AMUSEMENTS.

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GREAT DRAMATIC EVENT!
The management beg to announce an engagement at AN ENORMOUS EXPENSE, with America's favorite artiste, THE PEERLESS
MAGGIE MITCHELL,
who will appear in a series of HER GREAT CREATIONS, supported by the sterling young tragedian,
MR. L. R. SHEWELL,
and the entire Dramatic Company from DeBar's Opera House, St. Louis.
Tuesday & Wednesday Dec. 24th & 25th, and Christmas Day Matinee,
Miss Mitchell's own emotional play of
JANE EYRE.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26th, 27th and 28th,
Miss Mitchell's great specialty, entitled
THE PEARL OF SAVOY.
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FRIDAY—BENEFIT OF MISS MITCHELL.
GRAND MATINEES CHRISTMAS AND SATURDAY, at 2 p.m. Notwithstanding the great attraction, no advance in prices of admission. For particulars see programmes.

MEMPHIS THEATER.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1872, EVERY EVENING DURING THE WEEK.
Christmas and Saturday Matinees.
MR. CHARLES POPE and the superior company in Augustin Daly's great drama
UNDER THE GAS LIGHT,
presented with New Scenery and Marvelous Mechanical Effects. The Thrilling Railroad Scene. The Lightning Express Train. A Man on the Track.
$5000 PRESENTS $5
to be given away at the Christmas Matinee. Every man, woman and child buying a ticket will receive a gift from OLD SANTA CLAUS.
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THE ANNUAL
FAIR AND FESTIVAL
for the benefit of
ST. PETER'S ORPHAN ASYLUM,
will be held at
ASSEMBLY HALL,
Commencing Monday Evening, Dec. 23d
TICKETS.....FIFTY CENTS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For the Legislature.

I HEREBY announce myself a candidate for Floater to represent the counties of Fayette and Shelby in the lower house of the next General Assembly. The election is to be held January 2, 1873. E. J. TUCKER.

WE are authorized to announce T. J. SHELTON, Jr., of Lagrange, as a candidate to represent Fayette and Shelby counties in the State Legislature. dec18

For Congressman Third Ward.

JOHN L. NORTON is a candidate for reelection as Councilman from the Third Ward. dec24

JUDGE AN M'CALLUM, Southwest corner of Jefferson and Third streets, is a candidate for Councilman of the Third Ward. Election January 1, 1873. dec18

For Councilman Fourth Ward.

E. K. ROSE is a candidate for Councilman of the Fourth Ward. Election Jan., 1873.

JOHN A. ROUSH is a candidate for Councilman of the Fourth Ward. dec7

For Alderman Third Ward.

JOHN GRENKUHL is a candidate for Alderman of the Third Ward. dec17

ANDREW DAVIS is a candidate for reelection as Alderman of the Third Ward.

For Constitutionalist Fifth Ward.

We are authorized to announce JOHN GRENKUHL as a candidate for Constitutionalist of the Fifth Ward. Election January 1, 1873. dec17

Many citizens of the Fourth Ward think Mrs. E. A. MERIWETHER deserving a School Visitor, they will make it known at the ballot-box. dec

MRS. MARY J. HOLMES is a candidate for School Visitor in the Eighth Ward. dec

WE are authorized to announce JOHN L. HODGES as a candidate for HOMBOLLER before the next General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. dec15

FOR SALE.

PIANO—A new Chickering Piano and Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine, terms liberal. Apply to Jones, Brown & Co., 276 Front.

MULE, CART AND HARNESS—At a bargain; mule 7 years old, 16 hands high, sound and all right; cart as good as new. Inquire of ALEX. LOWENSTEIN & SONS, dec22 35 Union street.

VALUABLE LEASE—$1500 per year clear of all expenses. For particulars and price address SEARS & GREENLEY, dec22 office corner Union and Second.

TWO LOTS—Corner of Broadway and Bayborn avenue, 40 by 150 feet each; will sell low for cash, or give long credit. S. E. SEVIER & CO., 44 Monroe street.

COTTON AND FARM LANDS—Within one mile of Horn Lake Depot (Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad), 40, 80 or 160 acres of excellent cotton and farm lands and improvements; also, 160 acres near Forrest City, $5 per acre; also, two houses and lots in suburbs. R. B. BARNES, dec21 285 Main street.

RESIDENCES—LAND—Two elegant residences in city, beautiful woodland lots in Germantown, land on Memphis and Charleston Railroad. JOHN F. THOMAS & CO., dec21 Cotton Factors, 15 Union street.

PIANO—A good second-hand piano, cheap, for cash GEO. S. RICHARDSON & CO., dec21 2 Howard's Row.

