FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1880.

POWER OF MACHINE POLITICS.

The action of the Republican State convention of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg day before yesterday, in sending a solid delegation for Grant to the Chicago nominating convention, is peculiarly significant. It proves first-if any man ever doubted it—that Grant is bent upon the nomination, but in the second place and chiefly it illustrates the power of machine politics. Six weeks ago Don Cameron, the ardent supporter of Grant, and chairman of the national istic of his political movements and to have been has in fact been done." declarations, that Pennsylvania should go solidly for Grant in the nominating convention, and the result has shown that he did not speak without first knowing his own strength, or rather the capabilities of the machine which years ago was constructed by the elder Cameron, and which is new operated by the combined energies of father and son. The Cameron machine is the most perfect of all political machines. It is and systematic work. For more than a quarter of a century Simon Cameron labored, in season and out of season, to build up a personal following in every of money and patronage hehas gathered about him able and unscrupulous lieutenants. Don Cameron, though perhaps less shrewd, is bold and aggressive. Their latest triumph is perhaps their greatest. The plan to capture the known beforehand every step that the enemy would take.

But the Republican party, especially here in the South, has long been accustomed to such methods, and they herehas been patched up by the office holders under the Secretary of the Treasury, which it is proposed shall convert public sentiment among the Republicans the work has been clumsily done, and the masses, who were thought to be too ignorant to detect the fraud, have already begun to cry out! against the proposition to foist upon them a candidate they do not want.

In North Carolina as in Pennsylvawill fail finally to get its man, so far as the nomination is concerned. A way will be found to shut the mouths patronage or by some means more disreputable, and although the Republican masses in North Carolina are unquestionably for Grant, and the party in Pennsylvania is no doubt equally solid against him, the North Carolina delethe Harrisburg convention.

voting, when each citizen can do as he pleases, the case will be very different, nominated, he cannot secure the undivided vote of the Republican party in' Pennsylvania, even with all the power which the Cameron machine can bring to bear an the election. In proof of this we present below an extract from a memorial signed with the names of a large number of the most considerable citizens of Philadelphia, who are recognized as true and tried Republicans. The who were to assemble at Harrisburg, and the memorialists say:

"The number of Republicans is very large who cannot be relied upon to support on the one hand one whose canhas become part of the unwritten law of the nation; nor, on the other, one who regards the skillful use of patronage for personal ends as the highest function of a statesman; nor one whose put his supporters on the defensive throughout the campaign; nor one instrumentality for furthering his own the avoidance of unconstitutional intermeddling with local self-government, honest money and a thorough reform of the civil service—is the accepted declaration of Republican principles, and it would be an insult to the intelligence of the party to present for its support | much needed as tobacco factories. any one whose record would show that his canvass on such a platform would be but a trap to catch the unwary."

ble dispatch to the New York Herald | fixed and permanent enterprise to fill from Dublin, which we publish this up the eight idle or dull months of the The fire is said to have been discovered morning and to which reference has from the farms and towns during quarter of a mile away. She ran to the already been made in our telegraphic spring and summer; it is easily handled columns, reveals a degree of distress in and would give employment and better Ireland, of which the people on this pay to a larger number of laborers than side of the water have hitherto had no adequate idea. It is no false alarm: the tabular statement which follows the northern and western counties, now the telegram published occupies a full page of the Herald and establishes the fact beyond question that the wolf is at the door of thousands of the brave and generous people. If Ireland ever needed succor from America, it needs it at this moment, and in this connection, THE OBSERVER reiterates its proboth together uniting in quickening position to act as a custodian of funds intended for the relief of her suffering people, and to see that such funds are placed in hands that will best apply

An illustration of the wonderful inventive genius of the American people were made, 12,725 of which were grant-

There is not so much news from Maine just now as deluged the country a week or ten days ago. Quiet appears to prevail in that recently agitated commonwealth. The sudden and complete void of intelligence from that quarter is relieved to some extent by a dispatch from Augusta, which states that the Republican House (which is the only kind they have there now) has instructed the committee on the alleged bribery of members to preceed to an immediate investigation of the charges, and report as soon as practicable. This refers to the allegations of Messrs. Swan and Harriman that they were offered \$1,000 each to influence their action as representatives.

