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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE two-thirds rule is very safe, says the Statesman. Wait a wee.

A. W. APPLEBY, for some time editor of the Goliad Guard, has retired.

THE National Brewers convention is in session at Rochester, N. Y.

A VERY large majority of the press of the state is in favor of the majority rule.

IT will take the railroads several days to repair damages from the recent heavy flood.

THE South and West will demand that tariff reform be made an issue in the national campaign.

AND now the Statesman blames Governor Ireland for the misdeeds of a few misguided negroes at Hempstead.

THE Statesman says the scheme for boycotting it was a dismal failure; and well it deserved to be too, say we.

IMMENSE rains have recently fallen throughout the state and in many localities crops have been badly injured.

CAMPBELL, the lawyer who defended Berner, has been indicted by the Cincinnati grand jury for bribing a juror.

THE Austin Statesman says its columns stand yawning for the announcement of candidates for county and other offices.

UNCLE DAN'L, he of the Age, has many friends among the newspaper men of Texas, ann they want him to go to Chicago as a delegate.

BEN BUTLER has accepted the nomination for the presidency of the Anti-Monopoly party and he heartily endorses the platform.

GAUDALUPE county claims first-blood under the new law. A fence-cutter has been convicted and sentence to the penitentiory for one year.

THE Orange Tribune man takes comfort in the reflection that the poor man has no bank deposits and bank failures give him no uneasiness of mind.

THE Fort Worth Gazette suggests that a decennial census of the state be taken alternately with the United States census. The idea is not a bad one.

IT is said that the Fort Worth Gazette will issue a September edition of 250,000 copies illustrative of the resources, progress, etc, of Texas.

THE Pecos City Mirror is one of the latest journalistic ventures. Pecos county is young yet and there is plenty of time for a newspaper to grow up with it.

LET us have peace—and free grass, is the prayer of the Fort Worth Gazette. We will have peace, but the days of free grass are numbered with the past.

WAXAHACHIE wants the Santa Fe railway extended there, and with that object in view an enthusiastic railway meeting was held at the courthouse last Saturday.

WILLIAM B. HOLMAN, the New York Sun's man for president, was nominated for congress by the Democrats of the Fourth district of Indiana, on the first ballot.

THERE is in the United States 120,434 miles of railroad. Texas stands sixth in the list of the states with 6076 miles; Illinois occupies the first place with 8927 miles.

J. T. RICHARDSON, a railroad agent at St. Louis, found himself $6000 short in his accounts and made a final settlement by suiciding by shooting himself through the head.

A MORTGAGE on Gen. Grant's farm, once the property of his father-in-law, Dent, near St. Louis, to secure a loan from Vanderbilt, has been recorded at St. Louis.

THE Houston Age says of Capt. Bill Sterrett, that a better representative of Texas Democracy can not very well be chosen as a delegate to the Chicago convention.

THE Dallas Herald thinks that Nat Henderson, him of the Georgetown Record, will fill a seat in the next house of representatives for Williamson county. Maybe so.

ANOTHER car couple has been patented, Houston and New Orleans men being the patentees. There is about as many patent couplers as there is patent churns.

THE Revista, of Monterey, Mexico, is quoted by the San Antonio Light, as saying that the coming triumph of Diaz can hardly be claimed as a Democratic victory.

SHALL it be Galveston or the mouth of the Brazos? That is the question of the hour in Texas, says the Fort Worth Democrat. It is likely to be the mouth of the Brazos.

IN the case of the state vs. ex-comptroller Brown tried at Austin, judgement was rendered against Brown and his sureties for $5839, principal and interest and costs of suit.

THERE is talk of a local, or mutual insurance company at San Antonio. Mutual insurance companies do well till a disastrous conflagration comes—then they "bust."

CAPT. P. E. PEARSON, of Richmond, Fort Bend county, is now regularly in the field as a candidate for congress in the 7th district. He is seeking the Democratic nomination.

FOR ten years there has not been such activity as France is now displaying in the creation of her navy. At the present moment four iron clads, two being turret ships, are in course of construction.

BURGLARS broke into the vault of the city treasurer of East St. Louis and got about $3000 belonging to the city and $10,000 belonging to other parties and a large amount in city scrip and bonds.

THE Houston Journal publishes a lengthy communication in opposition to holding a county nominating convention. Opposition to conventions is developing throughout the state, especially in county affairs.

