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A Double-Sheet To-morrow.

The fall season has opened with such an early demand for space upon the advertising columns of the STAR that a double-sheet will be issued to-morrow. Advertisers will confer a favor by sending in their orders early.

The Commissioners, no doubt, mean well in asking the Cabinet officers to forbid government employes from purchasing lottery tickets under penalty of dismissal, but haven't they undertaken a pretty heavy contract? It is gratifying, of course, to know that our Commissioners have the capacity not only to discharge their own duties satisfactorily, but to be able to give advice and assistance to the heads of the national government as to how they shall run their departments. It was supposed that the Commissioners had considerable on hand yet in the line of their own official duties, in the way of protecting the interests of the 200,000 people of the District, dealing with grievances, abating nuisances, defending the rights and property of the citizens from the corporations of railroad corporations, remedying evils in the shape of inefficient police, defective water supply, unsatisfactory garbage service, ice-ridden and badly heated and ventilated school houses, rotten pavements, broken sidewalks &c. It would seem, however, that in some quiet, unobtrusive way unknown to the public the Commission is having it all successfully with all these knotty problems, and now want to enlarge their jurisdiction and undertake the supervision of the "mental morals" and pocket expenditures of the government employes. Have they calculated the scope of the work they have volunteered for? Have the government officials the degree of ownership in their employes to dictate to them what they shall do with their earnings? Could not the employes claim the protection of the Emancipation act? If not, where would the line be drawn for the enforcement of the penalty? What is a lottery, anyhow? Would a Christmas turkey raffle come under that head? Would a turn at the Wheel of Fortune, or a dip in the grab-bag of a church fair, or a purchase of the chance of drawing the oyster in a church fair stew, render the clerk liable to dismissal? If not why not?

And if the Commissioners propose to prevent the clerks from wasting their money, can they stop at lotteries? Will not whiskey, and beer, and cigars—or the clerks who indulge in them—have to go? And how about billiards and ten-pins? Clerks waste a good deal of money in these ways, frequently to their moral and physical as well as mental harm. Often some of the clerks dress better than they can well afford, or are ambitious in their style of hash, and have anxieties about the means of settling with their tailors and landladies calculated to cause "mental demoralization" unfitting them for good service. Should they be allowed to do these things? Other questions of the kind rise too fast for resort. The Commissioners have certainly undertaken a big contract.

Since the day when Ethan Allen demanded the surrender of Ticonderoga in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress, it has been understood that the federal legislature is only next to Omnipotence. Yesterday furnished two illustrations of this popular theory. The leader chairman in Virginia, even as a single representative, and that as yet in the future, is already clothed with great and saving powers, for the Hon. Mr. Goode ascribed the political redemption of Virginia to "God and John S. Barbour." And, as THE EVENING STAR announced yesterday, the Attorney General declares that time cannot be altered in its course without the consent and authority of an act of Congress.

A judgment has been affirmed against the Pullman car company which will increase the safety and comfort of its patrons. A traveler in one of its cars was robbed while asleep of valuables, and secured a verdict of $500 in a lower court. The case being appealed, the Supreme Court held that the object of a passenger in paying for a berth was to sleep, and that the company engaged to furnish him a reasonable and proper degree of protection while in that helpless condition.

The Jersey Central war, that for a time did fail, how rudely thundering swells the gale, and Conkling is the cry, that sarcastic statesman teasing witnesses and quarreling with Brother Robeson and other legal lights by the column. The courtroom is crowded, but the merits of the controversy excite less interest than the dickerings around the counsel table.

The failure of a prominent hotel proprietor in New York is announced. We suppose his clerk has been buying that famous Porter Rhodes consolidation lately brought from the African mines, and which has ever since been the ambition of all the actresses and crockery heads of Europe.

BIG BARGAINS IN PIANOS.

Standard makes, fully guaranteed. Several Cottage Scale Boudoir Grands, Square Pianos, Upright Pianos, Cabinet Organs, at only $150, $160, $175, $200, $225, $250, $275, $300, $325, $350, $375, $400, $425, $450, $475, $500, $525, $550, $575, $600, $625, $650, $675, $700, $725, $750, $775, $800, $825, $850, $875, $900, $925, $950, $975, $1,000, $1,025, $1,050, $1,075, $1,100, $1,125, $1,150, $1,175, $1,200, $1,225, $1,250, $1,275, $1,300, $1,325, $1,350, $1,375, $1,400, $1,425, $1,450, $1,475, $1,500, $1,525, $1,550, $1,575, $1,600, $1,625, $1,650, $1,675, $1,700, $1,725, $1,750, $1,775, $1,800, $1,825, $1,850, $1,875, $1,900, $1,925, $1,950, $1,975,