

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The Republicans always endeavor to place the Democrats in a defensive position, because they know full well that they cannot defend their own conduct when in power and their work when endeavoring to regain power. They begin each campaign by charging the Democratic party of the State with arousing the prejudices of the white people against the negroes. They charge us with "drawing the color line" and winning our victories by means of the evil passions that are thereby raised against the ignorant negroes.

The color line is undoubtedly drawn in every campaign, and we confess, with pride, that we have done all the pulling we could do on our end of the line, since we have known anything of politics. We recognize the fact that the Republican party is composed of negroes and a few white men, who have bartered their souls for a few votes and a few offices, and who have done all the pulling we could do on our end of the line, since we have known anything of politics.

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THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The ADVANCE has had something to say about the Knights of Labor in the State and in the county during the past few weeks. We have said what we believed should be said, both for the good of the Democratic party and the Knights of Labor. We recognize the fact that a few office seeking political tricksters are endeavoring to prostitute the order to their own personal ends, and we endeavor to warn the Democratic members of the organization, not against the order, but against the wolves who are endeavoring to masquerade as innocent sheep. A few of these wolves have entered the fold and propose to devour it, so to speak. We repeat, it was against these—not against the Knights of Labor—that we spoke.

A large majority of the white members of the organization are Democrats; and the sophistry and deception of the Radical self appointed leaders will not be able to capture many of these white men. They are—many of them—"fire tried" Democrats and will not be deceived and induced to "throw party fealty to the winds" and vote for men whose object is to disrupt and disorganize the Democratic party. We know some of them and we have full confidence in them both as men and Democrats. There will be found among the most earnest and active Democrats in the approaching campaign many members of the Knights of Labor.

BE NOT DECEIVED.

The Hickory Press-Carolinian offers a sensible word of warning to the Democratic party. It warns us against underestimating the brains of the Republican party. There are many men in the ranks of Radicalism who are shrewd, sharp and possessors of much more than the average amount of "mother wit." Several of the brightest and brainiest men that the State has, are to be found numbered among the radicals of the State. They have brains, but most of them are entirely devoid of principle.

It was because of this utter absence of character that they were overhauled by the Democratic party and that—in most cases—accounts for their presence in the Republican party. It will never do for us to look upon the enemy as a set of blockheads. While the great body of the party are too ignorant and know too little to originate or pursue any campaign, the leaders are a sharp, shrewd and unscrupulous set of rascals. Let us recognize their ability and be thereby the better prepared to meet and vanquish them.

INGALLS killed all chance of becoming a Presidential possibility when he made his speech (professedly) advocating the dependent pension bill. The people could have enjoyed his meanness and vindictive lies on Southern people, but when he cast insinuations or imputations on the soldiers of the North their blood is up and they refuse to forgive. The Democrats propose to circulate this venomous speech of Ingalls as a campaign document.

They desire that the honest people of the South and the Democrats of the North shall see the mean groveling spirit of hate that actuates these Radicals. Would that every man in the South could know and appreciate the feelings that actuate these Radicals.

An appeal has been made to the people of North Carolina to contribute to their means to erect a monument to the memory of the late Capt. Randolph A. Shotwell. There is no man who has died within our borders who possessed more of the elements of which heroes are made. He was a martyr to his convictions, in the sense that few men are martyrs. There is no cause that now appeals to the people of the State that should touch a more responsive chord. We truly hope that the money requisite to erect a handsome monument to the memory of Capt. Shotwell will soon be raised. Let the contributions be sent in to the committee at Raleigh as rapidly as possible.

The Kinston Free Press has entered upon its seventh volume. The heart of "ye editor" will ever retain a warm spot for the Free Press. It was our first venture and we never see its familiar face but with pleasure. We are pleased to know that the paper now enjoys a large patronage and is held in high esteem by the people among whom it circulates. It is in good hands and we congratulate Mr. Herbert upon the excellent paper he is giving the good people of Lenoir. We feel gratified that the paper is in such good hands.

