MEMPHIS APPEAL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1866.

Office—No. 13 Madison Street.

Our Business Office

Will be opened from 8 o'clock A. M., until 8 P. M. Advertisers will please bear this in mind and hand in their favors early.

The Mails Close.

For New Orleans, Vicksburg, Jackson and Grenada, three times a week, via Memphis & Charleston and Mississippi Central Railroad.

For Nashville, Louisville and Cincinnati, daily, 2½ p. m. via Nashville & Decatur Railroad.

For New York, Richmond, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and all Eastern cities, daily, at 2½ p.m., via Memphis & Charleston and East Tennessee & Virginia Railroads.

For Cairo, St. Louis and Chicago, daily, at 2½ p.m., via Memphis and Charleston and Mobile and Ohio Railroads.

For Vicksburg, river and way landings, three times a week.

For Montgomery and Mobile, and Mobile & Ohio Railroad, daily, at 2½ p.m.

For Mississippi & Tennessee Railroad, three times per week, at 5 p.m.

For Memphis & Ohio Railroad, daily, at 2½ p.m.

For Little Rock and White River, three times a week, at 4 p.m.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CORRECTION.—We erred in stating, in our issue of yesterday morning, that Messrs. Schmidt & Schwitzer, were arrested for the purchase of stolen goods. We learn that this firm was in no wise connected with the transaction.

HADLEY INJURED.—Dennis Quinlan, driver of Steam Engine No. 1, while proceeding to the fire yesterday, was thrown from his mule, and had his right foot badly fractured. The injuries sustained are not of a very serious nature.

CHANCERY COURT.—The sickness of Judge Smith, yesterday, prevented the transaction of any business in this Court. The following cases are set for trial today.

Winchester vs. H. G. Smith, (not yet decided.)

John H. Pemberton vs. Jas. F. Johnston.

R. B. Withers et al. vs. John H. Pemberton.

Same vs. Same. John H. Pemberton, et al.

TELEGRAMS.—The following telegrams remain uncalled for at the telegraph office:

J. H. Foster & Co., Hooper & Co., H. Black, M. J. Dalon, J. H. Handy, F. W. Wright, Robert Owens, Ferguson & Co., J. H. Dunoon, Thos. Sabinier, Tilth, S. Stetson, W. Coleman, J. Mallal, J. H. Hagar, A. J. Starkey, J. F. Wynne, A. B. Hutto, S. B. Evans, W. O. Holmes, W. L. Morgan, C. R. Davis, S. Mahan, E. H. Carroll, C. N. Dunmoody, W. A. Griffin.

THE FIRE YESTERDAY.—The alarm of fire yesterday about noon, was occasioned by the burning of a small frame building on the corner of Hernando and South streets, the property of Mr. Dorlac. Loss estimated at five hundred dollars. The scarcity of water in the vicinity rendered any assistance from the steam fire department almost impossible. The Chief Engineer, Capt. O'Neill, reports the streets in that part of the city to be wholly impassable for the steam engines, or, in fact, for heavy vehicles of any description.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Only six cases were up before Recorder Creighton yesterday morning, consisting mostly of "drunks and disorderlies," from which a small amount of fines and costs was collected by Clerk Coffin, and turned over to the City Treasurer. During the past year—from the second of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, to the second of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-six—the Recorder tried two thousand five hundred and twenty-seven cases. There are now eighty-nine prisoners in the city jail.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Robert Greiar, was indicted by the Grand Jury some time since, on six charges—each for the unlawful retailing of liquor on Sunday. The case came up for trial in this Court yesterday. For the first offense, Judge Hunter imposed a fine of fifty dollars, for the second, forty-five dollars, and for the third, five dollars. At this stage of the trial, Mr. Greiar submitted the remaining three cases, and was dealt with lightly—being fined only one dollar in each instance. A number of gaming and retailing cases, of minor importance, were also disposed of.

