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TERMS FOR DAILY. TERMS FOR WERKLY.

THE old timer is puzzled, he can't remember in all the years since 1854, that he ever saw so many cloudy days in December.

SEVERAL blizzards have been nipped in the bud this winter, greatly to the satisfaction of the hard coal consume as well as his neighbor.

THE Omaha Herald already h dges on the president's message; it says "Mr. Cleveland's message was no more a plea for free trade than for protection."

THE Omaha Bee, which leads newspaper enterprises in Omaha as is its custom, opened an office in Washington on the first, with the associate editor in charge.

An effort is being made in Omaha to bounce an attorney for perjury and changing the record. The Herald is surprised that attorneys should take notice of such trivial matters.

OUR good friend Dr. Miller, late of the Omaha Herald, a great free trade apostle, is having a little tilt with H. W. to find a democrat that takes the right was the end of the whole affair." view of tariff matters and is able in the discussion of the same to lay the doughty bered a time when the outrage would Dr. on the shelf.

The Plattsmonth Dailn Gerald few days, have been antagonistic to the policy marked out by the president. The democratic party has for years been clamoring for the reduction of "war taxes." The new and progressive element of the party in the south declares

that the real "wartaxes" are the internal Is published every evening except Sunday and Weekly every Thursday morning. Regis-tered at the postoffice, P att=mouth. Nebr., is second-class matter. Office corner of Vine and Fifth streets. response of the tariff is touched. The president and the leaders of the dominant branch of the party demand that the internal taxes remain as now and that the entire reduction of the revenue be made upon the tariff. Here is a conflict between the democratic factions which the party organs can not conceal and which party discipline can not suppress. With this new element in the south the republican policy is, to some extent, in harmony. The republicans would abolish the tax on tobacco, as well as upon alcohol used in the arts. Such other reductions of revenue as would be required the republicans would make by revising the tariff, although keeping the interests of the American toiler-enployer and employed-carefully in view. The president's message, in fact, has weakened the democratic line in the southern states. The republicans will break it next November if they make a

wise presidential nomination and an intelligent and vigorous canyass in the south on the tariff question .- Globe-Democrat.

VOICING THE AMERICAN SEN-TIMENT.

At a meeting of the republican national league held a few days ago in Washington, Senator Teller, of Colorado,

said that "whenever the people learned how the state department had been run it would be enough to change the administration. A British officer went Yates the Omaha banker, a vigorous fel- aboard one of our ships and pulled low democrat, but a protectionist of the down our flag and a mild protest was most approved republican sort. While entered by that department. They said the HERALD is very sorry to see any rum- they didn't think it was the proper thing pus in the democratic camps, it is glad to do to pull down our flag, but that

The senator declared that he rememhave s irred the whole country from one

end to the other ; when there would have JUDGE ALLEN W. FIELD will hold been mass-meetings held and the people court this week, Judge Chapman having would have declared for war against finished a very successful week; having Britain. He commented severely upon transacted about twice the business that the action of the state department in Judge Pound used to get through with bringing the Chamberlain fish comm sion over here in the face of a protest from the United States senate, and con tinued: Let us have it understood that we have got money enough to build ships and buy cannon, and that we are able to resent any insult offered to our flag•just as our fathers did when there were but a few millions of people here. We were not afraid to go to war with Britain many years ago, but we had a different class of men conducting the government then. I don't want war if it can be avoided, but I don't care if the American flag was floating over only a decayed mackerel, when any one pulled it down there would be a fight. And he added that the party proceeding upon the principle between now and the next election would win, and that the mass of our citizens believed this nation was big enough to take care of itself against the whole world if necessary. Those expressions voice the sentiment of the American people as distinguished from that of the Cleveland administration. Our citizens feel that they are not only able to maintain their independence but to assert their rights on land or sea in any quarter of the world. They are not to be cowed by the apparent strength of England's navy or cajoled into an alliance with that power on any pretext or by any special pleading, and the efforts of the state department to bring about that result will only arouse popular distrust and indignation against those who at present control its affairs and lead to the overthrow at the next opportunity of an administration whose main efforts have been directed to secure the adoption of a policy which would reduce this republic again to the condition of a dependency of England .- Irish World.

BUILDING PIANOS. Her. There, Everywhere, A-German browery is to be established n Japan.

SOME CURIOUS FACTS REGARDING THEIR MANUFACTURE AND SALE.

Comparatively Few Plano Factories Can Justly Claim to Make Their Own Instruments-Fanciful Names-Borrowing a Good Scale-Various Successful Tricks.