FRED DOUGLAS, the negro who has made so much money out of the fact that he is a negro, is now lecturing (?) on literary subjects in the South to his race. Of course he is sent out by the Republican party. He left his white wife at home.

RALPH LETTER.

There is such scarcity of news here that it is not an easy thing to obtain subject matter for an interesting letter to the readers of the ADVANCE. Business is fair—politics are beginning to stir—farmers are busy, but the people are behaving themselves so well in the ordinary way that they offer no occasion for us to write in eulogy or censure.

I often hear good men complain that the newspapers are too full of accounts of crime, and have too little to say upon ethical and religious subjects. This is partly a fair and just criticism—but only partially so. A newspaper cannot be, to quote Cowper, "a map of busy life." It must publish what the world is doing. If bankers skip to Canada the papers must print the fact. If the Congressman abuses the trust committed to him the papers must tell it. If a Senator gets a divorce from his wife the newspapers cannot be suppressed. A newspaper cannot omit the record of either the bad or the good, if he will print an accurate history of each day. It would be wrong to omit the bad, for as Merriam puts it, "it is the parallel in the volume of fact to the dark chapter headed Sin in the volume of Philosophy."

The bad necessarily predominates in the columns of a newspaper. For example: If one cashier embezzles it demands a paragraph; but the lifelong honesty of a thousand cashiers calls for no public notice.

This is true, and it is unjust to indulge in harsh criticism because an editor inserts accounts of crimes. But it is not only not unjust, but eminently right to criticize that editor severely who gives the chief place in his paper to murders, scandals and the like. He must print the deeds of the day—no man ought to object to that.

If the editor makes sensationalism his chief aim and panders to the degraded love that prompts a perusal of all the crimes that wicked men and women engage in. Here the distinction ought to be drawn, and I would like for the readers of the ADVANCE, at least, to draw it.

Gov. Scales who attended the Oyster Fair at New Bern last week tells us that he enjoyed it greatly. He says that the exhibit surprised most people and that they embraced every thing usually seen at a fair. The display was a novel one, and was the second Fish and Oyster Fair ever held in the State. The Governor, during his absence, also visited Morehead and inspected the work done on the A. & N. C. R. R. under President Bryan's administration.

I am glad to hear that the Trustees of the Normal School have elected Prof. Chas. D. Melver, Principal of the School for the next session. Working with Superintendent Prof. Silas E. Warren, I am sure the Normal will be made of practical value to the teachers who attend. Prof. Melver is a Professor in Peace Institute and, before coming to Raleigh, he was engaged in Graded School work. He is a thorough man and an enthusiastic lover of his profession. He was Superintendent and Principal of the Sparta Normal last year, and Senator Fields, of that county, told me that all the people were pleased with him and his work.

RICHMOND PEARSON will be the candidate of the Republicans in the Ninth Congressional district this year. He is shrewd, has money and will work for election as few men would or could. The Democrats of the district will not find him an easy prey, but they will need to do some hard and effective work.

The Scotland Neck Democrat raises at its mast head the name of Judge Walter Clark for Governor. Don't, Governor, let your scar come out in the Democratic in favor of Judge Clark. He is from Halifax county and we doubt not that he will receive strong support from the people among whom he so long lived and who have always respected and esteemed him.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Southern States proposes holding a meeting at Morehead City on the 20th and 21st of June, during the session of the Teacher's Assembly. Some of the papers express themselves as expecting good results from the meeting. No doubt an interchange of views and experience will be productive of good results.

The plan of organization of the Democratic party of North Carolina appears in this week's paper. It is well that every Democrat should know the plan of organization of the party, and we hope they will all read the plan as set forth by the committee for the government of the party.

The remembrance of the outrages and oppressions heaped upon our people by the Republican party, when in power in North Carolina, surely ought to deter any white man from now aiding that party to regain its control of the State.—Chatham Recorder.

