

CITY AFFAIRS.

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METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the Week, by G. H. Shaw, Observer, No. 55 Fifth Street—corrected daily:

Table with columns: IN SUN, IN SHADE, 9 o'clock, A. M., 3 P. M., BAROMETRIC. Values range from 55 to 59.

A Defense of the Drafted Man. Some time since we published a statement, out from a Washington correspondent, in reference to the 18th and 19th regiments of drafted men...

THE WHEELER & WILSON Sewing Machine has taken the first position at the World's Fair just held in London, all the machines of the world competing...

THE HOLIDAY PARTIES.—All in want of books suitable for holiday presents. Photograph Albums will find the largest and best assortment in the city...

HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS. The Subscribers Committee acknowledge contributions for the hospital, for the winter season and societies: Misses Patterson, Miss M. Park, Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. Darling...

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SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

DRYER AND BAKERY'S BESTING MACHINES, for family and manufacturing purposes, are the best in use. J. F. CRAYNE, General Agent, No. 10, Fifth Street.

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