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Les $40,000 que la Loterie de la Louisiane doit payer d'apres les conditions de la charte qui lui a été accordée en 1868, appartiendront a l'Hopital de Charité de la Nouvelle Orleans et cette charte est reconnue comme obligatoire par l'Etat, pour la periode de temps y specifiée a l'exception de la clause lui accordant un monopole qui est abrogée, et toutes lois contraires aux prescriptions de cet article sont, par les presentes, declarées nulles et non avenues; POURVU QUE la dite compagnie enregistra, dans les 60 jours qui suivont la ratification de cette Constitution, au bureau du Secretaire d'Etat. une rénonciation écrite a tout ce qui a trait a un monopole.

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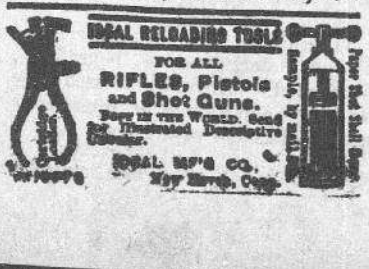

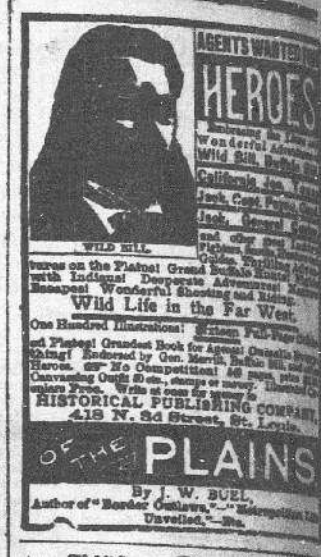

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