The Biblical Recorder has improved very much lately.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Political News From the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19th, 1888. To the Editor of the SIGN-BOARD:—It is not at all likely that the Senate bill providing for erection of post office buildings in size and cost proportionate to the size of the place will ever become a law. The bill is the outcome of a large number of bills which have passed the House this session for public buildings; but even the Senators see, so many objections to the proposed plan that the expression is all against its passage. So large a number of bills for public buildings could not have passed the House but for the fact of the large surplus in the Treasury and the reduction of revenues that will follow upon the passage of the tariff bill. The members see that now or never is the time to get their public buildings, and so the golden opportunity is taken and the buildings go up.

Senator Vest is very much worried over the widely circulated rumor that he intends not to accept another election as Senator and retire from politics. The Senator has no such intentions and will accept a reelection unless he be appointed to a Cabinet position under Cleveland's second administration. The latter is not at all impossible as the Senator stands very high in the estimation of the President and he, as well as the State of Missouri, may be honored by the bestowment of a Cabinet position on the able Senator.

The Senate is up in arms against the claim agents and an investigation has been ordered into the ways and means devised by some of them to work up the business. Some of the Senators complain that they are in frequent receipt of letters from constituents transmitting Agents urging the soldiers to appeal to Congress for relief, and saying that now is the time, as on the eve of the Presidential election both parties in Congress will by favorable legislation seek to get the soldiers vote. The Senators are indignant that it should be even insinuated that they are influenced by such motives and the investigation into the methods of one of the claim agents whose circulars have been largely circulated, will result in such a report and action that others will be deterred from pursuing the same methods.

Senator Colquitt has introduced a bill to submit to the popular vote of the people in the District whether we shall have prohibition or not. While it is probable that the prohibitionists would carry the election, still there is not the slightest probability of the bill passing Congress, at least at this session. It has been introduced too late in the session to receive consideration in the House even though it should pass the Senate.

The divisions among the Republicans in the House on the Internal Revenue question has caused great doubt as to concert of action between the Republicans when the subject comes up for consideration before the full house. The vote in Committee on the abolition of the tobacco tax was looked upon as a test vote and the vote of Kelly and Condit for the abolition and the other two Republicans—Burrows and Brown—against it, is in the House regarded very significant.

The Republican paid the members of the Legislature of 1888 the magnificent sum of \$2,100 each for their valuable services in stealing the States money. The Democrats paid the members of the Legislature of 1886 and 1887 the sum of \$240 each. This is but one of many instances of the practical economy of the Democratic party and the theoretical economy of the Republican party. The people will soon be asking themselves which is the party to entrust the government of the State to.

It is said that the Railroad companies have made more money since the passage of the Inter-State Commerce bill than they did before. The reason of that is—we suppose—the natural increase of business. It does not appear to us that the law effected any great deal one way or the other. Nevertheless we believe it has done some good and we believe it can be made to accomplish a greater amount.

State Superintendent Finger has written a series of articles showing the progress that is being made the public schools of North Carolina, under Democratic rule. The information contained in these articles is valuable and will be read by the people of the State with pleasure. There is no brighter page in the history of the Democratic party than its work in building up and maintaining the public school system of the State. The contrast between parties in their record in regard to education alone, is enough to make every man who has children to educate, a strong Democrat.

SPEAKER CARLISLE will make a speech on the tariff bill we see it stated.

CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD.

The convention to re-nominate Grover Cleveland—the present and next President—will meet at St. Louis, June 5th. North Carolina will be on hand with her entire vote for our present chief executive. There is a feeling that First Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson, who is of North Carolina stock, is the man for the second place on the ticket. The convention will reaffirm its settled policy and determination to reduce the burdens of the present high tariff under which the country now languishes.

The Republicans meet at Chicago June 19th to nominate a ticket for Mr. Cleveland to beat. Since Blaine's letter saying that he was not a candidate for the nomination the party is at sea without a rudder—if he meant what he said. Sherman wants the nomination and there are several others who would be willing to sacrifice themselves for the good of their country. If Blaine is out of the field there is no danger as when the party will decide as the strongest man. We expect they will finally harmonize by nominating the "Plumed Knight" notwithstanding his letter.

