

MASONS.

Ninety-Ninth Annual Commemoration of the Grand Lodge of N. C.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina met in its ninety-ninth annual council last evening at Masonic hall.

The following grand officers were present: F. H. Busbee, Grand Master; Chas. H. Robinson, Deputy Grand Master; Samuel H. Smith, Senior Grand Warden; Samuel H. Rountree, Junior Grand Warden; Wm. E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer; Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary; Rev. Dr. William A. Nelson, as Grand Chaplain; John W. Gidney, Junior Grand Deacon; Jno. W. Cotten, Junior Grand Deacon; William N. Benton, Grand Marshal; James I. Mack, as Grand Sword Bearer; Henry M. Strouse, as Grand Pursuivant; Miles Goodwin, Grand Tyler, and the following Past Grand officers: M. W. John Nichols, P. G. M.; M. W. Horace H. Munson, P. G. M.; R. W. Samuel H. Rountree, R. J. G. W.

The Grand Master announced the delay of the arrival of R. W. H. A. Gudger, Junior Grand Warden, caused by the interruption to travel on the W. N. C. R. R.

C. D. Edwards, from the committee on credentials, reported a large number of lodges represented. The committee was authorized to add to the list all who reported during the evening and to-day.

The Grand Master delivered his address. It was an excellent one. He spoke of the members of the order who died during the year, saying: "Rev. D. C. Phillips, Past Grand Chaplain, has fallen, his post of duty—a loyal soldier of the Cross. A zealous, eloquent minister of the Methodist Episcopal church South, an honest man, a devoted Mason, trustfully he passed to the rewards that await him who endureth to the end. Rev. Johnson Olive, of Wake county—a faithful pastor of the Baptist church, an influential citizen, a tried and loyal Mason—has also been called from his labors to the mansions above. In Wake county especially, among the people to whom he ministered so acceptably, his memory will be forever blessed. Rev. John W. Lewis, a typical Methodist minister; patient, earnest, filled with the enthusiasm of Christianity, has closed his weary eyes on earth. Thomas Palmer, Grand Lecturer, an aged light of the order; George M. Smedes—youthful, learned, filled with genius—has fallen. Others our records disclose whose loss will long be felt by the order."

On motion of John Nichols, P. G. M., the report of the G. M. was referred to a special committee composed of John Nichols, H. H. Munson and R. W. King.

A. H. A. Williams, from the board of directors of the orphan asylum, presented a full and highly satisfactory report in regard to the condition of that institution.

Committee on resolutions announced as follows: On charters and dispensations, No. 1, Thomas Daniels, F. M. Moye and M. F. Stancell.

No. 2, Calvin Cox, J. W. Faison and D. A. Calbreth.

On unfinished business, Exum Davis, J. N. Little and J. M. Pugh.

On accounts and claims, H. H. Munson, Thomas Bldger and Neill S. Stewart.

On Grand Secretary's books and report, A. N. Campbell, T. C. Robertson and P. A. Wilson, Jr.

Special committee on appeals, J. A. Leach, M. J. Hawkins and C. S. Wooten.

Mr. G. Rosenthal, in behalf of Prof. E. P. Moses, Superintendent of the Raleigh graded schools, extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to visit the Centennial graded school. This was accepted and on December 11, 1885, was designated as the time.

Grand Treasurer W. E. Anderson made a very gratifying report, in which he stated that the receipts during the year were \$3,526.15.

Grand Secretary D. W. Bain submitted a carefully prepared and interesting report. He noted the fact that next year would be the centenary of Masonry in the State. It has had perpetual existence since December 9, 1757, when the Grand Lodge was reconstituted at Tarboro. He reports ten new lodges as established during 1885, at Leicester, Buncombe county; Old Fort, McDowell; Flint Hill, Buncombe; Farmers, Randolph; Morehead, Carteret; Hamilton, Martin; Bald Creek, Yancey; Dobson, Surry; Yakin Falls, Stanly; Paint Fork, Madison. Two lodges were revived. No lodges forfeited their charters.

At 10 o'clock last evening the Grand Lodge adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

A SINKING SETTLEMENT.

