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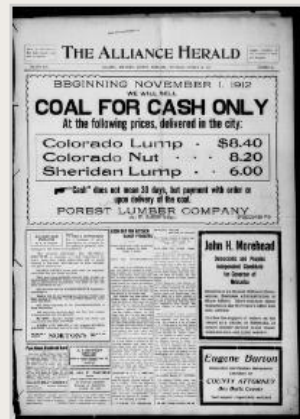


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Optical character recognition (OCR) is a fully automated process that converts the visual image of numbers and letters into computer-readable numbers and letters. Computer software can then search the OCR-generated text for words, phrases, numbers, or other characters. However, OCR is not 100 percent accurate, and, particularly if the original item has extraneous markings on the page, unusual text styles, or very small fonts, the searchable text OCR generates will contain errors that cannot be corrected by automated means.

Although errors in the process are unavoidable, OCR is still a powerful tool for making text-based items accessible to searching. For example, important concept words often appear more than once within an article. Therefore, if OCR misreads one instance of a key word in a passage, but correctly reads the second instance, the passage will still be found in a full-text search.

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When first its warm pulsations beat,
It lingered fond 'mid earthly flowers;
And turning then with wayward feet,
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General Searching in Chronicling America

Results listed first are most likely to be relevant to your search. Results will appear higher in the list when they contain

- more of your search terms;
- repeated search terms;
- search terms that occur near each other;

Your searches will yield better results if you keep the following points in mind:

- Common words such as **and**, **not**, and **the** are ignored by the search engine.
- Case of letters is ignored. For example, **Civil** and **civil** are treated the same.
- Diacritic characters (accent marks, in non-English text) and other special characters produce inaccurate results, so plain (unaccented) letters should be substituted for letters with diacritics.

Search and Browsing Tips

Many browsers have the capability of tabbed browsing, which opens a new pane in the current window, either in the background or the foreground. Users of Chronicling America have reported this as a useful method of navigating through search results- bringing up each result in a new tab. This may be accomplished by clicking with the right-hand mouse button (for Mac, hold down the Command key) and selecting "Open Link in New Tab."

Search results are displayed on a page that can easily be bookmarked or navigated to via the "Back" button on the browser. Every page in the Chronicling America application can be bookmarked, but only the addresses containing newspaper pages should be treated as canonical for purposes of citations and long-term referrals. These addresses are displayed in the address bar of the browser, and no special treatment is required for adding them to a citation database. (Select the "Persistent Link" URL displayed on each newspaper page view to store the link without search text highlighted.)

Search for a Phrase

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your phrase in the appropriate "...with the phrase" search box.
- When searching for a phrase, enter the words in the order they are most likely to occur.
- The order of search words does not affect the scope of the search results, but it will affect the order of their display.

Search for Words Near Each Other

- Select the Advanced Search tab and enter your keywords into the "...with the words" search box.
- Select a numeric value for how close the words should be to each other (proximity).
- This type of search can be helpful in narrowing results on a given person, place or event to a specific aspect of that person, place or event. For example: "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words will result mostly in articles about President Theodore Roosevelt's Conservation policies during his administration.

Too Many Results - If a search generates too many results, try using more specific terms and/or limiting to a specific state of publication or a particular newspaper title. Use the search box options in combination to narrow your results. For example, use "President Roosevelt" as phrase and "Roosevelt conservation" within 10 words to narrow results to text about only President Roosevelt's conservation policies.

Too Few Results - If a search generates too few results, try alternate terms or broader subjects and relax any limiting criteria (date ranges, state limitations, etc.).

Because language changes, be sure to use search terms used at the time the materials were created, even if those terms are now obsolete. For example, the following historic terms will produce more results than their modern-day counterparts:


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
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

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Additional instruction on searching [Chronicling America](#)  is available on the Library of Congress's [website](#)  or via the Ohio State Historical Society's [podcast series](#) .