1100 ACRES OF LAND—In Tunica county, Miss., three miles from the river, 100 acres cleared and in cultivation, frame dwelling, 4 frame cabins, frame gin-house, two stables, stream never failing, good water, horse power engine, all in complete repair; hands enough on the place to work it. For terms apply to JOHN C. FREE, dec20 at Estes, Fiser & Pinson's.

SALOON—In the most frequented business part of the city, doing a good business. To be sold at a moderate figure, the proprietor having engaged in a different business. Inquire at the dec19 APPEAL OFFICE.

MULES AND HORSES—Always for sale, at 43 South Court street. dec18 R. J. FAIRES & CO.

GLASS—All sizes, at lowest rates, at C. Quackenbush's, 343 Second street. dec

LAND—Eighty-two acres land lying one-quarter of a mile south of White's Station, on Memphis and Charleston Railroad—fifty-two acres cleared, thirty acres of fine timber, frame residence and good out-houses. For further particulars apply to JOHN F. TITUS, 19 Jefferson street. dec

PLANTATIONS—RESIDENCE—BANKING HOUSE—Four valuable plantations in the counties of Bolivar, Coahoma and DeSoto; also, my residence and banking-house. M. J. WICKS. dec

MY STEAM MILL, consisting of 40-horse power engine and double-flue boiler, steam indicator, whistle, Johnson governor, saw-mill, grist-mill of four-feet French burr stones, elevators, screw conveyer, bolting apparatus, etc., without the house, all sound and in running order excepting grate-bars recently stolen, offered for $800, as no one attended sale by auction; and if it be not acknowledged a great bargain I will pay cost of coming and examining, at Hemberton, twelve miles north of Memphis, Tenn. Nov. 21, 1872. S. S. REMBERT.
A valuable abstract and Ledger copy free. dec

LANDS—Improved and unimproved, of every quality and at almost any price. Look farms, cotton farms, fertile soil available timber, very valuable water power, pure chalybeate spring, yielding 40 gallons with many varieties of fish; VERY NEARLY LOCALITY, ten or twelve miles north of Memphis, on Big Creek plankroad, and near Panola Railroad, now building, for sale at $5 to $20 an acre. Title perfect before I ask a dollar, or will pay cost of examination to any lawyer of ability and integrity. For further information apply to Hon. A. H. Douglass, Hyde, Trezevant & Co., Colonel L. J. DePree, the Appeal, all of Memphis, or to lands and me only on the premises. S. S. REMBERT.

HOP-GROUND—A house on New Madison street, No. 241, contains five rooms and a kitchen. Apply on premises. Also, two acres near the "Cherry Place." sel3

TEXAS LANDS—Of various qualities, quantities and locations, for sale very low, or close for nothing but the taxes, which are paid. Apply to R. L. STOTT, dec1 158 Front street, Memphis.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

FARM—My farm on M. and C. R. R., five miles from Memphis, of 70 acres; it has a new cottage of 4 rooms, with all necessary out-buildings, plenty of fine water; will sell furniture, stock, agricultural implements, on WELL ESTABLISHED FRUIT AND TRUCK property. For sale or exc., apply on the place, or to J. J. WILSON, 256 Front.

VALUABLE FARM—191½ acres rich land, 70 acres cleared, near Raleigh Station, on Memphis and Charleston Railroad, comfortable dwelling, out-houses and fruit trees, will be sold cheap or exchanged for improved city property; said will be put up and rented on the first day of January, 1873, for the year. Terms of sale easy and accommodating. W. WILLIAMS, dec18 Office at Stables of Williamson, Bowers & Pointer, opposite Waldran Block, Memphis. dec

FOUND.

SAQUES—On Main st., two baby sacques; owner can recover same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. dec20

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

COW—A small speckled milch cow, with the left horn off; will reward for her at my house, northeast corner Elmwood, front M. road C. R. R. W. B. TOLER, 89 Madison st.

STRAYED.

MULES—$10 REWARD.
Strayed from the store of Ford, Porter & Co., No. 35 Union street, at about nine o'clock Tuesday morning, 10th inst., four mules, three of them medium size and one small black mare. They were harnessed and hitched to a wagon. The finder will receive the above reward by calling on Ford, Porter & Co., at No. 35 Union street, with whom information may be left. The wagon and team are the property of Captain W. T. Carmack, who resides twelve miles northeast of Memphis, on the Big Creek plankroad. dec25 FORD, PORTER & CO.

MULE—Monday morning, a tall thin spare mare black horse mule, four or five years old, in rather poor order, with a small wind on right hock, will probably make for the country. Liberal reward for same returned to J. S. CARUTHERS, of the house of Kridge, McKay & Co., dec21 291 and 293 Main street.

FOR RENT.

COTTAGE—For rent near my residence on Walker avenue, a new cottage, fronting on the Hernando street railroad, containing six rooms, cistern, garden, etc., all in complete order. Possession given first of January. JOSEPH LENOW, dec22 36 Union street.