The Strange Phenomenon Presented by a Pennsylvania Town.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Jan. 8.—Last night was one of suffering and terror for the inhabitants of Boston Run, the scene of the dreadful case in described in these dispatches last evening. The order commanding the inmates of fifteen houses to vacate caused intense excitement. Even in face of the fact that this number of houses stood trembling over the treacherous surface willing hands assisted the families to leave their homes and eagerly removed their household goods to places of safety.

It was, however, understood when the people consented to leave that they could cross the bridge and seek shelter at Mahanoy City and Gibbeton, a mile away; but when they began their journey they found that the bridge and turnpike had been washed away. Surrounded by their little children, all were obliged to return to Boston Run and remain on the mountain side all night, where their household effects were subsequently carried.

The washing away of the bridge and turnpike left them in a pitiable plight, which may result in death to some of the families from exposure, as the night was bitterly cold.

The surface trembled all night, and the roaring of the water, as it poured into the interior of the Boston Run Colliery, could be heard quite a distance away. The breasts at this mine are worked within twenty feet of the surface, leaving the entire town to rest on a mere shell. The water worked its way through the earth into the surface, and with a tremendous roar, poured into the mine, where two hundred men and boys were at work. Its approach served as a warning to the men, who dropped their tools hastened to the bottom of the slope and signaled to be hoisted. They were not a moment too soon.

The coal and iron company has issued orders to their mine bosses and assistants to do all in their power toward relieving the endangered families, and are now engaged in the erection of a temporary bridge, that the almost exhausted women and children may reach the neighboring towns and be taken care of.

A strict watch was kept on the endangered houses all night, and, although they dropped several feet, none of them disappeared altogether until this evening, when two more were engulfed. It is believed that the whole town, comprising forty houses, will be swallowed up before the week is over. It was well known that the entire village was undermined, and that the people lived in continual apprehension of being precipitated into eternity. All the inhabitants have been notified to vacate their dwellings forthwith, but many of them have refused to do so until the bridge is erected, that they may reach Mahanoy City and the adjoining towns.

The colliery is flooded, and, although the pumps are working night and day, the water is rapidly rising, and, as a consequence, the colliery will be thrown idle for a week or two.

This evening the situation at Boston Run is becoming more critical, and the fears that the entire village will go down would seem about to be realized. The surface continues to gradually crack and go down to the first lift of the Boston Run Colliery workings. Houses to the number of fifteen are twisted in every conceivable shape, and only held up by the hard frozen earth, which will soon give way under its weight. The houses are all owned by the coal and iron company, whose loss will be very heavy.

THE BLOCADE REMOVED.

Travel Resumed on the Western North Carolina Railroad.

Yesterday's Observer contained a full account of the stoppage of trains on the Western North Carolina Railroad by reason of the tunnels becoming filled with ice, and we are glad that we are authorized to announce in this morning's paper that the blockade has been removed. Giant powder, dynamite, hot fires and determined railroad officials proved too strong a combination against the hand of nature, and came out victorious in the struggle.

The long tunnel just beyond Round Knob, was completely choked up with ice, and caused more trouble than all the tunnels along the line. The ice was formed in solid masses completely filling the tunnel from floor to roof. The work of clearing out the ice, it may be imagined, was a very difficult one, as only a small force of men could be employed to any advantage, but the officials of this road had relays of workmen on hand constantly, and the work was prosecuted unceasingly, day and night, until the tunnel was cleared. The last train to pass the tunnel was the west bound passenger, on last Saturday afternoon. The icy barriers formed immediately after the passage of that train, and from then until Wednesday evening, 12th inst., the tunnel was closed against the passage of trains.

The blockade was removed on Wednesday evening, and since then all trains on the Western North Carolina road have been placed on schedule. Mr. W. A. Turk, one of the officials of the road, informs us that no further trouble is apprehended, as the railroad men are now clearly masters of the Western North Carolina road in its history. On different occasions the cuts have been filled with snow, mud slides and washed out trestles have been encountered, but these were all trifles compared to the filling of the tunnels with ice. This is truly trouble in a new form, but profiting by it the officials of the road have adopted measures that will prevent its recurrence.

