not.

Guess Work in Medicine is Valueless, Especially So in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Hundreds of people write specialists they have some ailment to which they give a name, and ask if it can be cured, and how much will it cost. *Think* of such a proposition *one moment* and see how *impossible* to answer.

The worst cases of failure in medical and surgical work are owing to incorrect diagnosis—treating for the wrong thing. A correct knowledge of a disease or condition can only be gained, even by an expert, by a careful examination. Therefore, if you have any ailment of eye, ear, nose or throat worth spending money on at all, do it right by having an examination first.

Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn avenue, Pittsburg, whose 23 years' experience in such cases gives him the best means of knowing, says that three-fourths of the permanent loss of sight and hearing has been caused by such *guess work* delay.

Take advantage of the Exposition excursions and consult him and *know* what is best.

Capitol Commission Has all Kinds of Trouble.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 24.—Gowen, Hood and Ingersoll of Philadelphia and Wolf and Bailey of this city, on behalf of Cope & Stewardson, Philadelphia, and Allen & Horlow of Pittsburg, two firms of architects submitting competitive plans for the new state capitol, filed a bill in equity against the members of the state capitol building commission late this afternoon.

The action of the commission in throwing out the plans as submitted is a violation of the obligations assumed thereunder and will result in depriving the petitioners of the opportunity of securing one of the prizes therein provided for, and that further it is a disregard and violation of the public duty resting upon the commissioners.

They ask for an injunction restraining the commissioners from selecting an architect in any manner other than provided in the established program and that the defendants be decreed to specifically carry out the provisions of that program.

Apologized by Suicide.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 24.—Edwardo Velasquez, ex-inspector general of police, who confessed to having supervised the lynching of Arroyo, the assailant of President Diaz, blew out his brains with a revolver in Belem prison this morning. A letter was found in the room saying his death was, he felt, the satisfaction he owed to society, and should therefore give that satisfaction by leaving the world. He also said that the killing was suggested by Inspector Villavacencis, of the Second police district, who is in prison. Velasquez added that under other circumstances, not having been a high official authority, nothing could have induced him to take part in the crime.

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Women Cheer Lynchers.

HAWESVILLE, Ky., Sept. 25.—Raymond Bushrod, the negro who assaulted Maggie Roberts, 14 years old, near Petri yesterday, beat her with an iron coupling pin and left her on the railroad grade to die, was lynched here this afternoon. After he had committed the crime he made an attempt to cross the river into Indiana at Tell City, but every boat for 20 miles was watched. He was captured at Fulton, four miles from Petri, by four men, who brought him to Hawesville and surrendered him to the jailer. The officers heard that a mob was in search of the negro and hid him in a graveyard till morning, when he was taken to the jail. Early this morning 800 people gathered in town, and as the rumor was started that militia had been summoned sentries were placed on the hill to give warning of their approach. In the afternoon the mob was made to believe that Bushrod had escaped, and most of the crowd started to pursue him. But a few of the mob were left on guard at the jail, and they discovered an attempt of the officers to take him away. The majority of the lynchers were quickly summoned back and Bushrod was violently torn from the officers.

At 5 o'clock he was marched to the court house square and swung to the limb of a big tree. He was allowed the opportunity to confess and offer a prayer. The county officials did what they could for the prisoner's protection, but public opinion was too well defined. Judge Adair advised with Circuit Judge Owen by telephone, but nothing practical came of it. After the lynching the mob's leader, an Indiana man, made a little talk, in which he pointed to the corpse, saying: "Here's the protection we offer our wives and daughters."

During the lynching not less than 200 women were on the hill overlooking the public square and when the negro's form went up cheers upon top of cheers from them rent the air. In fact, the women gave a double reassurance to the ones engaged that the proper punishment was being meted out. In the march to the place of lynching it was almost impossible to prevent his being killed by infuriated men. Twice was Bushrod knocked down, and it is believed by some that he was unconscious when strung up.

Coroner Mitchell summoned a jury, which returned a verdict that Bushrod died at the hands of unknown persons. There are four churches within a stone's throw of the scene.

LOW RATE EXCURSION.

To the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth.