THE Vernon Guard regards the Dallas Times as a Republican paper in disguise, its red-headed Democracy having a tendency to run timid men out of the Democratic party and into the Republican camp.

"MUGWUMP" is a new word lately introduced in the political literature of the day by one of the New York papers. The meaning of it is by no means clear, but it is evidently not intended as a complimentary term.

THE failure of the Grants is at least satisfactorily explained. Jesse Grant parts his hair and whiskers in the middle, English fashion, and that accounts for all the misfortune that has overtaken the Grant family.

MAHONE, of Virginia, having sold himself body and soul to the Republicans, his former readjuster friends have dropped him and returned to the Democratic fold where they will fight him and all other Republicans.

MCGARY, of the Age, ought to be under many obligations to the BANNER for giving him a boom as a large capitalist and railroad promoter. Those who don't know him will think that he is the Jay Gould of Houston.

THE Austin Statesman denies explicity that it is in any way connected with or responsible for the reported boycotting of the labor unions of Austin. The report was telegraphed from Austin to some of the daily papers.

THE monument to be erected over the graves of Dawson's men, who fell at Salado, September 1, 1842, has been completed at an Austin marble yard and will soon be sent to LaGrange where the remains of the heroes are buried

THE Galveston Record says Uncle Dan'l, he of the Age, suggests Randall for the presidency, and that this is not orthodox Democracy according to the Texas idea. A number of Texas Democratic papers are calling Randall a traitor.

A SPECIAL to the News from Washington, says that A. F. Higgs, manager of several refrigerating enterprises in Texas, says he has perfecting arrangements for buying out the local interests in the slaughtering establishments at Fort Worth.

THE El Paso Lone Star strikes the key note when it says, "if it wasn't for the simple item of sugar the state of Louisana would undoubtedly array itself in the ranks of the free traders." Individual interest has much to do with views of the tariff question.

A FEW of the hot-headed Democratic papers of the state want to read Hon. Sam Randall out of the Democratic party, while the more conservative portion of the press is willing to concede that Randall and those who agree with him are entitled to their opinion.

THE committee held at Cuero on Tuesday instructed for Ireland and Gibbs, and Crain for congress, also for the abrogation of the two-thirds rule. The two-thirds rule is going and the Statesman had as well prepare to take a farewell look at it before the convention meets.

BY the treaty of peace signed at Shanghai by the representatives of the Chinese and the French governments, the whole empire of Annam has virtually passed into the hands of France. Henceforth the latter country will be a formidable rival of England in Farther India.

AFTER four years of active service Mr. J. H. Crowley, master of transportation of the Santa Fe road has resigned. Mr. Crowley was a popular man, both with the employes and patrons of the company. He is succeeded by James M. Phillips, formerly of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis railway.

GALVESTONS' deep-water committee at Washington occupy their time interveiwing congressmen and putting in a good word in favor of deep-water. It is said that the Eads bill has the respectful consideration of the committees of the House and Senate, though the fate of the bill is regarded as very uncertain this session.

THE national convention season was opened at Chicago by the anti-monopolists who nominated Ben Butler for president. The following national conventions are yet to come: Greenback Labor, at Indianapolis, May 28; Republican, in Chicago, June 19; Democratic, in Chicago, July 8, and Prohibition, in Pittsburg, July 23.

AFTER a careful examination of the coloring agents used by coffee importers and others in New York for improving the looks of their goods, the health commissioner has issued an order prohibiting the use in this connection of chrome yellow or orange, or any substance containing lead and celestial blue, or any substance containing Prussian blue.

THE North American Review for June is a splendid number. Henry D. Lloyd shows how every branch of production is coming under the control of the "Lords of Industry," corporations and monopolies. Without particularizing it is only necessary to say that the other contributions are fully up to the high standard maintained by this magazine.

YEARS ago it was suggested that a suitable monument be erected over the remains of Sam Houston, but in a brief time the matter was dropped. The subject has again been revived by the Austin Capitol and it is hoped that something may be done this time. If the ladies interest themselves in having a monument built their efforts will certainly be crowned with success.

GALVESTON Record: An aphorism suggested by recent developments in New York is terse and full of meaning. "Those who do not gamble will not lose by gambling." Grapple that truism to your heart with hooks and steel, young man, and it may save you mortification of being obliged to stand off the barkeeper for cocktail and then go without breakfast some fine morning.