Tilden has again found it necessary to defend himself. This time it is from a charge of a very grave nature-that he was about to tie himself to a pstti-Republican executive committee, in the | coat. He says he unfortunately did not | bill for the establishment of titles in face of an avowed public sentiment for know of the existence of Miss Ranck, Blaine and of an universally recognized and adds: "The author of the rumor opposition to a third term, announced, has apparently acted upon the maxim with the bold dash which is character- of equity jurisprudence that what ought

HOME TRADE AND PATRONAGE.

How It is to be Increased .- The Difficulties That Must be Overcome.

To the Editor of The Observer: Next to commercial integrity and promptitude, a spirit of mutual support and co-operation, is all important in building up a community. Without such a feeling there can be no real progress and prosperity. It is the rapid the result of years of intelligent, patient interchange of products and the free and constant circulation of capital that imparts life and enterprise in business. The want of this in the past has been the great drawback to Southern development. With slavery there was some county in the State, and by the influence reason in this policy of isolation and a purely agricultural growth. Now, with the loss of slavery, all is changed; and vet we cling to the ideas of ante-bellum times, and send North or abroad for almost every article needed amongst us or known to commerce, with the single exception of our two or three leading staples in their raw state. The State convention was not only fully ma- vast profits of shipping, handling, and tured but had been announced, and the | converting these into the thousands of | nearly all lost to us and go to swell the wealth and powers of others-often to our hurt. I know there are those who amendment was adopted-100 to 81. held the opposite doctrine; and maintain that the South does better to confine its labors and efforts to its great staples and buy its goods elsewhere. Carolina the "Greensboro ring" has di- lusive. Any people raising or making of that river and its tributaries. rected the entire State for years past, only a few bulky raw products and shipping these thousands of miles to be | mittee rose without action and the and more recently a Sherman machine converted into articles of trade and House adjourned. commerce, and then shipped back and bought and re-bought by themselves, to the support of their candidate. But great staples of cotton, tobacco, rice, richest people in the world. Could we save only the tenth part of the transportation, insurance, commissions, exchange and profits made in handling and converting these staples, we would grow like Jonah's gourd. I admit the difficulties in the way of changing our policy. But a beginning must be made: nia, it is not likely *that the machine and why not right here in Charlotte?

It is proposed to start at least one cotton factory. I hope all will encourage the enterprise; but talk and good wishes will not help these public-spirited of those who cry the loudest, by official gentlemen along, unless something patronage or by some means more distory do Charlotte any substantial good unless its manufactured products are handled, bought, sold, shipped, insured, and stored by and among ourselves. If the great bulk of all these goods are simply made and then shipped North to be distributed there, then half of the gation to Chicago will be as much of a actual profits are lost to us. So of every unit as the Pennsylvania delegation other manufactured article. But why must be, acting under instructions from | talk of a cotton factory when we have so many other manufacturing interests But when it comes to the matter of voting, when each citizen can do as he factories, planing mills, spoke and handle machines, flouring mills, foundries, and this fact the Democratic party can and many other smaller enterprises, and view with complacency. If Grant is vet the very articles turned out by these establishments are ignored at home, and sent to the four quarters of the globe for sale and distribution—often coming back to be disposed of both by retail and wholesale at the very spot they were made and manufactured, after traveling to and fro thousands of miles-often crossing and re-crossing the Atlantic! Can any one doubt the ruinous effects of such a course of business? The Messrs. Oates may erect their factory; and they may even make money for themselves. But unless the Oxford, Mississippi. Referred. memorial is addressed to the delegates | business men of Charlotte and the people of Charlotte participate in the

handling of these goods, there will be no great benefit to us. How can this be brought about? already in operation, I say unhesitat- revenue for the first district of Califoringly, let our merchants and other deal- nia. ers make an honest, earnest effort to put these home produced articles on the market; and then let all classes of past inability to resist temptation would citizens resolve to give the preference, if any, to such goods.

I take a single example: Why do not whose personal ambition may lead him | dealers in and consumers of tobacco at to regard the public service as a mere once patronize the infant tobacco and cigar manufactories already in operaends, and whose convictions are but tion amongst us? No one doubts the expressions of temporary political exquality of the articles already turned quality of the articles already turned pediency. The platform on which we out by these pioneers in the trade. But entered the presidential contest of 1876 what an impulse it would give to their niles above Columbia, caught fire night efforts if they only saw and felt that a before last, about half-past 10 o'clock, home patronage was assured them, and how soon they would double their products both in quantity and quality. But I select tobacco factories for an-

other reason: Valuable as cotton mills

might prove to be, they are not so Our business now is founded almost Cotton mills and their products would only enlarge and extend this same bus-THE DISTRESS IN IRELAND.—The ca- iness. But what we need now is some any other pursuit. And with tobacco warehouses here established, immense amounts of trade would flow in from almost untouched by our narrow reach. The development of this one industry would be sure to stimulate others; and in a short time we would find our proud little city a busy hive the year round; cotton and cotton mills imparting life to fall and winter, and tobacco, in all its varied forms, filling up the present

Lorillard's Horses in England,

BUSINESS.

and capital.