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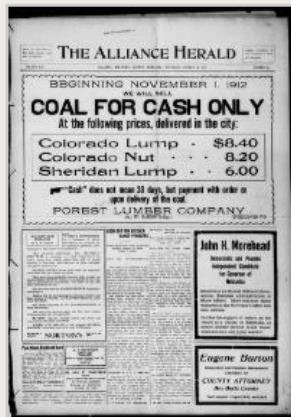


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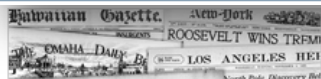
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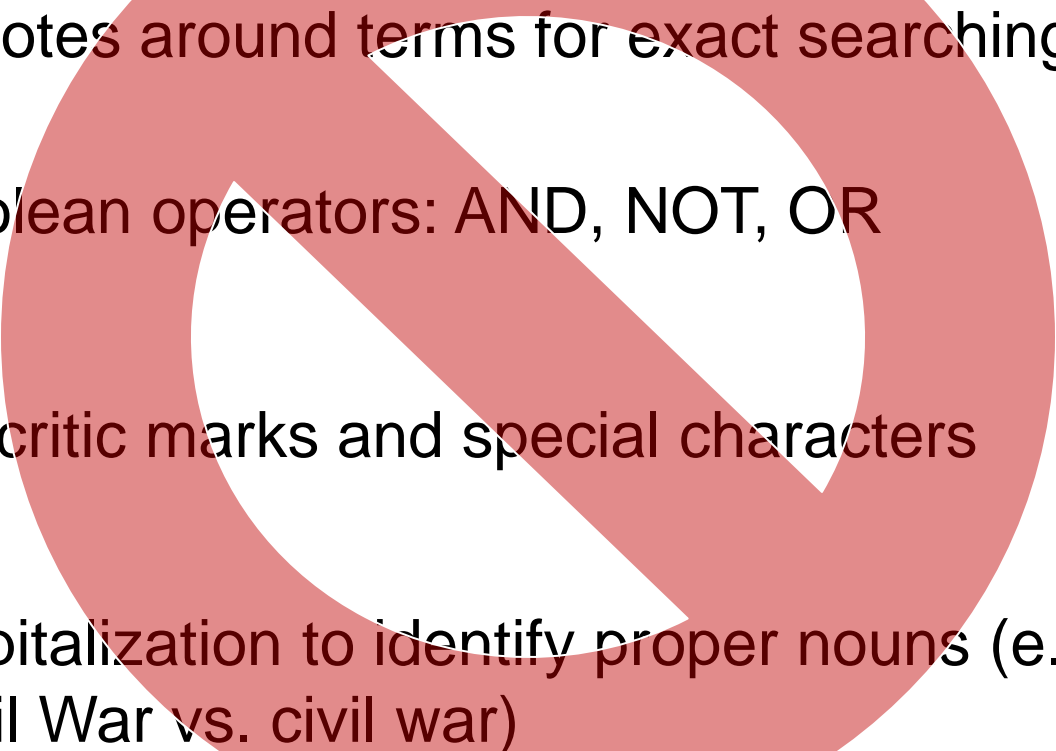
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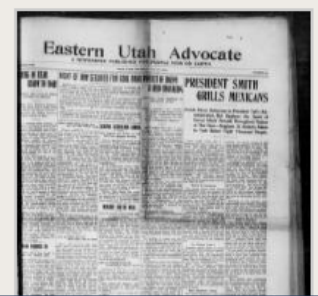


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Louisiana	The Semi-weekly Natchitoches times. Natchitoches, La., 1865-1868		131	1866-01-03	1867-06-12	Yes
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	Yellow Fever.	Total.
Week ending July 10.....	25	120
.. .. July 17.....	6	14
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.. .. July 31.....	47	177
.. .. August 8.....	118	265
.. .. August 15.....	179	353
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.. .. October 3.....	61	149
.. .. October 10.....	44	120
From October 10 to 18.....	53	148
Total.....	2241	2920

The interments in the city of Lafayette, now part of New Orleans, from July 25 to September 21, inclusive, were 793; of which 493 were from yellow fever, thus making the total deaths from all diseases, in both cities, 4873; of which 2730 were from yellow fever.