A Rabbit Foot's Fortune to Two Ladies

Mrs. M. A. Naele is a widow lady who resides on South and Tennessee sts. in South Memphis. Near her lives Mrs. Chas. Knell, the wife of an industrious Swede, now with the custom to purchase together fractional tickets in the Louisiana State Lottery. Mr. Knell said he had in his pocket a rabbit-foot he had cut in Kansas, and it would bring luck if he were allowed to buy tickets. They then agreed to buy tickets, and he purchased a tenth ticket, and named the rabbit's foot to the man who sold it. He drew one of the tickets, which was 69,255, and it drew one of the tickets, Capital Prize of \$150,000.—Memphis (Tenn.) Ass'n-Intellec. Dec. 22.

Picture Frames of all kinds, sold cheap at Fuchter & Kern's, 50 Main Street, 25 cents.

ICE-GORGED RIVERS.

Seventy-Five Poor Families Driven from Their Homes by Flood.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The ice-gorge in the Oswego River at Fulton becomes firmer and larger every hour, as immense quantities of ice are constantly coming down the river. The water has risen more than two feet since last night, and is rising several inches an hour. The damage already done cannot be estimated. Fully seventy-five families have been driven from their homes, and others are constantly moving out. The families are poor, and as fast as they are rescued they are turned over to the poor authorities. All the teams that are available are being used to remove flour and other goods from the mills and manufactories. The grain in the mills is wet. Should the water recede the mills and factories will be filled with ice, and as many of them had large contracts on hand the damage will be very great. Hundreds of people are thrown out of employment. The gorge is now two miles long and increasing.

MOYNEZ, Jan. 11.—The river has risen a little since last night. A great deal of damage has been done to wholesale houses on Paul street. The Henderson Lumber Company, on William street, lost a number of horses, which were frozen in the water. Several large mills on the banks of the Laehne Canal had to close down for want of water-power. The distillation caused by the flood among the poor people in St. Gabriel, Point St. Charles and other parts of the city is terrible, and if the flood continues a system of relief will have to be organized.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Jan. 11.—The Susquehanna River is gorged with ice from the Baltimore and Ohio bridge, three miles south of Port Deposit, to a considerable distance north, and reaches from shore to shore. Water is backed up into the town, and all cellars and basements of residences in the lower part are filled to the top with ice. A number of houses are entirely surrounded, and the occupants have moved up-stairs. The ice has never presented a more dangerous appearance than it does at present.

AN IMPORTANT CIRCULAR.

Col. W. L. Saunders, secretary of State, has sent the following circular to the chairmen of the various boards of county commissioners, dated January 4th:

To give ample time to every delinquent tax-payer whose land has been sold to the State for the non-payment of his taxes to redeem his property at the least possible cost. I will not issue instructions for the bringing of any suit in the premises, under the recent act of assembly to enforce the collection of unpaid taxes, until the second Monday in February, 1886, until which time redemptions can be made on the same terms allowed before the first day of this month. I will say further, for the information of all parties concerned, that no suit will be brought in the following classes of cases in which deeds are lodged in this office:

1. Where parties have receipts from the sheriff or tax-collector for the time covered by the deed in this office. In this case let the party exhibit the receipt to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and give a copy of the same to him, to be forwarded to this office.

2. Where parties have paid the taxes for the time covered by the deed in this office and have lost the receipts therefor. In this case, let affidavit be made by the party and given to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, to be forwarded to this office.

3. Where the owner of the land at the time covered by the deed in this office is dead. In this case, let affidavit be made by the Representative of the present owner of the land of the death of the former owner, and that the affiant believes the taxes to have been paid. This affidavit must be given to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, to be forwarded to this office.

In the above cases, no instructions will be given for bringing suit, but the facts will be reported to the Legislature for such action as it may deem proper. I have written a similar letter to the other counties, but it will be well to give the above as a circulation as possible.

THE NEGRO EXODUS.