London, Feb. 3.—The acceptances for the spring handicap races are announced. They include Mr. P. Lorillard's horses, as follows: The brown gelding Parole, aged; the four-year-old bay colt is afforded in the fact that during the Falsetto, and the following three-yearyear 1879, 20,059 applications for patents | olds: Chestnut colts, Mistake and Wallenstein; chesnut fillies, Sly Dance and Pappoose; bay fillies, Geraldine and Nereid, and bay colt Boreas.

FURTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

VESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Unimportant Business -- Numercus Bills and Resolutions Considered. Washington, February 5.-House. The House passed the Senate bill for the conversion of national gold banks. The following bills were introduced by O'Conner, of South Carolina, and re-

Bill making silver certificates receivable at the United States Treasury in redemption of circulating notes of the issue of national banks.

Bill requiring the secretary of the treasury to pay the current interest on all registered United States bonds without respect to date of assignment or

The House then resumed consideration of the bill regulating the removal of causes from State to Federal courts. The mourning hour, however, expired vithout action on the bill.

Dunn, of Arkansas, from the committee on Lublic lands, reported the Hot Springs. Printed and re-commit-

The Senate amendments to House bill for the erection of a public building at Danville, Va., were concurred in. Regan, of Kansas, presented a petition in favor of granting railroads the rights of way through the Indian Territory. Referred.

The House then resumed the debate on the revision of the rules. Cabell, of Virginia, offered an amendment to the 16th clause of rule 11, providing that the committee on railways and canals should have jurisdiction

over the improvement of rivers. Frost, of Missiouri, moved to exclude the Mississippi and its tribularies. A debate ensued between Frost and Cox, of New York, upon a charge made by the former that the latter and other Eastern Representatives were prodigal in voting appropriations for the improvement of Eastern rivers, but parsimonious when Western rivers were concerned.

Cox denied that New York had ever een niggardly in its treatment of the Mississippi valley. He had voted for the levee system and for Eads, Jetties. After some further discussion between Cox and White, of Pennsylvania, Frost withdrew his motion and Cabell's amendment was lost.

Shallenbanger, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment to the 19th clause of rule 11, giving the commission on Blaine faction were beaten after having articles of trade and commerce are public buildings and grounds jurisdiction over appropriations for public buildings. After a long debate the

Chalmers, of Mississippi, offered an amendment to the 21st section, giving the commission on the improvement of the Mississippi river jurisdiction over tofore worked successfully. In North | Nothing can be more visionary and de- | the appropriation for the improvement After considerable debate the

> SENATE.-A motion by Davis, of West Virginia, that when the Senate are obliged to remain poor. The South adjourn to-day it be to meet Monday may be doing well, compared with other dock, and advocated by Allison and others, the former urging the backward sugar and turpentine, we should be the | state of business before the Senate, and the latter claiming that business can be better facilitated by work in committees than in the Senate at this stage of the session. The motion was defeated

> > -yeas 17, nays 32. Beck gave notice that he would object to any bill being taken up out of its regular order on the calendar. After some discussion the Senate

> > adopted the resolution submitted yesterday by Anthony, that the Senate shall each day proceed to the consideration of the calendar of general orders, debate to be limited to five minutes on objection to carry any bill over. The Senate thereupon proceeded to consider the calendar. The first bill on the calendar was the

bill to prohibit military interference at

Allison. "I object to that." (Laugh-Blaine. "Why object to that?" Cockrell. "There can be no objection

to that." (Laughter.) The bill was laid aside. A number of other bills were objected to or referred to committees. Among the bills taken from the calendar in regular order was one reported from the committee on military affairs, in December, to donate a quantity of granite to aid in the completion of the soldiers' and sailors' monument at Chalmeth National Cemetery, Louis-

On objection of Teller, of Colorado, it was laid aside. The bill to amend the census act of 1879 was then taken up. On motion of Pendleton, a substitute reported by the

census committee was considered instead, and passed. Harris, by request, introduced a bill for the erection of a public building at At 1:40 the Senate went into executive session and when the doors were open-

ed adjourned until Monday. The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Benj. Conly as postmas-Here is the trouble. I put aside the cotton factory and wait till it has been vote of 42 to 10 the nomination of John didacy would violate a tradition which built. But as to the other enterprises M. Morton as collector of internal

ROASTED ALIVE.

