THE MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL.

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A WASHINGTON dispatch to the Cincinnati *Times* states that ex-President Johnson has not decided, but is inclined to return to Tennessee, *via* Cincinnati, and accept an invitation, extended some weeks ago, to hold a reception in that city, and also address his fellow-citizens.

ALTHOUGH some of our cotemporaries think otherwise, we are still of opinion, guided by the reports of the weather bureau in to-day's APPEAL, that the danger of overflow below still impends, and that planters should prepare for it. At least it will not do them any harm to keep their weather eye open.

THE legislature of Rhode Island has, through a committee, censured the chief of police of Providence for siding with the United States marshal instead of the State constable in the now famous liquor suits, and requested the governor to lay the facts before the President, with a view to redress. We shall wait with some anxiety the answer of Grant, to see whether he is more tender of the rights of a northern than a southern State.

IT HAS broken out again, notwithstanding the successes of the Democratic party and the expressed wishes of a majority of the people of twenty-six States. This time it is in New England, where some young men are yearning for a new political party. At least this is the statement of the Boston correspondent of the New York *Evening Post*, who devotes two columns to an exposition of the yearning of sundry young men of New England, how it can be done, and why it ought to be done.

THE great question for the school board of Memphis is how to keep the schools open on the ten cent tax which has been fastened on the city charter contrary to the will of the people, and in defiance of general public sentiment. If the county court does not come to their assistance and make up the deficit that may be reported, we will be compelled to acknowledge to the world that Memphis is not a city for poor men, that here the enemies of the public school system have triumphed, and that we prefer ignorance and vice to education and virtue. Of course we will never make such a confession. We will support the public schools in all their present integrity.

THAT the efforts of John Mitchel in behalf of Ireland were not made in a spirit of blind folly, is apparent from the passage, a few days ago in the British house of commons, of the amendments to the peace reservation act. The provisions authorizing the summary seizure and confiscation of newspapers were repealed, the restriction on the use of arms, however, was maintained, as also the provision which empowers the police to arrest absconding witnesses, and which authorizes the government to employ extra police, and to charge the extra police on the disturbed districts. The life and property act—confined to Westmeath and its neighborhood—is also to be continued for two years, though only fourteen persons have been arrested under it, and none since last June—fifty magistrates of the county having agreed that the Ribbon conspiracy is as much alive as ever, and only in a state of suspended animation in consequence of the act, and the unlawful oaths act is to be continued for two years likewise. And yet English statesmen complain that Ireland is England's chief difficulty, and even John Bright, clear-headed and liberal, declares home rule to be puerile and childish. Ireland has certainly nothing to hope from England.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Theater To-Morrow Night.

To-morrow night, Mr. Robert M'Wade, supported by the Gilbert Sisters and the stock company, will commence a week's engagement at the Memphis Theater. Mr. M'Wade opens in his version of *Rip Van Winkle*. The Gilbert Sisters are natives of Tennessee, and are therefore deserving of our sympathy and support. Miss Katie Gilbert, the principal, is the very promising actress who will support Mr. M'Wade, and we hope will appear in one or more of the specialties for which she is credited by the public at large. We bespeak full houses for the company during the entire week. Tickets can be had either at the Peabody hotel or the Theater box office.

Exposition Masquerade Ball.

Next Tuesday night a masquerade ball will be given at the Exposition hall. There will be a large attendance at this ball, which is given under the auspices of S. B. Robbins, L. S. Morris, J. C. Sullivan, Amos Woodruff, A. E. Frankland, James Roosa, W. S. Bruce, N. M. Jones, J. W. Cochran, B. Lowenstein, J. D. Danbury, P. J. Mallon, Geo. Hook, W. G. Hamlin, J. A. Fleet, Cecil Mosby, Ed. Oliver, and E. Marshall. A full string band has been engaged for the occasion, and in order to insure order the usual rules and regulations will be rigidly enforced.

The Charity Ball.

A ball for the benefit of the orphans of the Church Home will be given at the Peabody hotel, next Thursday evening, April 1st. The laudable objects of this entertainment commend it to the attention of the Memphis public. The ball will be given by the lady managers of the Orphan Home, who guarantee an evening of much enjoyment to those who shall attend. The ladies' reception committee consists of Mesdames W. S. Pickett, Hosea Townsend, Thomas W. Hunt, W. M. Farrington, W. F. Harden, Thomas Logwood, Jacob Thompson, Enoch Ensley, S. Mansfield, F. Bankesmith, and D. D. Saunders.