The convention in which our people take most interest is the Democratic State Convention which meets in Raleigh May 30th. The man who will be nominated at this convention to lead the party has not been settled by any crystallization of public opinion sufficient to warrant an absolute prediction. The contest appears to be between Lieut. Gov. Steadman and Judge Walter Clarke, with Gov. Steadman in the lead. Judge Fowle has received the most of some strength, his friends claim, while Capt. Alexander has a good following. Almost nothing has been said about the nominee for Lieut. Governor. Maj. S. M. Finger, Theo. Davidson, Donald W. Bain, and Col. W. L. Saunders, will be renominated, it is conceded. There are quite a number of aspirants for Gen. Robert's place. Capt. W. A. Harden, Mr. H. C. Bourne and D. E. Melver are all prominently mentioned for the office, while Mr. N. B. Broughton could go in the convention well backed if he would. A good strong ticket will be nominated, we feel sure.

The Republicans hold their State Convention at Asheville May 10th to nominate a candidate. It is understood that Richmond Pearson will be the candidate put forth by this convention. He won the way men usually take who propose going to the enemy. He is sharp, shrewd and has money that he does not mind spending.

The Republicans meet at Salisbury May 22nd to nominate a man for Mr. Henderson to beat in the 7th district.

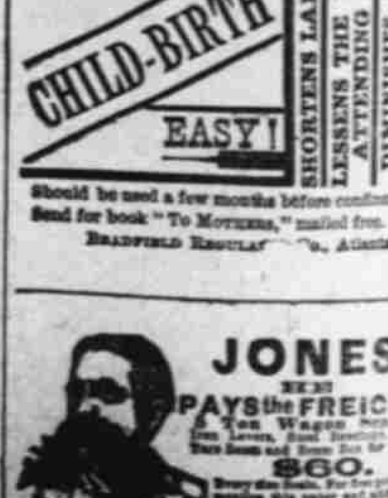
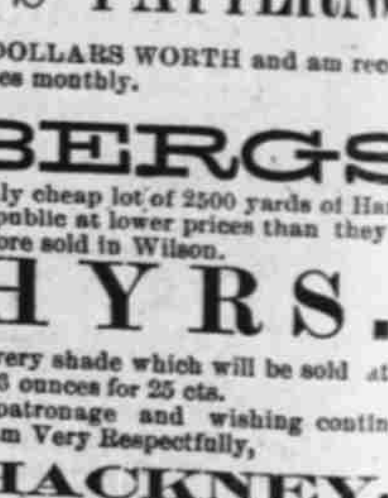
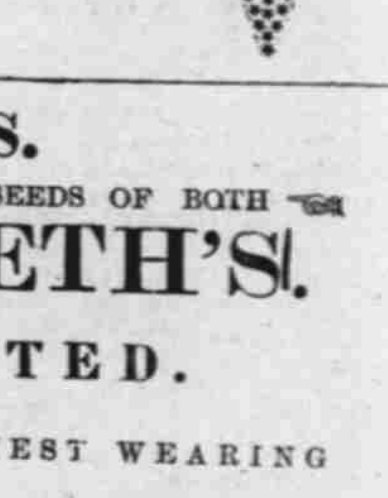
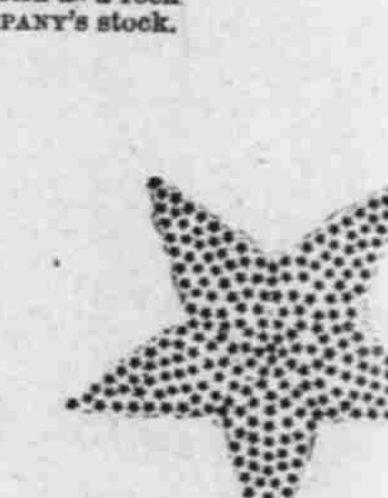
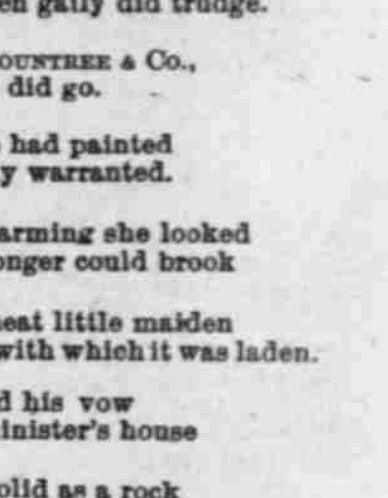
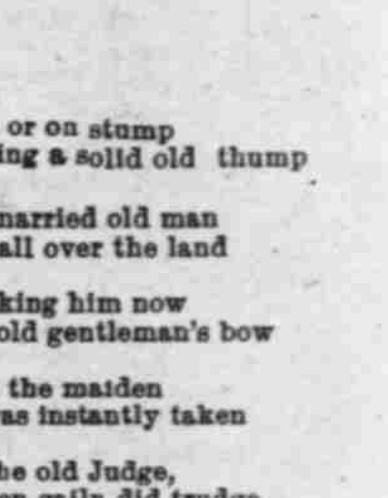
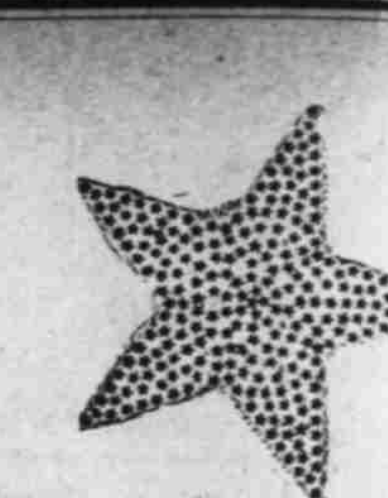
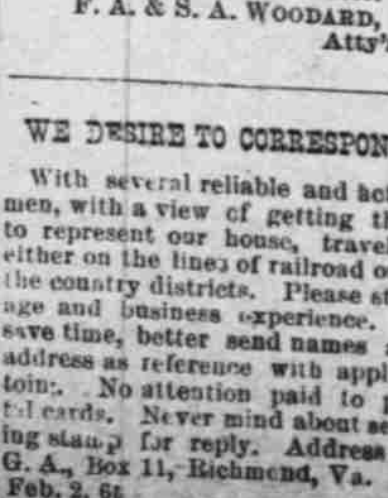
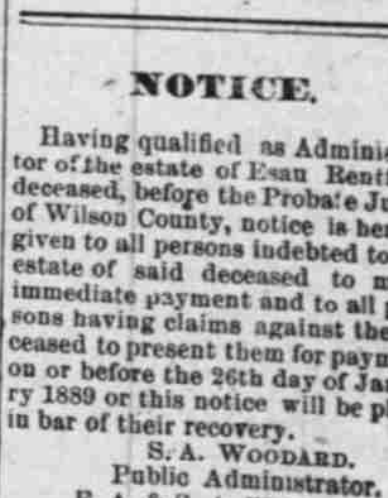
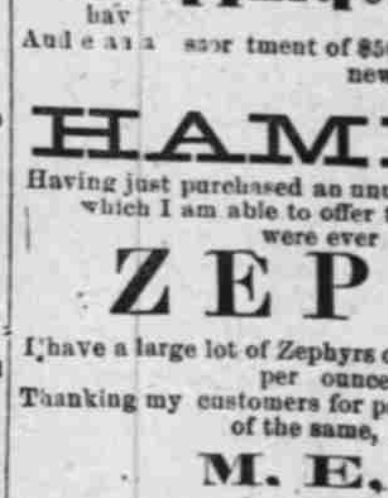
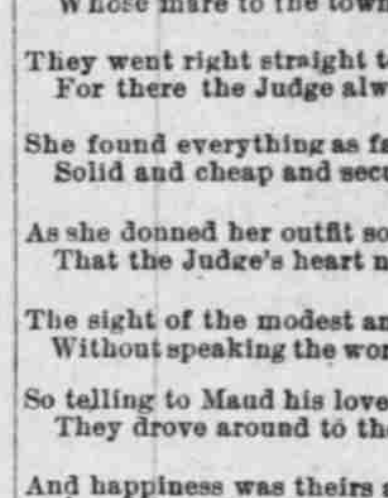
