MEMPHIS APPEAL

WEDN'SDAY MORNING, FEB. 18, 1874.

MARDI GRAS.

The weather yesterday was not as favorable for our great festival as we desired, yet, it was not so inclement as to prevent as large a stretch of enjoyment as characterized the preceding years. The rain which fell in torrents during the night and morning "let up" toward noon, and thereafter, though the sky was dull and leaden, there was no rain, and though the streets were very uninviting they were crowded until far into the night with mad revelers, jesters and people *en masque* intent on fun and frolic. Memphis never enjoyed herself more thoroughly or heartily than on yesterday, and we did not hear of any cases of license or excess likely to call forth the censure of the opponents of Mardi Gras. The procession in the afternoon was excellent, but that of the Memphi at night was surpassingly beautiful—the kernel of festival. No one could look upon so magnificent a spectacle and fail to be stirred with pride for the city and for the men who could thus evidence so generous a public spirit. The revellers are well enough in their way, but combining instruction with pleasure, as the Memphi do, they become at once the foundation of a system to which at least our Mardi Gras celebration must accommodate itself, the very embodiment of the spirit of the occasion. All hail, glorious Mardi Gras.

OUR MARKETS YESTERDAY.

The holiday cut commercial matters, yesterday, down to a fine point; the bad weather, perhaps, was the reason why anything was done at all, for some of the visitors to the city finding amusement impossible, did at least a part of the business they had combined with pleasure. In the general market the only transaction of importance we heard of was a sale of eight hundred sacks of corn at seventy-five cents. The cotton market was, of course quiet, it was too dark to discriminate grades, even had it not been a holiday But few visitors attended the cotton exchange, which closed after the receipt of the noon reports. New York reported a dull market at 16¼c. New Orleans was of course making holiday, but the day's receipts there was staggering, 11,370 bales. The arrival of the boats with Mardi Gras visitors accounts, of course, for this heavy receipt. Liverpool was quiet and steady at 8d. Memphis was reported "nothing doing, on account of the weather and holiday."

LAWRENCE BARRETT.

The great artist whose performance of *Richelieu* on Monday night attracted the largest number of persons ever assembled in Memphis to witness a theatrical performance, will appear to-night as "Hamlet," a character in the portrayal of which he has no superior on the English-speaking stage. With so large a number of strangers in the city, it is not too much to hope that he will be greeted by another overflowing house—indeed, that he will be thus complimented every night of his engagement. He has made an unusual effort, so far from the centers of theatrical art, to present the legitimate drama to us with some approach to perfection, and we must recognize the fact in the only way left us, and make it a point to fill every seat during his stay, even on Saturday night, when usually, the theater is deserted. But to-night, let us repeat, he should have another ovation on his own merit, as well as on that of his talented company. "Hamlet," is his greatest performance, the one character that better than all others fits his genius, temperament and scholarly ability, the one of which, it may be said, he is the natural embodiment.

THE SELMA ROAD.

The *Independent South* publishes in its last number the following communication on the prospect and condition of the Selma road:

MESSRS. EDITORS—Shall this road be only known on paper, or will it ever be built? What is the difficulty? Is it want of confidence in the present officers, or is it want of money? The late action of the county court of Shelby warrants the conclusion that no more bonds or warrants will be issued of the five hundred thousand until the payment back in work, etc., of the ninety-five thousand dollars claimed unaccounted for properly, as per the conditions of said subscription. Then, no more money may be looked for from that quarter, as it appears that General Forrest is unable to conform to the county court's requirements. Our city has given assurances of its desire to have the road completed to this place, whereto it has been mostly graded. It cannot be that Memphis is indifferent to the road, when she sees ninety per cent. of our cotton taken away from her, and other business in proportion. If the property owners and business men of Memphis will loan the company the deficit asked for, this would secure one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars; this sum, with the remaining three hundred thousand dollars from Shelby county, would, with other sums that could be obtained, build the road to this place at an early day. Can it be true, as circulated here, that Memphis men withhold their aid for want of confidence in the ability of its present officers to complete it? If such be the case, let them so state, and we believe General Forrest and his board will step aside. We have to pay taxes to meet the interest on our city bonds, which has begotten dissatisfaction, and is regarded as a hardship. Some gentlemen, visiting Memphis, report many business firms willing to loan the road the sum required ($95,000, or more) to be paid out of its first earnings, to have it completed to this place. Why is it not done? Soon an election comes off for a board of directors. Who is to compose that board? Memphis should have the leading voice in naming the men, as money has to come from that source to finish the road, and it behooves her to see that the management of the road shall have the confidence of the financial world. We want to see cars moving over the road. We want to see some tangible results from our money. We want not to be forced away from our sister city.

STOCKHOLDERS.