Knights of Innisfail Ball.

To-morrow night the Knights of Innisfail will give a grand ball at the Peabody hotel. As this claims to be the oldest order of chivalry in existence, we may expect an exhibition of the most elegant courtesy and graceful attentions by the valiant Knights of Innisfail, creditable to the character of the members and worthy the memories that respond to the name of the noble organization. Good music has been secured, and a pleasant evening will be enjoyed.

Romeo and Zip.

Mr. Billy Stephens, owner of the dogs Romeo and Zip, will shortly place his canine drama upon the stage. The two dogs have developed a wonderful instinct, which approximates human intelligence in more than one respect. They will make their debut in a thrilling play, written especially for this purpose, and Mr. Stephens is confident that the entertainment will prove successful and interesting. We will inform our readers in due time of the date selected for the appearance of Romeo and Zip.

German Benevolent Society Ball.

Monday night the German benevolent society will give a magnificent ball at the Turner hall on Poplar street. No one can have a doubt as to the agreeable character of this ball when it is known that Messrs. Fritz Pfemfert, J. G. Sieck, Joseph Emerich, H. Hempel and J. Brown are the enterprising gentlemen who constitute the committee, and are making all the necessary arrangements. Turner hall will be crowded, and everyone present will be agreeably entertained.

Mæunerchor Ball To-Night.

To-night the German Mæunerchor will give one of its characteristic concerts and balls at Cochran hall. This club is composed of active and progressive gentlemen, who have never yet failed to render their concerts and balls attractive and interesting. To-night they will do all in their power to make Cochran hall visitors enjoy themselves, and we feel confident that their well-directed efforts will be well rewarded. Let there be a large attendance.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Concert.

To-morrow night a grand sacred concert will be given at St. Mary's Catholic church, corner of Third and Market street. The entertainment will be a re-cherche affair, and will be managed by one of the best artists in the city. Lovers of music will enjoy an evening of rare pleasure should they attend this concert, in which ladies and gentlemen of recognized talent will participate.

Mendelssohn Quartette Club.

Grand concert at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, Court street, on Friday, April 2, 1875. A select programme from the "Messiah," "Creation," etc., etc., will be rendered by the full chorus. Prof. J. E. Perring, musical director. Tickets one dollar, to be had at Boyle & Chapman's, Young Bros., J. S. Hatcher's, I. Peters & Co., and Peabody hotel.

Prof. Mueller's Matinee.

Prof. Mueller's matinee yesterday afternoon was largely attended, and proved delightful alike to the pupils, patrons and many visitors present. Owing to the calico ball at the Peabody hotel, next Thursday night, Prof. Mueller's next *soiree dansante* will be given Tuesday night. It promises to be the most agreeable and largest entertainment of its kind yet given by this popular gentleman and accomplished artist.

AFFRAY BETWEEN NEGROES.

Old Tony Dickerson and Charles Bradley Shot Through the Head by a Young Negro Named William Hockett.

An Excited Crowd of Negroes. Exasperated by the Crime, Shoot Hockett Twice while Trying to Arrest Him—Etc.

Early yesterday morning a number of negroes engaged in an affray, on Thomas avenue, Chelsea, which resulted in the serious, and probably fatal wounding of William Hockett, Tony Dickerson and Charles Bradley. The facts of the case are as follows: Old Tony Dickerson, a well-to-do darkey, who enjoys a good reputation for honesty and industry, some time ago hired a young negro laborer named William Hockett. Owing to Hockett's indolence he determined to discharge him, and thought of employing an old negro named William Clowers. Yesterday morning Clowers and Hockett ate breakfast together at Dickerson's house, but during the meal no unpleasant words ensued. Tony, upon leaving the table, walked into his room, and was followed by Hockett, who drew a pistol from his pocket, and with the remark, "Damn you, I'll kill you," fired the weapon. Simultaneous with the report of the pistol, Old Tony fell upon the floor, the bullet having penetrated his right ear. Clowers rushed into the room where he saw the old man lying on the floor, with the blood oozing from the wound. With the assistance of Clowers the wounded man regained his feet, and leaving the house gained the street and managed to stagger off and inform his neighbors of the difficulty. In about half an hour fifteen or twenty negroes reached the house, where they found Hockett, who, having reloaded his pistol, seemed indifferent, and said that he had shot the old fellow, and would kill him outright if need be. As he was leaning upon the fence one of the negroes, named Charles Bradley, approached and asked Hockett why he had shot the old man. "God damn you, I'll shoot you," replied Hockett, who then drew his pistol and fired. Bradley fell to the ground, and from his left eye the blood spouted in a dark stream, the sight of which only seemed to incense the excited crowd of negroes which had gathered around the place. Bradley was removed to his home near by, and upon examination it was ascertained that the bullet had penetrated his left eye and lodged in the back of his neck, producing, it is thought, a fatal wound. Hockett commenced reloading his pistol, and was beset by the crowd, which he successfully resisted until one of them, Virginius Green, secured a pistol, with which he discharged four times upon the desperado, two shots taking effect; one in the back of the shoulder, and the other in the right arm. The negroes then rushed upon Hockett, and overpowering him with main force, procured a rope and bound his arms and legs firmly together. Thus tied he was placed in an express wagon and hauled to the Adams street stationhouse, where a warrant for murder was sworn out before Justice Spelman, who, upon hearing the evidence in the case, committed the prisoner to jail. It is not probable that either Tony Dickerson or Charles Bradley will survive their wounds.