THE CITY SCHOOLS.—We give the following communication, relative to the educational interests of the city, in full. It was read at the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday night last, and referred to the School Committee:

OFFICE MEMPHIS BOARD OF SCHOOL VISITORS, }

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of Memphis:

Gentlemen: The unanimous adoption, by your honorable body, of the various resolutions approving the several actions of the Board of School Directors, embracing the prospective amelioration of the public education, by providing and erecting well adapted school buildings, has amply redound to your honor, credit, and an appreciating public will never forget the names of those who have been instrumental in the promotion of popular instruction, which is the corner stone of well founded republics. The undersigned, in behalf of the School Board, as also in behalf of the rising generation, feels gratified to your honorable body for your prompt action in these matters, and feels bold to request further of your honorable body, that you, at your next meeting, will at once devise means to provide for the payments which the purchases made by the School Board require. In connection herewith I will bring to your notice, that some time ago you approved of the terms of purchase of a certain lot, the terms being four thousand dollars in city warrants at the time of signing the deed, and four thousand dollars in twenty-four months. The City Comptroller, however, refused to issue such a warrant, giving, for his reason, that he had no power to do so; whereas, the passing of such a warrant was against the city charter, and, in a sworn affidavit, officers could not override its provisions. Of the correctness of the position I am not positive, and it remains for you to decide. To facilitate the Board of School Visitors in their arduous duties, which seem will devolve upon them, I would respectfully ask, that your respectable body would authorize the honorable Mayor to raise such funds as will be needed for the purchase of lots and erecting school houses thereon, which is in accordance with the respective charters of the city and School Board. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your most obed't serv't,

JACOB J. PERKINS,
President Board School Visitors.

STAMPING RECEIPTS BY RAILROAD OR STEAMBOAT AGENTS.—The following correspondence on the subject, explains itself:

MEMPHIS, Dec. 22, 1865.

H. Hoach, Collector U. S. Internal Revenue, Memphis, Tenn.

SIR: The undersigned, merchants of Memphis, beg to ask whether or not a railroad or steamboat agent is not equally bound as any other individual to place a stamp of two cents upon every receipt given by him for goods, wares and merchandise or other commodity." I have to say, you will find your question fully answered in section number one hundred and fifty-eight, of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, which reads as follows: *Be it further enacted*, that every person or persons who shall make, sign, or issue, or who shall cause to be made, signed, or issued any instrument, document or paper of any kind or description whatsoever, without the same being duly stamped for having thereon an adhesive stamp for denoting the duty chargeable thereon, with intent to evade the provisions of this act, shall, for every such offense, forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, and such instrument, document or paper * * * shall be deemed to be void and of no effect * * * Every person, whether acting for himself or as agent for others, is bound by law to stamp any seal all receipts he may give for the property of another, to be transported by railroad or otherwise, or for his own property when received and receipted for. I am not clear that the party receiving such receipt unstamped, is not liable therefor. But I am of the opinion that the law explicitly points to the maker or underwriter of such instrument, paper, as the first and greater offender.

I am very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

H. HOOCH,
Collector.

To Messrs. W. R. Moore & Co., Hoge, Pitts & Co., H. Myers & Co.

THE NAMES OF THE MEN MURDERED NEAR PANOLA.—We learn that the gentlemen murdered near Panola, Miss., a few days since, were from this city, and were travelling on business through that country, at the time of the fatal occurrence. Adam Strauss and David Stenauer are the names of the unfortunate individuals.

THANKS.—Mr. Cotton, of the Recorder's Court, with that attention and kindness to the members of the press, for which he is so highly estimated, has laid us under obligations, for copies of the Senate and House journals of the General Assembly (so called) of the State of Tennessee, for eighteen hundred and sixty-five. The journals are useful articles in their way.

WEST TENNESSEE COLLEGE.—Rev. Wm. Shelton, the President of Brownsville Female College, has been unanimously elected President of the West Tennessee College at Jackson, Tenn. As a gentleman of learning, dignity of character and success as an instructor, Prof. Shelton has few superiors. We congratulate the citizens of Jackson on their success in obtaining his services. The West Tennessee College is a State institution, we understand, and well endowed.

THE NICHOLSON PAVEMENT.—The following ordinance was submitted by the Ordinance Committee, at the last meeting of the Board, and passed its first reading:

Be it ordained, etc., That Main street, between Beale and Auction streets, shall be paved with the Nicholson pavement. Such paving to be commenced by the first of April next, and completed by the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Second, That all owners of property on said street, who intend to comply with the ordinance, shall give notice thereof to the City Engineer in writing within thirty days from this date.

