MEMPHIS APPEAL.

Office—No. 13 Madison Street.

WEDNESDAY, : : : : APRIL 3, 1867

CITY MATTERS.

Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad.

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Notice.

The public are hereby notified not to pay to any one any bills due THE APPEAL for advertising since January 31st, unless they have written authority from me.

JOHN ATNSLIE,
Cashier and Manager.

To the Patrons of the Appeal.

You are requested not to pay any carriers without a certificate from me, and to report at the counting desk any irregularity in carriers. L. DAVIES.

INJUNCTIONS.—The injunctions filed against the municipal court will come up for hearing, before the chancellor on Wednesday the 15th inst. As this matter is now in the hands of the courts we forbear comment for the present.

ALL THE NEWS.—The much frequented and popular news stand of Col. Ed. Worsham, No. 290½ Main street, is replete with all the latest newspapers and periodicals of the day. He is always up in his line, and should Ed. not be on hand, a visitor will be sure to find his assistant, "Cliff."

STREET RUMORS.—A rumor was current upon the streets yesterday that a man had been arrested who confessed to being the murderer of Gen. Bankhead. On inquiry we find that no such arrest was made. The soldier arrested has been released, no guilt being fastened upon him.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—We are requested to state that the monthly meeting of the St. Andrew's society will be held to-night at the Wickersham building, when a full attendance of members is requested. The chair will be taken at half-past seven.

FAMILY QUARREL.—A quarrel having arisen between husband and wife, Mrs. Mary Boehm complained on oath before Justice Creighton, that her husband had used abusive and threatening language towards her, for which he will answer to the justice this morning.

MUNICIPAL COURT.—The newly appointed municipal court met to-day in the rooms occupied by Chancellor Smith, and organized. The bonds of the various officers were filed. After issuing some unimportant processes the court adjourned.

TELEGRAMS.—The following telegrams remain uncalled for in the office: Sam. Peck, Mrs. M. O. Hopkins, Leopold Rokber, J. Beron, Mrs. Gemens, V. V. Williams.

THE PAVEMENT.—A meeting of the property holders on Dunlap street will be held at the office of Col. Jno. S. Kerr this evening at four o'clock, to take into consideration the propriety of paving that street. We hope the inhabitants of that thoroughfare will take the matter vigorously in hand. It is a move in the right direction, and we hail as Col. Kerr at the head it must succeed.

BANKRUPT LAW.—By reference to a card in our advertising columns this morning, it will be seen that W. H. Moore, of the city of Washington, has about to publish all the late acts of congress in relation to bankrupts. In the present depressed state of our country, this will prove a valuable work to lawyers and others.

SILKS.—One of the colored persuasion named Ellen Green, wanted a silk mantle. Not having one of her own, of the stamps wherewith to purchase, she appropriated one, the property of Mrs. Byers, on Union street. Other Mirzeh Nowrey furnished her with quarters in the Adams street "pitcher."

BOILER MAKERS.—Attention is directed to the card of Lawless & Widrig, boiler makers and copper and sheet iron workers and general machinists, on Washington and Water streets. These gentlemen keep on hand bar, band, hoop, sheet and boiler iron at their warehouse, foot of Washington street, which they will sell at Cincinnati rates. Read their card.

EXPECTED TO-DAY.—Messrs. Haight & Chambers' circus and menagerie is expected to-day, and in all probability will arrive in time to exhibit to-night. Rumor speaks of this establishment in the most commendable terms, pronouncing it far superior to anything of the kind that has ever traveled the country. It is many years since a menagerie visited the south, and this being the first for a long time, cannot fail to prove very attractive, more especially as the animals comprising it are said to be finer and beautiful specimens, lately brought from their native jungles, and some of them the only ones of the kind on exhibition in this country. The circus troupe comprises many names well known in the annals of equestrianism.

THE NEW MEMPHIS THEATRE.—Another large and appreciative audience witnessed the second appearance of Mrs. Bowers and Mr. McCollom last evening, and manifested their cordial approval of the excellent acting of these two thorough *artistes*. We have, on a former occasion, expressed our high appreciation of the superior professional accomplishments of this charming actress, and our first impression was fully confirmed by the performance last night. At the close of the fifth act Mrs. Bowers was deservedly the recipient of an enthusiastic call before the curtain, and is already an established favorite in this city.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the St. George's society of this city, held on Monday night, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: Henry F. Green, president; J. Thomas, first vice-president; B. P. Robson, second vice-president; A. W. Lewin, financial secretary; Henry Forester, corresponding secretary; W. H. Weedel, treasurer; J. Gant, J. Cordel, A. J. Norman, trustees; T. H. Hunt, W. Redell, J. Henry, F. Green, committee. They will hold their annual celebration on the twenty-third of this month at the hall of the Memphis club, Greenlaw building. The committee of arrangements have been appointed, and timely notice will be given of the celebration.

SUSPICIOUS.—We were informed yesterday by Mr. W. A. Woolridge that while hunting in company with his young son on the Horn Lake road some twelve miles from town a few days since, he found a gentleman's shawl and broken rifle. This was about seventy-five yards from the highway. Thinking it rather strange Mr. Woolridge searched around and found the tracks of a horse, who had evidently gone into an adjacent thicket, returned and gone back to the road. There was no trace of a scuffle having ensued, save that the horse had been hitched. Whether there has been foul play or not still remains a question.