When the Barnum & Bailey circus exhibits at Johnstown, Sept. 30, it will doubtless be attended by the largest crowd of people that ever attended a circus performance in this vicinity. The railroads realizing this fact, have quoted a very low rate from all stations, and in some instances will run special trains to accommodate the extra traffic. There is nothing that draws the people like a circus, and no circus draws like Barnum & Bailey, America's foremost amusement enterprise, which is, this year, conceded to be of such mammoth proportions that it has surpassed even its own superior reputation of the past and set a new pace for others to follow. Among the many startling features are 70 horses performing in one ring, a dog that plays foot ball, a pig that actually talks so that you can distinguish its words. Miss Ella Ewing, the tallest person in the world, over eight feet high. Great Peter; the smallest man in the world, seventeen years old and weighing only 6¾ pounds. Over a dozen champion riders, including all the greatest, a herd of performing elephants, and all the big aerial acts, including the little girl who is shot from an arrow sixty feet through mid-air. In addition, the Barnum & Bailey Show possesses the finest menagerie on earth, and over 400 horses of the finest breed.

Skeletons in an old Chest.

ALTOONA, Sept. 25.—Workmen, who were repairing the roof of an Eleventh avenue tenement house this morning, discovered the skeletons of two children in an old chest, which was stowed in a corner. One of the skeletons had been stuffed in a large piece of crockery, and the disintegration of the bones would indicate that the body had been mutilated before it was hidden. The second skeleton was swathed in a piece of oil cloth, and tightly bound with rags. The bones wrapped in the oil cloth were larger than the others, and had apparently be en placed in the chest at a more recent date than those in the crockery.

The police were notified, and Coroner McCartney put detectives at work on the case. At a private inquiry held before District Attorney Hammond it was learned that four families have lived in the section of the house where the remains were found during the past two years. The theory advanced by the police is that the children were murdered, at least two years ago, by some person unknown, though the motive is obscured in mystery.

Another Judge for Hastings.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Sept. 25.—The death of Associate Judge R. A. Laird, occurring so soon after the death of his colleague, Judge Geissinger, has occasioned an unusual complication among the Republican politicians. By reason of Judge Laird's death Governor Hastings will have to make another Judicial appointment in this county, and possibly two, inasmuch as it is rumored that Judge Rodgers, the Governor's recent appointee, who was knocked out at the late Republican convention, intends to resign his short term, with the view of seeking a re-appointment at the Governor's hands for Judge Laird's unexpired term.

Will Insist on an Examination of the Versailles Hanging.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 25.—Information has reached this city from Versailles that the grand jury, which has been investigating the recent lynching of the five men at that point, has adjourned without returning any indictments and that the adjournment was final, the jury reporting that there was nothing further for it to do. When the report reached Governor Mount he at once telegraphed to the prosecuting attorney asking for information. A few moments after sending the dispatch he sent for the Attorney General and the two were in conference over the matter for nearly three hours. The Governor requested the State's legal adviser to go to Versailles in the event of the jury's failure to indict and take charge of the investigation in person. He said that he would confer with Judge New and have another grand jury convened at once and the inquiry would proceed without delay.

Horsewhipped by a Woman.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 25.—Pat McDonald, editor of the Western Argus, and a well-known Democratic politician, was cowhided by Mrs. Sarah C. Brady, at 9 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Brady is a widow who came here a few years ago from an Ohio town, and she and her sisters are dressmakers. Yesterday the Argus said that the women had been obliged to move from a neighborhood. This morning she went to the handsome residence of the editor and rang the door bell. Mr. McDonald answered the call, and the infuriated woman sprang forward and pelted him furiously over the head and face. Mr. McDonald pushed the woman from the doorstep and she fell upon the pavement, cutting her head severely. She was arrested.

Does your head feel as though someone was hammering it; as though a million sparks were flying out of the eyes? Have you horrible sickness of the stomach? Burdock Blood Bitters will cure you.

Only a Girl, But a Thief.

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 26.—A queer story was developed to-day through the arrest of fourteen-year-old Ella Rehm, of Faeglesville. Some time ago the girl secured employment at Mrs. Bitner's as a domestic, and three weeks ago Mrs. Bitner's daughter was robbed of some jewelry and a gold school medal.

Miss Bitner consulted a fortune teller and the latter at once told of the loss, described the thief's appearance, which tallied with that of Ella Rehm, and said the stolen articles would be found in a room of Mrs. Bitner's house, concealed behind a washstand, and there, sure enough, they were found.

Miss Bitner liked the girl so much that she decided not to prosecute her, but to attempt her reformation. Last Saturday Miss Bitner had occasion to go to her bureau drawer to get money for paying a bill, and then she found she had been robbed of $168.

She again consulted the fortune teller, who told her the Rehm girl was again the thief, but said she could not locate the money, on account of a veil appearing to obscure her vision.

