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Diy- Ooonds Grocerices,


New Drug Store.



## Grave Stones

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ands of dolaras, but still tho daily ree
 and unimproved, was made over to the
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finally finished his work it was found tinally finished his work it was found
that the extent of Miller's peeculations
exceeded $\$ 1.900,000$ in the space of five years. The amount of property offlered
in restitution exceeding one million and a half, but as most of it was real estate
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HHIM, N. C., TUEJDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1875.
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| case smprases that fany other in cool audacity : :nd boldpess of design. <br> Simntancously, with the discovery of his peculation came that of the fact that his name wa not Jolni Mplter but A. R. Woodiaff. and that lie formerly lived in i.yuchburg, la, where he had a wife and one or two children. His family were in ignorance that he was living in SanFrancise as John Miller, but believed hat as A. 1. Wootruff, he was a prop-ierous wool-grower in Austyalia, tor crery Australian steamer bronght thel a le ter full of tove and affectio: and a fify pound note. By means of a friend in Anstralia, Miller kept up |
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## Another narrow e eape But the presenue of wife No. 1 was still ffayght with inore dauger. On their return from Yosemite, and imme-

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[N. J. Mercury.]
A dispatch from Georgia prematuic
$y$ annowathig that hlis venerable, errat
e genins was suddenly attacked by
dangerons disease, and was in a critical
coudition, furmsied our correspoudent e, some interesting reminiseences of a remarkable man,. Aleck Stephens has
been, like Randolph of Roanoke, dying or nenrly thirty years, and yet conting arl throigh all this time, and din spite of his moribund condition, to take an im portant and prominent part in all the
grave pablicevens tyat agitatee the country. It is now ingre than twenty
yeais since 1 fist saw htm on the floor of the House of Representatives at
Wasiington. His physical weakress Was so marked that everybody spoke
about it , and all donbted bis ability to live through the session, which ended
March 4,1857 . But the Marcli 4, 1857. But the hackmen and
undertakers in the city knew lim beter. They alt said that Stephens was an
nipostor in the mattor of health, that tor ten years previous he had protended
to bedying raising the hopes of the unertakers and cab drivers for lacrative at had always cheated them out of it never dyhy. He hảs thus lived ou er -
er since er sjince, passed through the fierce con
test over slavery, secession and the war nd managedso well that, although
Vice-President of the Coustederacyand nothor of the celebrated mauifesto that
ins -slavery was the cornerstone of the new
Confederation of Americah States," he cet, of all Coufederater, attained the
inst popularity at the North, and was Congress atter the war, and treated members though wot acting with their
party. Buan all thes, things are re, cent history, and well known, and hence they need not be rapealed here. But
one of his conflicts in the House in ante War times, and in which a member foom concerned, is worth telling
Orsamus B. Matteson represented the Utica 1 istrict, and served on the Com.
mittee on Pensions. A Mr. Tripplet a pension agent at Wastington, had ulations conceruing pensions, and of decisious of Courts relating thereto, and
this book he was anxious to sell to the Goverument. Congressman Matteson
excrted himself ftrenuously in favor of excrtel himserf trenuoosly in favor of
Tripplett's work, and liecarried through Congress an appropriation for its purlease, al a fixcd price per volnme. It
lat subsequently that this price was a trific highter than the retail price tiat the excess went to Mr. Matteson as compensation 1or his labors,
Charges were preferred on these facts,
and a conmittce appoiilted to iuvestiaud a coumittee appoiited to iuvesti-
gate them. Aleck Stephens was the Chairman of that Committee, and GaluThe members.
The coummitte made two reports, one by Stephens, to expel Matteson tor cor-
raption, the other by Grow. to censure hing oniy for careless conduzt in allow-
ing himeclf to be found out: This ocert to Rejublicanism, having changed ous Congress on the Kansas-Nebrask ronbles, and he determined to win his arty in conducting the defense of Matin the House rested solely upon Ste ${ }^{-}$ Whens and Grow, and they were wel.
natched. 'They are both, when under xcitement, exceedingly passionate, the ratory aggressive and eren violent, on the side of honesty gagainst briberg. Never did the inost rolust and power-
ful man sliute brighter in debate than Stephens on that occeasion, though the hand of grim death seemed already upon
him. The denuaciation of the turpitude him. The denunciation of the turpitude
of Mateson's crime was a burst of fiery eloquence as is seldom heard in Congress. His lithe like framie shook
nervonsly, and appeard as if falling
asunder, as he turned his brilliantly baaming ege npon Matteson and pointscorn at the accused. The $R$ epublicans had a majority, and Bauks was Spealk-
ri, yet all the efforts of Grow were vain Stepheus carried the House with him take then. They all went, and on the 1 a present of 860,000 in United State made in Australia.