Settling in Large Numbers in the Republican Counties of Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Jan. 13.—The immigration of negroes from North and South Carolina to this State is attracting attention. The new-comers have generally chosen Chicot, Desha and Drew counties, in Southern Arkansas, as places of abode. The negro population is very large in that section, particularly in Desha and Chicot counties where the republicans have a majority and choose county officers, dividing the offices with the blacks. The immigration of the last few months has been very large, and hundreds of negroes have settled in these counties. A gentleman in this city received a letter from Charleston, S. C., stating that the writer, a leading colored man, desired to locate forty or fifty families, comprising five to eight persons in each family, in this State during January. Other letters from different parts of the Carolina indicate that at least one thousand negroes will come to Arkansas between this date and May.

"Her face so fair, as flesh it seemed not, But heavenly portrait of bright angel's hue. Clear as the sky, without a blemish or blot, Through gaily mixed mixture of complexion drew, And in her cheeks the vermeil red did show."

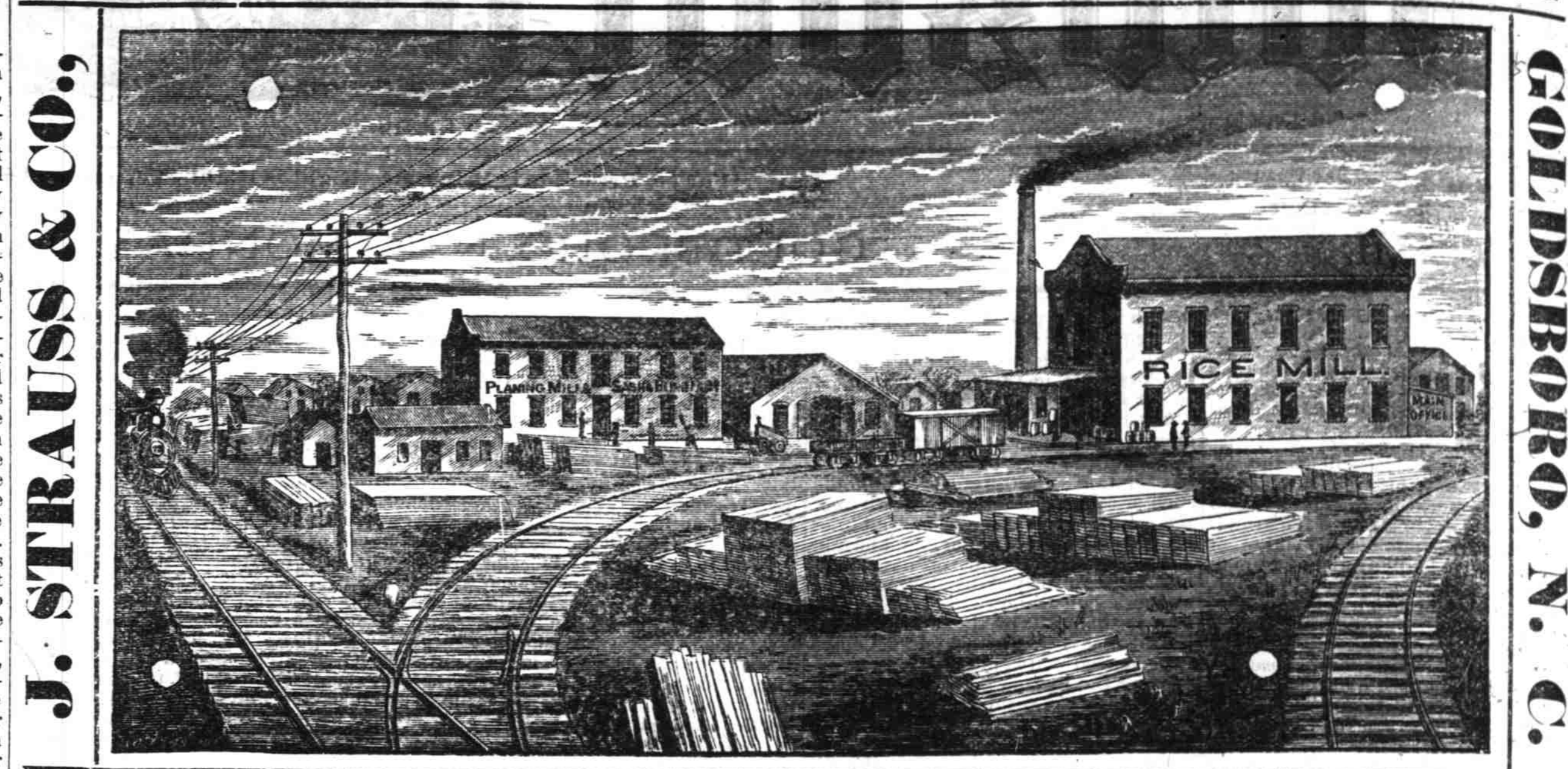
This is the poet's description of a woman whose physical system was in a perfect sound and healthy state, with every function acting properly, and is the enviable condition of its fair patrons produced by Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription." Any Druggist.