This robbery was reported to the police, and Chief Hartley to-day arrested the girl at her home. Her mother declared that her daughter is incorrigible, and wants her sent to the House of Refuge.

The youthful prisoner appeared quite unconcerned, and when pressed to tell where the money was she answered saucily: "Go to the fortune teller and find out."

Held up a Train.

MOORHEAD, Minn., Sept. 26.—The west-bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific Railway was held up three miles east of here early this morning. Engineer Hoover, just after pulling out of Elyndon, noticed a man on the front platform of the mail car. The robber climbed over the tank and at the the point of a pistol compelled the engineer to apply the brakes. Three other robbers then came forward, bringing the conductor and brakemen.

The engine was again started. The robbers sat on the tank and ordered the engineer to "keep her moving." Not until the train reached Moorhead was it known that only the engine and mail car had been cut off. When the robbers discovered that they had not cut deep enough into the train, and had failed to secure the treasure in the express safes, they robbed the crew of watches and money and made their escape.

Farmers are Wrought up.

READING, Pa., Sept. 23.—The farmers of Eastern Pennsylvania are in an unusual state of excitement caused by notices just received from the agents of the State requiring them to report to various attorneys and pay over certain sums of money still owing to the State on lands originally purchased from the Commonwealth.

These are unpatented lands and some of these claims extend back to 1733. The act of May 26, 1897, provides for the settlement of all these accounts. Isaac P. Brown, deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, is in charge of the collection. James P. Long is claim agent for Berks.

The original purchasers in this county numbered 1427. These lands are now owned by at least 5000 people. This state of affairs exists in many sections of Pennsylvania. County surveyors are actively at work running lines to see who must pay these backstanding claims. All the happiness of dollar wheat has received a damper.

Attorney Long says: "These claims are for all townships in Berks, 60 in number, excepting one, Amity township. Part of the purchase money is owing on between 70,000 and 80,000 acres, about one-sixth of the county. In some townships money is owing on several thousand acres."

Trip Postponed.

HARRISBURG, Sept 21.—Owing to the outbreak of yellow fever in the South, the proposed trip of the Pennsylvania Tennessee commision to Nashville has been postponed. Oct. 2d had been fixed for the dedication of the Pennsylvania monuments at Chickamauga, and two days later was to have been Pennsylvania day at the Nashville exposition. The exercises at the exposition were called off this afternoon at a meeting of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania commission, and this will necessitate a postponement of dedication exercises at Chickamauga. The exercises have been postponed without date, but they will occur in any event prior to Oct. 25th.

Secretary W. L. Malin, of the Pennsylvania commission, will go to Nashville to-night to ascertain if there is danger of an outbreak of the fever in that city and arrange for the Pennsylvania day exercises. Adjuant General Stewart has on file over 1,500 applications under the recent act of Assembly from Pennsylvania soldiers for transportation to attend the dedicatory exercises at Chickamauga. He will advise each of the applicants of the postponement and later of the time fixed for the exercises.

Taxes Must be Paid Off.

Voters who have not yet paid their taxes should remember that in order to be allowed to cast a ballot at the November election they must do so on or before next Saturday, October 2d. A law made by the last Legislature compels each person to pay his own tax personally to the Collector, or if through another person it must be upon written order. Any person or organization paying taxes for a voter without such order is liable to fine and imprisonment.

To Protect Washington.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 24.—The State board of health has asked Gov. Lowndes to authorize the appointment of a medical officer at Cumberland, to inspect all incoming passenger trains, with the view of warding off yellow fever. Entry may be effected to Baltimore through Washington and Cumberland. Washington is well watched he says, but the Cumberland routes are exposed. The Governor will comply with the request.

VALUABLE HINTS.

Which Suggested Themselves to the Writer while Conversing with the Employe of an Undertaker.

It is astonishing that men live when we read of the history of their disorders. It is more astonishing that they die when we read of "cure-alls." Yet death neither spares a Napoleon who supplied subjects by wholesale, nor physicians who help the work along by retail; not even the grave-digger, who has spent a lifetime in covering up the good as well as the bad deeds of his neighbors—he at last is consigned to his bed of clay, and is covered by his own shovel, to be succeeded by a younger member who awaits the same doom. As our representative interviewed Mr. A. E. Sturgen, of corner of Jefferson and Connecticut streets, Rochester, near Beaver, Pa., with Mr. Jos. Reno, in the undertaking business, the above thoughts suggested themselves to him from the opening sentences of that interview. "I believe," said Mr. Sturgen, "that quite a percentage of the people would not be carried to the graveyard if they had known of Doan's Kidney Pills. Just what brought on my ailment, I do not know, but I have suffered for the past two years, on and off, with a heavy, aching and bearing down pain through the small of my back. The secretions became irregular, high-colored, and deposited a reddish sediment. I was also bothered a good deal with headaches and vertigo. I could not rest well at night, and found it difficult to get into a comfortable position, and I rose unrefreshed in the morning. I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and procured them at a drug store. I used them, and found almost immediate relief. I have used several boxes, and I am now as well as I ever was."

