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OUR CLUBBING
We are prepared to club the FREE TRADER with the following publications...

- FREE TRADER and Chicago Weekly Times... 2.65
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The Illinois State Temperance Alliance has issued a call for a state temperance convention...

That excellent Baptist paper so long known as the Examiner and Chronicle...

Rail laying on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad was completed last Saturday to Laredo.

The executive committee of the Illinois Press Association met in Chicago the other day and decided to hold the next annual meeting at Springfield February 14th, 1882...

The strange relation comes from New York that the Rev. John P. Newman, so widely known as chaplain in ordinary to President Grant...

There is not only no abatement of the small-pox epidemic in Chicago but it appears to be steadily on the increase.

The well and not over favorably known "Boss Shepherd" erstwhile of Washington City...

Among the curiosities at the great Atlanta Exposition is the smallest editor in the world.

The Dixon Sun issues a Christmas edition of 16 pages, cut and pasted and the publisher rather prides himself upon the achievement.

The New York papers of Sunday announce the death in that city on the 17th inst. of Isaac I. Hayes...

The squabble over the Ottawa post office has ended in the appointment of W. E. Bowman...

have not a single murmur to utter against him. Yet (saying nothing about this cool assumption that none but republicans had a right to be consulted about an appointment in which all are so deeply interested)...

THE FATE OF THE JEANETTE

The thrilling intelligence was flashed over the wires on Tuesday from away off in North-Eastern Siberia...

All safely gathered at the mouth of the Lena river, however, it will be a long and perilous journey to make in winter...

THE PERU-CHILI MUDDLE

Secretary Blaine, on returning from the state department at Washington, felt it necessary for his vindication, before laying down his port folio...

Now what were these "claims"? It appears, about half a century ago, the government of Peru, imagining that the country was under laid with vast undeveloped gold and silver...

mines, all of which the state claimed to own, offered a large royalty, said to be one-third of the amount, to any person who should make a new discovery of state treasure.

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Peru never admitted the claim of either, and went on selling the guano, it is now insisted to the amount of \$2,700,000,000.

But first in order was to get the claim recognized. To this end it was necessary that Peru should have a de facto government.

At the very nick of time, however, when this huge bargain was about to be consummated, Senor Petuchio Lynch, the Chilean naval commander, got an inkling of what was going on...

There is of course no evidence that Secretary Blaine was hand and glove with the projectors in this monstrous conspiracy...

HAVE WE A SHAKESPEARE AMONG US?

Mr. William Young, the author of "Pendragon," the tragedy which had such a run lately at McVicker's theatre in Chicago...

thor, of which Tennyson made so much and such profitable use. With the names of most of the characters Tennyson has made us familiar...

BOND REFUNDING

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FROM WASHINGTON

The House has thus far done nothing but receive about 2500 new bills, the presentation of which, under the "call of the states," occupied two days of last week and Monday of this.

The chief business of the senate thus far has been to act upon executive appointments. Of these it has confirmed the appointment of Howe as postmaster general...

tary Blaine before his retirement was to ask the Russian Government to invite home its Minister at Washington...

AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION

Yesterday's Chicago papers bring the proceedings of a more than ordinarily important convention in that city on Thursday of Illinois manufacturers and shippers...

The convention, after a day's deliberation, resolved itself into a permanent association, of which the Hon. J. D. Catton was elected president...

FOREIGN.—There is no disguising or blinking the fact, the repressive measures of England to subdue Ireland are shown more and more each day to be failures.

The capture of a quantity of arms, ammunition and dynamite at Dublin on the 17th, however, appears to have been but the unearthing of some undiscovered operations...

There is intense excitement in Europe regarding the activity manifested by France in increasing its armament.

We remember—well, a good many years ago—while picking type in the stereotyping establishment of L. Johnson in Philadelphia...

John Sherman, in his simulated eagerness at the extra session of the senate to have an investigation of his management of the treasury department...

A Springfield special of last Saturday to one of the Chicago papers states that Mrs. Lincoln has completely lost the use of her eyes.

of Judge Clifford, deceased, his choice falling on Judge Horace Gray, late Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

The Guitreau trial was resumed on Wednesday, but the colored juror Wormley came so near giving way that the session was shortened.

SMALLPOX.—Dr. Albert S. Payne, late professor of the theory and practice of medicine in the Southern Medical College at Atlanta...

The numerous friends in this city of Dr. John Stout, now of Peoria, but an Ottawa boy and son of Dr. Joseph Stout...

The statutes of Illinois make six legal holidays in each year, to wit: New Year, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day...

Among the ladies newly brought conspicuously into notice in Washington society is the wife of Speaker Keifer...

Per contra, a dispatch from New York, where Mrs. Lincoln is now residing...

President Arthur finally brought himself up to the point on Monday of making a nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court in place of Judge Clifford...