

IDEAL SPECULATIONS.

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It is a humiliating confession that in this era of enlightened progress, law and equity are so discordant in theory and practice as to require distinct tribunals for their administration.

By such an arrangement, the courts could keep well up with the dockets, and the lawyers freed to prepare for trial with a reasonable time and take the responsibility of whatever wrong their clients may suffer from want of prompt preparation, and cost be saved to litigants and the public.

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GEN. WHITTHORNE is after Robeson with a sharp stick, and will, if firmly backed, uncover a startling amount of corruption in the naval Department.

THE Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, has published an unanswerable argument in favor of a legal tender currency, demonstrating its superiority over the Radical hard money scheme, and pointing out the evils that will follow contraction and forced re-emption.

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THE New York Tribune publishes General Lee's letter from Scribner, and refers to it in these handsome terms: "The letter from General Robert E. Lee to Jefferson Davis, published on our sixth page, is far more edifying than the one that the country court of those to whom the legal and official duty belong to the deplorable condition of the river. Farmers cannot bring their produce to market, owing to the bad condition of this road, which is, or ought to be a county road."

OF those who filled the office of Governor of this State before war, only Neil S. Brown and Isham G. Harris are living, and of these only Harris was a candidate for Governor, but defeated before the war, only Gustavus A. Henry and John Natherton are living.

SPEAKER KERR has written a letter to J. H. Beall, of Philadelphia, in which he says: "It is not my desire in any degree whatever that my name shall be used in connection with the anti-slavery cause of the year. The Indiana Democrats will present to our national convention another of her sons as a candidate for presidency, Governor Hendricks, in whose aid I have no objection to my name being used for that high place I will stand with them in hearty co-operation."

ABOUT 250 hogsheads sold since last Tuesday morning. Prices are full for all well ordered tobacco. But little sale on the market. Sales begin on Monday of each week, and continue until all offerings are disposed of. We quote: Lugs, 3 50 to 4 00; Common Leaf, 2 25 to 3 00; Good Leaf, 10 75 to 15 00.

WE have lost in annual products since the beginning of the contraction policy in 1858, more than \$600,000,000 a year, or \$1,000,000,000 in the National debt during the last seven years, and this whole loss has been the result of an attempt on the part of our Congress to turn the 5-20 bonds into gold bonds. Now, leaving entirely out of consideration the question of hard or soft money—contraction or inflation—resumption or non-resumption, "rag-baby" or "honest" money—here is an issue which ought not to be clouded down by epithets or recitals of sectional animosities. It is believed that this act of 1869 was a job. Nay, it is positively asserted at the seat of government, Mr. Dunn gave a personal history of the passage of the act quite recently, claiming to have the best evidence that it was a premeditated Wall street design to devalue the currency and augment the value of the bonds. Just before the passage of the act he says that a gentleman well known to the wall of stock gamblers came into the room where he was sitting and informed him of an opening through which a good thing might be secured, and when this opening came to be explained, it appeared in a resolution, carefully prepared, that had been placed in the hands of the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, to be offered on the first opportunity, that pledged the Government to the payment of the bonds in gold.

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