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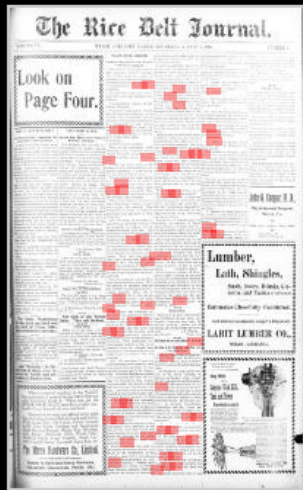
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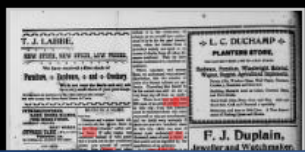
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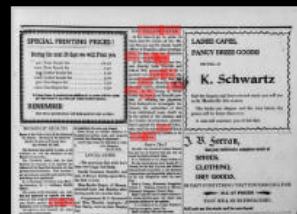
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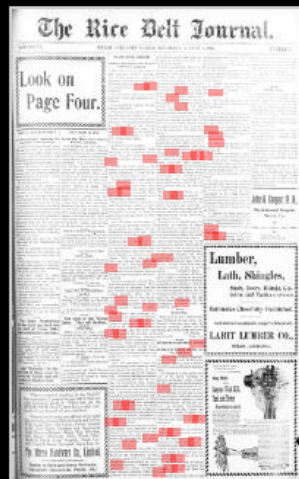
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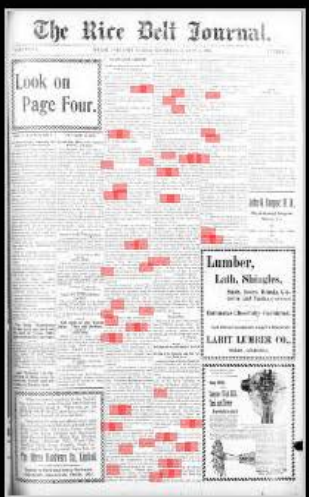
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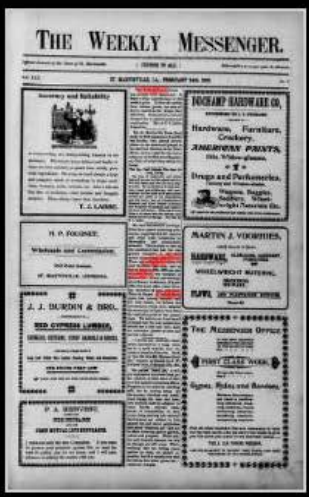
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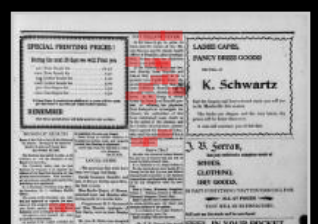
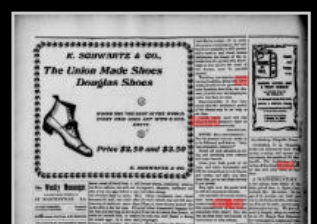
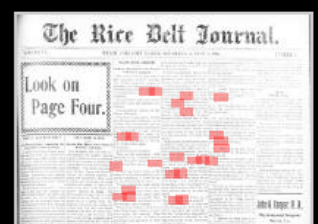
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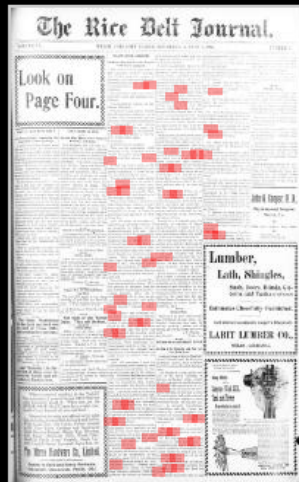
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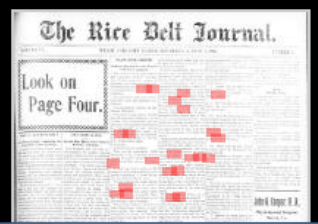
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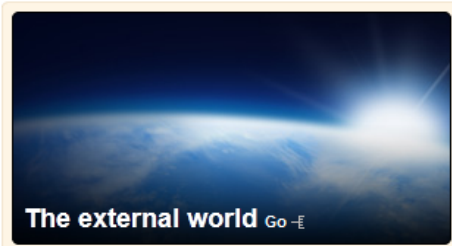
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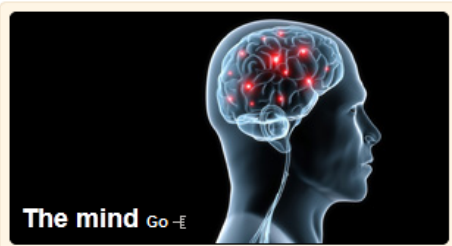
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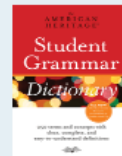
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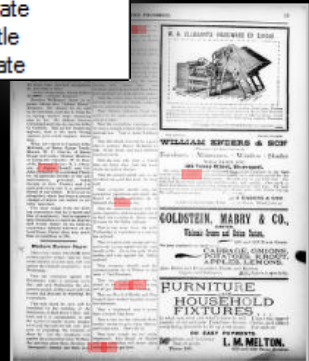
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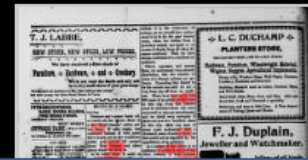
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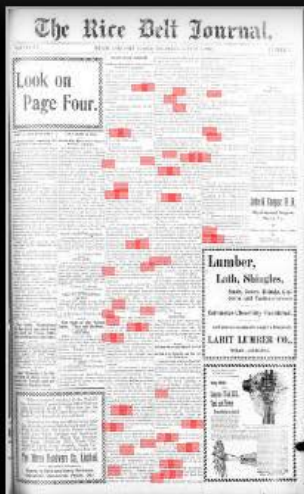