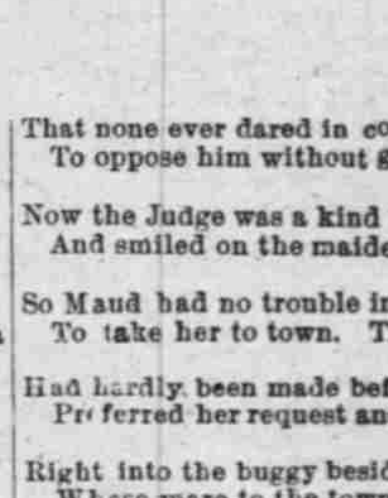
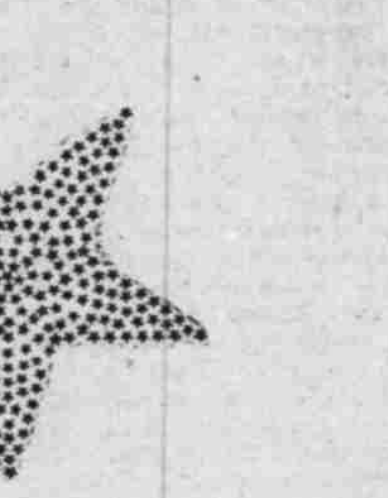
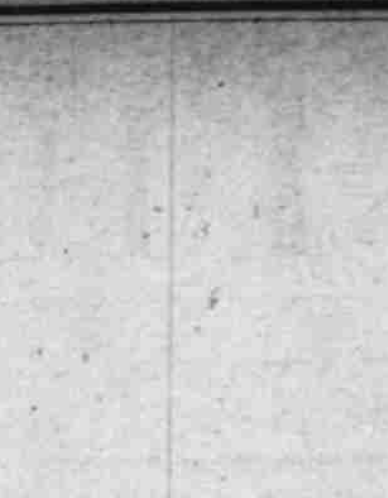
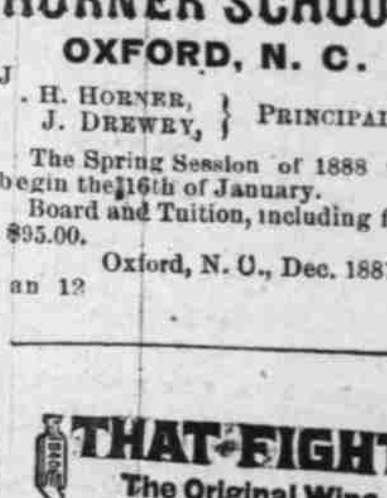
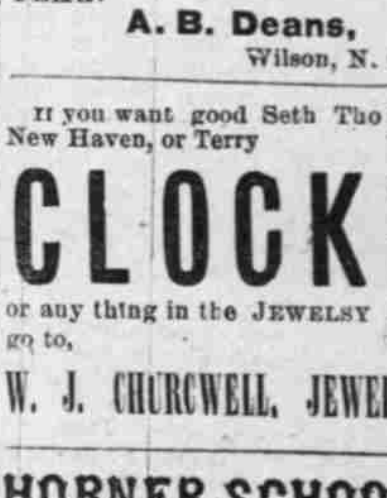
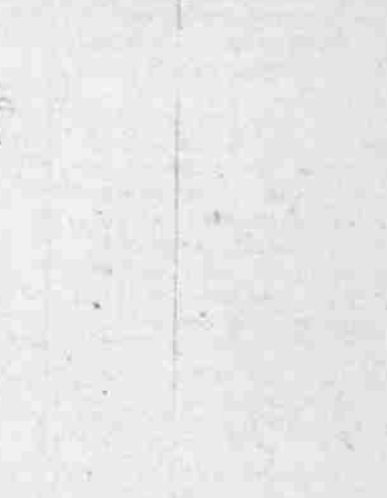
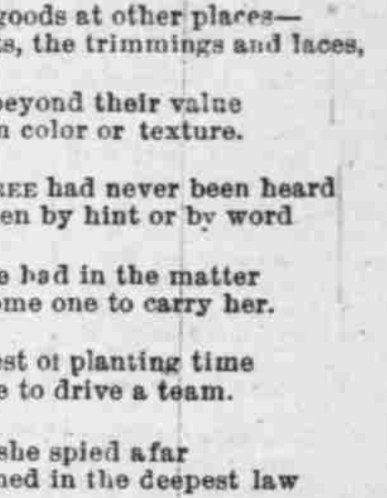
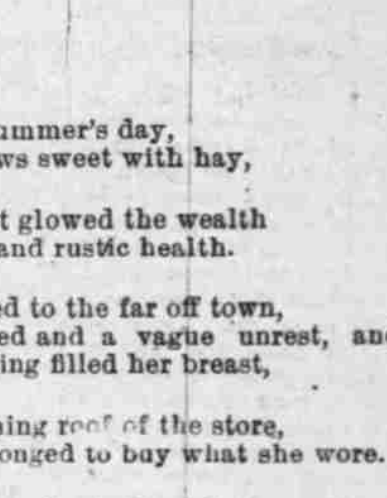
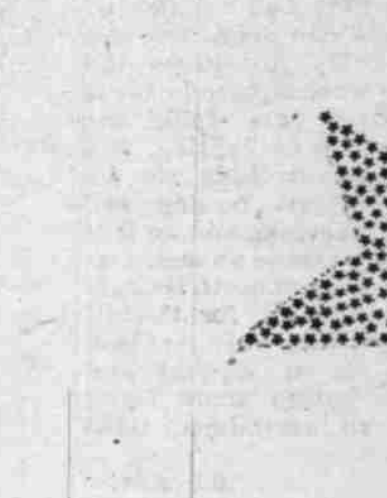
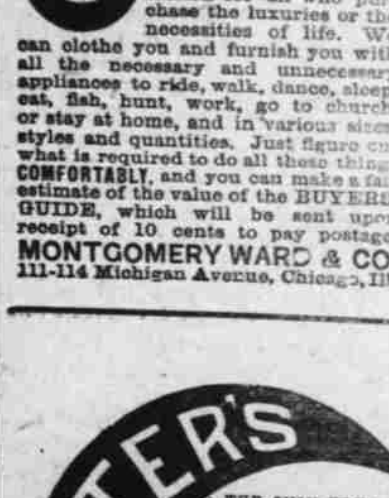
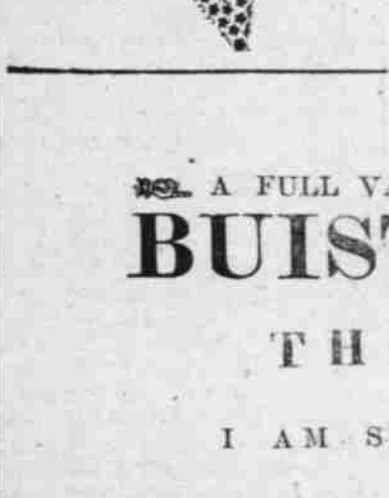
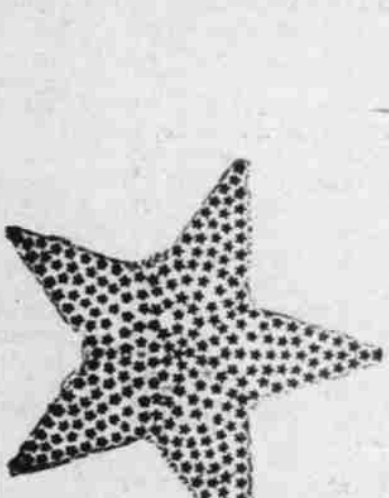
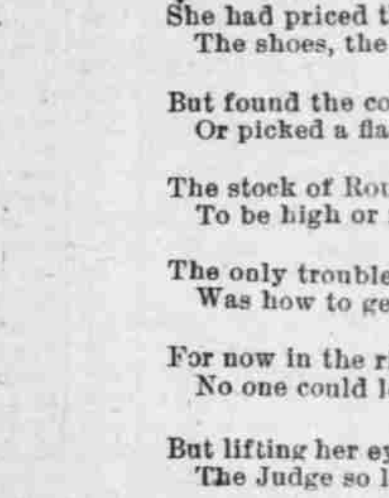
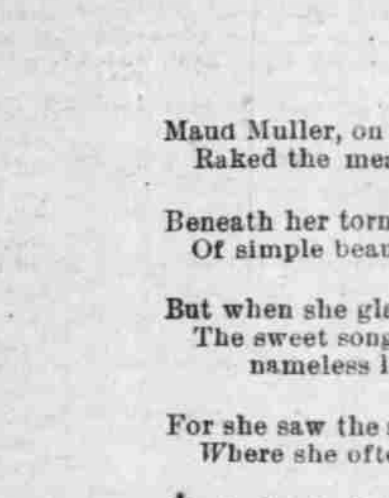
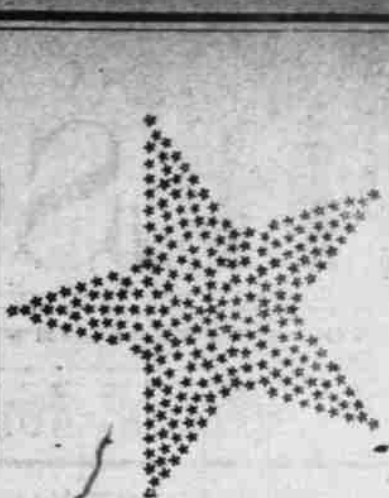
OUR TABLE.