THE OPERA HOUSE.—The attraction at this place of amusement last night was the *Hidden Hand*, dramatized from Mrs. Southworth's "serial" of that name, in which the beautiful and charming young actress, Miss Blanche DeBar, personated the characters of "Archey, a Newsboy," "Capitola Black" and "Capitola Lenoir, the Heiress." In "Archey," the newsboy and waif upon the waters, having no friend or protector but himself, she presents a good appearance, but does not succeed. Even in male juvenile characters a little practice may make her more perfect. In the female characters she was all that could be wished. Her singing was excellent, and repeatedly encored. Her voice, though not powerful, is sweet and attractive. The "Wool" of Mr. McWade was very good, but a little less of the Pocahontas dancing would have been preferable. Drake played "Old Hurricane," or "Major Warfield," very acceptibly, but was not stormy enough to suit our ideas of the piece. Miss Parker's rendition of "Mrs. Candiment" was good, as everything that lady undertakes is. She is careful and correct. The balance of the company, with one exception, were up to their parts. To-night the *Belle of Finsbury* will be presented.

RABBI TOSKA'S LECTURE.—The Tabernacle was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening by one of the largest and most fashionable audiences we have seen in congregated under its roof since the inauguration of the course for our entertainment and edification. The lecture of Rabbi Toska was an exceedingly interesting one of about an hour's duration, and as we intend publishing a synopsis of it in our next issue, we forbear attempting an outline of this learned and highly interesting effort. At the conclusion of the lecture Mr. James H. Sullivan recited with admirable effect N. P. Willis' poem of Prometheus, eliciting the warmest applause. The next lecture will be by Raphael Semmes, and the subject will be "The History of the Alabama." This thrilling and deeply interesting subject we hope will draw a large house, as the merit of the speaker is great and will compensate all who may have the good fortune to hear him. The Philharmonics were on hand and sang several beautiful pieces, which added greatly to the interest of the occasion.

CRIMINAL COURT.—The cases of Wm. Archer, forgery, and John Goode, burglary, were disposed of *nole prosequi*. The court adjourned without doing any further business, and convenes at 10 a.m. The following cases are set for trial to-day: Oscar Smith, larceny; George R. Wade, larceny, etc; James McNairy, assault with intent to commit rape.

THE MIDNIGHT MURDERS AND ASSASSINATIONS.

Who Commits Them?

The Duty of the Press and the Citizens.

Is a Vigilance Committee Necessary?

It would be much easier to tell who did not commit the late midnight assassinations than to tell who did. It is certain that the murderers were not citizens who have positions as business men, or those who are daily engaged in some laudable pursuit for the purpose of gaining an honest livelihood. It was not men who, when the labors of the day are over, are glad to seek their homes in peace and quietness, and who have an interest in making peoples' lives and property secure. It is also certain that the murderers and midnight assassins are not of that class who desire the laws to be strictly executed against thieves, murderers and gamblers. The question then naturally arises as to

WHO IT IS THAT COMMITS THESE DEEDS.

A distinguished editor of this city wrote in his paper ten days ago, substantially, "Congress could do a thousand times more toward breaking up crime and bringing about peace, quiet, safety and prosperity in the south by closing the doggeries than by fifty military governments." Will that same influential citizen and editor, and his worthy confreres of the Memphis press use the powerful engines for the formation and control of society at their command for the propagation of such manly, independent and unquestionable truths as the above? Or will they, as is too often the case, allow such "puffs" of the miserable dens, where the crimes are hatched, the announcement of which almost daily shock the right thinking people of our country, to find their way into their papers, as are calculated to entice the unwary into the very jaws of destruction? Will not our city council move in this matter? There is no difference of opinion among good citizens upon this point. All agree that the *saloons, dance houses* and *gambling hells*, in which the most abandoned characters, male and female, congregate nightly, are the breeding places of just such crimes as have within the last few days startled the law-abiding citizens of Memphis to band together for the purpose of mutual protection by breaking up these hell holes, and of disposing of the gangs of desperadoes which make life in Memphis a terror, in such ways as they were handled in San Francisco several years ago, when things got so bad that nothing else would meet the terrible necessity of the case. All these fearful crimes are committed at late hours of night, and always in or near one of these man traps, and whisky can in nearly every instance be traced directly to an active agent, directly or indirectly, in their perpetration. Close these places up at 8 o'clock, if not altogether, and at once crime will fall off fifty per cent., and few persons will deny it. If they do, let them ask the coroner, the justices, constables, sheriffs, judges, and the attorney-generals, and they will very soon undeceive them. But then have men, and especially the leaders of public opinion, and the newspapers the nerve to come out boldly and call things by their right names and place the blame where it belongs and demand the remedy required? Or are they afraid of the whisky influence, and that of the gamblers and the roughs? Gentlemen, no dodging should be resorted to in this matter. Come out either for or against crime and its dens. These nefarious trades have no more right to be prosecuted in this city than a man has to turn a drove of mad dogs loose in the streets. It is just as easy "spotting" these scoundrels who infest our city as it is to tell whether a man is white or black. If a fellow hangs around saloons and dance holes and gambling hells, and has no visible means of support, no matter whether he dresses fine and sports a fancy cane and diamond breastpin or is a shabby, blear-eyed and bloated villain who is never seen except by gas light, all the same, he should be dealt with at once under the *vagrant law*, if nothing severer is necessary to put him where he will work out an honest living and where he will not be allowed to keep an entire community in terror of life and property, so soon as the shades of night close in. Will the city authorities move in this at once, or will the people have to take the business in hand. If they do, the work will be done thoroughly. We shall have more to say upon this subject hereafter.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Second Day's Proceedings.

The commissioners met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. There was a full board, with President Lewis in the chair. The petition of Hon. George W. Waldron, the judge of the municipal court, was taken up, when President Lewis offered the following: Ordered that the clerk of the municipal court of Memphis be authorized to procure all needful books, blanks and stationery for his office and for said court; and also such plain furniture as shall be necessary. Also that the officers of said court be authorized to attend the following terms