Pianofortes are no longer manufactured, but are built. Only two or three of the hundreds of piano factories in this country can justly claim to make their instruments from beginning to finish. Large establishments devoted to the manufacture of some particular portions of the instrument have sprung up of late, and have so revolutionized the art of piano making that in some shops not a single part of the completed instrument is made in the factory.

There are probably a dozen places in New York and vicinity devoted exclusively to the making of cases. A like number make the beautiful and delicate piece of mechanism known as the action, and as many foundries cast the heavy iron plates which sustain the enormous strain of the strings. There are also manufacturers of sounding boards, and of wrest planks, into which the tuning pins are set; carvers of legs, lyres and trusses; im-porters of felts and cloths, winders of wrapped strings for the lower notes, and drawers of thinner wires for the upper notes. Several large houses make a specialty of

pianoforte hardware, and a half dozen cutters of ivory supply complete keyboards with black keys of ebony and white keys of a medium quality of ivory. Other establishments make keys of various compositions, principally of celluloid, and even the stencil plates for the name are often furnished by the varnish dealer. Thus, nothing remains to be made at the factory but the name, and that is sometimes of the most adroit workmanship.

One of the largest buildings on the west side of this city, with a capacity of turning out the enormous number of sixty to seventyfive completed instruments a week, makes no part of the piano but the name, and quite frequently even that is furnished to them by the dealer who buys largely enough to justify having his own name put on as the maker. Sometimes a name is manufactured having so close a resemblance to that of some one of the best known makers as to mislead the unwary.

UNDER FANCIFUL NAMES.

Besides these, dozens of names, purely fanciful, are used by makers whose reputation will not justify demanding a high price for pianos bearing their own name. It is not, however, to be inferred that all instruments built and put together like blocks in a puzzle are necessarily inferior. The quality of a pianoforte depends upon

two essentials-the scale, and the care with which it is constructed and finished. The scale is a matter of scientific accuracy in form, balance and proportions of the iron frame over which the strings are stretched, and its adjustment to the sounding board. frame or scale is copied, often by making a casting from the original plate, and the new manufacture is equipped with a successful scale, without experiencing any of the delay and disappointment incident to experiments in search of the new and the beautiful. The casemaker is next visited, and it is found that a moderate price will buy a case suitable for a high class instrument, and one less elaborate, made of lighter material, can be had for a surprisingly small sum. While the case, which is made of white wood and ash, veneered with something more expensive, is getting its first coat of the stain which is to turn it into rosewood, ebony or cherry, the skilled workmen are putting the frame and sounding board together. The stringing is then done, the pins being driven into place with a hammer instead of being carefully screwed in as in the old fashioned days of conscientious work and high prices. While this is in hand the case is glued together, having received its several coats of varnish, More rosewood planes are made than of all the other sorts combined; yet few are really veneered with rosewood nowadays. This is because it is seldom that varnish will not soon show small chinks and cracks on this veneer, and, as a very close imitation can be produced by staining, it is usual to veneer

New Yorks take has offered prizes for six plans of the buildings of different 5120-

A piano that had seen service for over 100 years, and had music in it still, fetched but 11 at an auction the other day at Reading, 1 The Iowa approve court, in the case of

Bennet vs. 1500, has decided that a barber may refuse to shave any customer, and that in so rearing he need not allege a reason.

Portions of Lowa have been flooded with counterfeit dollars made of cast iron heavily plated with silver. Ordinary acids fail to affect them and they can only be detected by their ring. A company has been formed in Buenos

Ayres for working the petroleum deposit recently discovered near the city of Mendoza. The Annostine Republic has hitherto obtained the bulk of its petroleum from the United Fintes.

The Harney Peak company of Deadwood expects to ship about 80,000 pounds of sample tin ore to England in order to show the "Thenglish" what quality of ore "Hamerican" mines produce.

"Old Sore 1," Stonewall Jackson's famous war house, has been stuffed by a Washington taxidemeist, and will be preserved by the veterans of the Robert E. Lee camp, at Richmond, in memory of the great commander.

There was recently incarcerated in the Santa Rosa juil a youthful desperado of 14 summers, whose fond mother, to relieve the tedium of his prison life, sent him a Bible, a bunch of cigarettes, a piece of satinge and a copy of The Police Gazette.

The Santa Cruz Surf tells of an im-Capitola the other day. It measured eight feet from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail and its weight is guessed by a local guesser to be about 1,000 pounds.

A Belmont county (O.) farmer rejoices in a heterogeneous collection of freaks, conditing of a pig whose feet are split so as to give it the appearance of having toes, another with three ears, a cat with one ear growing wrong side out, and a boy with three thumbs.