An Awful Calamity Near Columbia, S. C .-- Nine Persons Burned to Death in One, House.

Columbia Register, 5th. Information was received in Columbia yesterday that a house on the plantation of Capt. Stack, or that of Mr. George Swygert, about eight or nine and was consumed, and that nine colored persons, three grown and six children, who were inside, were burned to death. A messenger came for Coroner Lowndes, who immediately hastened to the scene of the calamity to hold the

necessary inquests. Our business now is founded almost entirely in cotton, and that trade lasts two men, brothers, by the name of Loonly some four months in the year. rick, the wife of one of them, five children of the other brother and another child named Suber, a little son of a deceased sister of the men. The mother of the other five children was also dead. burning house and pulled off a board, but could do no more to relieve the inmates. She says that she heard one of the children call to its father, but he could not get to it. The woman finding she could do no more, ran to a neighbor's house and brought assistance, but by the time it reached the burning

house it had fallen in on its occupants. When the burned woman was found she was wrapped in her covering apparently just as she had lain down to rest. It is supposed that the unfortunate people were stifled and confused by the smoke, and before they could get out of dull days of spring and summer; and the house it fell in and crushed them. The above are the accounts given by trade and doubling the flow of labor persons who brought the news of the occurrence to the city.

The Castalia:

New York, Feb. 5.—The brig Castalia, from Galveston, ashore at Highlands, is well up on the beach. The wreckers were at work on her yesterday and expected to float here at high water.

"Do you know," remarked a prominent gentle-man to us a few days ago, "Dr. Bull's Cough S rup is r-ally a good thing. My daughter would have me use it for a bad cough and it old cure me."

OPENING PARLIAMENT.

Speech of the Queen - Ingland's Relations with the Powers.

LONDON, February 5 .- The weather is fine, and the procession preliminary to the opening of Parliament took place in accordance with the programme. The Queen arrived at the House of Lords ten minutes past 2 o'clock this afternoon. Upon receiving a copy of her speech from Lord Cairns, Lord High Chancellor, Her Majesty handed it back to him, and, as usual, Lord Cairns read the speech. The ceremony lasted fifteen minutes. The following is the Queen's speech: MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN:-It is

with much satisfaction that I again re-

FFBRUARY 5, 1880.

PRODUCE.

BALTIMORE-Oats lower; Southern 47a48, Wes-

tern white 46a47, do mixed 45a46, Pennsyl

vania 46a47. Provisions quiet; mess pork 13.50; bulk meats—loose shoulders 434, clear rib sides

7. de packed 514a715; bacon—shoulders 534, clear sides 8, hams 1014a11. Lard—refined tierces 815. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes 1334a1634; Sugar quiet; A soft 148. Whiskey dull at 1.1015a 1.12. Freights to Liverpool dull.

CHICAGO-Flour dull and nominal; extras 5.25a

6.00, double extras 5.75a7.00, patents 6.00a 9.00. superfine 4.25a4.50. Wheat generally lower; No. 2 red winter 1.211/222, No. 2 Chicago spring 1.19, — March, No. 3 do 1.04, rejected 90 Corn lower at 36. Oats lower at 331/2. Pork weak at 11.75a.80. Lard lower at 7.05a.10 Bulk meats

lower; shoulders 4.10, short ribs 6.40, short clear 6.50. Whiskey steady at 1.07.

CINCINNATI-Flour heavy; family 5.80a6.10, fancy 5.25a5.75. Wheat firm at 1.28. Corn dull

at 40. Oats quiet at 39. Pork lower at 12.25. Lard dull at 7. Bulk meats lower; shoulders 4,

clear ribs 6.40, clear sides 65%; bacon lower;

shoulders 518, ribs 714, sides 715; green meat dull; shoulders 4, clear sides 6, hams 718. Whiskey firm at 1.05. Sugar firmer; hards 975a1014. New Orleans 7a814. Hogs dull; common 3.50a4.25, light 4.30a 50, packing 4.40a4.55, butchers 4.65.

