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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 consumer as well as his neighbor.

The Omaha Herald already hedges 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 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. Yates the Omaha banker, a vigorous fellow democrat, but a protectionist of the most approved republican sort.

JUDGE ALLEN W. FIELD will hold court this week, Judge Chapman having finished a very successful week; having transacted about twice the business that Judge Pound used to get through with here in the same time.

As an evidence of Cleveland's duplicity 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 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.

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.

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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 revenue taxes, and they demand that these be stricken off before the tariff is touched.

VOICING THE AMERICAN SENTIMENT.

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."

THE FINISHING TOUCHES.
After the stain comes the varnishing. This is frequently done by contract, the varnish foreman receiving a stated price for each instrument finished.

THE CAR'S FACE.
The face of the czar is neither hard nor mean, yet there is a firmness always visible behind the handsomeness and the indifference which would be called a line of cruelty by his enemies.

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BUILDING PIANOS.

SOME CURIOUS FACTS REGARDING THEIR MANUFACTURE AND SALE.

Comparatively Few Piano 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.

One of the largest buildings on the west side of this city, with a capacity of turning out the enormous number of sixty to seventy-five 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.

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.

The quality of a pianoforte depends upon two essentials—the scale, and the way in 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.

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.

More rosewood pianos are made than of all the other sorts combined; yet few are really venerated with rosewood nowadays. This is because it is seldom that varnish will not soon show small cracks and cracks on this veneer, and as a very close imitation can be produced by staining, it is usual to veneer the cases with mahogany or baywood or sometimes with cherry, and then transform it into rosewood or ebony as preferred.

After the stain comes the varnishing. This is frequently done by contract, the varnish foreman receiving a stated price for each instrument finished, hiring his own varnish and buying the varnish himself.

It is popularly believed that no plain piano, however fine, can be made to cost the manufacturer more than \$300, and the fact that some of the cheapest are wholesaled at less than \$150 seems to justify that impression.

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.

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NEW YORK STATE HAS OFFERED PRIZES FOR SIX PLANS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS OF DIFFERENT SIZES.

A piano that had been service for over 100 years, and had made in it still, fetched but \$100 at an auction the other day at Reading, Pa.

A company has been formed in Buenos Ayres for working the petroleum deposit recently discovered near the city of Mendoza. The Argentine Republic has hitherto obtained the bulk of its petroleum from the United States.

There was recently incarcerated in the Santa Rosa jail 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 sausage and a copy of The Police Gazette.

The Santa Cruz Surf tells of an immense sea turtle which was caught near 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, consisting 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 on Grant avenue, in Garden City, Kan., the other morning, and flew straight as an arrow at a man standing on the corner. When the bird reached him the man threw up his hands suddenly and caught it as he would a ball.

A Pittsburg paper describes a new telephone on exhibition in that city that does away with the necessity of speaking. A sensitive plate presses against the larynx and glands of the neck, and as the jaws are moved in conversation the motion sends the words along the wire as distinctly as the telephone now in use.

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