A young owl came flying over the buildings of Grant avenue, in Garden City, Kan., the other morning, and flew straight as an arrow at a man standing on the corn r. When the Lird reached him the man threw up his hands suddenly and caught it as he would a ball.

A Pittsburg paper describes a new teleaway with the necessity of speaking. A sensitive plate "presses against the larynx



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here in the same time. Judge Chapman is prompt in his rulings, and don't appear to want to split the difference, but decides the question in point fearlessly, regardless of whose toes may be pinched, an element greatly to be admired in - court though it is one seldom found.

As an evidence of Cleveland's duplici ty and the uncertain terms of his much called "model message," the HERALD takes pleasure in citing its readers to the free trade and protection press of the democratic party. The free trade journals like the Louisville Courier Journal claim that the message is one of the finest free trade arguments of this day and age, and can hardly find language to sufficiently laud their praises of the same. While, on the other hand, the democratic protection press of the country are ove:joyed at the splendid protection message of the astute Grover; they claim that slight reduction in the revenue would be all right, and that that is all Mr. Cleveland advocates and that he is especially opposed, on principle, to the free trade theories. You pay your money and you take your choice.

THE SOUTH WEAKENING.

The president has made the tariff the great dividing issue between the parties. The tariff, to be sure, has for years been the dominant question in our politics, but it did not enter into presidential or congressional canvasses so vitally and thoroughly as it is now certain to do in the canvass of 1888. While the republicans have been the friends and the democrats the foes of the protective policy, the democrats have never had either the political courage or the political Lonesty to accept the republicans' challenge to draw the line rigidly on the tariff issue, and submit the question to the verdict of the people. The president in his message, the secretary of the treasury in his report, and the speaker in his address to the house on taking the chair, have presented the issue so clearly and boldly

that democratic quibbling, shuffling and straddling on this question will be impossible, in the coming canvass at least. The south, which is the democratic

stronghold, has been supposed, for two thirds of a century past, to be committed to free trade. For a large part of the time this supposition was true, but it is not true now to the extent or in the sense which it was true a few years ago. The development and diversification of industries in that region have modified the views of its people on the tariff question. The soath still wants "revenue reform," but a large and important element in it desires to bring this reform about by wiping out the internal revenue system. This element has able and conspicuous journals and well-known and influential

A MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

Omaha World: First lady (to new found friend)-You are the most fortunate of women. I did not believe such a perfect angel of a man could exist. Second lady (mystified)-I beg pardon.

First lady-I refer to your husband's liberality in money matters. He handed you that money with as little hesitation as if he had been a lover instead of the husband of years.

Second lady (quietly) -- It's my money.

-Dr. Black's Rheumatic Cure has cured more cases of Rheumatism in the last ten years in this city and county than any and all other medicines put together. For sale by Smith & Black.

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-Use Dr. Black's Rheumatic Cure if political leaders. The utterances of it don't do you any good come in and I like his face, and, in spite of my republican

the cases with mahogany or baywood or sometimes with cherry, and then transform it into rosewood or ebony as preferred. No real ebony is ever used for similar reasons, and also because large pieces of ebony veneer cannot be had.

THE FINISHING TOUCHES.

After the stain comes the varnishing. This is frequently done by contract, the varnish foreman receiving a stated price for each in-strument finished, hiring his own assistants and buying the varnish himself. After the case has joined company with the iron frame and sounding board, the action is placed in position and the wires get the first rough uning. If the piano is to have any soul, the tone regulator now proceeds to develop it by his skill. But if the price at which it is to be sold does not justify such luxuries as a pure, round and even tone, and a crisp, responsive touch, the soul maker's responsibilities are not exacting. Fly finishing is done last. This includes putting on lock and hinges, and the instrument is then ready for sale. It is popularly believed that no plain piano,

however fine, can be made to cost the manufacturer more than \$200, and the fact that some of the cheapest are wholesaled at less thanf \$150 seems to justify that impression. It is thus a matter of comment that in nearly all catalogues the old extravagant prices are quoted, although it is well known that in almost every case the list price is utterly disregarded in making a sale.

