

he could not grant a full pardon, for there remained a strong doubt as to his innocence of the terrible out of a sound sleep to go toward the crime.

The Mississippi river is still rising, reports to the contrary notwi thstanding. The chief of the weather bureau at Washinfton under date March 28th, says:

"There is great danger yet to come from the flood in the region from Helena southward to New Orleans.

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Vickson to use during a

His name is Tom, and when addressed he will quickly respond, even waking the clerks will sing out some word or words in which the syllable "tom" is

emphasized, and to that he pays no attention. But let any one call, "Tom, it's dinner time!" and forthwith he walks across the room, reaches up with his paws to a tin pail, claws it down and comes bringing it in his mouth. Tom is passionately fond of music. At the cry of "Hand organ!" he climbs to a high window seat, but at the words

"Here's a dog!" he slinks under a desk. Churchill. It is a maltese Angora, with-

out spot and with a particularly cunlate Lord Randolph Churchill during be rigged to hoist the painter. to that year or two when his strong mind

failed and every effort was made to Ar Badar over'a charts cord, and then sent them skylark-Vicksburg vicksburg tent, meowing if a strange step came, ing through the pipe. As a spectacle it the levees and of course her children were very was fine, but the heat from the powder be one of bright. When this Churchill cat was burned off the chain, and the string told to "Go play the piano," she would was left at its starting point. Then the immediately walk back and forth upon younger foreman tried. He had made a the keys of the baby grand in the boukite having two strings, one of which doir. "Now sit for your victure," meant went through a pulley attached near the to assume a demure position, with her kite, which had a small iron weight paws in line, her tail neatly curled fastened to its upper end, the intention

The honest man, whoe'er he be, Is proved of heaven's bliss an heir Beyond the grave-if heaven be there. -J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

A SMOKESTACK PROBLEM.

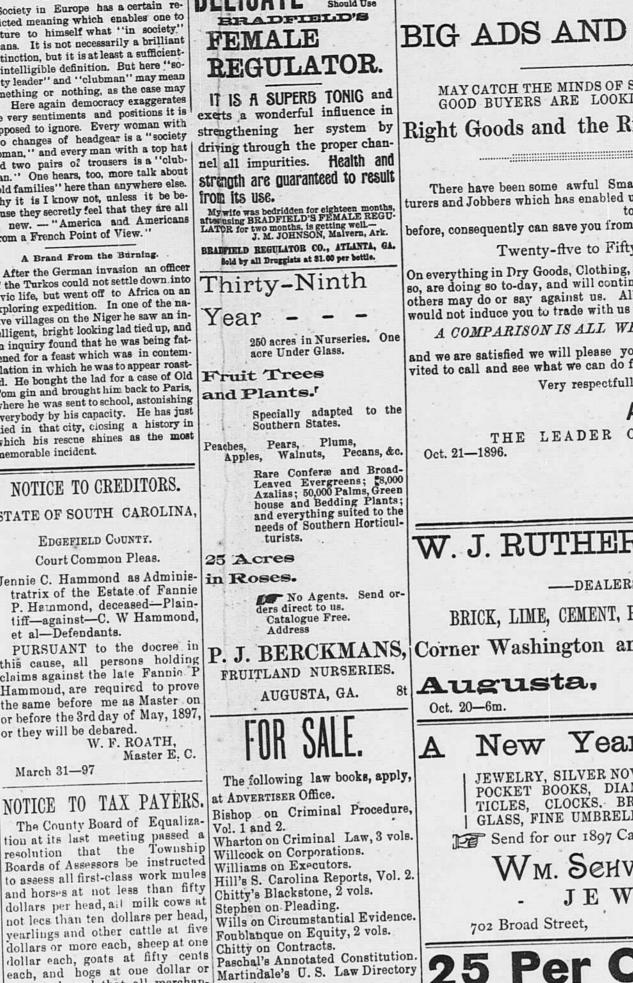
Many Schemes That Failed Before the High Chimney Was Painted. At the cement works on the west shore of Hempstead harbor there is a smokustack 123 feet high and 3 feet in diameter which has long needed paintmore each, and that all merchaning. The manager thought the time had come to dispose of the job. Two of the dise, mills and machinery, and all foremen, the shovel engineer and a other property be assessed at its England belongs to Lady Randolph young carpenter set their wits to work true value, and that this notice be published in all the county papers through the pipe's interior and down on and that it be a sufficient notice the outside so that an apparatus could

to all who have failed to return all their property for taxation, and One of the Italians suggested letting a pigeon loose to fly up inside of the d only half the make

being to fly the kite until it was direct-

ly over the smokestack, and then lower

the weight down into the interior.