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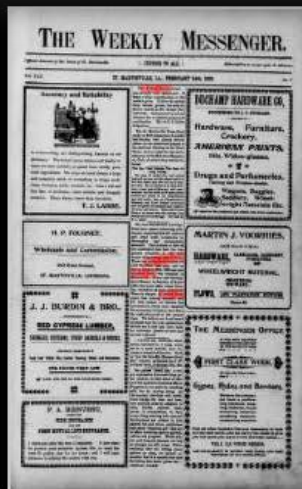
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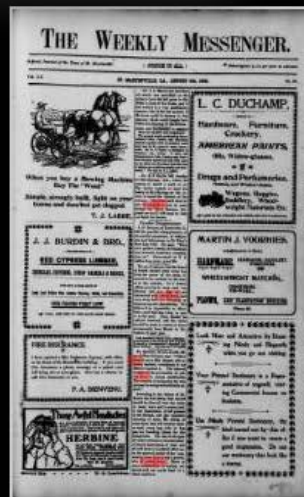
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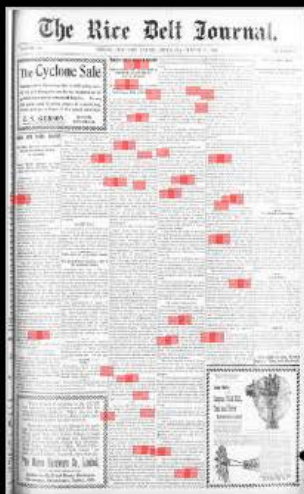
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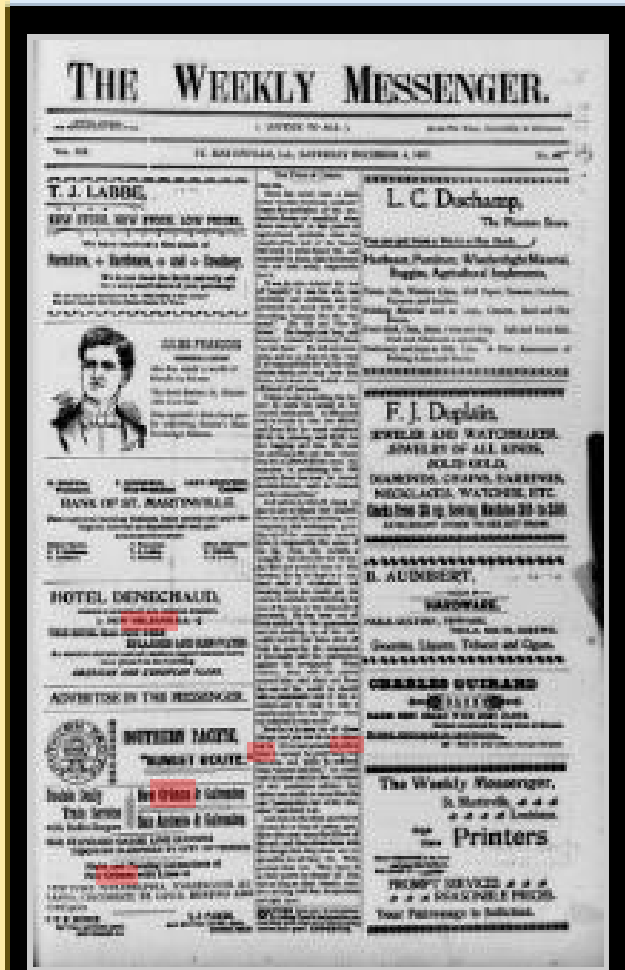