Commenting on this, the *South* says:

The managers of the road, after exhausting all its available means, went to the north, to the east, and even to Europe for aid, but in vain. They applied to the county court of Shelby for the balance of the Shelby county subscription, but without success. The hands of the court were tied up by the terms of the subscription. An appeal was then made to the business men of Memphis, but in vain. We see no way out of the difficulty but in a change—a radical change. Last summer General Forrest proposed to a prominent citizen of Memphis to resign the presidency of the road if he would accept it. The offer was declined unless a sweeping change was made in the management of the road, and a thorough investigation into its affairs was had. Why may not this be done at the approaching election of directors? If it is rotten, the sooner the fact is made known the better. If it is not, justice to the present management demands a refutation of the suspicion. The enterprise should not fail from fear or favor of any individual.

And that it may not, we respectfully submit that the fair thing to do is not to deal in innuendo, but publish facts, if any such there be, that will prove it is rotten and so compel the change. It is not fair to General Forrest to put things in this way. Let us know the truth—the worst or the best—and if a new organization is necessary let us make it and put the road through. Memphis wants, and the whole country needs it. Let us have it, by all means.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOOD CITIZENS.

For three years the APPEAL has persistently urged the necessity, the absolute duty, of all good citizens participating in the election of their public servants. Many of the most intelligent men of the country have, of late years, taken no active interest in political affairs. Very often they do not even trouble themselves to vote, and do not seem to regard themselves in any respect responsible for the election of unworthy men to office. Corruption in office, under such circumstances, is as natural as it is inevitable. Yet these men who neglect their duty persuade themselves that they deserve no censure for the disorders they take no pains to remedy. This contempt for politics, for candidates and elections, is one of the dangers of the day. Corrupt measures are the offspring of corrupt men, and corrupt men are not the representatives of an incorrupt constituency, except where ignorance excuses the voters for being the victims of designing knaves. The golden words of Senator Bayard, recently delivered in the Senate, are appropriate to the people of Shelby county. He said:

One of the chief dangers of our day and country is the devotion of citizens to their private pursuits to the neglect of their public duties. If this country shall go down, if this experiment for human self-government shall fail, there will be few more to blame than those intelligent men who have grown rich in their private pursuits, and allowed places of high public trust and honor to be filled by men less worthy and able than themselves, but who were willing at least to give their time to the public service.

Who does not know of the frequent advice to young men of talent and character?

"Keep out of politics, stick to your business, to your profession, to your ledger, to your office, to your studies. Keep out of politics."

This is the common cry which is accepted as wise, as just, as commendable, in a country which must depend for the elevation and continuance of its government upon the best efforts of its most intelligent, its most able, its most conscientious men. What is the consequence of all this un-American, worldly-wise advice to the youth of our country—advice too often followed by them?

"They have sought to make the name of politician discreditable. They have sought to make attention to public duties suspicious. And what has been the result, senators? Has it not been a lower tone of public service? I say that to a certain extent it has; for I believe if there should be an increase in an honorable competition between men of intellect and character for public position, it would tend largely to the elevation of the tone of our service, and to the benefit of the whole country. This government is not an automatic machine. It is not to run itself. It calls for the efforts constantly, and often the self-sacrificing efforts, of the purest and the ablest and the bravest to guide it on in the right direction, and keep it in the paths of honor and safety."

These words are full of wisdom. We believe the meeting at Bartlett on Saturday last is the beginning of a new era in Shelby county—an era which will result in the merchant, the mechanic, the farmer and the honest yeomanry of the country exercising that influence in elections which by withholding, has permitted bad men to secure office. The proceeding last Saturday is regarded as a favorable omen. They show an aroused determination in Shelby county, to put good men in office to the end that honesty, law, order and justice may be maintained, and a more abounding prosperity secured throughout the country. This is the spirit, which alone can furnish a true foundation for a pure, honest, and economical government. Rings, frauds, corrupt courts, lobby legislation, petty offices turned into premiums for rascalities—these are the evils to which all good citizens are necessarily subjected by reason of their neglect of public affairs. If the spirit developed at Bartlett on Saturday last be carried out there will be no further corruption in office in Shelby, for when the people are aroused, active and vigilant, bad men cannot secure office. When office-holders find that scrutinizing eyes are upon them, they confine themselves more closely to the straight and narrow path of duty, and if this scrutiny was observed in nominating and voting for candidates, there would be but little necessity for watchfulness after the election. The people of Shelby county are convinced by sad experience that it is the duty of every citizen who regards the welfare of the county; who feels the responsibilities and values the privileges of American citizenship, to participate in all future elections—, now, that our people are impressed with the belief that it is every man's duty to take care that his influence is felt at the ballot-box in support of honest men—now, that they have learned that the elective franchise is the most important and responsible trust that a citizen possesses, and that it ought never to be exercised without the fullest reflection and the utmost consideration and care, we will most certainly elect good men to office in August next.

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