

THE N. Y. World is authority for the statement that Henry George will not be a candidate for President, and that he is opposed to his party's nominating a candidate.

As the Democrats are beginning to align themselves for a square fight on tax reduction, the Republicans, with Blaine at the head, are drawing up for a battle for protection. This will give a live issue for the campaign of 1888, and the Democrats ought to insist on fighting it out on this issue.

The Democrats and Republicans of the Fifty-third Congress are both reported to be happy. The former over the probability that they will be able to unite on tax reduction in accordance with the President's message; the latter over the fact that the President has made a blunder in declaring against a high protective tariff.

The National Republican committee has decided to hold their next National Convention, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President, at Chicago on the 19th of June, 1888. The Blaine men seem to be directing affairs and it is quite likely that the two great parties will be headed by the same men, while it is a fact that both the second men on the tickets in 1881 have passed over the river.

HUGH McCulloch, who was Secretary of the Treasury under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, declines in favor of President Cleveland's view of the tariff. He regards himself as an old Henry Clay Whig and believed in a revenue tariff with, perhaps, incidental protection. He says the Constitution as he reads it confers absolutely no right to frame a tariff protection, and he thinks that instrument, though old, is a safe guide to follow.

ONE of the most hopeful signs for the next election is that the Democrats and Republicans will have a square issue on tariff reduction. If Cleveland and Blaine are the nominees of their respective parties the main slingers will be at a loss for scandalous matter with private affairs of these gentlemen were thoroughly and exhaustively discussed during the campaign of 1884. It would be refreshing to have one decent campaign with a real issue before the people.

THE Virginia House of delegates by a vote of 90 to 1 adopted resolutions directing their Senators and requesting their representatives in Congress to use every effort to secure a repeal of the entire internal revenue laws. The demand for the repeal of this useless and offensive tax is growing continually. The United States government will find it more congenial with the people to collect money for the administration of the government by tariff on imports than to bring the tax gatherer face to face with the people, hunting them down and dragging them to court on alleged violation of internal revenue laws. Why harass and bedevil the people for the purpose of raising money from them that the government does not need?

EVERY lover of the Constitution will rejoice that the Supreme Court of the United States has overruled the Judge Bond in the Virginia cases where it was sought to use the Federal power to force the State to receive the coupons of her bonds in payment of taxes. Under Judge Bond's order, he being a circuit judge of the United States, the Attorney General of the State and two of Commonwealth's attorneys were imprisoned for contempt. The cases were appealed upon a writ of habeas corpus to the Supreme Court of the United States which holds that the Circuit Court was without jurisdiction in the cases. The doctrine of Jefferson is again waxing and that of Hamilton waning.

THE PRIDE OF A TRIFLE SOUTH BRNER. The following letter was recently written by Mrs. Johnson Davenport to a movement on foot at Macon, Ga., to raise by popular subscription a Jefferson Davis fund. It was addressed to W. H. Ross, chairman of the committee having the matter in hand.

"If anything could ever be done for our friends in Macon it would be the solicitude manifested for our welfare through the love felt for my husband. But my dear sister, let me entreat you to let us think best for the effort, but deprecate the accomplishment of it. If my daughter and I have received an education which would stand instead of money were it to be swept away, while I do not contemplate, and the blessings of freedom and independence are dearer to us than wealth and ease, and we should not be comfortable under this momentary obligation to those who have given a far greater boon to my husband already— their hearts. I have been thus frank with you because, as Montaigne says, 'If a son and his father hope you will act on my letter.' These are noble words and in a striking contrast with others which have been the recipients of bountiful gifts from friends, thus placing them in positions of wealth and

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The Christian Church at Pantego has recently purchased a new organ.