Third, That such paving shall be done and payment therefor made by the owners of property fronting on Main street, in all respects as provided for and required by City Ordinance on pp. one hundred and seventy-two thousand one hundred and seventy-seven of Bridge's Digest of the Charter and Ordinance of the City.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Bill Posting.—The best Bill Poster and Initimator in the city at the office. jan1-tf

Real Tickbong Cod is the thing to make the wife and little ones happy and comfortable, and you cannot buy a better article than is furnished by R. C. Hite, at Dempsey's & Co's Drug Store, No. 41 Main street. This cod is from Brown & Jones' celebrated Mines, in Pittsburg, Pa.

Cloaks at Cost.—At Menken Bros.

The Place to Buy Stock in Memphis is No. 11 Court street. Mules, Horses, Mares, Match Teams, Carriages, Rockways, and two yoke of Work Oxen, will be sold this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock, by George Kellogg, 11 Court street. All stock as represented, or no sale. Frank Hyde, auctioneer.

Lady's Furs Cheap.—A fine Cape and Cuffs at $15, at the Memphis Hat Company's. Ja 18-1t

For the cure of Chronic diseases peculiar to Females, use Gilbert's General Alterative.

Gilbert's General Alterative cures suppressed Menstruation.

Parties and Balls.—Lovely silks, for parties and balls, just received at Menken Bros. & Company.

A Great Want Supplied.—The want of a first class bakery and confectionery has long been felt in this vicinity of Fourth and Poplar streets. That has now been supplied by the enterprising baker and confectioner, Mr. Bertan. His old place becoming entirely too small for the accommodation of his customers, he has leased the large store in Mr. Stillman's building, where he will open a new bakery. From all appearances, it will be a first class establishment, not to be surpassed by points of expense in this city. Mr. Bertan's reputation as a baker is fully praised, and no doubt but his new establishment will result in a benefit to himself as well as the public at large. We wish him success in his new enterprise. jan15-2t

Gilbert's General Alterative relieves Irritability of the Uterus.

Gilbert's General Alterative cures chronic Leucorrhœa.

Gilbert's General Alterative removes chronic Inflammation of the Bladder and Kidneys.

Lady's Furs Cheap.—A fine Cape and Cuffs at $12, at the Memphis Hat Company's. Ja 18-1t

A Chance to make a Good Investment. Samman, Mayer & Co. are closing out one million of Segars, selected of the best brands, at New York prices for cash.

Gentlemen, Read.—Cloth lined Gloves, 50 cents a pair, worth $2, at Menken Bros. & Co.

Gilbert's General Alterative changes the sallow complexion of unhealthy women.

Diseases of the skin cured by Gilbert's General Alterative.

White Labor vs. Black.—Hogan, Holland & Vance at 21 Main street, have at last solved the problem, which the Philosophers and Philanthropists—so called—have been so long agonizing and on. Mr. B. Holland of that firm has just returned from New York bringing with him thirty white laborers, to work on a plantation in Bolivar county, and whilst there has made arrangements upon which this agency is based, and can thereby furnish any number of laborers, instead of negroes, as the case may be, without compromising his newborn dignity or not, by "taking up the shovel and do like," as many are now doing, and thus secure labor for the coming season.

Men should know that Menken Bros. & Co. are selling full linen shirts, worth $1 00, at the cheap shirts, hats, etc.

Blotches removed by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Eruptions cured by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Pimples removed by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Sallowness of Complexion changed by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Cheap, Very Cheap, are the goods Menken Bros. & Co are selling.

Removal.—Samman, Mayer & Co., Importers of segars, tobacco and pipes, have removed from 21 Jefferson street, to the corner of Second and Jefferson street, Jefferson Block, where they are now keeping a much larger stock of the finest brands of Havana segars, Virginia tobacco and the real genuine meerschaum pipes. City and country merchants will find it to their interest to call and examine their stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere. Remember, corner of Second and Jefferson street, Jefferson Block.

