The Enormity of Our Pension List.

The cost of pensions in this country for the current year will be over \$87,000,000.

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The Negro and the Franchise.

We have not accomplished any good to either race by conferring upon 1,500,000 negroes the privilege of voting. Its effect is only to neutralize the same number of votes that would otherwise be cast with reference to the general welfare and prosperity of the country. It is needless to recall the history of the race contests that have pervaded the ballot-box under this mistaken policy. The facts are present in every election, to establish the existence of this national misfortune. Unless the voter can sink his race proclivities and aversions in his sense of duty to his country, it is in vain that we endeavor to compel by Dr. W. M. Fowlkes & Co. law the harmonious action of the white and negro races, either in voting or in conducting the government. This impossible condition is hidden in the core of the negro question, and neither law makers, judges nor executive officers can remove it. -Senator John T. Morgan.

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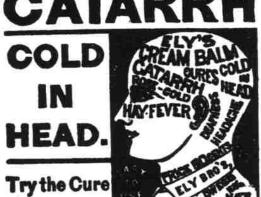
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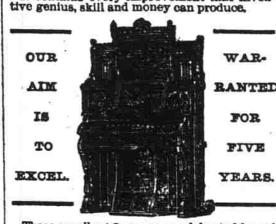
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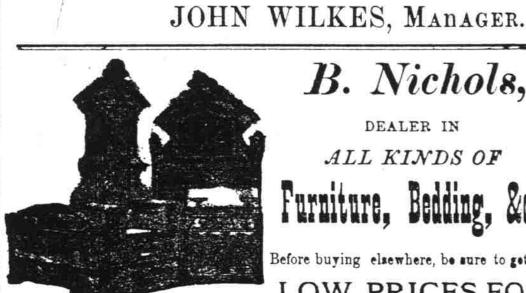
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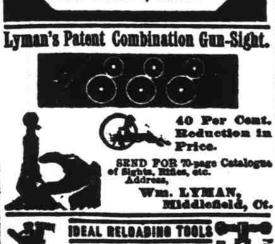
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