HOCKETT'S ACCOUNT OF THE AFFAIR.

Hockett's wounds may not prove fatal, although they are dangerous and painful. He says that during the breakfast old Tony used harsh language toward him. When they had reached the hall, Tony opened his room, and putting his hand in his pocket, as if to draw a pistol, said: "D—n you, I am going to kill you!" Thereupon he fired upon the old man, and some time afterward, while he was leaning against the fence, a number of negroes, among them Charles Bradley, came toward him. Bradley dared to shoot him through the fence, but divining his intention, he fired and his assailant fell wounded. After that the negroes marched upon him, and Virginius Green, with a bull's-eye pistol, fired four or five times at him from behind. He was then overpowered, and carried in a wagon to the stationhouse.

MEXICAN MARAUDERS.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Surrounded by Mexican Bandits—A Fearful Story of Outrages.

GALVESTON, March 27.—A dispatch from Corpus Christi, Texas, to-day, says that a band of Mexicans came within seven miles of that town and robbed several storehouses and took a large number of Americans prisoners, among them Judge Gilpin, formerly a member of the legislature, and two women. They compelled the prisoners to walk in front of them till they were exhausted, and then mounted them on bareback horses and hurried them off, robbed and burned the post-office at Nueces, and robbed a black prisoner and one mail-rider. Texans have gone in pursuit. A fight is reported at or near Banquette. One Mexican and two Americans were killed. All except four persons escaped. Nothing has been heard of them. Business is suspended and the citizens are under arms guarding the town. Information received from Los Almas, Nueces county, says that throughout the entire region between here and the Rio Grande lawless bands from Mexico are continually raiding through the country, robbing, murdering and driving stock across the river. They have become so daring of late that nearly all travel on the highways has ceased. Even stock men are deterred from hunting their cattle and horses, through fear of falling in the hands of these ruffians. At present there seems to be a concerted movement on the part of these villains to clean up the white men within striking distance of the Rio Grande fifty or seventy-five miles, and even further where ingress and egress can be safely effected. To this end they have been crossing the river in small bodies for the past week, and it is estimated that there are now on Texas soil at least three hundred armed bandits. Rumor hath it that several Americans near the river have been murdered by them. Rumor comes in that the Americans have cleared up a company or two of negro soldiers at San Luis, on the Rio Grande, about forty miles below Rio Grande City. A number of armed men were seen hovering near this place. A number of Mexicans reside here, but cannot be depended on for assistance in a contest in which their countrymen are engaged. Nearly the whole Rio Grande frontier of Texas, embracing a belt of from fifty to one hundred miles in width, is inhabited mostly by Mexicans, many of whom, though taking no active part in the forays of the thieves, yet sympathize with and give them secret aid and comfort.

EASTER SUNDAY.

How the Catholic and Episcopal Churches will Observe the Day that Commemorates the Lord's Ascension.

The Floral Decorations and Musical Programmes—Grand and Appropriate Preparations for Large Congregations.

To-day is Easter, corresponding with the Anglo-Saxon *Eastre*, a church festival commemorating Christ's resurrection, and doubtless derived from the Greek *helios*, sun. It corresponds to the pascha or passover of the Jews, and most nations still give it this name under the different names of *pascha, paque paque*, or *pask*. The Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches attach great importance to this day, which is made the occasion of religious observance and rejoicing because of Christ's resurrection. Services are held in the churches, which are decorated with flowers typical of hope and new life. The different Catholic and Episcopal churches of this city are appropriately decorated, as will be seen by those who attend to-day.