Liver Complaints relieved by Gilbert's General Alterative.

White Swellings reduced by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Scrofula remedied by Gilbert's General Alterative.

My Goodness, how Cheap.—Ladies' white cotton stockings, 25 cents a pair, at Menken Bros. & Co.

Dolbear's Commercial College, 239 Main street, open day and night during the entire year. New pupils can begin any day in Writing, Book-keeping, Phonography, Mathematics, French, etc., etc. jan3-3t

Pianos, at reduced rates, for a few days only, at P. Anderson's Piano Warerooms, 325 Main street. jan15-2t.

Hereditary Taints removed by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Mercurial Taints cured by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Swelling of the Glands reduced by Gilbert's General Alterative.

Speech's.—That was a great and a good side of Joseph Speech—opening a refreshment room for ladies, exclusively. The mixings of many a dame, wearied with shopping, and with an appetite for lunch, are showered upon his head for this thoughtful provision for ladies' comfort. Lady's visiting from the country can run up and call him blessed, since through his foresight they may spend the day in town without starving, or being put to the trouble and expense of going to a hotel. Great is Speech, the ladies friend.

Columbian Gin.

100 Jars Fresh Butter, for family use, at MARTIN, GRAY & WILCOX'S
jan 8 36 Front street.

Memphis and Charleston Railroad.—Notice to Passengers.—By applying for tickets at No. 2 Court street, you will avoid the crowd at the Depot ticket office, and have less trouble in getting to the cars. Through tickets for sale to all principal cities. Baggage checked to the same place. JULIUS HAYDEN,
dec8-1m Passenger Agent.

Military and Naval History.—We have been shown by Capt. Rodes, the Agent for Shelby county, a copy of a Military and Naval History of the Great Rebellion, by W. J. Trimble, Editor of the American Encyclopedia. The work is handsomely printed and engraved, and evinces much labor among the official papers of the Government, and although written from a Northern standpoint, is a very fair history so far as we have read. We commend Capt. Rodes to our citizens as being in every respect worthy of their confidence.

Our Mutual Friend.—A new lot of this interesting Novel has just been received at Rawlings', 357 Main street. jan15-2t.

The Blood purified by Gilbert's General Alterative.

$3.50 a pair.—White bed blankets at Menken Bros. & Co.

As such a word is spoke! The Memphis Hat Company, in all their glory, are selling hats. Their reputation for keeping the finest and most fashionable hats, is known throughout the country. jan15-2t

Foster Brothers.—We respectfully call attention to the advertisement of this excellent firm, in another column. It is composed of sound business men, up to the times in every respect.

Cheap Comfort.—Bed Blankets at $5 00 a pair at Menken Bros. & Co.

Revenue Stamps, of all denominations, and in any required amount, may be constantly obtained at the Memphis Post Office.
jan3-1m ROBT. C. GIST, Postmaster.

Mothers, Read.—Ladies shoes at $2 00, worth $3 00, and children's shoes at $1 00, worth $2 00, at Menken Bros. & Co.

Columbian Gin.

For Rent.—Fifty Acres of land, including Dwelling and Out-houses, one mile from Court square, known as the Dunn Place. For terms apply to [jan7-7t.] J. J. DUNNE.

Young Ladies Read.—An elegant line of party and evening silks, just received at Menken Bros. & Co.

Elegant Pianos.—Several elegantly finished Pianos, by Steinway & Sons and other makes, have just been unpacked by P. Anderson, 327 Main street, and will be sold at regular New York rates, saving to the purchaser the cost of freight, besides steel and cover.

Gilbert's General Alterative removes the causes of, and prevents the return of Hysteria.

Gilbert's General Alterative relieves Females of chronic pains in the Loins.

Gilbert's General Alterative invigorates the entire system.

Memphis will, ere long, vie with her older sisters further North in all branches of manufactures. Messrs. Frank, Columbus & Co., of Memphis Chemical Mills, now manufacture the best Tar for sale, put up in cans in the country; also, Writing and Marking Inks, Wash Blue, etc. Office, 189 Poplar street, opposite the Market. jan18-1t.

RIVER MATTERS.

Weather and Business.

