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EVILS IN OUR JURY SYSTEM. The newspapers are continually calling attention to evils in the jury system. They insist that too many incompetent and corrupt jurors sit upon the trial of important cases both civil and criminal. They generally speak the truth in all they say about the matter, but we have not yet seen a suggestion that will practically rid the courts of the evil, The State Chronicle thinks that the remedy lies with the county commissioners. If they would purge the jury box and see that the names of zone but men of "good moral character and sufficient intelligence" as the law requires are put in the box the Chronicle thinks the evils would be remedied. This is undoubtedly the first step towards securing good men for jurors but this

alone is not sufficient. Without some other change in the practice of obtaining jurors in our courts, the work of the county commissioners will be thwarted no matter how

were two sets of petit jurors-all select men-and it was only in one er year, \$5.60 for six months. Delivered compelled to summon one from the

bystanders. some extent be remedied by, first, the county commissioners doing their duty as the law requires, and see that the names of none but men of good moral character and sufficient intelligence are put in the box, and second, let enough of these be drawn to prevent the necessity of calling on the bystanders.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION. The death of Vice-President MADRID, Nov. 26.—Cardinal HENDRICKS again brings the ques- Benavides heard Alfonso's confestion of the Presidential succession prominently before the people. The extra session of the Senate held present House of Representatives resentatives, there is no constitutional provision for the succession in such a contingency. The chances elected President of the Senate when that body meets, and in case of the death or disability of President CLEVELAND, he would for the time being be the President of the United States. The N. Y. Sun,

the office, says: The law providing who shall act as President in case of the death or inability of both the President and Vice-President directs also that a To Cure All Kinds of Chills new election shall be held to fill the vacancies. | The Secretary of State is to notify the Governor of every State that electors of a President or Vice-President are to be appointed or chosen:

"If there shall be the space of two months yet to ensue between the date arising from improper verdicts of such notification and the first Wednesday in December then next ensuing, such notification shall specify that the electors shall be appointed or chosen within thirty-four days preceding such first Wednesday in December.

"If there shall not be the space of two months between the date of such notification and such first Wednesday in December, and if the term for which the President and Vice-President last in office were elected will not expire on the third day of March next ensuing, rigidly they scrutinized the qualifier the notification shall specify that the electors shall be appointed or chosen within thirty-four days preceding the place in the box. Let us illustrate: The law requires the county com-missioners to draw from the jury the date of such notification and the box thirty-six scrolls and the men first Wednesday in December then next ensuing, and if the term for which the whose names are on said scrolls President and Vice-President last in office were elected will expire on the jurors at the fall and spring terms third day of March next ensuing, the notification shall not specify that elec-tors are to be appointed or chosen." The first half of the second para graph in the law just quoted refers to the situation as it would be in case of the immediate death or discourt thirty-six as good men as can ability of Mr. Cleveland. The elec-be found in the county. Eighteen tion of a President and Vice-Presiof these are drawn for the grand dent to serve during the unexpired term of Cleveland and Hendricks would be pushed over until next November. The Electoral College then chosen would vote on the first Wednesday in December, 1886. The President and Vice-President then elected would be inaugurated on go out to make up their verdict the remainder of the regular panel is called into the box, and the law're-uadrennial term, namely, until quires the Sheriff, in obedience to the order of the court, to summon from day to day of the bystanders, other jurors, and the only qualifica-have to be charged by some officer dent, and the duties of Vice-President by some member of the Senate chosen by that body to preside over its deliberations. What officer would aet as President? The President of the Senate, if there was one. The situation which we have been considering men who possess these qualifica-tions, and the most ignorant and corrupt can become freeholders. We do not think we are far from the truth when we assert that not more than one-third of the cases tried in our Superior Courts are tried by the regular jurors. Then why should the county commission ers be blamed for not purging the jury box! Every criminal has

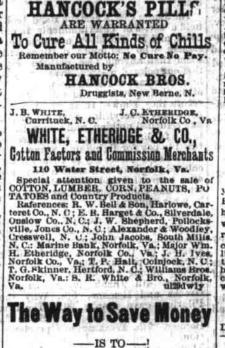
King Alfonso's Death.