NEW YORK—Southern flour quiet; common to fair extra 5.75a6.15, good to choice do 6.25a7.75.

fair extra 5.75a6.15, good to choice do 6.25a7.75. Wheat closed firm; ungraded winter red 1.20a 1.40, No. 3 do —, No. 2 do —, No. 1 do —, mixed winter — Corn heavy; ungraded 59a6049. Oats closed heavy at 4734 for No. 3. Coffee steady; Rio in cargoes 1315a154, In job lots 14a1742. Sugar steady; Centrifugal 814. Muscovado 7 1-16a58, fair to good refining 736a58; refined in fair demand; standard A 9a18, granulated 914a38, crushed 914a58, powdered do. Moiasses—New Orleans 40a52. Rice firm; Carolina 7a34. Wool firm; domestic fleece 43a58, pulled 30a58, unwashed 18a40. Texas 21a 40. Pork dull at 12.1216a12.25; middles lower.

40. Pork dull at 12.12½312.25; middles lowe; long clear 7, short clear 7½, long and short 7.25 Lard closed lower at 7.60a.70. Whiskey nominal at 1.11a.12. Freights to Liverpool dull.

COTTON

GALVESTON-Quiet; middling 121/2c; low mid-

124c; good ordinary 1184; net receipts 1225; gross —; sales 800; stock 71.459; exports coastwise

NORFOLK- Qulet; middling 125kc; net receipts

1.625; gross —; stock 34.534; exports constwise 1.534; sales 235; exports to Great Britain 4,201.

BALTIMORK-Firm; middling 13; low middling

1215c.; good ordin's 1214c.; net receipts —; gross 204; sales 200; stock 21,392; exports coastwise 60; spinners 179; exports to Great Britain —;

Boston-Dull; middling 134c; low middling 124; good ordinary 124; net receipts 584; gross 2.167; sales —; stock 14,900; exports to Great

WILMINGTON-Quiet: middling 121/2c; low middling 121/2c; good ordinary 115/2c; receipts 178; gross —; sales —; stock 8.440; spinners —; exports coastwise —: to Great Britain —: to Con-

PHILADELPHIA-F.rm; middling 1314c.; low middling 13c: good ordinary 1214c: net receipts 66 gross 76; sales —; spinners 434: stock

NEW ORLEANS - Firmer; middling 125g; low middling 123gc; good ord'y 117g; net receipts 7.435; gross 7.053; sales 7.000; stock 345,706; exports Great Britain —; coastwise - .

AUGUSTA-Quiet; middling 123sc.; low mic-

dling 12c., good ordinary 1115c.; receipts 313; shipments -; sales 481; stock -.

CHARLESTON-Quiet; middling 1234c.; low mid-

dling 121gc.; good ordinary 121gc.; net receipts 829; gross —: sales 1,000; stock 41,854; exports coastwise 1.514; Great Britain —: France —;

New York—Cotton quiet; sales 603; Middling Uplands 13c; Middling Orleans 1318c; consolidate net receipts 15.582; exports Great Britain 5.718;

LIVERPOOL — Noon — Cotton easier. Middling Uplands. 74d; Middling Orleans. 78d; sales 8.000. speculation and export 1.000, receipts 17,800, American 14,500. Futures dull. Uplands

low middling clause: February delivery —, February and March 75-32, March and April 7-3-16, April and May 77-32, May and June 74, June and July 75-16, July and August —, August and September —, October and November—.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK—Money 1.06a6. Exchange 4.8215, governments strong. New 5's 1.0318. Four and a half per cents 1.0818. Four per cents 1.0518. State bonds dull.

FUTURES.

NEW YORK-Futures closed firm. Sales 143,-

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CITY COTTON MARKET.

Miscellancons.

(Baldwin)

The market yesterday closed steady.

Good Middling.....

Middling. Strict low middling.

Low middling....

Lower grades.....

Receipts 238 bales.

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Continent 890: to channel -

continent 3,416; France 59.