JUDGE STANLEY MATTHEWS, a stalwart Republican, is of the opinion that the Democrats have done everything in their power to make Republican success next November certain. Mr. Matthews said that Judge Field's prospects for the Democratic nomination are stronger now than they were four years ago. He says also that Field has been non-committal on the tariff question and would be acceptable to both factions of the party.

THE Methodists, at their annual conference in Philadelphia, decided that it was unwise to license female preachers. Dr. Buckley, chairman of the subject, among other things, in closing said: "Women have full opportunity in the Methodist Church to speak; they have perfect freedom; but to make them ministers is traught with danger at every step. I do not believe that a woman can do her own work and a man's as well."

THE Fort Worth Gazette tells what it has done for Dallas. It says it has done more to arouse the sleepers of Dallas than all the agencies combined; that it advocated commissioner Etliot; that it has boomed Capt. Bill Sterrett; that it is booming Hon. Olin Willburn; that it printed a full report of the cattlemen's convention and it has puffed Dallas, and in return for all these kindnesses Dallas wants to furnish candidates for all the offices.

THE Austin Statesman is working very hard to defeat Governor Ireland for the nomination. But the people are on the side of Ireland and his nomination may be regarded as almost a certainty. It says: "Texas never before exhibited such apathy at the inception of a political campaign." The reason for the apathy is, the people are satisfied with Ireland and the administration and they do not desire a change, especially in the head of the ticket.

FORT WORTH Gazette: He who takes the six-shooter shall die by the six-shooter, is what would have been said some 1540 years ago if that useful hip-pocket adornment had displaced the sword at that period. Jesse James went that way; Ben Thompson went that way; and now Bogan Cash of South Carolina, who was becoming illustrious as a local desperado, is snuffed out by a deputy marshal's pistol practice. Who will be the next to aspire to their shoes?

THE next legislature will act wisely in passing the law, asked by the Texas druggists, requiring all pharmacists to stand an examination as to competency before taking a position behind a prescription stand. Doctors are required to have a certificate and druggists clerks should also be required to give proof of competency before they take the lives of people in their hands by putting up the wrong medicine.

THE Waco Day says the Examiner will soon undergo another change in management. It will be merged with the Sunny South publishing company and continued under its present management. Capt. Elgin and Major Downs retain their stock in the new concern and Capt. Elgin will be the editor. The paper will have a new dress, be enlarged to eight pages and be generally improved. This will be far better than having two morning papers as the town will not support them.

ON Friday morning the Galveston News met with a serious accident to its new type printing press. An electrotype plate was wrested from its position and broke one of the cylinders of the press; the publication of the paper was delayed till late in the afternoon. Through the courtesy of Shaw & Blaylock the News is able to have its press work done. In a few days its press will be repaired. Much disappointment was expressed here at the non-receipt of the News, Friday.

THE BANNER some time ago advanced the idea that the man who accidentally shot himself with his pet revolver was served right, but the San Antonio Express goes a step further and says the man who accidentally shoots himself with a pistol nowadays may be considered in some parts as a public benefactor, as he serves a good example of the danger of habitually carrying a pistol upon his person. The man who shoots himself is entitled to no more sympathy than the man with a boil on his nose.

WACO Day: A uniform, just and national bankrupt law is as essential for the well-being of a commercial nation as any other law involving the protection of life, liberty and property. There are two or three bills now before congress providing for the establishmnnt of a national system of dealing with insolvency. Any one of them is worthy of becoming a law and if congress consults the views of the business community it will not hesitate much longer about passing one of these bills.

THE San Antonio Times remarks that there is a great deal of sameness in the editorials of the Dallas Herald. Its editor Maj. Elliott, who is chief commissioner to the New Orleans Exposition, is engaged in arousing the people of Texas to the importance of securing a proper exhibit of the state's industrial resources at the exposition. We may be permitted to say that Major Elliott never does anything by halves; he will devote his entire energy to the task before him, and should be assisted by the entire press of the state.

THE Galveston News' pet colored Statesman, Hon. Richard Nelson, whom it somestime ago had the honor of suggesting as a fit man for the Republicans to nominate for governor, has nearly a whole column devoted to him in Saturday's issue. Richard has had some one to write a letter for him which is published over his signature in the Fort Worth Gazette. Richard is very small game, and it is as much a waste of ammunition to devote space to him, as it would be to shoot at blackbirds with buckshot.