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floods ever

Weather conditions now indicate additional heavy rainfall in the middle and lower Mississippi valleys, which will materially intensify conditions.

Those living in districts overflowed in former years should be on the are side and transfer stock and movable property to places of known safety while there is yet time.

Farmers do not seem to be aware of the double loss sustained through the grinding of cobs by millers. Corn is taken to the mill at the rate of 70 lbs to bu. Fourteen lbs are deducted for cobs and are not paid fcr, but the miller grinds these with oat hulls, making No 3 chop. which sells at \$12 to 14 per ton, thus giving the miller a clear profit. This cheap chop is un. bealthful and its sale should not be allowed. A friend of mine recently lost two shoats and was unable to assign a cause. He called a veterinary surgeon, ' who found that death had resulted fron clog ging of the intestines with this cheap chop. The man had paid \$7 for a half ton of chop and had lost \$50 from its use. The man ufacture and sale of it should be stopped and then there would be an increased demand for rye, oats and corn. State Grange Master Leonard Rhone is investigating the matter in that state. Why shouldn't we have pure food laws for the animals as well as for hu mau beings?-A. B. Steele, Center

Co, Pa.

A young Italian is working told her by her consin in Meerat, northmiracles in London-performing western India. It took place in the fea's which are miraculous in house of the sister of the narrator. Of comparison for instance, with the its absolute accuracy there can be no comparison for instance, with the rovelation of the Roentgen rays. question. The two sisters in India are connected with families of repute and Nothing more startling could be with officers in the British army in Inasked, in the way of a scientiury dia. We give the story as the lady here sensation for the closing years of related it. She is a devout member of the century, than the spectacle of the Episcopal church and is incapable this boy of .wenty two Marconi by of misrepresenting in the slightest parname, telegraphing without vires ticular. for a mile or two through the heart of London, the massive table engaged in reading, when, thinkbuildings offering no more ing it about time to retire, and happenresistance apparently than as if ing to lift her eyes from the book, she they were thin air. The account is was astonished to see seated in a chair to be found in McClure's before her, and between herself and the Magazine. He telegraphs to the door to the bathroom, a man, a stranger light ships anchored off the west coast of England, and this sug- demand who was thus intruding unbidgests freak possibilities in the way den upon her privacy and what was of signals from lighthouses to wanted. She remained for a moment in vessels in a fog, or from one vessel silent astonishment. to another. Right here comes in the most shocking, overpowering that the figure was probably not that of suggestion of all. The electric a person of real flesh and blood, but a current which Marconi's ininstrument produces is capable of igniting gunpowder at long dis tapces; it has done it. What is to idea that it was any person still in the prevent one war vessel from body, and in later years, in revolving

to one side, as if trying to "look pleas--Our Animal Friends.

around them and her head nicely bent

A Pearl Farm.

was time for it to be useful, when it There is only one pearl farm in the turned a somersault, tangling itself in world. It is in the Torres strait, at the the pulley tackle, and the whole thing northern extremity of Australia, and became to grief. Then the carpenter began longs to James Clark of Queensland. to talk. He, too, remembered boyish Mr. Clark, who is known as "the king pastimes and believed they could be

of the pearl fishers," originally stocked turned to account. His idea was to asit with 150,000 pearl oysters. Now cend the cable tower, 90 feet distant 1.500 men-200 of whom are diversand 130 feet high, and from this posiand 250 vessels are employed in hartion throw into the smokestack a weight vesting the crop.