The Catholic Churches.

ST. PETER'S.

This magnificent cathedral, on Adams street, corner of Third, is beautifully decorated with evergreens, festoons, flowers, etc. Much taste was displayed in the decoration of the altars. High mass will be celebrated at half-past ten o'clock this morning, upon which occasion will be sung Mozart's Twelfth Mass in G, comprising the *Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus* and *Dona Nobis*; also *Lucis Creator*, by Mueller; *Regina Cœli*, by Werner, and *Offertorium* (selected). At three o'clock this afternoon Vespers will be held with the following music: "Wilcox Vespers," complete; "Magnificat," by Mozart; "O, Salutoris," by Hummel; "Tantum Ergo," by Berge; "Laudate Dominium," by Erb. The following ladies and gentlemen compose the choir: Mrs. Miles, Misses Magevney, Barry, Miller and Etheridge, sopranos; Misses Semmes, Blessing, Holleran and Franklin, altos; Messrs. Semmes, Elliott and Sullivan, tenors; Messrs. Petersen, Gamin, Tighe and Carey, bass.

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH,

corner of Third and Overton streets, is tastefully decorated, thanks to the efforts of Miss Hampton and Mr. P. Ryan. A coverlet of rich white lace is on the main altar, which is ornamented with vases, silver candelabra, and decorated with white and yellow flowers, crosses of evergreen and flowers. Above the altar is a large evergreen wreath of white flowers, and a profusion of bouquets and spring blossoms greet the eye that admiringly falls upon this scene of beauty and artistic workmanship. The arch above the Holy Virgin's altar is dressed with white lace, geranium and ivy leaves. Pendant from the arch is a rustic basket of white *calla* lilies and evergreen vines. Vases and pots of flowers, geraniums, etc., ornament the altar, at the foot of which is a pot of mammoth geraniums in full bloom. The church is neatly decorated. Services will be held at seven, nine and half-past ten o'clock this morning, and Vespers at four o'clock in the afternoon. The organ is under the skillful direction of Miss Ida Haley. The following are the members of the choir: Misses Ida Haley, Kate Lawless, Maggie Ryan and Emma Weaver. "Farmer's Mass" will be sung, the soloists being Misses Haley and Ryan.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

corner of Third and Market streets, is also handsomely decorated. The altar of the Blessed Virgin covered with rich lace of white, is trimmed with red and white garlands, white and red roses and calla lilies. St. Joseph's altar is decorated with lilies, red roses, candelabra and waxen tapers, vases of flowers, gold lace, red and yellow roses, and everegreens. The main altar is studded with vases of flowers, silver candelabra, evergreen trimmings, boquets of white and red roses, and lilies. A gold lace coverlet is spread upon the altar which glistens brightly enough with its three hundred tapers and vases, and flowers. To the right of the chancel is the fine blue banner of St. Joseph's society with its handsome embroidery and fringe of gold. To the left is the St. Clara Altar Verein society's crimson banner, which is also heavily embroidered in gold and fringed with the same rich material. Mr. Winkler, one of the oldest and most capable of our musicians, is organist of this church, and the choir is under the lead of Mrs. and Miss Magevney, who are assisted by other amateurs of acknowledged taste.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH,

corner of Linden and DeSoto streets, is quite artistically decorated, as Mr. Patrick O'Rourke has given his attention to it. Countless tapers throw their light upon the altars, which sparkle with vases of glass and silver, and look richly enough, with the profusion of flowers, green leaves, ornamental vases, white crosses, garlands, wreaths and festoons. The church was decorated by the ladies of the Altar society, under the supervision of Patrick O'Rourke. To-day "Concone's Mass" will be celebrated with a full choir and good effect. The choir of St. Patrick is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Sopranos, Mesdames Miles and Winchester, Misses Miller, Guyton and Bierce; alto, Miss Hitzfeld; tenor, Messrs. Hollenberg, M'Keon, Elliott, Hook, Petersen and Ganz.

Episcopal Churches.

CALVARY CHURCH.

