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The Pennsylvania Rulroad main tains at Philadelphia a school for persons who want to become conductors Candidates are tested as to their ability to write, their knowledge of mathematics, &c., and are then instructed as to the rights of passengers the uses of different kinds of tickets, the situation of stations, &c.

The tes importers of the couptry are a good deal stirred up over, the introduction of a bill in Congress prohibit . ing the importation of tea-dust. They argue that they have to pay for it with the tea they buy in China or Japan, that it is wholesome, and that any adul- Journal teration can essily by detected. But it may well be doubted if the sweepings drink.

Some wonderful exhibitions of mesmerism have recently been given in Philadelphia by "Prof." Gustave Kennedy. One of his subjects when in a manifested also by sewing the tongue of a subject with an ordinary thread and needle to the upper lip, and stit hing the cheeks.

Lenten entertainments in New York, and are served at 11 o'clock by candlelight. All daylight is excluded, and guests, generally about twenty in number, are seated around four small tables five guests at each table, and the tables are placed sufficiently near for general conversation. Breakfast is served in courses, after which there may be music hostess.

The National Republican at Washjugton authoritatively denies that the President is prostituting his office and using the power and machinery of the for publication Government to secure his renomination. "Neither the President nor any person by his authority or in his behalf has attempted in the slightest degree to in fluence the course of Government officials or to make use of them in manip ulating conventions or selecting delegates," that paper says, and it adds. "If the choice of the Republican con vention at Chicago shall fall upon him, he will be incomparably the

Keeping a boarding house will al-

An irate Scranton father has pum

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Durham is historic. It was neutral ground during the armistice between Sherman and Johnson. Soldiers of both armies filled their pouches with the tobacco stored there,

and, after the surrender, marched homeward. Soon orders came from East, West, North and South, for "more of that elegant tobacco." Then, ten men ran an unknown factory. Now it employs 800 men, uses the pink and pick of the Golden' Belt, and the Durham Bull is the trade-mark of this the best tobacco in the world. Blackwell's Buil Durham Smoking Tobacco has the largest sale of any smoking tobacco in the world. Why ? Simply because it is the best. All dealers have it. Trade-mark of the Bull.



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stronger for not having attemp ed to capture it by the use of means whichthough fair enough as politics go would not be in harmony with his clear and dignified administration, and which would give his enemies something that they are now searching for in vain-an argument against him " This official utterance is significant as avowing that the President is a candidate for renousination, though he will not resort to

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger (Protectionist) writes: The rounion of the Tilden and Tammany factions in this city is no longer a matter of conjecture or specu-Stion, but a demonstrable fact, the full significance of which the managers of the party outside of New York will not fail to comprehend in its direct relations to the approaching National Conven-

tion. The Sar, Mr. Kelly's organ, no longer hesitates to declare that the duty of the hour is the renomination of ' the old ticket;" and it must be remembered

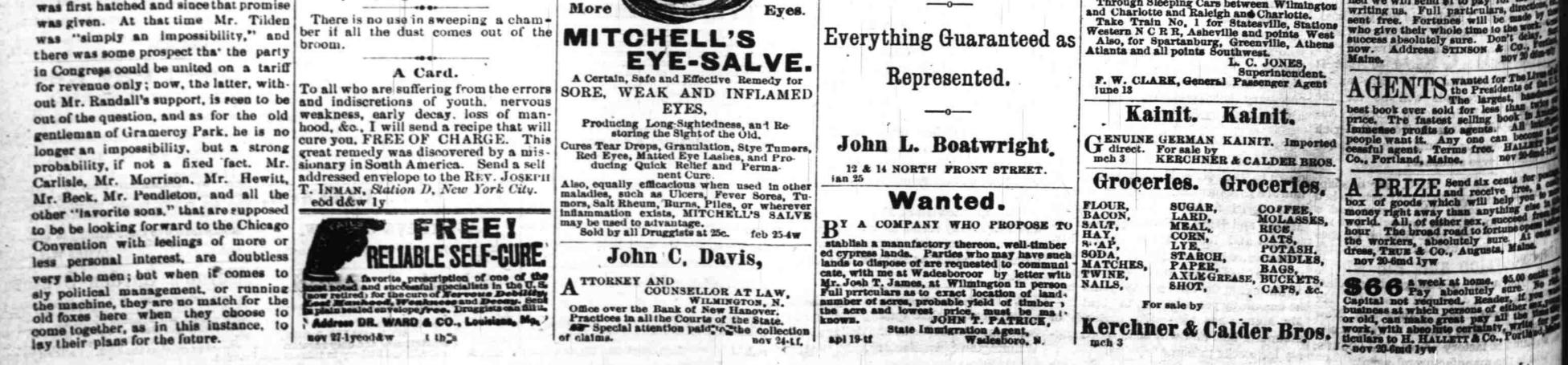
that back of this declaration are the seventy thousand votes which the Tammaoy chief professes to control on this side of the Harlem River. This confirm+ the statement hardolore of your correspondent, that the tariff issure is to be thrown aside by the New York managers, and the old "fraud" ory substituted. It is in fact the culmination of negotiations that have been going on between Gramerce Park and the Fourteenth street Wigwam for weeks-past, and it furnishes the key to the failure of certain Democratic leaders to keep their promise to Mr. Morrison that he should have a series of mass

moetings at Cooper Institute to back up his tariff bill at Washington. The situation has changed since that bill was first hatched and since that promise was given. At that time Mr. Tilden was "simply an impossibility," and cases, purely vegetable. 1 eod-w

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There is no use in sweeping a chamber if all the dust comes out of the



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