THOSE who favor protection are not at any loss for argument. It is claimed, and not without reason, that the growth of this country for the past twenty-five years is the wonder of the world. Our manufacturing products have increased from $1,885,000,000 in 1860 to $5,369,000,000 in 1880. The agricultural development shows a like gratifying progress. All of this having been accomplished during an era of protective tariffs, the protective tariff men use the figures as an argument in their favor, but they fail to show that manufacturing and agricultural industries would suffer if the tariff was materially reduced.

SAN ANTONIO Times: The Governor has appointed quite a multitudinous number of honorary commissioners to the New Orleans Exposition. In order that the few citizens of our state who were not made "honoraries" may not grow envious to such a degree as to injure their digestion, we take occasion to say that the honorary commissioners will have to pay their own railroad fare and hotel bills just like common people and that there is no salary attached to their office. It is one of those cases where the honor, pure and simple, is expected to amply compensate the wearer for all the service the office may require him to perform.

MR. RANDALL thinks that congress will be ready to adjourn by July.

THE New York Sun says the only practicable way to reduce the revenue surplus at present is to reduce the internal revenue. This means the abolition of the whiskey, beer and tobacco tax and the disbandment of the army of revenue officials. If it be found impossible to get a reduction in the tariff let the internal revenue system by wiped out of existence. A majority of the people would rather have cheap goods than cheap whiskey and tobacco, and as for beer that is about as cheap as it would be were there no tax on it at all. The Sun entertains views on the tariff question that are not endorsed in the West and South, and neither is its opposition to river and harbor improvements.

THE Marshall Herald states, on what it says is the best authority, that when Gen. Sam Houston was United States senator from Texas, he confided to an old friend and former partner of his, now living in New Orleans, the secret and private history of his (Houston's) life, under the sacred and solemn injunction and promise that, the same should not be published until they both were dead. The secret instrument is still in existence, and thus far the sacred trust has been kept. When Houston's old partner and friend shall have passed away, the life of Gen. Sam Houston, as written by himself will be given to the world and until then the true history of Sam Houston will not be known.

THE press demands the enactment of a uniform and just bankrupt law by congress. Such a law would no doubt be a good thing, but the difficulty is in simplifying it so that it may be made effective at a minimum cost. Under the old national bankrupt law there was a great deal of red-tap, and the bankrupt with assets of only a few hundred dollars had them all consumed in fees and left his creditors without anything. It is that feature of the law that must be guarded against. It is possible for all the states to have a uniform bankrupt law, but the laws for the collection of debts must necessarily vary to suit the circumstances and conditions of the several states. Laws that work well in the collection of debts in one state might be found to be not only burdensome, but onerous in other states.

COL. L. E. EDWARDS, of Austin, died at Galveston on Monday from the effects of wounds inflicted with a knife by Mr. T. L. Wren in Austin about three weeks ago. An inquest was held and a verdict returned that deceased came to his death from wounds inflicted with a sharp instrument in the hands of a person unknown to the jury. Mr. Wren was arrested at Austin and put under a $2000 bond. Col. Edwards was at one time a citizen of Brenham. He was 43 years of age. Col. Edwards served in the federal army during the late war, and in 1866 was ordered to Texas as a supervisor of registration. He was known as a fighting man, but had many friends and was a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor and Odd Fellows. He was inspector general of state volunteers with the rank of lieutenant colonel under Gen. Claiburne.

FROM time to time the press has urged the people to awaken from their apathy and take some interest in politics. Primaries have been held throughout the state to elect delegates to county conventions, to elect delegates to the state conventions, to elect delegates to the national convention, and it is fair to assume that hardly five per cent. of the Democratic voters of the state attended the primary meetings, which were the only ones in which they had any voice. After the national convention meets the men who were prominent by their absence from the primary meetings will be the very first ones to cry out against the politicians. So it has been for years, and so it is likely to be in the future. If there is any blame to be attached to politicians the people themselves are to blame for the blame.

SHEFFIELD is the name of a new town located on the Tennssee river near the old town of Tuscumbia, Ala. The Baltimore Manufacturers Record gives an extended account of the foundation of the town. The Gordon Brothers of Georgia found the situation to be an excellent one for the location of a great manufacturning city; they bought the property, advertised it, formed a joint stock company and did some more advertising. At the sale of town lots, the first one offered brought $1000 and in the second day of the sale $8900 was paid for a lot 150 feet square. Sheffield is contiguous to the iron district and it is safe to say that within two or three years it will have a population of 10,000 with all the modern conveniencies of a city, and it will be manufacturing that will build it up. Farm lands in the vicinity will be proportionately enhanced in value.