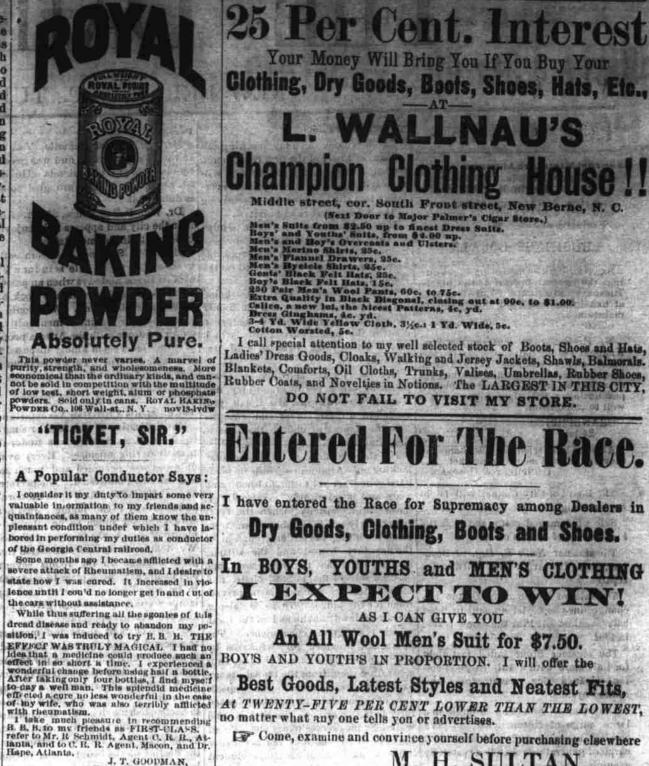
BAYONNE, Nov. 26 .- Letters re-eived from Madrid attribute the ceived from Madrid attribute the death of King Alfonso to various causes. One attributes his death to pulmonary phthisis, another to The evil complained of can to some extent be remedied by, first, the county commissioners doing their duty as the iaw requires, and see that the names of none but men of good moral character and suffi-tient intelligence are put in the regarding the requests of his phy-sicians that he should remain at his hunting seat at El Pardo, de-claring that there were political reasons for his presence at the capital.

sion at 71 a.m. on Wednesday, and administered to him the last sacraments in the presence of Queen Christina, ex-Queen Isabella, and after the 4th of March last failed to other members of the royal family elect a President pro tempore, and and several members of the house as there has been no session of the hold. The King begged to see his daughters, who were in Madrid at no Speaker has been chosen. If for, but arrived too late to see their then the President were to die or father alive. The King died in the to become disabled before the meet- arms of Queen Christina. All presing of the Senate or House of Rep- ent were profoundly affected. The Cardinal and the ex Queen wept, and the Infanta Isabel fainted. Queen Christina subsequently covered the body with flowers, and for are that Senator LOGAN will be a long time refused to leave the chamber.

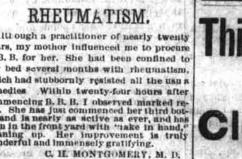
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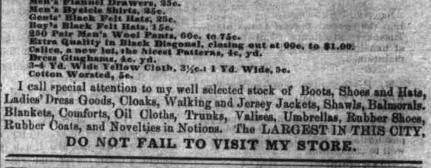
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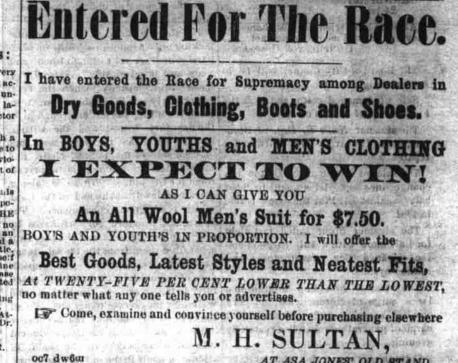
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should be summoned to serve as suppose that the county commissioners have done their duty and we find at the assembling of the jury. If all are present and none excused, which is seldem the case, there are eighteen left for the petit jary. Twelve of these are impanneled to try a cause. When they go out to make up their verdict the quires the Sheriff, in obedience to March 4, 1889. But between now tion to which he is restricted is that of the Government acting as Press they shall be freeholders.

The county commissioners may put the names of none but men of 'good moral character and sufficient intelligence" into the box, but they cannot restrict the bystanders to

jury box1 Every criminal has friends among the bystanders, and under the present plan of making up a jury they stand a very good chance of "taking the box." This evil can be remedied by hav-ing a larger number of regular jurors drawn. Forty-eight for the first week of the Superior Court in not too many. This would give twe juries for the trial of causes, and as in the trial of oriminal cases ily two perseptory challenges are leved the bystander would not be oded so often. At the late term of the U. S. District Court there five

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