The weather continues beautiful, being clear and mild, a rather strange phenomenon when taken in connection with the extreme cold weather now, and for some time past, prevailing in the North and East.

Business on the leading yesterday was moderately active—the greater portion of it being confined to shipments of cotton.

The river still continues to decline—falling about ten inches during the past twenty-four hours.

Arrivals.

Steamer Missouri, from Cairo.
" City of Cairo, from Cairo.
" Lone Hambleton, from Evansville.
" Virginia, from Cincinnati.
" Colonel, from Arkansas river.

Departures.

Steamer Virginia, for New Orleans.
" Missouri, for New Orleans.
" Henry Von Phul, for New Orleans.

Boats in Port.

R. Hambleton, J. S. Hall, Justice, Pilgrim, Anna, Victory, Kate Branner, Pride, Dunleith, Jas. Raymond, Dee Ann, Only Chance, City of Cairo, Colonel.

Miscellaneous.

The Von Phul departed for New Orleans last evening with an immense trip of cotton and miscellaneous freights.

The City of Cairo did not depart yesterday, as advertised, but will leave this evening, going clear through to St. Louis.

Capt. Stimson received a telegram from Cairo yesterday, stating that the steamer Laura Fenton would arrive here this morning. The Fenton departs for Louisville and Cincinnati this evening.

We find the following description of the splendid steamer Magnolia in the Louisville *Courier*, of the fourteenth, and take the liberty of transferring it to our columns: "The new and magnificent steamer Magnolia arrived from Cairo Friday evening, to load for New Orleans. She is in charge of Capt. Frank Clayton, a thoroughly experienced and popular boatman in the trade, who will be found plying regularly between this city and New Orleans. If she is placed permanently in the trade we think she will prove a great acquisition, as she takes the front rank in point of speed, size, beauty and outfit, in addition to being an entirely new boat and having a new cabin outfit.

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FOR LOUISVILLE.—The glorious and radiant Morningstar, one of the finest packets on the river, will leave for the above and intermediate ports this day at 5 p. m. We take pleasure in recommending this excellent steamer to the public. For particulars apply to H. W. Lightburn, Secretary, 278 Front street, N. S. Green, Superintendent.

FOR ST. LOUIS.—The splendid and popular steamer Iron City will leave for the above and intermediate points this day at 5 p. m. Passengers and shippers will find this a most desirable opportunity. Johnson & Wright, 36 Front street, agents.

FOR CINCINNATI.—The dashing Laura Fenton, one of the most popular boats on the river, leaves for the above, and intermediate ports, this day at 5 P. M. For freight or passage apply to Moses Archer, Shrider & Co., Hart & Co. and Johnson & Wright, 36 Front street, agents.

[illegible] An elaborate plan for the organization of the regular army, drafted by Brig.-Gen. Jas. S. Brisbin, has been placed in the hands of members of Congress. It is for an army of one hundred and sixty thousand men, makes regiments ten companies strong, drops two Majors in cavalry, and gives two Second Lieutenants to each company. It provides for the appointment of one General-in-Chief, three Generals, sixteen Major-Generals, thirty-two Brigadier-Generals; also, for a field staff, and a department staff. One-half of the promotions are to be made according to merit, to be determined by boards of examiners. It requires an officer to serve two years in line before entering the staff of the army, and makes West Point a staff school. Any one who can pass the necessary examination may enter the same as Second Lieutenant. The plan exempts officers' salaries from taxation, and allows officers to be retired after twenty-five years' service, and giving them the right to hold civil office while in retirement. It incorporates the old regular army as a part of the new army, and prescribes rules for uniform. It leaves of absence, furloughs and court martials. A bill of twenty-two sections has been prepared comprising the plan proposed, and in elaborate document in pamphlet form accompanies it.

[illegible] While a Masonic (Orange) Lodge was in session at Charleston, on Monday night last, at Masonic Hall, a shot was fired from the outside, and a ball penetrated the entrance door, passing just over the head of a gentleman and dropping in the room.

[illegible] A negro named Isaac was hung at Augusta, Ga., on Friday, for murder committed in July. No previous execution had occurred in Augusta for many years.

ON 'CHANGE.