Every smoker should try "Lit-Jkoer."

STATE NEWS.

—All is now quiet at Hempstead.

—There is still a few cases of measles in Bellville.

—Corpus Christi pays her mayor a salary of $100 per month.

—At last Houston has banished the festive town cow and vagrant horse.

—Several very handsome residences are being constructed at Lampasas.

—Prospects for a good crop in the vicinity of Denton are very discouraging.

—Fruit growers in the vicinity of Waco report the crop as unusually promising.

—Huntsville's new and elegant opera house was formally opened on Thursday night.

—The new water works reservoir at Corsicana burst its dam during the recent rain.

—The waters are subsiding in the swollen water-courses and the damage is less than first estimates

—Ella Garrett, a San Antonio woman, has made three attempts to suicide; she will finally succeed.

—At Willis, according to the local paper, strawberries are very scarce, but fleas are very plentiful.

—The local newspaper men of Austin have held a meeting and will soon organize a local press club.

—It is stated that over $600,000 worth of buildings are now in course of construction at Fort Worth.

—A fellow calling himself Dr. Henry Slude and claiming to be a spiritualist, took in the people of Beaumont last week.

—The citizens of San Saba contributed one hundred dollars to Rev. J. M. Carroll, who is conducting a protracted meeting.

—Sam Jackson, a colored railway man, was robbed of $40 at Denison by a bogus policeman, who pretended to arrest him.

—A large dappled brown horse, the property of the lamented Ben Thompson, will soon be sold at Austin at administrators sale.

—The San Saba News does up the picnic season with snatches of poetry, which strange to say, have no references to ticks and redbugs.

—News has been received at Dallas from Austin to the effect that the Court of Appeals has affirmed the verdicts in the Dallas county gambling cases.

—The El Paso Lone Star says the city jail is not a "cooler" but a sweat-box. It states, however, that it does not know this from actual experience.

—Dallas was almost inundated by the heavy rain fall, and the steam engines had to be called into service to pump the water out of the cellars on Wednesday.

—The San Antonio Light devotes over a column to a slugging match which took place on Sunday night. About 500 were in the hall to witness the exhibition.

—Bonham has a brass band; it serenaded the News, and the News actually returns thanks for it. A serenade from an ordinary brass band is enough to make one crazy.

—Pecos City is about to organize a brass band. L. C. Schilling, formerly of Brenham is the chief organizer. The local paper says Pecos needs a band and must have it.

—An indignation meeting was held a Big Springs the other day and a series of resolutions were passed condemning the assassination of C. W. Hynson. The assassin is still at large.

—W. Y. Leader, of Austin, a man who is always in trouble, now has a Dr. Stoddard before the United States commissioner on a charge of sending an obcene letter through the mails to him.

—One Warner who was tried for cattle stealing at Cleburne and acquitted, made an attack on county attorney Plummer and used him up, because in the prosecution the attorney was very severe on him.

—The San Antonio Times gives a half column account of the Sunday night slugging match. The hall was very disagreeably hot, but is it safe to say that more people were present than in any one of the churches.

—William Mundine tried at Giddings for the murder of Keuffer and acquitted, is also under indictment for the murder of Morose; this case was continued by the state and he was admitted to bail in the sum of $1000, which he gave.

—Epps and Underwood alleged stage robbers are soon to be transferred from Sherman to Dallas, where they will be tried before the United States court. Underwood was prominently connected with the Bass gang, some five years ago.

—A wool buyer named Seigman was met on the road between Baird and Coleman by highwaymen and robbed of $30 and a valuable gold watch and chain. They afterwards offered to sell the watch to Seigman and agreed to leave it at Weatherford.

—In McLennan county the demand for labor is in excess of the supply. Farmers are in Waco daily looking for cotton-choppers and offering $1.50 a day. The city marshal finds it difficult to keep his street gang up owing to the demand for hands.

—At Longview some white gamblers were arrested and fined, they retaliated on the colored brethern and the result was that a herd of twelve negro gamblers were literally driven before a justice of the peace and each one of them was fined $30 and the trimmings.

