The Alta is rather hard upon Chicago as the following shows: Chicago has admirable water works. They pump 150,000,000 gallons a day. The water is used to wash glasses with.

Alf Taylor, the republican canidate for governor of Tennessee, has become ill from his exhaustive tour of the state and has been forced to retire from the stump. Emerson Ethridge takes his place.

THREE

PRICE.

Long editorials are not now as much in vogue as they were twenty years ago. The pithy paragraph is more popular. Many of the most prominent and prosperous newspapers in the country employ extensively the pointed paragraph.

The Mormons at Salt Lake city are being fined for a violation of the Edmonds law punishing polygamy, and a few are sentenced to various terms of imprisoment. The luxury of being much married is getting to be rather expen-

The new city hall of Philadelphia is now nearly completed, has cost over \$20,000,000. It covers four and onehalf acres of ground, being 54,413 square feet in excess of that of the capital at Washington and will be 537 1/8 feet high.

A European horticulturist affirms washing before cooking impairs the flavor of vegetables. Dirt should be removed with a cloth or brush, or, if washing cannot be avoided, it should be postponed until the moment before cooking is commenced.

One gets a striking idea of the magnitude of this country from the statement of Dr. Barrow, that if the entire population of the globe, estimated at 1,400,-000,000, were divided into families of five, the state of Texas alone could give each family half an acre of land to live upon.

A company is forming in Mexico to work up the cactus plant. The oil is to be used for lubricating purposes, the fibre for cordage, the leaf for paper and the fruit for eating. The fruit is so juicy that it often takes the place of water for both man and beast, and some years ago, when the drought came over San Luis Potoia, thousands of cattle were saved by eating the fruit. Notwithstanding its useful qualities, the man who has been bucked off a genuine plug into a cactus garden, will never recall with anything like pleasure his brief but memorable acquaintance with this succulent vegetable.

Free Masons will be glad to hear of the discovery in Egypt, by Prof. Maspero, of a tomb quite untouched by the defiling and pilfering Arab, in which a square, a mason's leveler, compasses, and other tools have been found besides a mummy. The dead man was an architect, builder and carver of inscriptions, having control of one-quarter of the cemetery at Thebes. The tomb was very comfortably furnished with linen chests, painted jars, statuettes and other articles of use or luxury, and contained two sledges for the transport of mummies and sarcophagi.

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