"Warring of the Gray," by John Esten Cooke published by E. B. Treat & Co., 771 Broadway, N. Y. This is one of the most interesting books on the late war that it has been our pleasure to read in some time. Written by one who has "been there," and pretending to give only sketches and scenes of life and adventure, on the march and in camp, with reminiscences of the brave boys who wore the gray, it comprises personal portraits, with thrilling narrations of the daring deeds, dashing charges, tolls, and patient sufferings of the heroes who inundated themselves on their country's altars and followed the southern star with a patriotism unequalled and a love pathetic and hopeless till it set in the night of gloom at Appomattox. As the author writes in his introduction, "I have nothing to do with the sketches; the writer has recorded his recollections, and not his fancies." We can conscientiously commend it to our readers.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly is marked by its usual variety and excellence of matter. "The Rothchilds and their Millions" distinguishes between the accounts given concerning the origin of their enormous wealth, and contains excellent pen pictures of the chief members of that noted family. To those interested in the prospects for a European War, the article on France's "ultra-ultra" data for speculation as to the degree of success which may be predicted for arms of La B. France. Many legal witticisms and passages at arms of friendly combatants may be found in the spicy essay on "Ways and Words of American Lawyers." As a specimen of the highly instructive character of some portions of the magazine we commend the piece entitled "How the Airs were Discovered." Altogether it is an unusually valuable number, and may be obtained of Mrs. Frank Leslie, Publisher, 53, 55, 57, Park Place, New York, at 25 cents per number or \$3.00 yearly, postpaid.

Our neighbor, the Mirror, has entered upon its seventh volume. Brother Blount gets out a newspaper that occupies a field peculiarly its own. It is unlike any other paper published and is always filled with scintillations from his poetic mind.

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