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Board of Trade Would Force More Competition for Produce and Therefore Secure a Much Better Price for Shippers. CORN DAMAGED; SUGAR MARKET PRICE IS UP; JOBS UPWARD

REGISTERED KICK OF DOLEWARD... Residents Along Proposed Streets Afraid Property Will Be Condemned.

PREPARE FOR VISIT OF KING... Army of Secret Service Men at Barcelona to Protect Alfonso's Life.

DU PUIS WOULD ENDED OLD FEUD... Witness Says Wynne Threatened to 'Get' Some of Dead Man's Gang.

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