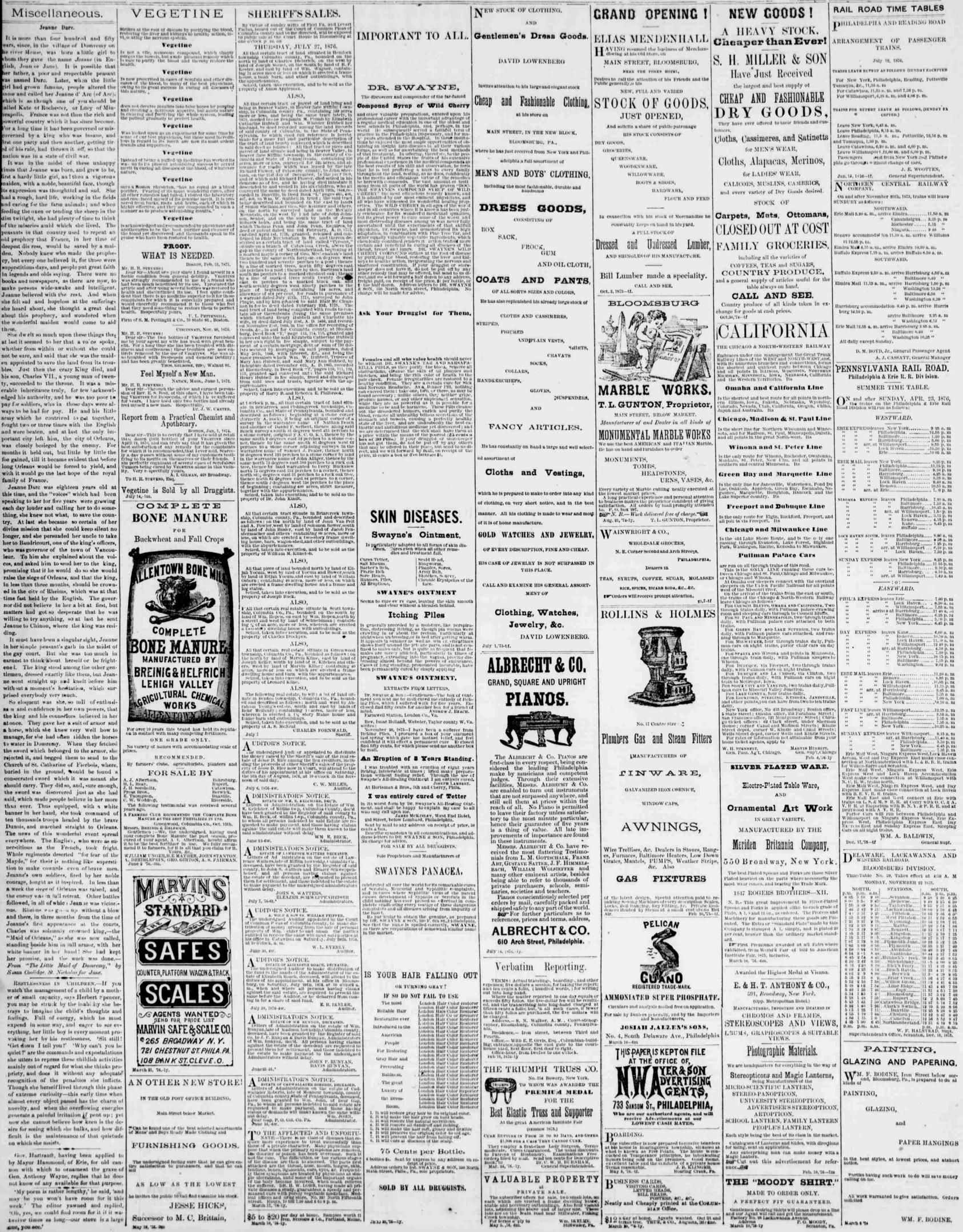
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willing to try anything, so at last he sent Jeanne to Chinon, where the king was residing.

the gay court. But she was too much in earnest to think about herself or be frightene I. The king stood among the other gentiemen, dressed exactly like them, but Jeanne went straight up and knelt before hin prised everybody very much.

the king and his counselors believed in her atonce. They gave her a suit of armor and a horse, which she knew very well how to manage, for she had often tidden the horses to water in Domremy. When they fetched the sword which belonged to the armor, she rejected it, and begged them to send to the Church of St. Catharine of Fierbois, where, buried in the ground, would be found consecrated sword which it was meant she should carry. They did so, and, sure enough, the sword was discovered just as she had said, which made people believe in her more than ever. Thus equipped, with a white banner in her hand, she took command of ten thousands troops headed by the brave Dunois, and marched straight to Orleans. The news of this wonderful event spread everywhere. The English, who were as superstitious as the French, took fright. Mayde," for their is nothing like supersti-Jeanne's own soldiers, fired by her noble courage, lought as it inspired. In less than a week the siege of Orleans was raised, and the enemy was in full retreat. Other battles followed, in all of whic : Jean ie was victorious. Rheims was given up without a blow and there, in three months from the time of Jeanne's first appearance at the courts, standing beside him in tull armor, with her her promise, and the work was done .-

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