This morning cannot fail to delight all who look upon its floral decorations which have been handsomely arranged by Mesdames Enoch Ensley, Leath, Couzzens, and Misses Taluiah White, Florence Kirk, Nell Norvell and Lou Trout, who evidence a cultivated taste as well as artistic skill. The chancel railing is wreathed with cedar and immortelle. The altar is ornamented with four vases of hyacinths, johnquills, narcissus and flowering peach, while pendant from the wall on either side is a rustic basket of similar flowers. A marble cross resting upon the altar is wreathed with pansies, and across the window in the rear is the motto, in letters of gold and red paper, "Christ is Risen." A cloth of spotless white covers the lecturn, which is decorated with a wreath of immortelles. The fount is also beautifully trimmed with flowers and evergreens. To-night the church will be illuminated with waxen candles, which are arranged in every window and to the right and left of the organ in the gallery. To-night Bishop Quintard will administer the right of confirmation, Professor Perring will preside at the organ, and the choir programme is as follows: "Introit: Jesus full of all Compassion"—Beale. Easter Anthem—Millard. "Te Deum"—Perring. "Jubilate"—Stabat Mater. Easter Hymn—Underner. Offertoirie: "Quis Est Homo."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The interior of this church presents a charming appearance. The altar railing is wreathed with ivy, while from each double arch along the aisles hang two baskets containg coleus, ferns and begonia. There are calla lilies immediately at the back of the altar, which is ornamented with four vases of magnolias and hyacinths, which lend an air of purity and beauty to the charming scene that greets the eye. Mounted upon the altar is a white marble cross, wreathed with camelias and zalia. The decorations reflect much credit upon the aesthetic culture of the ladies who arranged them. The ladies are Mrs. Brinkley, Mrs. Wickersham, Mrs. Harris and the Sisters of St. Mary's. Thanks are due Mrs. Brinkley and Mr. Fred. Martin for their generous contributions of flowers. There will be confirmation by the bishop at this church this morning. The following ladies and gentlemen compose the choir: Organist, Miss Julia Woodward; soprani, Misses Lula and Florence Hughes; contralti, Mrs. Cruse, Misses Dixon and DeHadway; tenori, Messrs. E. Ellinger and Campbell; basso, Messrs. Adolph Reiss and Harry Wilton. The musical portion of the service will be sung by the choir, assisted by several leading amateurs, who have rehearsed steadily for over a month at the following very fine service under the leadership of Miss Julia Woodward, organist. "Opening Piece."—J. Ernest Perring. "Easter Anthem."—Millard. "Glorias (3)"—Mosenthal, Morgan, Warren. "Te Deum Laudamus."—Thomas in "G"—"Jubilate Deo."—Andrews. "O, Happy Day." Arranged from "Heavens are Telling." — *Haydn*. "Hymn" "Awake My Soul"—Dr. Arnold. "Offertory Solo."—Mozart. "Gloria Patria from Stabat Mater."—Mozart. "Gloria in Excelsis."—Gunter.

GRACE CHURCH.

The chancel of this church is wreathed with arborvitæ, ivy and box, interspersed with violets and iris. A white cloth, fringed with satin and worked with bead ornaments, covers the lecturn, which is trimmed with box and white hyacinths. Its base is trimmed with ivy, arbor vitæ and red and yellow blossoms. The fount is wreathed with arborvitæ and bridal wreath, and from its pedestal upward it is garlanded with cedar, fern, box and ivy. The silver vase of the fount is surrounded by a pyramidal boquet of camelias, rosebuds and heliotrope. The white altar cloth is edged with box and white flowers. Upon the altar, and from a profusion of vases containing hyacinths, jessamine, japonicas, bridal wreath, spiræa, etc, rises a white marble cross, trimmed with ivy leaves. The effect of the rich array of flowers is quite pleasing, and while a natural simplicity characterizes the decorations, yet beauty and taste are both displayed, and will be recognized at once. Services will be held this morning by Dr. Carmichael, and at a quarter to five this afternoon the rite of confirmation will be administered by Bishop Quintard. The choir is in excellent training, and good music will be given both at the morning and the afternoon service.

ST. LAZARUS CHURCH.

