MEMPHIS APPEAL.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1866.

Office—No. 13 Madison Street.

LOCAL MATTERS.

☞ The Presbytery of Memphis will meet in the basement of the Second Presbyterian Church this, Friday morning, at 11 o'clock.

PERSONAL.—Major-General Smith, the commander of this District, returned from a visit up North last night.

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ARREST OF A HIGHWAYMAN.—Officer McKeough arrested a man named S. W. Gore yesterday on Jefferson street, on the charge of robbing a gentleman on the highway of three hundred dollars, and placed him in the station house. He will have a preliminary examination to-day.

NO BAITS.—Raleigh Mitchell is a sort of wide-awake darkey who thought he might overcharge an unwary passenger by having no bit of rules in his back, but he was disappointed in his expectations, as his eagle-eyed policeman, discovering the dodge, had Raleigh fined five dollars in the Freedmen's Court.

TRESPASSER.—Yesterday morning a man became so insensibly drunk that he lay down in the sewer on the corner of Madison and Main streets. A second gentleman placed him on a drug and drove him like a dead cow or a barrel of whisky to the calaboose. Men will occasionally get a spark in their noddles that takes away their senses.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Recorder Creighton yesterday tried two cases of gambling, two of vagrancy, two of disorderly conduct, three of drunkenness, one of forcibly entering the market, one of fighting, and one of nuisance—twelve cases and seventy-seven dollars fines. Two were sent to the chaingang.

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Public Address.—We take pleasure in announcing that the philosopher, "J. K.," will deliver an address in front of the Bayou House to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The Charleston Course and other Southern papers, as well as the Northern press, speak of him in highly complimentary terms.

County Court Clerkship.—Of the claims of the various candidates for the County Court Clerkship, one deserves at the HANDS OF THE PEOPLE special attention. Two years ago the citizens of Shelby county elected Wm. H. Bridges to this office; certainly there has since been no shortcoming in this gentleman that the people should not ratify their former decision. If he was judged by the people as being trustworthy of it THEN, no one will say that he has since given occasion for any lack of their former confidence. Mr. Bridges has since been continually engaged in public affairs, and no act of his has ever dimmed the lustre of his former reputation. He comes to us with it as unsullied as he ever possessed it in the career. Let the people of Shelby county be true to themselves by again confirming what they once before thought right and just. F. H. L.

RIVER MATTERS.

Weather and Business.

The weather yesterday was shockingly like a miserable stew—in the morning there was every indication of rain, but by noon it cleared away, and then the sun shone out brightly; then again, it clouded up, but at the close of the day the fiery face of old Sol took a peep at us over the tree tops on the Arkansas shore.

Business was only moderately brisk upon the levee, and very little cotton came in, and none went out.

The river is still rising at the rate of nearly one inch per hour.

Arrivals.

Steamer E. Walsh, from St. Louis.
" Cortlandt, from St. Francis river.
" W. R. Arthur, from New Orleans.
" Indiana, from New Orleans.
" *Lady Franklin*, from Cincinnati.
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Departures.

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" Lady Franklin, for St. Louis.
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" Memphis, for Arkansas river.
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Boats in Port.

M. Hambleton, Osceola, Celeste,
Natoma, Omega, City of Cairo,
St. Patrick.

Miscellaneous.

The City of Alton went out light last evening. She had on board a squad of troops who were taking up coffins for the purpose of re-burying the dead at Fort Pillow.

The Harry Dean goes out for Arkansas river to-morrow evening. She is fleet and reliable, and well officered.

The Belle Hamilton backs out for St. Francis river this evening. She is one of the most reliable boats in consequence, and better officers than Capt. Tom Bowman, Tom Day and Billy Clark, never tried a deck or checked off a bill of lading.

The W. R. Arthur passed up early yesterday morning after discharging the tons of miscellaneous freight, and 100 head of mules, which she brought up, "Goals to Newcastle."

The Osage has her broad pennant unfurled for White river this evening, and shippers and traders may take the notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The Hesper, a new steamer since of 164 tons burthen and drawing nine inches, recently built at Cincinnati for the Van Buren and Fort Smith trade, passed down yesterday. She is a neat little craft.

The high headed Clifton is the regular Louisville and Cincinnati packet this evening.

The Alice Dean is due to-day.

The Natona left out for Arkansas yesterday, and is posted again for this evening.

The "Wild Finnegan"—the St. Patrick of that ilk, was unable to discharge her freight last night in time to get off, but will positively leave this morning, and will be a fast packet.

The Clara Dolsen is due this morning for New Orleans, also the gay and festive Iron City, which will leave at 5 p.m., for Arkansas river. Capt. Hunter has charge of the boat, and Lan Boyle in the office, and—that's enough.

Our friends John T. Shirley & Co., the popular steamboat agents, have removed to their new office, No. 320 Front street, under the Commercial Hotel, where they can always be found, willing and ready to give any information concerning marine affairs.

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We are indebted to our young friend Willie Shock, of the A. & M. S. S. line, for a copy of the Saint Louis *Republican* of the 28th.

The Pilots Association gave a "hop" last night, in the Atlantic building. It is said to have been a very nice affair.

