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 DEALERS IN
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Brandies,
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 Cabs, Boy's and Toy wagons and wheel-
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 AND
Flower Seeds.
 Mixed Canary Seed, by
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 that intend to build, as
 well as the
Lumber Dealers
 of
SAN ANTONIO,
 and the surrounding country, are
 invited to the fact that I am now
PREPARED
 To fill any ORDERS at the
LOWEST
PRICES,
 OF
FLORIDA PINE
LOUISIANA CYPRESS,
BLACK WALNUT,
 Rough and dressed
FLOORING.
SHINGLES
 Of the BEST QUALITY, and all
 other kinds of Building Material.
EDWARD STEVES,
ALAMO PLAZA,
 12-71.) SAN ANTONIO.

The Presidency, General Grant.
 The Standard treating of the dif-
 ferences alleged to exist among the
 Republicans of this State, seems fit
 to say:
 "We do not believe that Mr.
 Greeley and his associates desire the
 renomination of Gen. Grant."
 The same journal in printing Mr.
 Greeley's remarks on taking the
 chair of the Republican General
 Committee, proclaimed them a re-
 nomination of General Grant. It
 was wrong then, and is wrong now.
 Mr. Greeley—speaking for himself
 only—is neither for nor against the
 renomination of Gen. Grant, but
 will be either as he shall judge most
 conducive to a Republican triumph.
 He deems it too soon by a year to
 discuss the claims or chances of
 Gen. Grant or any one else. So far
 as he can judge, the Republicans
 are generally satisfied with Gen.
 Grant's Administration and inclined
 to renew his lease of power. If
 there is not much enthusiasm in his
 behalf, there is a very general con-
 viction that he is a safe and pru-
 dent Executive. Not hearing of
 any formidable or serious efforts to
 prevent his renomination, it seems
 to us unwise in those who favor it
 to agitate the matter. The meeting
 of Congress next December is quite
 soon enough for that.

Gen. Grant has been not quite two
 years in power. During those two
 years many war clouds have loomed
 on the horizon, yet peace with for-
 eign nations and with Indian tribes
 has been happily preserved. The
 taxes have been largely reduced,
 yet two hundred millions of the na-
 tional debt have been paid off and
 canceled, though we are paying one
 hundred and twenty millions per
 annum for interest and thirty mil-
 lions per annum for pensions to the
 widows and orphans of our great
 struggle. We doubt whether any
 government ever before devoted so
 large a proportion of its annual in-
 come to the payment of debt. He
 misunderstands human nature who
 fancies that these facts will not tell
 in a Presidential contest.

In a single respect, the hopes of
 the American people have not yet
 been realized. That respect is the
 funding of the bulk of the National
 debt at a lower rate of interest.
 Doubtless, the great European war,
 with the clouds on the Eastern
 horizon, have impeded this much-
 desired consummation. Still, a
 government that is not borrowing,
 but regularly and vigorously pay-
 ing, and which borrows only to pay
 outstanding liabilities, ought not to
 be paying six per cent. on loans
 that it has a right forthwith to re-
 deem. If our Five-Twenties could
 be funded at an average of 4 per
 cent, the saving would be hardly
 less than twenty millions per annum.
 Even at five per cent, the saving
 must be nearly fifteen millions. We
 ought surely to be able to borrow at
 4 or 5 per cent, the money wher-
 ewith to cancel the Five-Twenties,
 in view of the weekly reduction of
 the volume of our entire debt, and
 we trust this year will see the task
 accomplished. That achievement
 would powerfully conduce to the
 renomination of Gen. Grant.

We state the case as we under-
 stand it, and with rigid impar-
 tiality. We like Gen. Grant, but we
 care far more for Republican ascen-
 dancy than for any man's personal
 fortunes. It is in our view of great
 importance that the Opposition
 shall be kept out of power, while it
 is of comparatively small moment
 that A or B should tenant the
 White House. For a Democratic
 national triumph means a restora-
 tion to power of those who deserted
 their seats in Congress and their
 places under the last Democratic
 President to plunge the country in-
 to the Red Sea of secession and re-
 bellion. Though you point an inch
 thick, to this complexion you must
 come at last. The brain, the heart,
 the soul, of the present Democratic
 party is the rebel element in the
 South, with its Northern allies and
 sympathizers. It is rebel at the
 core to-day, hardly able to reconcile
 the defeats of Lee, Johnston, Bragg,
 Hood, and Price, and the conse-
 quent downfall of its beloved Con-
 federacy, with its traditional faith
 in Divine Providence. It would
 hail the election of a Democratic
 President in 1872 as a virtual rever-
 sion of the Appomattox surrender.
 It would come into power with the
 hate, the chagrin, the wrath, the
 mortification, of ten bitter years, to
 impel and guide its steps. It would
 devote itself to taking off or reduc-
 ing tax after tax until the Treasury

was deprived of the means of pay-
 ing interest on the national debt,
 and would hail the tidings of na-
 tional bankruptcy with unalloyed
 gladness and unconcealed exulta-
 tion. Whatever chastisement may
 be deserved by our national sins,
 we must hope that this disgrace and
 humiliation will be spared us.

It behooves Republicans, in our
 view, to stand wholly aloof from
 personal commitments and entangle-
 ments until the time for decision
 and action with regard to the next
 Presidential canvass shall have ar-
 rived; and that is nearly or quite a
 year hence. It—as now seems
 highly probable—Gen. Grant shall
 then appear to be our strongest
 man, we must all go in for him and
 make his nomination unanimous.
 If any other Republican shall at
 that time be stronger, we must rally
 around that other, nominate and
 elect him. Meantime, let us attend
 to more pressing requirements, and
 let President-making bide its time.
 —N. Y. Tribune.