The Russian government has recalled minister Tebichagoff from Philadelphia. The appearance of the name suggests that it was a sneaky thing to do.—Binghamton Republican.

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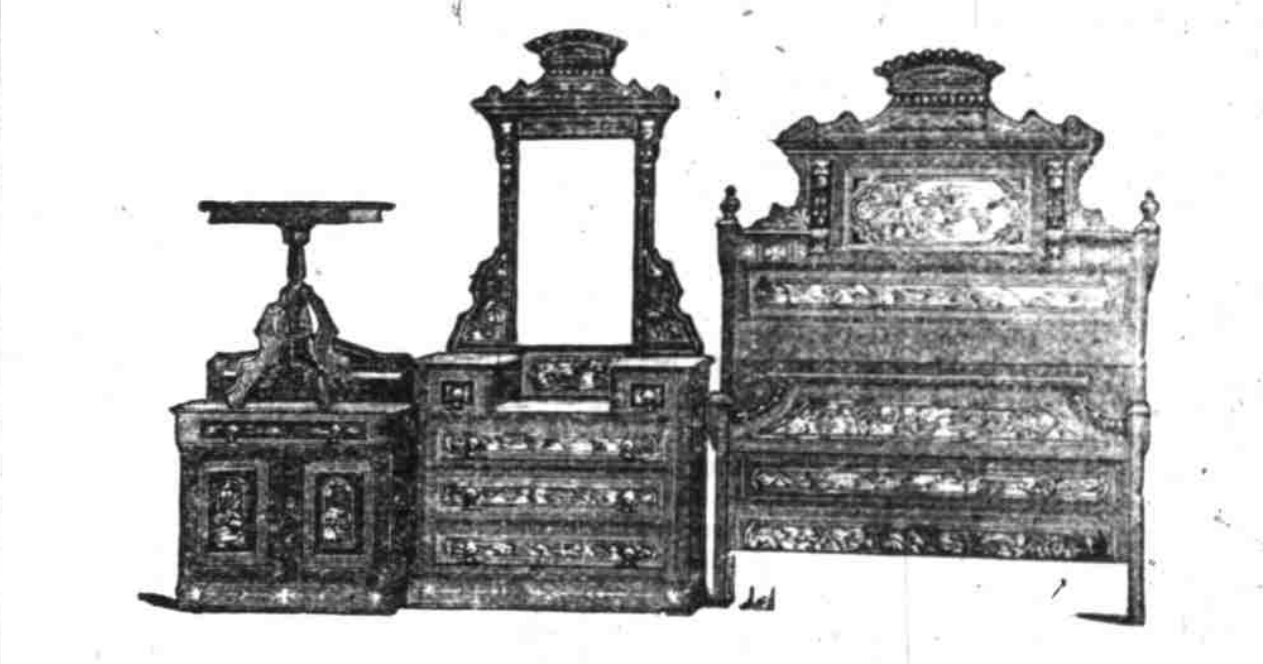
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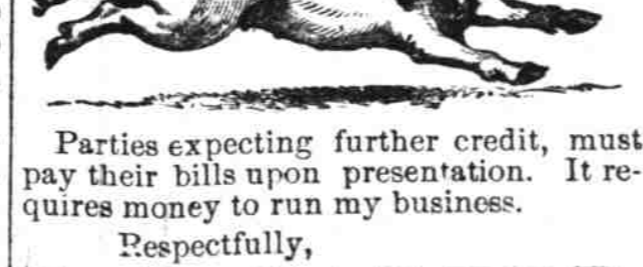
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