tied to a string. The wind was blowing "I have been 15 years engaged in a gale, but this did not discourage the pearl fishin~ " Mr. Clark told a correman, and he with the two foremen, asspondent of the Melbourne Age. "I began cended the tower for performance No. 3. in a small way and have given the fish-To throw a two pound weight fasteneries my close attention during all this ed to a string was no easy matter, and time. My experience has led me to the it was exceedingly difficult to keep a belief that, with proper intelligence in foothold on the tower. After three trials. the selection of a place, one can raise however, the weight fell as planned. pearls and pearl shells as easily as one save that the string broke. Later the

carpenter tried again, casting the weight can raise oysters. "I started my farm three years ago four times before it entered the stack. and have stocked it with shells which I When the rigging to hoist the painter obtained, in many instances, far out at sea. To grow shells successfully, howwas in order, there was a call for vol-unteers, but only one man responded. He was the shovel engineer, Will Snyever, according to my experience thus far, the water must not be too deep. der, from Chicago. He has had an ex-"My pearl shell farm covers 5,089 perience in work in high places, for square miles. Over most of it the water whenever the steel cable, 140 feet above tain the greatest size, and, besides, it is paint pot, swings himself astride the hard on the divers to go down deep for framework of the traveler and paints

them. "I ship my pearls to London in my own vessels. The catch each year runs, roughly speaking, from \$200,000 worth up to almost five times that amount."

WARNED OF DANGER.

Apparition That Saved a Woman From Being Bitten by a Cobra. The following remarkable occurrence

an absolute fact, was related by a lady visiting friend in Hartford as it was

Her cousin, in whose house the occur-

rence took place, was seated at a lighted then broke out into lamentations that the attention of the president of the United States should be diverted from the great affairs of state to distribute patronage. Then he would make a memcrandum in a little red book, which was to remind him not to do it. to her, who calmly regarded her. It was

General Garfield would put his arm around your neck, tell you how much he loved you and then forget what you had asked of him.

President Arthur would listen with polite attention to all you had to say, Then it gradually dawred upon her then refer you to some man in New York whom you were never able to find. President Harrison would sink down visitor from the unseen world of life. into his chair until you had presented She remembered having once, as a child. the claims of your candidate and then seen a similar figure, under circumstances which seemed to preclude the change the subject. President McKinley's methods have

not been developed. - Thicago Record. those circumstances, she had remember

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the cable as the traveler goes back and COLUMBIA, - - S. C

Altering

Colts,

Several of the men employed at the cement works seem to be born acrobats, ALWAYS and they work far up in the air as easily as on the ground, so that when repairs AT IT. are needed on the towers or cables and cool, level headed men must be had I again offer my services to the people

there has never been any necessity to go of Edgefield and Saluda counties in outside of the regular force. -New York the line of my profession; that of Sun.

forth on its regular business.

Tho Way They Did It. Chauncey M. Depew says that he has had personal experience in seeking office -not for himself, however, but for others-from every Republican president. He says that Mr. Lincoln would always listen attentively to what he had to say and then tell a funny story. On his way back to the hotel he would think over the story, and finally see that it landed his candidate way out of sight. General Grant always received an application for office as toasts to the