LAND—On the Poplar street turnpike, one mile from corporation line, fourteen and a half acres of land, in a fine state of cultivation; young orchard and large strawberry bed; a good house, of six rooms, is on the place, and fine stable and shed adjoining. Also, 140 large SASH, which I will sell to tenant, if desired. For terms, etc., apply to 179 Carroll avenue, or Boyster & Trezevant. dec21 M. MAGEVNEY.

FURNISHED HOUSE—A nicely furnished house. A lady with two children wishes to board with the party who rents. Apply at No. 7 MADISON STREET, dec11 up-stairs.

RESIDENCE—A desirable residence, five miles from Memphis, on Pigeon Roost road, forty-five acres of land in tract, thirty acres cleared and in cultivation, six acres in orchard, fine fruit, dwelling-house with ten rooms, good out-houses, well and cistern, fine garden of two acres, other cotton lands adjoining that can be rented; will rent for one or more years. Apply to T. J. PROPHIT, dec20 No. 266 Front street.

DWELLING—No. 82 Mosby street, containing 7 rooms and bath-room, all in good condition. For terms apply to W. M. POOVEY, No. 42 Second st. dec21

BAILEY SPRINGS—For a term of years. Bailey Springs, in Alabama, including hotel and furniture ready for business, with stables, garden, orchards, etc., etc. Apply immediately, on the premises, to dec13 ELLIS & CO.

OFFICES—Three good offices in the Plant-Row Block, Insurance Company's Building for rent. Apply to the PLANTERS INSURANCE CO., dec 6 No. 61 Madison street.

OFFICES—Two large front offices, second-story, also, storage room, by A. FALLON & CO., 298 Front street, between Madison and Monroe. dec

ROOMS—Suit of rooms, first floor up stairs, over our store, northeast corner Main and Jefferson streets. A long established millinery and mantua-maker's stand. Possession given on September. GEO. SHIELDS & CO., aug8 249 Main street.

WANTS.

SITUATION—In a sawmill by a No. 1 machinist as Sawyer or Foreman. Address dec1 E. F., this office.

SITUATION AS PARTNER—Or share of the crop, or for wages, for next year, by one of many years experience in planting in the South; can control a great many hands. Apply to EDRINGTON & CO., No. 295 Front street, Memphis, Tenn., or W. R. W., Marion, Arkansas. dec22

CLAIMS—Of every description against the United States, at 379 Main street. We prosecute claims in specified manner H. & A. A. P. LACEY, Attorneys.

BUSINESS—A gentleman with a cash capital of $10,000 to $15,000 can buy an interest in a well established and profitable business. Address BUSINESS, at this office.

SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, Feathers and Household Goods of all kinds, bought at 262 Second street. B. T. SINNOTT.

ROOMS AND BOARD.

ROOM AND BOARD—Front room, second floor, suitable for gentleman and wife, with board. Also, elegant accommodations in front and adjoining for two single gentlemen; terms reasonable. Apply at No. 6 Linden st.

ROOMS AND BOARD—Young gentlemen attending college or others will find pleasant rooms and board, on moderate terms, at 341 Desoto street. References given and required. dec19

CHOICE ROOMS AND BOARD—At 43 Mosby street; day boarders accommodated. Mrs. A. McNALLY.

ROOM—A furnished room for rent at No. 15 Vance. References required. dec

ROOMS—Furnished rooms to rent. Inquire at Willett's Billiard Hall, 37 Adams street.

BOARD—A furnished room, with board. Terms moderate, at 31 Vance street.

LOST.

MULE—$10 REWARD—Small dark bay mule, white mark on nose, about 8 years old, 14 hands high, white mark on each side of the neck close to the throat-latch; had on a new light leather saddle and a new bridle. KEEL & CO., dec24 258 Front street.

FOR SALE OR LEASE.

LAND—8½ acres west of the Fair Grounds north of M. and C. R. R., for sale on 6 years time, or lease for 10 years, fronting on Trezevant avenue and the railroad. dec19 G. A. STOVALL, 45 Madison st.

TO ADVERTISERS.

As has been stated from the first day of the publication of the SUNDAY APPEAL, it is a distinct and separate issue, and no advertisement is inserted in it unless specially ordered and paid for.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Merry Christmas to all our readers.

—Attention is directed to the notice of change of time on the Mississippi and Tennessee road.

—The Fair in Assembly Hall was very well attended last night, notwithstanding the intense cold.

—The ice floating in the river is about four inches thick. It is a frosty formation from this side of Cairo.

—Bursting pipes, hydrants, fractious pumps and exploding lamps were the order of the day Christmas eve.

—There are a dozen merchants in Memphis who made over fifty thousand dollars each during the year just ending.