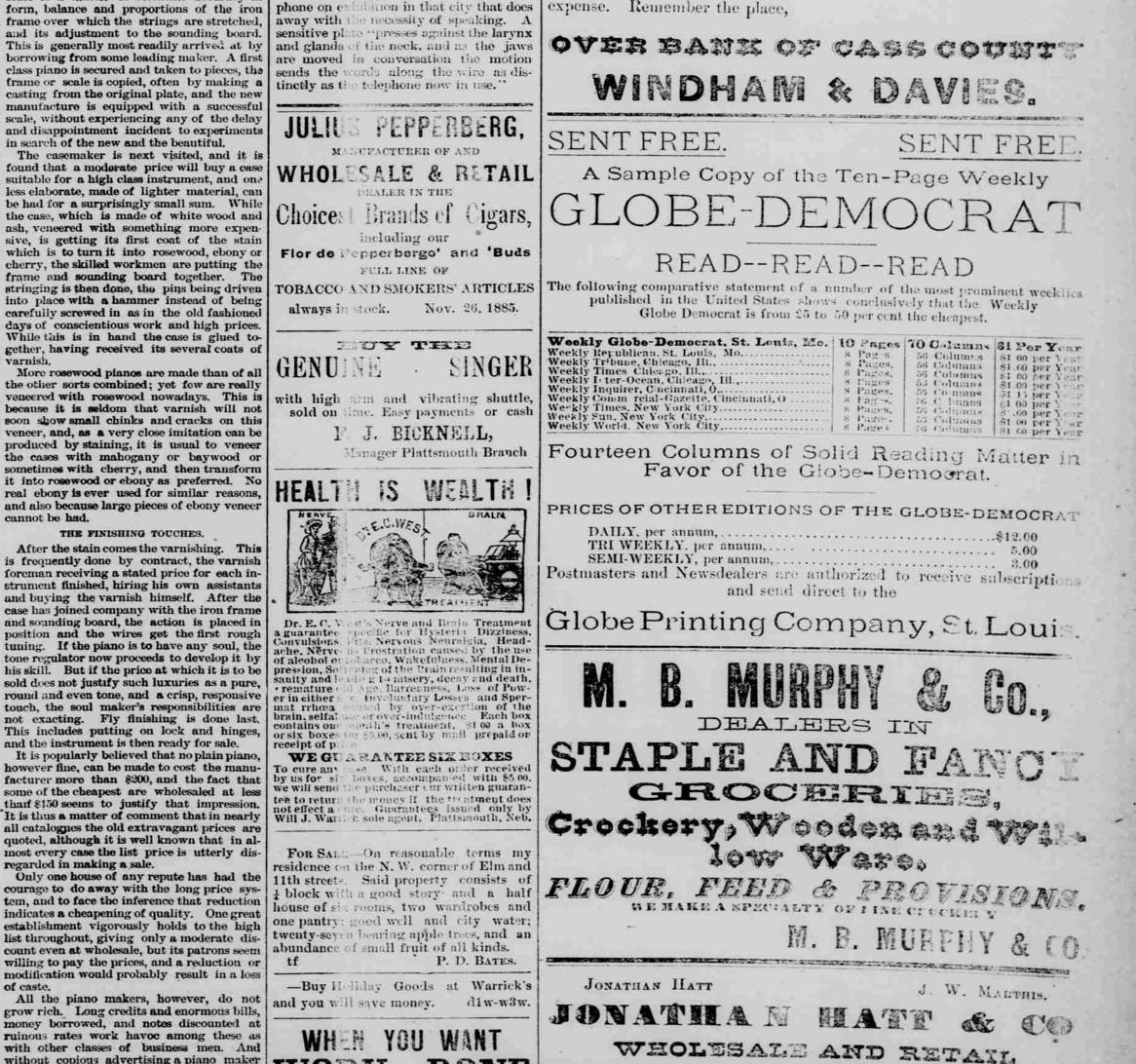
Only one house of any repute has had the courage to do away with the long price system, and to face the inference that reduction

indicates a cheapening of quality. One great stablishment vigorously holds to the high list throughout, giving only a moderate dis-count even at wholesale, but its patrons seem willing to pay the prices, and a reduction or modification would probably result in a loss of caste.

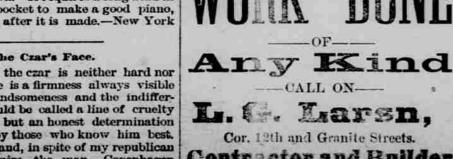
All the piano makers, however, do not grow rich. Long credits and enormous bills, money borrowed, and notes discounted at ruinous rates work havoc among these as with other classes of business men. And without copious advertising a piano maker might as well close his doors. A piano cannot be sold at a fair price unless it is already favorably known. It requires a long head as well as a deep pocket to make a good piano, and to sell it after it is made.-New York

The Czar's Face.

The face of the czar is neither hard nor mean, yet there is a firmness always visible behind the handsomeness and the indiffer-ence which would be called a line of cruelty by his enemies, but an honest determination



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