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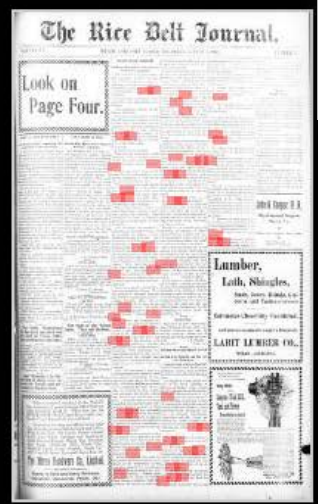
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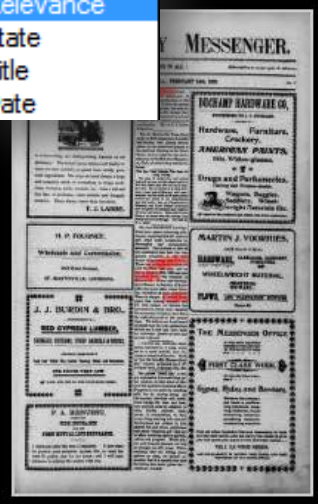
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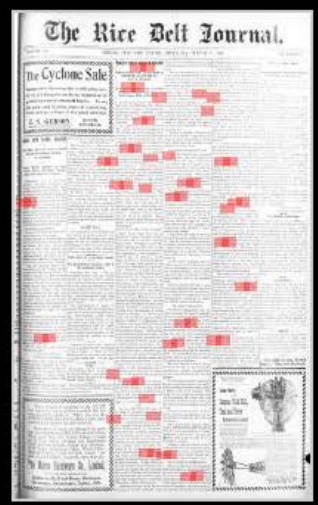
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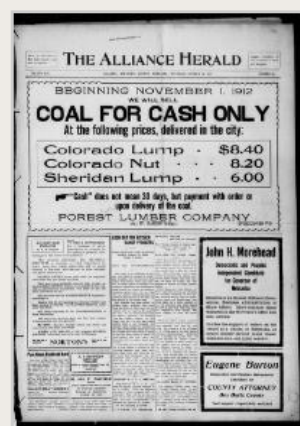


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