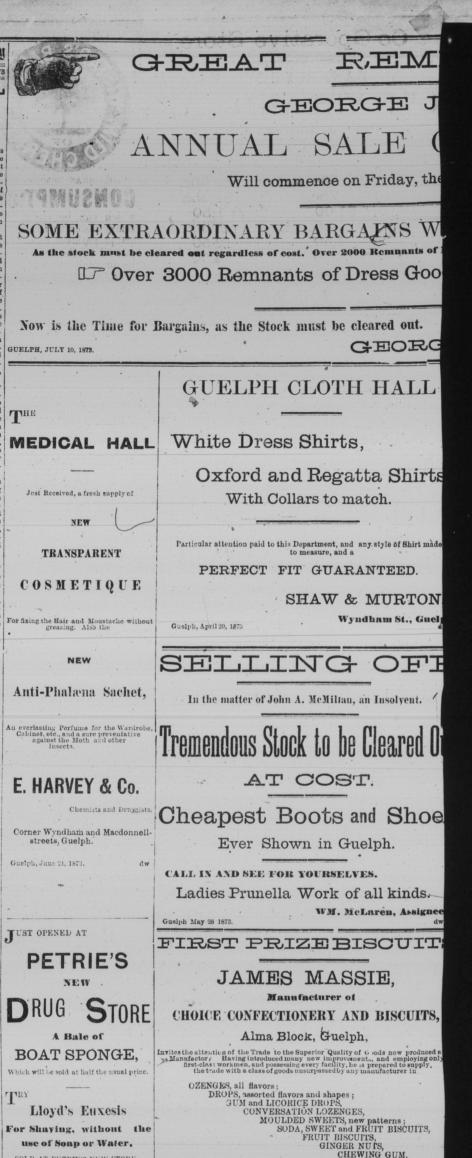
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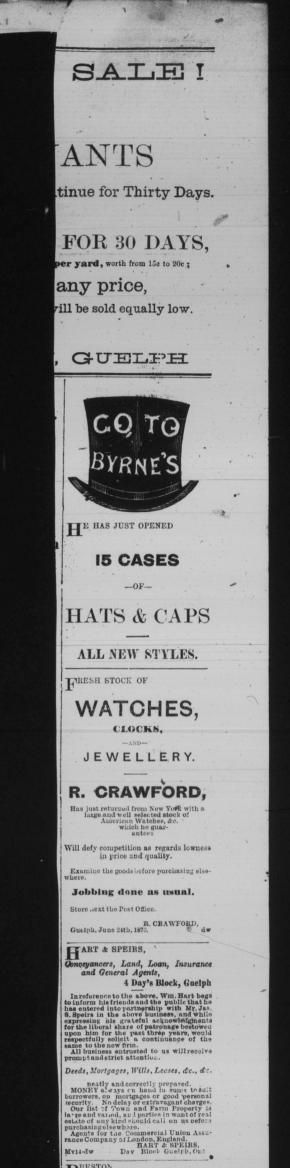
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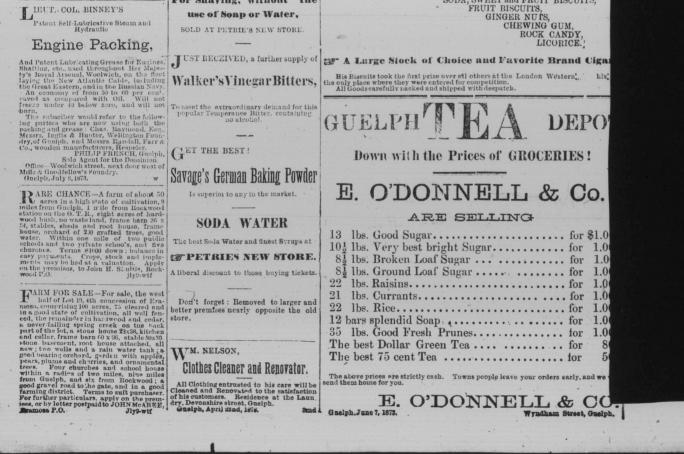
able question nurmured by his parted lips—

"Where am I?"
"Safe now on the other side the river."
answered Steive. "Only we'll have to be moving on, I guess, or some of them darned critters may cotch us yet."
"And Jim—is he here!" asked Philip, easting a rapid glance around. In an instant he six he was absent, and a glance of inquiry sent up into the trapper's face revealed the full and agonising truth.
"Betive, Steive," he passionately wailed, "is there no way by which we can rescue hin?"
"Quite a hopeloss thing to think of," was the sorrow-producing answer. "We'd only make more sport for them red Philistines, I calculate. Mr. Weston; I'm about the last man that would keep back frem helping a companion when there's any chance of doing so. But in this case there not a bit o' airthly use. Jim's a gone coon—that's a fact."
"Philip bowed his wet face on his hands and grouned with anguish.
"I cannot tell you. Steive, how this grivers me," he murrured. "A more stering fellow never breathed. He came to America solely on my account. He has served mo with the 'most unselfish devotion, and now he has died for me. Oh, the woeful tidings I must earry to England, if i shall ever return thither."
"Wall, Master Weston, I don't come short o' the understanding o' yer feein's, and I call them those of a man; but there's a time for everything, and this ain't just the time to waste in grief. The business that brought you to America is to do all thes amon, and I tell you we hava't a moment to lose in making tracks for Kentucky river, else Jerry Just and kliket. Now, we kin help them if wo be quick—"

killed. Now, we kin help them if we be quick ——"" — "Say no more, I am ready to go," re-plied Philip, starting up, his face com-posed now, and resolved, though still marked with grief. "Where is our path."" He added, gazing up the steep bank through the canopy of leaves. — "Wall, now, that just requires con-siderin." a bit," returned Steive, reflec-tively. "The easiest thing tor us to do would be to keep down the river in the cance. This, I take, is a feeder of the Kentneky, and by its growing breadth I calculate it ain't far from joining it. Ar-ter that, as near as my notions point, Jerry's settlement is a few miles below. But this 'ere stream is sartin to take a wide bend, for the Kentneky. i know, runs more to the south. Now, if we can strike on it through the forest, it stand to rea-son that is the shortest way, and if these mined devils of Chickasawa have gond in their esnoes, it stands equally to rea-son that we'll got there as soon as them a sleep till morini' light, which will de-more nor an hour or two yet ?"







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