—Two dogs were frozen stiff on Gayoso street yesterday while in the act of munching a bone they had pilfered from a Beale street market meat merchant.

—The congregation of the Christian Church, corner of Mulberry and Linden streets, celebrated Christmas eve last evening by suitable singing and other devotional acts.

—Captain Edward Hawks, the clerk of the Bismarck, came up last night on the Glasgow to secure a towboat to go down and assist his boat, with her two barges, to this city.

—It was reported last evening that pigs and turkeys went sailing down the river on floats of ice; and in one instance there was a family of hens, cats, dogs and ducks all huddled together. A boat has busted somewhere up the river.

—Colonel Sell Howell, the great railroad passenger agent of the South, arrived in the city from down the country yesterday. He informs us that the bridge over the Yallobusha is repaired, and trains will run regularly from this day forth.

—Intense cold weather is not favorable to any sort of locomotion. The fierce frosts of yesterday deterred the street-cars from making their usual trips. Roman blast from icy regions came with primitive fury and bitterness; even the mules could not endure them.

—In reply to the fifteen letters sent to us yesterday by young ladies, we have to state that eggnog on Christmas day is decidedly vulgar and common; besides, it tends to intemperance. The proper beverage is champagne cocktails. When properly made no visitor can object to them.

—A curious peculiarity of cold weather is the strange effect which it causes a small amount of liquor to produce in a person. An aggregate of a pint of strong liquor, taken in three or four doses, is enough to set a usually well-balanced head reeling when it gets out under the influence of the frost. We saw several parties yesterday laboring under this difficulty.

—Now is the time to bestow discreet and bountiful charity. The season suggests generosity. The cold weather pleads for it. The consciousness of suffering in thousands of lonely places appeals to the hearts of the benevolent to give abundantly. Look around, and find where a good and charitable action may be done and do it, being mindful of what the Lord shall say to the just at the general judgment: "Because ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it to me."

—The rates of taxation in Memphis for 1872 are composed of special taxes as follows: For sinking fund twenty cents in the old and ten cents in the new limits; for bond interest, one hundred cents in the old and fifty cents in the new limits; for schools, thirty cents in both, and for general purposes (necessary current expenditures) one hundred cents in both, on the one hundred dollars of valuation, making in all two dollars and fifty cents on the one hundred dollars, and yet we are not happy.

—A detachment of the Nineteenth United States Infantry, Major Stansbery, commanding, arrived in the city last evening from Little Rock, and embarked on the steamer R. P. Walt for Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A company of the Fourth Infantry also arrived at a late hour from Louisville, *en route* to Little Rock, and are quartered temporarily in the United States Courtroom, Waldran block, until the localmits of their transfer across the river.

—The disappointment was great yesterday among all classes of Front row dealers. Many of them had ordered largely, from up the river, such things as prime butter, dressed turkeys, eggs, apples and oranges, for Christmas sale. The trouble at Belmont, mentioned in yesterday's APPEAL, prevented the things from arriving. One gentleman had two hundred barrels of oranges on the way, which did not reach here. The loss will be serious as well as the disappointment.

—The quarterly examination in the schools, before adjourning for the holidays, passed off very pleasantly. The little ones all achieved high marks in all departments. There seem to be none but bright children going to school now. Where are the dear, soft-headed, blue-eyed stupids all gone to?

—The Polar waves with which the weather reporters have made us acquainted, seem to be growing vigorous every day. They come one after another, more and more intense and bitter. The wave of weather that reached here a few minutes before twelve o'clock Monday night was simply fearful. It established a condition of thermometric misery all over this continent such as never was suffered before. At three o'clock yesterday the weather at Cairo was fearfully cold; the thermometer went down thirty-three degrees below the freezing point. At St. Louis it went down thirty-six degrees below that point, and at St. Paul it sank fifty-five degrees below freezing heat. In this city we had weather that froze whisky in men's stomachs, and they had to go around looking for benzine to thaw it out.

—A wicked lunatic, of the name of Alfred Henry Browning, nearly scared a little girl to death yesterday morning. He caught up with her on Adams street, when she was going to school in the morning, and ingratiated himself into the friendship of the child by his oleaginous smile and offering to "tote" her books. He led her along as far as the Charleston depot, and inveigled her into a house, where he put her sitting near the stove and commenced devil's talk to her. A Mrs. Williams informed Paddy Maloney, the policeman, and he went to see what the fellow was about, but the lunatic was gone. Paddy, however, overhauled him a few squares away, and lodged him in the stationhouse. The girl told the whole story, which will be reported to the Recorder, and then Alfred Henry Browning will get fifty days on the chain-gang. That will cure him.