stort to advice and assistance of my Parliament. My relations with all powers continue friendly, and the course of events since the prorogatory of Parliament has tended to furnish additional security to the maintainance of our open peace on the principles laid down by the treaty of Berlin. Much, however, still remains to be done to repair the disorder with which the late war has affected many parts of the Turkish Empire. The convention for the suppression of the slave trade has been concluded between my government and that of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan. At the close of your last session, I expressed the hope that the treaty of Gundarnak had happily terminated the war on Afghanistan. In conformity with its provisions my envoy, with his retinue, was honorably received and entertained by the Ameer of Cabul. While engaged, however, in the exercise there of his duty he and those connected with the embassy were treacherously attacked by overwhelming numbers, and after a heroic defence they were almost all massacred. An outrage so intolerable called for condign chastisement, and my troops, which pursuant to stipulations either had withdrawn or were withdrawing from the territory, governed by the Ameer, were ordered to retrace their steps. The skill exhibited in the rapid march upon Cabul, and in advances upon other lines of action, reflect the highest credit upon the officers and men of my British and native forces, whose brayery has been shown with wonted lustre in every engagement with the enemy. The abdication of the Ameer and the unsettled condition of the country rendered the recall of my troops impossible for the present, but the principle on which my government has hitherto acted remains unchanged, and while determined to make the frontiers of my Indian empire strong, I desire to be in friendly relations alike with those who may rule in Afghanistan, and with the people of that country, My anticipations as to an early estabishment of peace in south Africa have been fulfilled. Capturing the position of the Zulu king and the breaking up of the military organization on which his dynasty was based, have relieved my possessions in that part of the world | Britain 122. from the anger which seriously impeded their advancement and consideration.

CABLE FLASHES.

LONDON, February 5 .- The Times has the following from Berlin; "The National Zeitung's Vienna letter asserts that Austria has firmly resolved to increase the defences of that empire. The military authorities consider it advisable that Buda and Pesth be fortified, and the necessity for immediate construction of new fortilications is unanimously recognized." The Times Berlin dispatch says it can-

not be denied that the Conservative majority no longer exists. The government will have to rely upon the support of the National Liberals, which fact will certainly have some influence on the development of the church ques-

number of the morning journals in their leaders agree in the opinion that Irish and Afghan affairs will receive a large amount of attention during the coming session of Parliament. At a meeting of the Dublin Mansion House committee yesterday, Lord Mayor Gray stated that at the rate they had expended the fund on hand, it would not last more than four

Rome, February 5.—A dispatch states that the College of Propaganda will give 7,000 lire to the relief of the Irish

Carolina Fair Association.

To the Citizens of Mecklenburg County: The Carolina Fair Association meets on the second Saturday of February, 14th, at the court house in Charlotte, at June..... 14th, at the court house in Charlotte, at 11 o'clock, sharp. The meeting is called to complete its organization by the electory depends on the court house in Charlotte, at 11 o'clock, sharp. The meeting is called July.

August September to complete its organization by the election of directors, and to determine whether or not a fair shall be held this

Will not the merchants, manufactur-ers and mechanics of Mecklenburg meet with her agriculturists to determine the question? It is equally as important to the former as to the latter. f you will come and give the association your united support we can have a fair worthy of the name, "The Fair of the Carolinas," and our sister counties of this State and of South Carolina, seeing your worthy efforts will assist

As the meeting which elected me president was not largely attended, I am willing to resign and pledge a cordial support to whoever you may elect. Come and give us your support, for our annual re-unions are not only pleasant but profitable. S. B. ALEXANDER, President C. F. A.

Fire Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5 .- A Chinese wash house on Pine street, near Taylor. was destroyed by fire this morning. The number of its occupants is not known, but the bodies of ten Chinamen have been recovered from the

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 5.—The Dallas county court house was burned yesterday together with many valuable papers. The building cost \$100,000, and the loss is about half that amount. It is believed the fire was of incendiary or-

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

Rev. Sylvanus Cobb thus writes in the Boston Christian Freeman:—We would by no means re-commend any kind of medicine which we did not know to be good—particularly for infants. But of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup we can speak from knowledge; in our own family it has proved a blessing indeed, by giving an infant troubled with colle pains, quiet sleep, and its parents unknown rest at night. Most parents can appreciate these blessings. Here is an article which works to per-fection, and which is harmless; for the sleep which it affords the infant is perfectly natural, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button."
And during the process of teething, its value is incalculable. We have frequently heard mothers say they would not be without it from the birth of the child till it had finished with the teething siege, on any consideration whatever. Sold by all druggists. 25 cents a bottle. dec11 d&w 1y

Where Contentment is Impossible.

Contentment produces, in some measure, all those effects which the alchemist usually ascribes to what he calls the philosopher's stone, and if it does not bring riches it does the same thing by banishing the desire for them. But the induce-ments for a fortune at the cost of only two dollars is sufficient to cause any one to read carefully the announcement made by the Louisiana State Lottery Company of the next monthly drawing (the 117th) at New Orleans, February 10th. For further information apply to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., or same person at No. 319 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

A Card.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early de-cay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope o the REV. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D. New SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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