The Rivers Above.

The St. Louis *Republican* of the 28th says:

The weather yesterday was bright and spring like, giving to every one a foretaste of coming spring fever.

Business on the levee was moderately active, with every indication of a speedy opening of the usual spring rush.

At this point the Mississippi is stationary, with "mark twain" in the channel to Cairo. At Quincy the river is fifteen inches, ferry boats running as long as Monday. At Davenport the ice is still quite formidable.

The Missouri at St. Joseph is rising slowly, and the ice rapidly disappearing. The Hannibal has been expected for some days, but has not yet reached the city. She is now rapidly coming ready for business.

The Ohio was rising fast at Cincinnati on Monday, the rise coming out of the Licking river. At Louisville the river was steadily rising with 11½ feet in the canal and 3 feet in Indiana chute.

The Cumberland was rising rapidly with "no bottom course" on the shoals.

The Wabash was reported nearly clear of ice, and navigable.

From the Tennessee we have nothing. The Post Boy left on Monday on a voyage of exploration.

Gleanings From Our Exchanges.

SAINT LOUIS.—The *Democrat* of Wednesday, says:

The steamboat configuration of Monday night was one of the most destructive that ever visited this harbor, and embraces the following losses:

Steamer Leviathan, value		$150,000
" Lucia, "		125,000
" Belle, "		120,000
" Instator, "		120,000
Freight on Lucia,		30,000
" on Instator,		30,000
" on Wheat,		25,000
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THE LATE FIRE.—We have no further positive clues of the late disastrous steamboat conflagration, excepting that the Peyton and Dickerson, after bringing to the wharf a portion of the hull of the Leviathan was seen in tolerable good condition. It is supposed that all will be recovered with a damaged state. The sum duty had stood two original tons of her cargo on the landing, and it was most probably saved.

We sailed down at work yesterday clearing the rubbish of the wreck of the Leviathan. We understand she will be refloat immediately in a most thorough and complete manner. The hull will be dressed two feet, and a magnificent full length cabin, with all the latest improvements, put on. Captain Capt. George Pegram is to superintend the job.—*St. Louis Republican, 28th.*

Marine Insurance.

The disaster of Monday night, by which four of our largest and finest Lower Mississippi river steamers were blown up and burned, by causing a direct loss of property of more than half a million of dollars, added to the heavy loss of the preceding evening, at first glance, for our local insurance companies. They had already suffered to an extreme degree of ill-fortune, by paying risks upon losses incurred by ice breaks, sinkings and explosions, during the fall and winter; but on the occasion referred to—alarming as it may appear, they escaped very singularly favored. The Decatur, as mentioned yesterday, was insured elsewhere, and the Ruby, Pey-ton and Leviathan were not insured at all, the risk of the Atlantic and Mississippi Steamship Company, as underwriters, therefore, had no responsibilities upon the boats destroyed. Upon the cargoes, as it appeared to be—they were singularly favored. The Decatur, as mentioned yesterday, was insured elsewhere, and the Ruby, Peyton and Leviathan were held wholly at the risk of the Atlantic and Mississippi Steamship Company, for which they were expending. Our city underwriters, therefore, had no responsibilities beyond those lying upon parcels of freight. Let were on the Lucia, the Instator and the Leviathan, and the amount of loss, as we have tentatively informed, has had only little; another less than $100; and a third less than $50. The company in the city, probably, will have more to pay than any other, in proportion to its business. But with the lucky escape of the insurance companies, we may mention another result, which is unfortunate for our general commerce and our shipping interests. The tonnage of the boats destroyed, taken together, was 1,500 tons, and by other accidents, last sustained a tonnage loss of about eight thousand tons by this time last year. Freights on the New Orleans cotton-cotton prices, which were high before, have now risen to 75 and 85 cents per hundred for cotton and cents 75 cents per hundred for round freight, and 1 dollar and 25 cents per hundred for shipments. Labor being high, and other facilities for boat building being not of the best at present, some time must elapse before the lost boats can be replaced by new steamers.

FOR ST. FRANCIS RIVER.—The Mollie Hamilton, a swift and accommodating passenger steamer, will leave Memphis this day at 12 m., for Wittenberg and way points. She has ordered permanently in the St. Francis river trade, and offers rare inducements for shippers and travelers. Larry Harnistal, No. 14 Jefferson street, and James T. Bourne & Co., No. 14 Jefferson street, agents.

FOR WHITE RIVER.—The fast and elegant steamer Osage will leave for above river this day at 5 o'clock p. m. The finishing comfort and safety of this unsurpassed packet is proverbial, and nothing is wanting to recommend her to the traveling public generally. Jas. T. Bourne & Co., No. 12 Jefferson street, and Levy & Miller, No. 5 Madison street, agents.

FOR CAIRO, LOUISVILLE AND CINCINNATI.—The splendid passenger packet Natoma leaves for Cincinnati touching and way points this day at 5 o'clock p. m. Who most satisfactorily accommodates, and to would advise shippers and travelers to call on board or of the Captain, or Jas. T. Bourne, street, or to James T. Bourne & Co., No. 12 Jefferson street, agents.