—A peculiar divorce suit is pending before Judge Halsey. The parties are Mr. Aleyssius Simons, of Demopolis, Illinois, and a Mrs. Somebody, with whom Simons got acquainted in this town twenty-five years ago, when Simons was chief of the night squad of watchmen in this city. Simons succeeded in compassing the possession of a little property here, which the lady had attached or appropriated to her own use somehow. Simons is a married man outside of this troublesome Memphis female. He is the parient of some flourishing boys, and his true spouse is still living up at Demopolis; but of course it would never do to let her know of the embarrassing state of things down here. That would be simply horrible. The loss of the shanties would be tolerable compared to this. The case is curious.

—A man of the name of Webb was shot in the groin last night by a man of the name of Proctor, both of them being occupied previously in a discussion in the bar of the Mississippi House, on Front street, corner of Market. Proctor escaped—probably to Arkansas. The barkeeper was taken to the stationhouse on a charge of assault in having struck Webb with a brick or a club before the shooting commenced. He put up twenty-five dollars for forfeit, and was let go. The dispute out of which the evil resulted originated about wood or cows, or things of that sort, one accusing the other of stealing things. When words waxed loud and blows became hot, Webb ran out to the yard, and Proctor followed and shot him. The wound is likely to prove fatal; and the pistol goes crick-crack, and the club goes whick-whack, and the blessed season of Christmas is desecrated by men making demons of themselves.

—We have it in vivid recollection that for two Christmas days past fires occurred in Memphis cotton presses. Captain Athy makes an effort to prevent the recurrence of the misfortune to-day. He has detailed a special policeman to watch the cotton presses to-day. He has also issued his timely and sensible order against firing of rockets or other dangerous combustibles in the city. And just here an idea suggests itself. Why not make Captain Athy Mayor *pro tem* and remove the figurehead from the City Hall? We have no warrant for the assertion that he could negotiate loans to pay the police and firemen on remarkable terms, and that the taxpayers would have such confidence, sadly wanting now, as would induce them to pay in their taxes at once. Our local reporter presents the idea as a Christmas gift of no mean value to the tax-ridden people of the city.

—A polar wave made a fat old man very drunk yesterday afternoon, and while the police were dragging him along to the stationhouse, he told a sad story. The germ and substance of it was this: That he should not have been arrested; that his wife did howl terribly, but that he was not beating her like a madman; that he had been; he confessed that he had been drinking, in fact, had swallowed, as he believed, a polar wave. Whatever he had imbibed froze within and sickened him. He lay in bed, his wife bathing his head, while his little stomach ached. He finally began to vomit, and threw up bricks-and-bats chunks of frozen whisky. One of them, fiercely ejected, struck the old woman amidships, and she howled for the police. The bricks flew in every direction, and the "old 'ooman," drawled out the drunken wretch, "was knocked up agin the wall, and wads of froze licker biled outen me. She bellered, and I wuz mickled till I was gobbled by these perlice, and that's all of it." He shed tears, and begged piteously, but the heartless policemen, dreading another shower of the polar wave of brickbats, dragged the man with the brick-kiln in his abdomen and a polar wave of tanglefoot blowing it up to Castle Athy.

—An old, strong, greasy drayman, who has been "roughing it" on the bluff for twenty years or more with his mule and bifurcated Roman chariot—called a dray for short—this all lump of Sahara dust was slightly inebriated last evening, and the mule, sympathizing with the master, and invigorated by keen wintry blast and refreshed by freedom from epizootic disease—this mulish negro and negroish mule went capering merrily down the smoothly paved street, along Howard Row, to the river's edge. The further they descended, the swifter the movement of the two animals; the one erect on top, the other between the shafts of the dray. With velocity constantly accelerated, slipping, sliding and leaping, down they went. Within ten feet of the water's edge the rushing mule made a sudden twist to the right, and the resistless *inertia* of the erect negro's body drove it some thirty feet through the ice down into the boisterous river's depths. Coffee came to the surface clutching at the thick blocks of ice, and blowing and pawing away the chunks he blew a blast that sent up a water-spout as if a harpooned whale had set the ocean in a roar. Other draymen who witnessed the baptism ran to the rescue, and the bravest Roman of them all, by means of reins from a dray mule, was dragged out. He suffered terribly, and was almost, or quite senseless, when hurried into a bar-room not far away. He was furiously rubbed with hay, oats, a saddle-blanket, and curry-comb, and finally "come round." He won't recover from the effects of the whisky poured into him, for many a day. The barkeeper has the dray in soak for the attentions and medicine given; the mule is in soak with a livery man who captured him, and the hopeless negro driver is soaked in deadly whisky. He was blind drunk but lively at eight o'clock last evening. It's nonsense to talk about the extinction of the African race.

—WHITE Furs cleaned at 61 Madison street, Memphis Steam Dyeing Establishment.

A SPLENDID HOLIDAY PRESENT.