A TEXAS ITEM.—The Indianola
 Bulletin informs us that the railroad
 from Victoria to Indianola, forty
 miles in length, will be ready for
 use in a few weeks. This is the
 road which the military skill of
 General Magruder destroyed during
 the "so-called" in order to inter-
 rupt the march of the Yankees into
 the interior of Texas. And in order
 to make his art of war the more
 enduring, the rails, it is said, were
 put into the fire and burned until
 they became twisted and bent so
 that they could never be used even
 by the Confederates if they had
 found occasion for so doing.

The people of Western Texas sug-
 gest that this act of vandalism was
 done in the interest of the Houston
 and Galveston commercial inter-
 ests; but as the act was really done
 under a military order, and as it
 was only one of a thousand similar
 acts of stupidity, perhaps it would
 be just as well to admit that it was
 a "military necessity," now that
 the evil is repaired.

One of the best features, however,
 about the road is that it is the first
 railroad built in the Gulf States
 which adopts the newly imported
 narrow gauge, whereby cost in con-
 struction and friction in running
 are largely economized. We con-
 gratulate our Western Texas friends
 on their new "steam horse." —N. O.
 Republican.

MARD TWAIN, whose horse was
 so thin that he had to lean against
 a tree to think, was considerably
 beaten by a long, cadaverous spec-
 imen of humanity, who said that he
 had a brother so poor that the sun
 would shine through him, and that
 he had to put on an overcoat to
 make a shadow.

"How," said Lord A., to a friend
 who wished to convey a matter of
 importance to a young lady, "can
 you be certain of her reading the
 letter, seeing that you have directed
 it to her husband?" "That I have
 managed without the possibility of
 a failure," was the answer. "She'll
 open it for a certainty, for I have
 put 'private' in the corner."

AN unmarried friend declared,
 the other day, with an expression
 of countenance almost lugubrious:
 "I never cared a farthing about
 getting married, until I attended
 an old bachelor's funeral."

Obituary notices are often uncon-
 sciously satirical, as in this, written
 of an old citizen of Nashville: "He
 was a most exemplary citizen and
 Christian. His had been married
 four times, and died in perfect re-
 signation."

THE following speech is attrib-
 uted to a member of the Legislature
 of Pennsylvania: "I know wimmin
 Mr. Speaker; I say it in no disre-
 spect, I know em; I have had a
 heap to do with em. They're a use-
 ful class, and—and, yet with the
 best of 'em you may have trouble."

A disturbed preacher remarked:
 "If that cross-eyed lady in the side-
 aisle, with red hair and a blue bon-
 net, don't stop talking, I must point
 her out to the congregation."

THE other day, while a teacher
 was hearing a boy recite his lesson,
 the following passage occurred:
 "The wages of sin is death." The
 teacher, wishing to get the word
 "wages" out by deduction, asked:
 "What does your father get every
 Saturday night?" The boy answer-
 ed, promptly: "He gets drunk."

Very Late.
 Over in Chester County, lately a clock-
 peddler was tramping along, hot, dusty,
 and tired, when he came to a meeting
 house, wherein the Society of Friends
 were engaged in silent devotion. The peri-
 patetic tradesman thought he would wait
 in and rest himself. He took a seat upon
 a bench, doffed his hat, and placed his
 clocks upon the floor. There was a pain-
 ful stiffness in the meeting house, which
 was broken by one of the clocks, which
 commenced striking furiously. The ped-
 dler was in agony, but he hoped every min-
 ute that the clock would stop. Instead of
 that, just struck 430 times by the actual
 count of every Friend in the meeting, for
 the best disciplined of them could not
 help numbering the strokes. Then up
 rose one of the Friends at the end of the
 four hundred and thirtieth stroke, and
 said: "Friend, as it is so very late, per-
 haps thou had better proceed on thy jour-
 ney, or thou wilt not reach thy destination,
 unless thou be as energetic as thy valiant
 timepiece!"

Something for the novelist and the play-
 wright. A man here kills your horse by a
 poisoned postage stamp, which he sends
 her in a note requesting an answer, and
 gets the evidence of guilt into his hands
 again by return mail.

A desolate citizen of New Orleans put
 the following question to one of the papers
 published there:
 "Mr. Eddy—That what I wish to ask
 you is whether strychnine, what the police
 gives to dogs won't poison the human being
 after passengers have been tried. I use put
 in the paper how this is, for if first strychnine
 is given, I go again sassafras."
 Yours, till poisoned."

Greeley wrote something about "Sub-
 ban journalism advancing." The composi-
 tor thought it was one of his agricultural
 articles, and launched out wildly on "Su-
 perb Jerusalem articles."

An old man in Saybrook, Conn., lives on
 a farm that was never bought nor sold, it
 having come down to him from his ances-
 tors, who obtained it from the Indians.

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SAN ANTONIO
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 Opposite the Post House.
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 I hereby forbid all persons selling cattle
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 of cattle having the above brand, should remit
 it to me as soon as possible.
 MARY E. LOWEN,
 Executrix for John Bowen, dec'd.
 San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 12, 1870. (13-12-70w6d)

SEED POTATOES, Garden and Flower
 Seeds, by
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