FOR LITTLE ROCK.—The elegant and commodious steamer Iron City, of Memphis and Little Rock passenger packet, will leave for the above and intermediate points this day, at 5 o'clock p. m. Apply to Johnson & Wright, agents, office on Upper Wharfboat.

FOR CAIRO AND LOUISVILLE.—The magnificent passenger steamer St. Patrick, will leave for the above this day at 4 o'clock p. m. This boat is one of the most elegant packets on the river, and passengers and shippers would do well to apply to Messrs. Pratt & Co., and Jno. T. Shirley & Co., 290 Front street, agents.

FOR PINE BLUFF AND LITTLE ROCK.—The elegant and fast passenger packet Harry Dean, will depart for the above and way points this day, at 5 o'clock p. m. We recommend this as a reliable and accommodating packet, worthy the patronage and favor of the public. Apply on board or to Wharfboat Michigan, or to Tate, Able & Co., No. 16, Wall st. Co., and James T. Bourne & Co., agents.

FOR JACKSONPORT.—The elegant steamer Ben Ary, will leave for the above, touching at all way points, on Saturday, the 24 inst., at 5 p.m. Little space is guaranteed to all persons. For particulars apply on board or to wharfboat "Michigan," or Tate, Able & Co., No. 16 Wall st. Co., and Larry Harnistal, agents.

FOR CAIRO AND ST. LOUIS.—The splendid and swift passenger packet City of Paris, leaves for the above and way points on this day at 5 o'clock p. m. Shippers having freight for above have a splendid opportunity to forward, and passengers may secure themselves a comfortable berth. For freight or passage apply to Capt. W. E. Hill, agent, office Wharfboat, and W. C. Postal, Superintendent.

FOR NEW ORLEANS.—The magnificent passenger steamer Continental, will leave for above and way points, this day, 28 inst., at 5 o'clock p. m. This elegant packet is so well and favorably known that it is needless to recommend her to the public. Capt. Lewis and Steck, agents, at the Continental's wharfboat, foot of Monroe street.

☞ A retired actress in Newark committed suicide because her mother scolded her for being out late.

☞ It is said that the Committee on Ways and Means are favorably considering the proposition to tax tobacco on the leaf, instead as now from the manufactured article.

☞ The Mobile *Advertiser and Register* says: "We do not doubt that more Southern negroes have died of disease caused by improvidence in a state of freedom, for which they were utterly unprepared, than have fallen by the sword in the armies of both the North and South, in the late sanguinary conflict."

☞ Three freedmen while endeavoring to steal cotton on Wednesday night from the "Boswell Place," a plantation belonging to the estate of the late T. Clanton, Esq., were fired into by the guard. One of them was found dead in an adjoining field the next morning. A large amount of cotton, we are informed, has already been stolen from this place, and it was found to be absolutely necessary to keep a guard on it.—*Augusta Sentinel.*

FINANCIAL.

Money matters still remain quiet and dull in this market, notwithstanding the *reported* change in other markets. We say reported, from the fact that the report received here by telegraph and furnished to our Bankers and merchants, have been found so wholly unreliable that they have been excluded by the Bankers as not worth the paper upon which they are written, and they prefer to await the tedious mails rather than base their operations upon these very questionable reports.

Exchange is still in full demand and no noteworthy improvement in the offerings, while the rates are unchanged.

There is no change to note in the Gold market, which remains nearly at 34 buying and 36 selling. Silver is in moderate demand at 31, with but little in the market.

Currency is rather easier than for the past few days, though the Banks are still loth to part with it.

In Government Stocks there is nothing doing.

There is a little more activity in Uncurrent Funds, and we heard of one purchase of the notes of the "Bank of Tennessee at 48.

	Rate.		Rate.
Bank of Berkley	71	C B of Virginia	26
" Commerce	20	Corpn'n Alexandria	40
" Charleston	19	Danville Bank	16
" Hope'ville	19	Exchange B'k of Va.	19
" Old Dominion	31	F'rm'r's B'k Fredericksb'g	19
" Phillipst	40	Richm'd	19
" Rockbridge	26	Merchants' Bank	28
" Rockingham	26	Mechanics' Bank	26
" Scottsville	19	Northwestern Bank	46
" the Valley	26	Southwestern Bank	25
" Virginia	26	Trader's Bank	25
" Winchester	24		
NORTH CAROLINA BANKS.			
Bank of Cape Fear	20	Bank of Roxboro'	26
" Charlotte	26	Thomas'v'le	21
" Charleston	26	Mineral Spr'ng's	26
" Commerce	19	" Wilmington	19
" Fayetteville	26	" Yanceyville	26
" Lexington	26	Commercial Bank	18
" N. Carolina	26	Farmers' B'k of N. C.	26
" State of N. C.	26	Merchants' Bank	26
" Washington	19		
SOUTH CAROLINA BANKS.			
Bank of Camden	26	Exchange Bank	13
" Charleston	12	Farm'rs & Ex'ch'ge	6
" Cheraw	26	Merchants' Corn'w	11
" Georgetown	13	People's Bank	11