One of Grover & Baker's improved Sewing Machines. Terms of purchase so easy that every one can afford to make a handsome present.

TO ONE AND ALL.—Are you suffering from a cough, cold, asthma, bronchitis or any of the various pulmonary troubles that so often terminate in consumption? If so, use Wilbor's pure Cod Liver Oil and Lime, a safe and efficacious remedy. This is no quack preparation, but is regularly prescribed by the medical faculty. Manufactured only by A. B. WILBOR, Chemist, 160 Court st., Boston. Sold by all druggists.

JOE LOCKE, news-dealer, 286½ Main street, has all the December magazines, as well as the latest papers from the principal cities.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Old and New Times—The Ancient Holiday in Modern Days.

Christmas is an ancient holiday, and no less great than ancient. The season at which it is celebrated contributed to make a favorite, rollicking time among the people of Northern Europe. The days are short and cold—business both in doors and out was nearly all suspended, and people felt a natural loneliness and laziness about them which was calculated to render the introduction of Christmas one of the most pleasant features of Christianity. The people everywhere, it appears, seized upon the day with tremendous avidity, and celebrated it with an enthusiasm that characterized the celebration of no other festival. The advent of the Lord into the world being the most joyful and ennobling event in our time that could possibly happen, the holiday that commemorated this mystery became a favorite with all believers in Christianity; and it is a curious truth that no one ever was heard to say a word against it. It is emphatically the holiday of man. The customs that grew up around the day of hallowed memory, in all parts of Europe, were various, but all equally charming, and full of poetical or religious significance. Many of them are still preserved and followed in their pristine beauty. In most European countries the people hear the joy-bells ring at midnight on the night of Christ's coming—at twelve o'clock. The beautiful story is told in the gospel of Matthew, chapter eleventh, in these words:

Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, of Judea, in the days of Herod, the King, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying: "Where is he that is born of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the East, and are come to adore him."

When Herod, the King, had heard these things he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him: "In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet: 'And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a Captain that shall rule my people Israel.'"

Then Herod, when he had privately called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared, and he sent them to Bethlehem, and said: "Go and make careful inquiry regarding the child, and when ye have found him, return to me that I may also come and adore him." And they, leaving Herod, saw the star going before them, until it stood over the place where the child was with his mother. And when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, and when they came into the house they saw the young child with Mary, his mother; and falling down they adored him, and opening their treasure they presented him gifts—gold and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

This is the simple yet beautiful story told by the inspired evangelist of the birth of Christ. The world re-echoes the story every year since it was written. Away in the far East, and up to the wintry wastes of the pole, under burning skies, across barren sands and almost impassable mountains, the glad tidings were carried, and the world received them with delight and gratitude. Here is now another anniversary, and we see the great world still rejoice. We see it still celebrate the glorious coming with as much joy and as little in any other time. All civilized men rejoice. Their hearts are open, and their souls are lifted up like those of the wise men when they entered into the humble place where they saw "the child, with Mary, His Mother," and rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

In the northern countries of Europe the Christmas is celebrated with "yule logs." Every hearthstone bears a tremendous big roaring fire, while dozens of candles are kept burning till after midnight, and the furniture is decorated with ivy and holly, and "the mistletoe bough." In all the great cathedrals the mass is celebrated at midnight with great pomp and glory; joybells are rung, and the whole world is glad. Let us participate somewhat in this joy this morning, and endeavor to make others also participants in our gladness. The APPEAL sends greeting to all, and wishes a hearty and merry Christmas, and many of them, to every reader this blessed morning.

AMUSEMENTS.

New Memphis Theater.

Under the Gaslight will make this place eminently attractive this afternoon at two o'clock—matinee—at DeBar's Grand Operahouse, and again this evening at eight o'clock, on both occasions as *Jane Eyre*. She is supported by that excellent gentleman and actor, William Harris, with the full force of the St. Louis company, from the Operahouse of that city. Miss Mitchell did not reach the city till nine o'clock last evening. She has been "froze up," and will thaw out in a melting mood on the boards charmingly this afternoon. Who can fail to witness this wonderful performance?

Ball.

The fourth annual ball of the Butchers Union of Memphis will be a big thing—tickets five dollars. It will come off, together with a splendid supper, at the Cochran Hall, on Monday, January 6, 1873—the Monday next succeeding that municipal election. The committee of arrangements is composed of three efficient gentlemen, Messrs. Jacob La Croix, W. A. Worner and H. Windler.

The Fair.