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BANGOR, Me., Sept. 24.—Thomas Coffin, an eccentric rich man, who built a mansion at Winthrop, Me., and who made enormous bonfires upon his lawn of costly furniture and expensive carriages, of which he had grown tired, is lying dead in the town of Lowell, leaving not money enough to pay his burial expenses.

Coffin quarreled with his family and left them. A dozen years ago he reappeared. Where he had been he would never tell. His pockets were stuffed with bills, and he habitually carried a satchel which contained from $30,000 to $50,000 in greenbacks. His stables were full of fine horses, which he shot in fits of caprice.

Will be Tried for Murder.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 23.—The taking of testimony in the case against Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the shooting of striking miners at Latimer concluded yesterday evening, and the judges ruled that sufficient evidence had been produced to hold the defendants for trial on a charge of murder. The sheriff and 73 deputies then came before the bar and entered bail for trial in the sum of $6,000 each, $5,000 for murder and $1,000 for felonious wounding. A bond was provided by a Philadelphia trust company.

Boys Start a Big Fire.

CHILLICOTHE, O., Sept. 23.—The village of Bainbridge was the scene of a disastrous conflagration this afternoon. An entire square containing most of the prominent business houses, several handsome residences and the Methodist church was entirely destroyed and two prominent men lost their lives in an explosion which occurred in the drug store of W. P. Beardsley.

The fire was started in a barn in the rear of Perril Brown's general store by two little boys who were playing with matches.

Two Lucky Klondikers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 25.—J. W. Watrouse, who left Dawson City June 6, last, is in Kansas City. Watrouse is located in the Klondike country at Mill river, which is 325 miles from Dawson City, and has two claims on the Stewart river. In speaking of his experiences in that region, he said:

"I went into that country with N. W. Ferguson, of Independence, Mo., and we have been on the Mill river claims for two years, during which time they have yielded $366,000, of which I invested $125,000 in government bonds for myself and $110,000 for my partner. We struck our first nugget after digging four feet."

A Tragedy of Love.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 25.—Arthur W. May, 24 years old, a blacksmith, shot and killed his sweetheart, Cora Kasemen, 18 years old, sometime during the night, and then killed himself. Their bodies were found this morning in the blacksmith shop of Joseph Smink, where May had been employed. The couple had been sweethearts, and wished to marry, but there was parental objections and it is believed that this led to the tragedy. The bodies were found lying side by side and May's right hand grasped a pistol.

Bitten By His Son.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 26.—Physicians were to day called to attend John F. Jordan of this city, whose 10-year-old son was on Friday night the second person to die out of 11 bitten by a mad bulldog last March. During his son's ravings the little fellow's teeth grazed the father's arm. It was antiseptically treated at the time and no further attention given to it until to-day, when the arm showed an unmistakable swelling and was quite painful.

The Only One To Stand the Test.

Rev. William Copp, whose father was a physician for over fifty years, in New Jersey, and who himself spent many years preparing for the practice of medicine, but subsequently entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, writes: "I am glad to testify that I have had analyzed all the sarsaparilla preparations known in the trade, but

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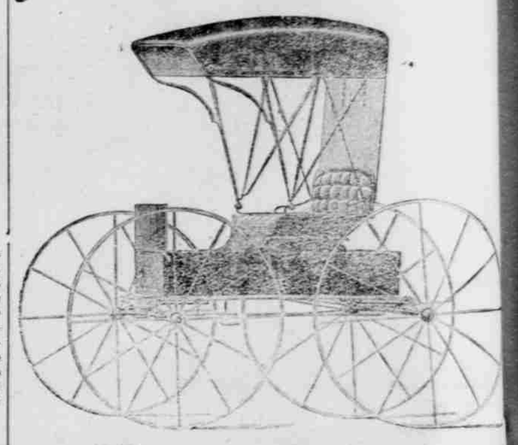

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