Having outlined in a preceding paper a general plan of reform, it is here proposed to address a few practical suggestions, which vindicate its adoption. What special pleas then can our honorable Board of Education employ, to attract merchants to daily sessions at the Chamber of Commerce?

First and most immediately important perhaps, is economy of time. Take any of these willful, and misguided school boys in commerce by the button, and gravely demand if time is not money, and he will boldly answer yes. Retain your hold of the gross-examining button, and go on to ask if this form of money is not clearly amenable to the Chamber of Commerce, and his accusing conscience will compel him to say, it is. Permit yourself then to be worked into a virtuous passion, and demand injuriously, why he doesn't attend the Chamber, and the nearest approach to defense he can make will be, that he has a dozen suspicious eggs in store, which might addle perhaps in his absence. Most generally, he will organize himself on the basis of the poor boy at the frolic, and have nothing to say. Now this seems to be a most rugged, and uncomming sort of material to work upon. It may be beneath our dignity however, gentlemen of the Board, but let us proceed still further to develop this question of commonest time.

We select in the first place, an example of familiar and daily occurrence. A wholesale dealer receives a order of goods, which he of course is anxious to dispose of at the earliest moment, and on the best possible terms. To effect this, he must canvass the market. Do our enterprising readers know what canvassing the market of Memphis means? For the pleasure of answering the question, we assume that they do not. It means a foregone pair of aching legs, a possible backing, and consequently a certain amount of mud, or dust, and a severe gymnastics of the temper. If a martyr comes out of it with his lungs undiscloaked, his calves in a condition to bear him to a cold dinner, and enough amiability left, to maintain him respectably as a Christian gentleman, he has every right to expect some complimentary testimonial from his friends.

In addition to this, the wholesale dealer in review may lose one day, may lose many days in a rueless quest, and thus through the prescription of a false policy dissipate at once, his strength, his patience, and his time. All this while, the Chamber of Commerce, centrally situated, comfortably housed, and conveniently arranged, might, if wisely administered, transfer his hours of weary plodding into a few moments of easy, seated, and chatty conference.

The consideration applies with equal force to the wholesale purchaser. It is presumed that most of a merchant's time, is engrossed by the routine of his daily duties. The demands of his customers, the condition of his accounts, and the other treadmill calls of business, leave but a scant margin of leisure on his hands. The proposition of a seller, submitted at the morning room, therefore, are ill-timed, and confusing. Sound economy dictates that they should be referred to a common rendezvous, where at an agreed hour, both buyer and seller could meet for mutual debate.

Another important consequence flowing from a Chamber of Commerce, is uniformity of prices. The gravity of this consideration can hardly be overestimated. Public confidence is cold from a market, where every other dealer sets up an arbitrary tariff of quotations. People grow coy of trading when the fact dawns upon them, that they have either cheated themselves or coincide their purchases under a furtive impression, that they might have bought cheaper at some other place. This is a positive evil, familiar to every intelligent observer in Memphis, and can be wholly obviated in no small degree, to divert valuable custom to rival markets. It is clear that such an institution as the one now advocated, is the most convenient, and probably the only instrumentality through which this evil may be abated.

The final, and most critical result sought to be achieved, is unity of action. This result is present with signal significance, and worthy of the gravest consideration. A strong negative argument in its illustration, may be drawn from the history of that legislative act, which imposed a certain tax on cotton upon the receipts at Memphis. For weeks before its passage it was known to be on the calendar, and the merchants here were urged to take such counteracting measures, as would effectually divorce cotton to them. We believe it is not too much to say, that if they had concerted together in a vigorous, and explanatory protest, they might have averted that unjust blow by their prosperity. But they failed through want of a unanimous purpose. Each man appealed in fractious accents to his neighbor, but they lacked concert of effort, leadership, earnest; and thus they sat, spectators of a measure, which in point of speed, size, beauty and outfit, in addition to being an entirely new boat and having a new cabin outfit.

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FOR LOUISVILLE.—The glorious and radiant Morningstar, one of the finest packets on the river, will leave for the above and intermediate ports this day at 5 p. m. We take pleasure in recommending this excellent steamer to the public. For particulars apply to H. W. Lightburn, Secretary, 278 Front street, N. S. Green, Superintendent.