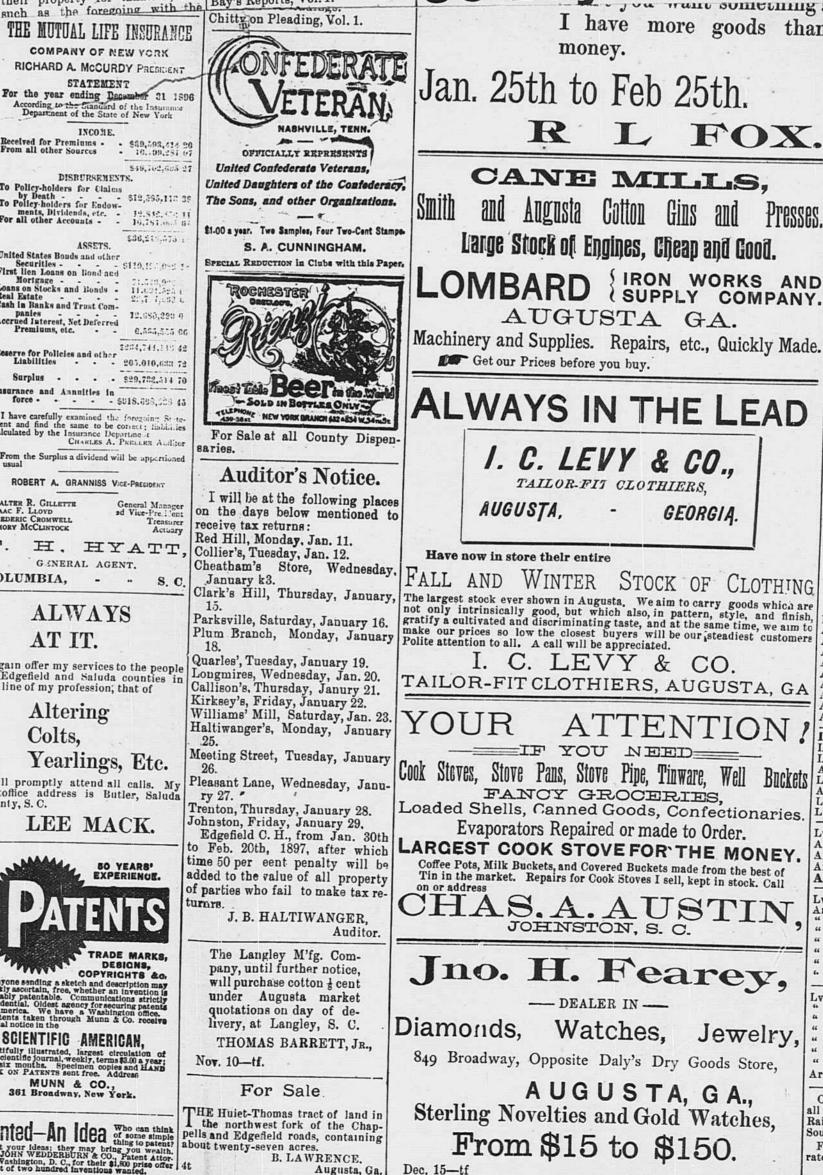
memory of Washington are drunkstanding and in silence. President Hayes listened for awhile,

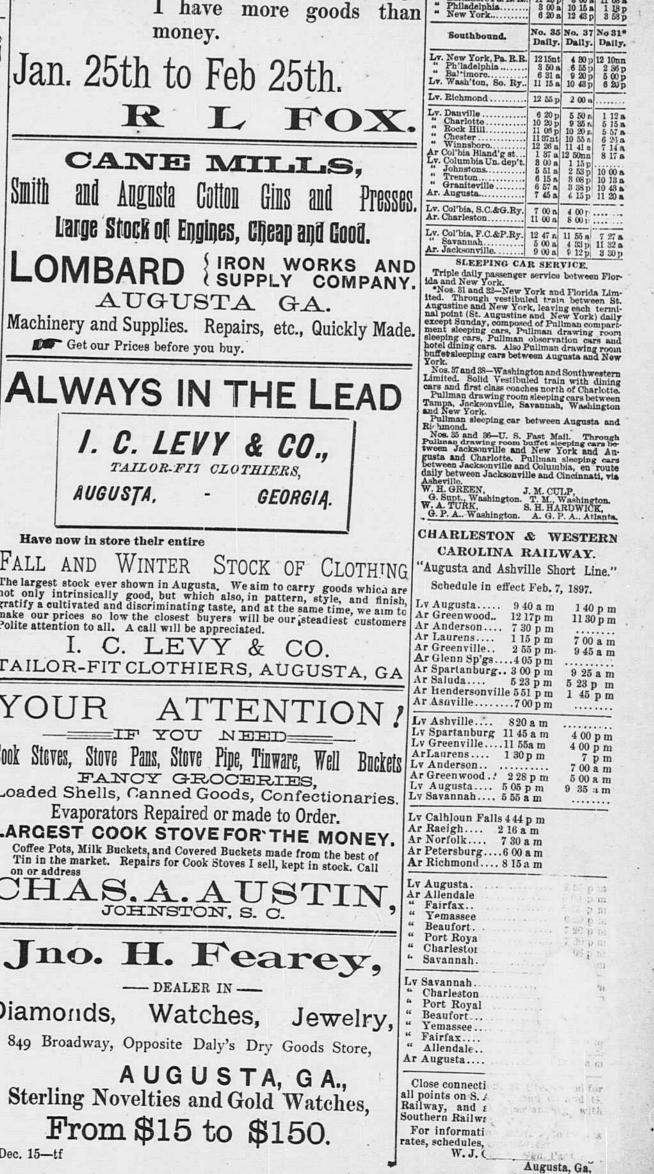
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