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Rain fell steadily during the afternoon of the 29 th nitt, and during the night of the
31st. The earth is now sufficiently damp to ensure a quick and vigorous growth o grass and vegetation. The two past seasons
have been unusually dry, and many of our have been unusually dry, and many of our
ranchos had become quite destitute of grass and grass seed even. Stock have become
lean and feeble, and on the ranchos produc. lean and feeble, and on the ranchos produc-
ing neither cactus nor brushwood, the loss is already considerable. The sky now looks raing, and there is hope that the new $y$ the farmer:
What a grievous fault is the daily use of strong drink. How many evils it brings in its train, presaging ruin to health, estate ire for the excitement which strong drink produces is no doubt the evidence of incipi oceupation to promote it! How picture this $\sin$ in the prophetic warning to perverse Chaldea, uttered three thousand years ago: drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, an makest him drunk also, that thou mayes civilized, Christian world this warning? Reforms progress slow There must be many like Father Matthew appear, to
low nen.
It would be well if the influence of this and acknowledged here; and it would well, too, if a police law were enacted, pun ishing severely the vendors of vile com
pounds and adulterated liquors. On one of the late feast days, seeing the side walk of like a dangerous shore with wrecks after gale, we looked about and counted within sight eight establishments where the mos person, white, black or copper colored, for a "real." The English language is not ofter of the tongues of many a southern clime. The Street Commissioner, under the orde and instructions of the City Council, will and removing the obstructions from State street. The money to carry on this imcontributions from the citizens. The land taken by the city for the purpose of widen-
ing this street has been appraised at fifty ing this
The Otter Hunters. The schooner "Alex. Fisher," recently purchased by
company of enterprising young men engaged in hunting sea otter along the coast, wil leave
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invention is exceedingly rapid.
 ing the year 1855, have just been issue from that Office. They demonstrate that
the number of applications made to the office the number of applications made to the office
for patents was 4,435 , being vearly twice the number of applications made in 1853
The number of patents issued was 20.24 more than twice the number granted tw
years ago. In 1845 -ten years previousyears ago. Tn 1845 -ten years previous-
the cash receipts of the office were $\$ 39,395$
while last year they were $\$ 1616,459$, While last year they were $\$ 216,459$, or
and a half times greater. In this report
behold a record of the progress of Americ mind in the line of invention of faciliting mechanieal operations. Yankee ingenuit
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