—Farmers in Bosque valley suffered greatly from the overflow, and nearly, if not all, the farmers in McLennan county in the Brazos bottom below Waco were submerged; some of the overflowed farms escaped with light injury, while on others crops were entirely swept away.

—At Bastrop the other evening two negroes had a fight and one of them got whipped. The whipper's friends renewed the quarrel with the whipper and a battle royal ensued in which rocks, knives, pistol were used. There were some broken heads and a fine prospects for a dead negro soon.

—James McNelly was tried in Galveston for having wronged Louisa Vecke; he was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. He was informed that if he would marry the girl the verdict would be set aside; he married her there and then, the judge of the criminal court officiating.

—At Rio Grande City, Davis and Tund tried to settle an old feud by shooting it out. Ten shots were exchanged, Tund was shot in the thigh and leg and so far as accounts go the feud remains in the same untranquil condition that it was before the shooting commenced. When one of them is killed it will be settled.

—At Valley Mills the Bosque was a mile wide, putting two miles of the Santa Fe track under water and washing away 1500 feet of track. The railroad company transfers passengers and in three days will be ready for freight. The damage in the vicinity is estimated at $75,000. At Clifton the water reached the second story of the mill.

—C. W. Hynson, a young man, was assassinated and killed at Big Springs last Tuesday night. Hynson was a barkeeper and at 12 o'clock at night, while he was waiting on customers, some one from the outside fired a load of buckshot into him killing him instantly. Last fall at Baird, Hynson shot and killed Harry Merchant. Hynson expected to be killed, and when shot he said, "they have got me at last," and so they had. The assassin escaped.

—The financial statement of Travis county for four years commencing January 1, '80 and ending January 1, '84 is just published in the Statesman. The financial condition of the county is good. The law is explicit in demanding that each county publish a financial statement quarterly, and post a financial statement quarterly. The manner in which this provision is violated in many counties in the state affords the grand juries splendid opportunities for indicting commissioners' courts, and they should take advantage of it. County officers should obey the laws.

HILL county now has four papers, the Hillsboro Mirror, established in 1881, the Hubbard City News, the Whitney Messenger, and last the Hillsboro Visitor, established a week or two ago. It is not long since a new paper was started at Hillsboro and it would seem the Visitor has stepped in and taken its place. The Mirror thinks that Hill county can well support four papers, but that is plenty for the present. The Mirror is a good county weekly; it is well edited and gives the county news, and is in our opinion ample to supply the present demand of Hillsboro, but inasmuch as there is no scarcity of room there is no harm in establishing another paper. There is one fact in regard to newspapers that the people should not overlook, it is this: One good prosperous paper, that is making money for its proprietors, is worth more than three or four half starved papers, none of which are able to make a decent living—the difficulties under which such papers labor makes it impossible to get out a good paper.

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FRED DOUGLASS has lost prestige since his last matrimonial venture. His white wife has greatly curtailed his influence, political and otherwise. He was not only defeated for the temporary chairmanship of the Colored Conference at Pittsburgh a few days ago, but a motion to allow him even to be heard evoked marked opposition. He is no longer a power among his race.

Who is Mrs. Winslow?

As this question is frequently asked, we will simply say that she is a lady for who upwards of thirty years has untiringly devoted her time and talents as a female physician and nurse, principally among children. She has especially studied the constitution and wants of this numerous class, and, as a result of this effort, and practical knowledge, obtained in a lifetime spent as a nurse and physician, she has compounded a Soothing Syrup for children teething. It operates like magic—giving rest and health, and is moreover, sure to regulate the bowels. In consequence of this article, Mrs. Winslow is becoming world-renowned as a benefactor of her race; children certainly do rise up and bless her; especially is this the case in this city. Vast quantities of the Soothing Syrup are daily sold and used here. We think Mrs. Winslow has immortalized her name by this valuable article, and we sincerely believe thousands of children have been saved from an early grave by its timely use, and that millions yet unborn will share its benefit, and unite in calling her blessed. No Mother has discharged her duty to her suffering little one, in our opinion, until she is given it the benefit of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Try it, mothers—try it now.—Ladies' Visitor, New York City. Sold by all druggists. 25 cents a bottle.

Four large cold-storage warehouses are now in operation in New York City, and it is said that the time is not far distant when cold air will be served in pipes throughout the city just as gas and water are now. One of the novel features of the new Washington Market, now being constructed is a network of pipe running through the building, through which frozen air will be furnished to different meat stands.