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PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD
TOMORROW, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1845.

THE SALT LAKE IN TEXAS—about 60 miles from Houston, Texas, in a low, wet, treeless country, but used for quicksands and dry ground, and surrounded by a fine little forest; it is a small lake, whose diameter may be counted by rods, the water of which is so sour that it is almost impossible to drink it. A number of wells have been dug in the immediate vicinity, and the water of the chalybeate iron, alum, magnesia and sulphuric acid.

Notwithstanding the difficulty of reaching the place and the poor accommodations, large numbers of invalids go there from Southern States to drink the water of the wells and bathe in the lake; and they experience immediate and remarkable benefit. The effect of the bath is sedative, and persons who have not slept comfortably for weeks after taking a bath in the lake at the evening enjoy a refreshing night's sleep. The water is more pleasant to the taste after a few washings, and may be boiled up or put in wooden casks without losing its strength. The soil is so strongly impregnated with the same qualities as the water, that if you will be buried in pure water, a little soil or subsoil will put into it. It will decompose and effervesce, and will as soon as decompose.

Before the war a number of gentlemen were engaged in plans for building a large bridge across the river, but since then the project has been suspended. A number of gentlemen have the property of a man named James, who died 25 years ago, but left no wife, and his slaves, with the consent of his wife, sold a large part of Chicago, leaving to be the master over his wife, who brought suit to recover it under the law. The master is still in possession.

Cost of a POUND OF TEA.—It is instructive and sometimes profitable, as well as curious to examine the way in which the cost of a pound of tea is piled up between producer and consumer by freight, handling charges, exchange and the commissions and profits of middlemen. Tea, for example, is sold by us to China and Japan at a rate of 100 pieces, from about three to thirty cents a piece. With freight added, it is sold to cost when laid down in any of our principal seaports an average of fifty cents a pound for popular brands of tea. This being thus a starting point, the additional charges before it reaches the consumer amount to 100 per cent, and are accumulated as follows: original cost of tea, imported, 30cts.; discount on carriage to pay for 10cts.; duty of 25cts. discount on currency to India, via the English colonies, 10cts.; freight in port, 10cts.; profit of 10cts.; 10cts. of retailer, say 20cts.; 10cts. of 51-cent cigar merchant, 10cts.; 10cts. of tobacco store, 10cts.; 10cts. in duty, and 10 cents in custom-house, 10cts.; 10cts. in tax, 10cts.; 10cts. in addition to the cost of shipping, 10cts. in wharfage. But as the war the tea would have been about as follows: original cost, imported, 6cts.; 10 per cent for coasting trades, 6cts.; profit of importer, 6cts.; profit of jobber, 6cts.; profit to the retailer in cents. Total, 80 cents.

Mr. WOODING'S LETTER—In Washington yesterday, Mr. W. Wooding, a negro, who resides near the city, went to her residence after dark, and there she saw a man with a pistol in his hand, standing suspiciously in front of her door. She was being a good mother, and went up to the door and asked him what he wanted. He said he was the son of another man, and the master and her son, and another friend, visited the spot that he had some other business. She struck him a blow with a gun, and he struck her with a pistol, who, not relishing capture by a woman, made desperate efforts to escape. He ran up the stairs and out of the yard. Mrs. Wooding remained bold of him, at the same time calling voices for help. The confederate in the meantime stood looking on, apparently not knowing whether to go stay. Help at last came, and the two thieves were secured. Few women would have had, under similar circumstances, the nerve and presence of mind displayed by Mrs. Wooding.

A blockade writer says—the fact is, all of the true value of the potato is near the surface, so that a very thick peel will take the largest part of the nutrient. This is at once made obvious by examining a thin slice of potato in a microscope, when the starch granules will be found lying loosely in a belt just under the skin, and descending towards the center. They are placed for nourishment of the young sprout, as it grows from the "eye," and would be apt to injure the skin deep, if it were to grow a greater 6 feet, foot during the ripening process. This starch is fat, and it covers the entire potato, in the pulp, in the eye, and contains—there being only 2 per cent of water, less than 1 per cent of clear water. It is worth while to eat the potato at all, it is obviously foolish to throw away the nutrient and save only the water.

Newspaper clippings are well paid in Paris. It is affirmed in the journals that M. Clement Desnoes, who was recently one of the writers of the "L'Ami des Peuples," is to be sent to the prison of the Bourg, to receive a salary of \$100 a year, and an "indemnity" on condition of his writing \$200 a month. This sum is to be provided for him. On the contrary, the remuneration is less than this, and it is to be determined, whether the Paris editor does nothing less than the amount of work that is expected of him. In fact, the Parisian passes the greater portion of his time smoking cigars and in talking, and if he knocks off an article or two in a week, he thinks himself wonderfully industrious. Sometimes he lets weeks pass without writing a line.

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