FOR ST. LOUIS.—The splendid and popular steamer Iron City will leave for the above and intermediate points this day at 5 p. m. Passengers and shippers will find this a most desirable opportunity. Johnson & Wright, 36 Front street, agents.

FOR CINCINNATI.—The dashing Laura Fenton, one of the most popular boats on the river, leaves for the above, and intermediate ports, this day at 5 P. M. For freight or passage apply to Moses Archer, Shrider & Co., Hart & Co. and Johnson & Wright, 36 Front street, agents.

COMMERCIAL.

There was a good enquiry for Cotton yesterday, and prices were better. Our remarks of our last report in applicable to the state of the market yesterday. Cotton is still looking up, as will be seen by referring to our report of sales. We report the following sales: 8 at 26c, repacking; 40 at 31c, Good Ordinary; 30 at 31c, 142 at 32½c, 25 at 32½c, 20 at 32½c, Low Middling; 231 at 33c, 38 at 33½c, and 197 at 34c, Middling; 152 at 34c, and 339 at 34½c, Strict Middling; 156 at 35c, Good Middling; 125 at 36c, Middling Fair.)

General Market.

The weather yesterday was mild and fair, and a fair amount of business was doing. We have no change of interest to report.

CORN.—In request for shipment below. The receipts are full. Some 4,000 bags arrived yesterday. No change in quotations. Sales of 500 sacks at 86c, 2,500 at 91.

OATS.—Unchanged. Moderate demand at 55c. Quiet, without change. Sales of 200 sacks at 52½.

BRAN.—Unchanged and inactive.

CANDLES.—In fair demand. Sales of 24 boxes at 25c.

SOAP.—Without change, in moderate demand.

HARDWARE—Demand very active, beyond the supply.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS—In great demand; no change in prices.

FLOUR—Sales of 25 barrels, Superfine, at $10; demand for at unchanged rates.

WHISKY—Sales of 18 barrels at $2 25.

Imports.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17th.—The imports of yesterday, as reported on the books of the Merchants' Exchange, were as follows:

Agric'l Implts, 25	Cotton Seed, 167 sks.
Boots & Shoes, 77 cases.	Flour, 1,286 bbls.
Brandy, 10 bbls.	Hay, 47 bales.
Butter, 51 kegs.	Hogs, 105.
Cotton, 195 bales.	Horses and Mules, 7.
Candles, 105 boxes.	Oats, 325 sks.
Candy, 17.	Oil, 15 bbls.
Cattle, 32.	Salt, 840.
Corn, 4,958 sks.	Tobacco, 15 boxes.
Corn Meal, 85 bbls.	Whisky, 34 bbls.
	Wine, 30 bbls.

☞ Libby Prison is now a Grocery Store.

☞ A Freedman's Savings Bank has been opened in Savannah, Ga.

☞ The small pox is subsiding at Montgomery, Ala.

☞ A young man recently died in London from the effects of fascination produced by a water snake.

☞ The recent garroting of two reporters in Richmond realized ten cents to the garroter.

☞ Planters around Montgomery are paying the fines of negroes in the chain gangs, in order to get them to hire.

☞ A. M. Boutet, of Augusta, Ga., accidentally killed himself with a pistol in his own hands.

☞ A Federal soldier was hung in Macon for killing Capt. Cook, of the United States army.

☞ Daily trains have commenced running between Columbus, Kentucky, and Mobile. Time, thirty-six hours.

☞ In Columbus, Ga., spurious coin representing gold and silver, is said to have been freely sold to the negroes by some enterprising Yankee.

☞ The longest railroad in the world is the Grand Trunk of Canada—from Detroit to Portland—eight hundred and thirty-seven miles.

☞ Officer Joseph Smarney, of Louisville, was shot in the abdomen by a rogue whom he was attempting to arrest in that city.

☞ Wm. Mackay, Cashier of the Subtreasury here, is a defaulter to the amount of thirty thousand dollars. The Government will lose nothing.

☞ Second Assistant Postmaster General Fenly has left Washington for various parts of the South, in order to make better arrangements for mail facilities.