The most worthy amusement now in the city is the Fair going on at Assembly Hall for the benefit of the orphans. There are seventy or eighty helpless children at the asylum under the care of the good Sisters of St. Dominic, whose only means of subsistence is derived from the charity of the good, as it may be annually expressed at the fair or the picnic. Every good kind-hearted person ought to contribute a little toward this charity. The fair was commenced Monday night, and will continue a week. The excessively cold weather has prevented a large attendance so far, but as we may expect more genial breezes before the week goes out, it is natural to hope that the hall will be filled with generous and warm-hearted people every night from now to the close. A fine band is in attendance, and enjoyable dancing is carried on all night. Mrs. Boyle, a most excellent lady, has charge of the refreshments. We can confidently recommend her establishment to the friendly notice of all visitors.

KID GLOVES
FIFTY-FIVE CENTS.
White and tinted Gloves will be sold to-day at fifty-five cents.
MENKEN BROTHERS.

LAW RECORD.

Second Chancery Court—S. P. Walker, Chancellor.

Decisions yesterday: Lonsdale vs Priest, Johnson order; Bonner vs Bonner, will construed; McGrath vs McGrath, petition allowed; Askew vs Coffee, bill dismissed; Winter vs Winter, as to commissioners; Thomas vs Watson, injunction dissolved; Sigler vs Bolton, bill dismissed. Court adjourned until the first Monday in January, 1873. Attorneys will notify clerk of the days upon which causes have been specially set.

GENUINE Worly and L'Oiseau Corsets at the Manufactory, 383 Main.

OFFICE OF CHIEF POLICE,
Memphis, Dec. 25th, 1872.

Owing to the frequent accidents occurring through the use of fire-works, all persons are prohibited from discharging the same, under penalty of arrest and imprisonment.

P. R. ATHY,
Chief Police.

EVERY man, woman, and child purchasing a ticket to the Christmas Matinee at the Memphis Theater, receives a gift from Old Santa Claus.

THE Glycerine Cream is the rage with all the ladies. It is good. Moores & Hill, 281 Main street.

FINE embroidered Corsets at the Manufactory, 383 Main.

LOCAL ITEMS.

—Go to Leddin's Business College.

—Attend Robertson's Business College.

—Armstrong's Photographic Gallery, No 211 Main street. Three faultless gem pictures for fifty cents.

KID gloves dyed a beautiful black at the Memphis Steam Dyeing Establishment, 61 Madison street.

THE CITY.

The Failure of Mayor Johnson—The Appeal's Position Conceded Correct.

The Remedies Proposed—The City and County of Memphis—A Single Set of Officers.

EDITORS APPEAL—The articles that have appeared recently in your columns, in regard to the condition of city affairs and finances, has awakened considerable interest in the community, and aroused a good deal of inquiry as to what is to be done. It is easy to discover the defects or shortcomings of any system, but to suggest new systems that have merit enough to attract public attention, and secure a trial of them, is no easy matter, and while I concede that you have done your whole duty in advising the people of the condition of affairs, still I have not seen in your columns any suggestions as to how we are to remedy our evils. Therefore I will presume upon your general kindness to offer a suggestion of my own for the relief of the city, which will, in my opinion, relieve the county at the same time. It is simply this, divide them. In all the large cities of this country, experience has taught those who, be it remembered, were *slow to learn*, that two local governments will constantly produce conflict, and antagonisms, which lead, *certainly*, to the oppression of the citizens. Hence, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and perhaps other cities, have been incorporated into independent governments as to their local affairs. Now, let us suppose that all the territory from the State line on the south, to an equal distance on the north, and east, should be incorporated as the city and county of Memphis, then divide that territory into wards, or districts, and let the charter provide for each district to take care of itself as to local affairs; in other words, let all taxation be *special*, road or street tax, police tax, fire tax, school tax, etc., all to be expended for the particular district where collected. Then, for officers, salaries, interest on funded or bonded debts and other general expenses, let there be a general tax. Country districts will be taxed but lightly for police and fire departments, and comparatively light for streets. This would equalize taxation as near as human wisdom could reach it, and each district would control its own affairs so far as local expenditures and protection is concerned, for at the time of election they could vote on the rate of local or special tax, and thereby the people would fix the rate themselves, and not be dependent upon too often indiscreet or inefficient representatives. Other benefits suggest themselves, but the question will be asked, "How are we to be benefited by the arrangement?" How is it now? Shelby county now supports *seven courthouses* and SIX COLLECTORS OF REVENUE. Could not one man do all the work of these six, with a salaried deputy for each department? Could not two Police Courts, sitting constantly, do all the work of P. M. Winters and the eight magistrates that daily sit in Memphis? Suppose these men do work for fees, and not salaries, don't the people pay them?