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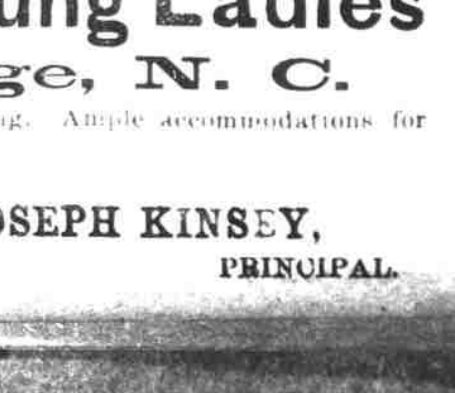
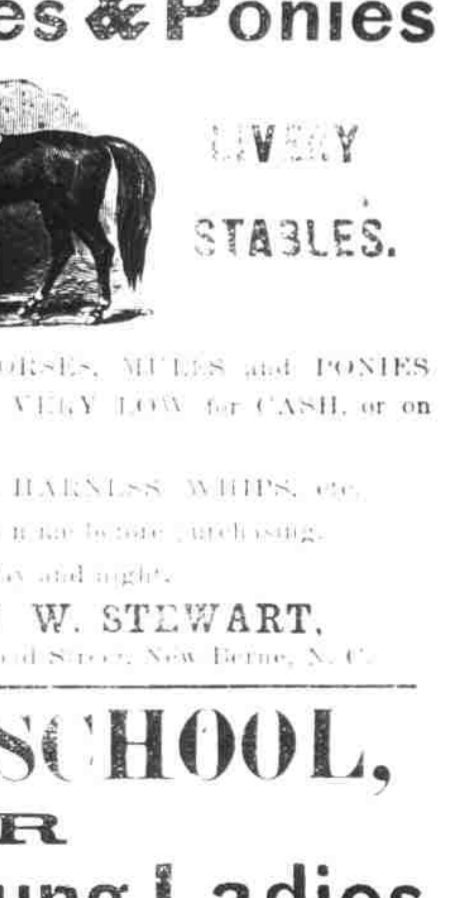
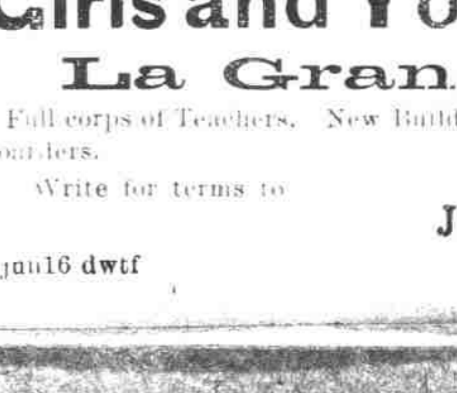
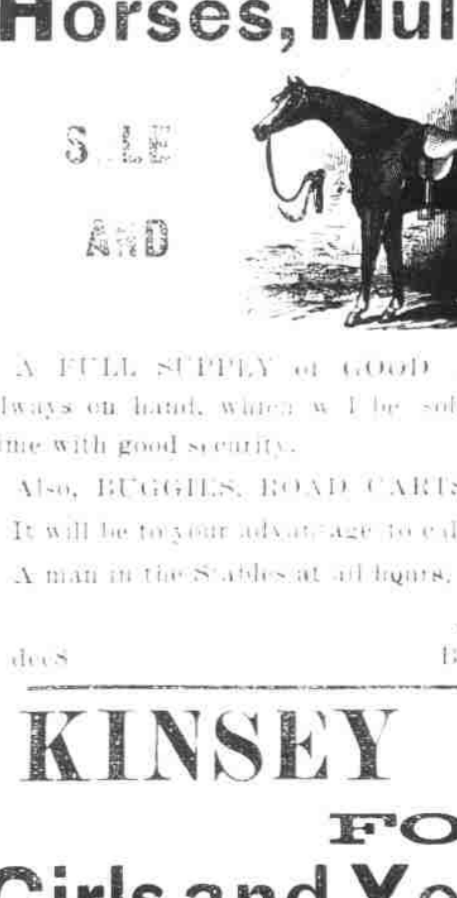
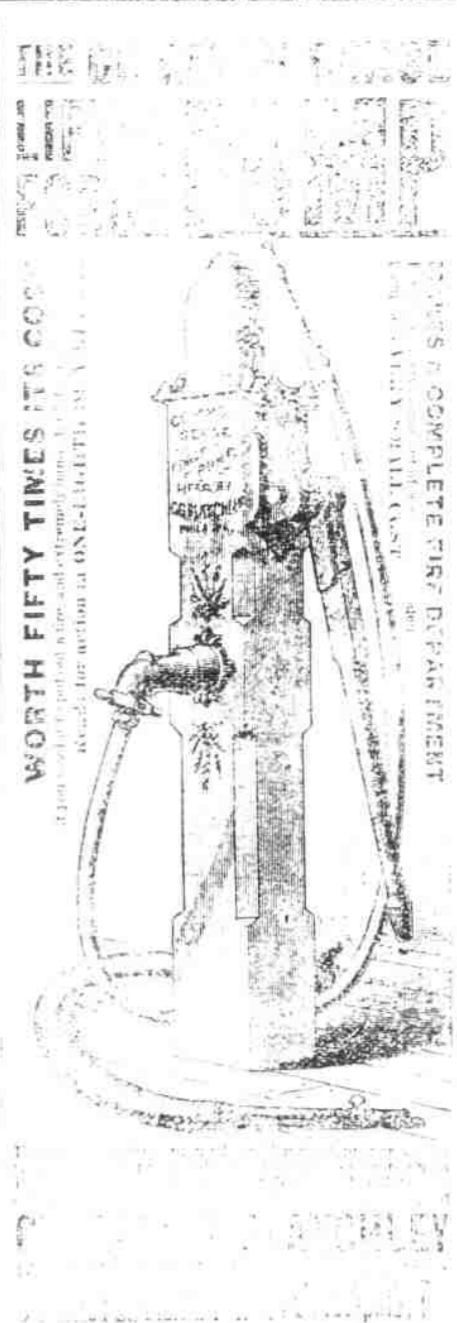
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