☞ Maj.-Gen. Lafayette McLaws, who commanded a division in Longstreet's corps, is a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Richmond county Ga.

☞ It has been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, that a bid at auction is a mere offer, and that it has no binding obligation unless accepted.

☞ In the large crowd of negroes which assembled at the Freedmen's Bureau in Charleston on Monday last, a child in the arms of its mother was squeezed and suffocated to death.

☞ The Reading (Pa.) Railroad Company have three tracks over most of their road, and propose to add a fourth, and run two for passengers and one for freight.

☞ Father Lavergne, the venerable President of St. Vincent's College, fell from a ladder in Wheeling, Va., on New Year's day, and broke his thigh. He had a narrow escape from death.

☞ It is a noteworthy fact that notwithstanding the disturbed condition of the nation during the first part of the present year, no less than six thousand six hundred and twenty patents have been issued from the Patent Office.

☞ The property of the Eagle Manufacturing Company, of Columbus, Ga., was recently sold for one hundred thousand dollars. A number of the former principal owners are concerned in the new purchase, and they intend rebuilding the factory on an extensive scale.

☞ A negro actress is about to appear in tragedy at the leading theatre in Paris, and it is said that Aldridge, the mulatto actor, who has met with such success in London, is now in negotiation with an American Manager to play in New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

☞ The commerce of the great lakes during eighteen hundred and sixty-five, amounted to thirty-five million bushels of grain, two million hogs, five hundred thousand cattle, and two hundred thousand feet of lumber. Where does it all go to?

☞ The enterprise of the Philadelphia papers in certain directions is astonishing. A murder having been committed at a house in Germantown, the *Inquirer* devotes a large portion of its space to a correct map of the entire village.

☞ Subsequently to the burning of the house of the Hon. Wm. Izard Bull, near Charleston, a shot was fired at him through a window of a cottage into which he had moved his family. The tracks of two negroes were found in the neighborhood of where the shot was fired.

☞ A man in St. Louis sent into the Common Pleas Court a petition asking for a divorce from his wife, with alimony, she having money and property in her own right to the amount of sixty thousand dollars, while he had but fifteen hundred dollars. He also asked for the possession of the child.

☞ At the time of Senator Douglas' decease his estate was so incumbered that it was believed that there would be nothing left for his family. During the war, however, the price of real estate in Chicago, which belonged to him, appreciated so in value that its sale has paid all the debts and left his family a handsome competence.

☞ Capt. Moorhouse, of the steamship City of London, reports the wreck on the Irish coast, near Queenstown, of the steamer Ibis, of the Cork and Liverpool line. The city of London took off all the passengers and crew on board, but the Captain and twenty-two persons were drowned before Capt. Moorhouse reached the vessel.

☞ The *Herald's* Georgetown (Nicaragua) correspondent states that on the trip of the steamer Moses Taylor from San Francisco to San Juan with California passengers for the piece, an Indian came on deck with a revolver and declared he would shoot any man who was not a Fenian. Two Englishmen at once denied having any Fenian proclivities, and he shot them both. He was wounded himself in turn, and jumped overboard, but was taken by the crew.

☞ The Madrid correspondent of the London *Times* says a report is current that suspicious looking vessels, supposed to be privateers, had been seen about the waters of Cadiz. The alarm of the maritime portion of that town is described as considerable, and the assurances of the Government that the Spanish merchantmen would be protected on all seas has not produced much confidence at Cadiz. Three additional forts were about to leave Spain for the Pacific.

☞ The first shad of the season was caught in the Savannah river, December twenty-nine.

☞ The Cincinnati *Gazette* says considerable excitement exists in the neighborhood of Stepping Stone Landing on account of a supposed apparition that makes its appearance in that vicinity. It is said to assume a variety of shapes—at times flourishing a dagger, and then appearing as a horse with a human head. The crews of the Clermont and Magnolia have both been favored with a sight at this phenomenon, which, unlike most of its family, appears by daylight.

☞ On Tuesday evening Mrs. Lewis, an elderly lady, eighty years of age, wife of John Lewis, Esq., an old and most highly esteemed citizen of Savannah, while attending upon her invalid husband, who is upwards