The source of our trouble and depression is, that we are governed to death—we have much *office*, and too much *office-holder*. There may be raised, as an objection to the plan, that the country districts would not be *willing* to it. That is no objection. The Legislature has the power to make it so, whether they wish it or not; and it is to their interest, just as the laws against concealed weapons, etc., are against their will, and still for their interest. They pay heavily for government as it is, and have no benefits scarcely. Furthermore, why is it that around the suburbs of the city, just outside the corporation line, land is worth from one thousand dollars or more down to one hundred dollars per acre in all the territory to which I have alluded? Is it not because the city is there? Lands equally good, fifty miles away, are only worth ten dollars, or less. Whatever helps the city and increases its population and prosperity, helps everybody for ten or twenty miles around. But if the city is retarded by taxation and restricted territory, then all are injured.

As the plan I have will relieve the county, I think may be already seen; Memphis being a part of the county, requires the county to provide for its poor, prosecute its criminals and provide for its courts. And in doing this, antagonism is aroused between city and county, and one will not do because the other will not. We have no workhouse, because it would be the city that would fill it. We have no poorhouse of respectable capacity, because it is the city that should support it. We have no hospital for the same reason. We have a jail and police stations, which add to our swarms of officers, while one would do enough. And so we go on; the city is in debt to the amount of four million dollars or more, while the taxable property, at two and a half per cent. of taxes, is barely sufficient to pay current expenses, and nothing to pay interest on the bonded debt; and the bonds are too low to be quoted.

The county is in the same condition, collecting some three hundred thousand dollars per annum in taxes, and yet constantly falling behind and increasing the *special* taxes to avoid the State law that provides that the county cannot levy a greater tax than the State. Let us consolidate the governments and only pay one set of officers. It is not to be expected that I should give exact figures, but I can assert that the city government costs as much as it would if we were governing the whole county, and the county government costs as much more.

Statesmen all over the world have always fought against the union of church and state because of incompatibility. American statesmen have, as far as possible, adhered to State rights for the same reason, and the true science and philosophy of all government is that it be simple and single, and adapted to every interest. A municipal corporation within a municipal corporation must needs be oppressive, yet we of Memphis have them—the county, the city and the common school. Let us unite our fortunes in one strong, good firm, and thereby enhance our credit, reduce our expenditures and unite our interests on the question, so as to find something that will save us. Who can make more practicable and feasible suggestions than those above? GRUMBLER.

EDITORS APPEAL.—I have noticed during the past few weeks, in the different newspapers of the city, many articles and communications upon the deplorable and unsatisfactory condition of the finances, etc., of the city of Memphis; condemning Mayor Johnson and the General Council for their inequacity, bad management, and the passage of a multiplicity of unnecessary laws, which are seldom or never enforced. I wish to make a suggestion, which I trust will meet the hearty approval of all the newspapers of the city. On the second day of January next, there will be elected for the ensuing year twenty-five members of the General Council, and what I desire, is, that from this time until the day of election you urge and insist upon every citizen and taxpayer, having any interest in the future welfare of the city of Memphis, to go to the polls on that day, and send to the General Council such men as are capable of managing and governing a city like this; sens none but trophy, practical business men, who are identified with every interest of the city. Now, under these circumstances, if the citizens who are interested in the future welfare of the city stay away from the polls, as they have done in the past, they must then accept the situation and forever hold their peace. FOURTH WARD.

THE Flat Front Skirt is new, is very popular, and can be purchased only at the Manufactory, 383 Main street.

CHANGE OF TIME.

Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad.

Commencing Thursday, December 26th, 1872, trains will run as follows: New Orleans mail, daily, leaves Memphis 1:35 p.m.; arrives New Orleans 10:30 a.m. New Orleans mail, daily, leaves Memphis 1:35 p.m.; arrives Vicksburg 4:30 a.m. New Orleans mail, daily, arrives 2:55 p.m. Express train, daily, leaves 4:50 p.m.; arrives 8:45 a.m. Ticket offices 237½ Main street, and at depot, foot of Main.
M. BURKE, Superintendent.

THE most goods for the least money. Citizens and strangers, visit the great game depot of Victor D. Fuchs, No. 41 Jefferson street. There you will find oysters, fish, game, dressed poultry and celery. Goods of the best quality, and at prices to suit the times.

CONFECTIONERY and toys at Berton's, corner of Fourth and Poplar street. A full supply for the holidays. Call before buying elsewhere.

GLORY OF THE BENCH.

Cockburn and Chase in the Deepest Shade—Timburtoo Justice in a Mississippi Court.

The following brilliant piece of writing will be found valuable hereafter as a historical document. It may not be without interest now, particularly to the learned lawyers, judges and magistrates of Memphis:

TEBIENE, BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISS.,
December 18, 1872.

EDITORS APPEAL—I witnessed an amusing trial before a colored squire in this place to-day. Two of the citizens here got into a dispute. One of them, with a double-barreled shotgun, attempted to defend himself, the other having a six-shooter. The Deputy Marshal spoiled the fun by arresting the parties, and taking the shotgun and the pistol and the parties before the squire for trial. The 'Squire called the court to order by saying,