To the right of the chancel is a stand covered with white cloth and richly trimmed with ivy leaves, arbor vitæ, etc., an evergreen wreath and a cross of white and yellow flowers ornamenting its sides. Pyramidal bouquets ornament the top of this stand. The chancel is dressed in white cloth and decorated with evergreen and flowers. Upon the railing are pots and baskets of bouquets, while from the gas-suspension globe are pendant baskets of coleus, ferns and begonias. In the center of the altar cloth front is an evergreen cross, white geraniums, red blossoms and white flowers, add beauty to the decorations. The fount is wreathed with evergreen and flowers of different kind and color. Upon the altar is a white marble cross twined with green leaves, white and red roses. On either side of the cross are silver vases of roses and hyacinths. Suspended above the altar is a white dove, which seems almost to rest on poised wings. From the middle of the altar window is a festoon of cedar bridal-wreath, yellow flowers and red blossoms. The ends of the festoon are looped to the gas globes that are on either side of the altar. The decorations are most creditable to the skill and good taste of the ladies who arranged them. The choir is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Lizzie Douglass and Lizzie Boyle, sopranos; Miss Kate M'Gehee, organist and alto; B. A. Hollenberg and J. F. Sellers, tenors; W. F. Boyle, bass. The choir programme for to-day is as follows: "Christ, our Passover," in E flat, by Millard; "Gloria," by Gunter, from Mozart; "Gloria," from Millard's Vespers; "Gloria," by Warren; "Jubilate," E flat, from Stabat Mater, by Millard; "Duett," by Vincent Wallace, and the usual hymns appropriate for Easter.

FROM THE MODERN PAUL.

His Latest Tour through the Inundated Region of Middle and East Tennessee—Arkansas and the Little Rock Railroad.

EDITORS APPEAL.—I have just arrived in your city from a month's travel along the line of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, preaching and delivering free lectures on the people of India, China and Japan, and have had fine audiences generally. The towns are building up rapidly from Hickman on the M'Kenzie, owing, no doubt, to the numerous railroad crossings in that section. But from M'Kenzie on to Nashville things appear to be at a stand still; and indeed it is said there is actual suffering for the necessaries of life in some of the poorer counties of that region. Huntington is a place of great activity, and they are putting up a fine new brick church under the leadership of Elder Hall, of the Christian church. Waverly is the next place of importance, and is a very beautiful town, but seems to be literally sleeping on the banks of one of the most beautiful blue creeks I ever saw. From Nashville on to the Cumberland mountains, through Murfreesboro, Tullahoma, etc., the country is simply charming. At Cowan, just this side of the tunnel, under Cumberland mountain, I took the Tennessee coal and railroad company's train, and went up to their mines on top of Cumberland mountain. Scenery here magnificent; mountains, valleys, mineral springs, and icicles ten feet long hanging from the water-tank ten days ago. Working people up there; new towns springing up like magic on the mountain top; and the high officers of that high railroad and coal company are not afraid of work either. Saw a director actually directing his affairs and not afraid of hard work, and the vice-president, who had just finished a hard journey on the "outside of a mule," as he expressed it. A great Episcopal university up there, too, with several hundred students from nineteen States, gave me fine audience. Bishop Quintard and Rev. Mr. Devoe, genial and pleasant. Was at the break in the railroad between Stevenson and the tunnel, and detained about a day. Company took prompt care to run the train back where the passengers could get meals. Only one man growling, and some things will growl. Road doubtless all repaired before this. Spoke in car about the heathen while train was delayed Sunday morning. Crossed the Tennessee at Johnsonville all right a few days ago, but saw part of the town afloat. Came down from Hickman on the mighty Mississippi, that is so frequently

Driving women from their beds
Drowning cows within their sheds.
Let it get on to the sea,
No more river, please, for me.

Now for Arkansas, the State that everybody speaks ill of and that has as many good things in it that after traveling in four of the five continents I have made it my home. What's the use of all the splendid land of Central Kentucky or Middle Tennessee to me, if I am not able to own it? I can get all the land I want for a dollar an acre, and homesteads and donations from the general and State governments for almost nothing, and the land for me is the land I can get. Our political troubles, I trust, are at an end, and already the tide of immigration is strongly setting in to our State. I have traveled the country over and nowhere do I see such carloads of passengers as go over the road from Little Rock westward. The Memphis and Little Rock road is greatly abused, but I notice it kills very few or no passengers, and it is now one of the necessaries of travel from all the country east and southeast of this, to go over it to Arkansas and Texas. There is considerable change in the management of it lately, and I wouldn't go out of my way to avoid going over it, if it is through swamps. PAUL BAGLEY.

MEMPHIS, March 27, 1875.

Nothing has yet been heard from Mr. W. L. Breckenridge, of Louisville, who left that city three weeks since, ostensibly to visit New York. He was traced to that city, but twelve days ago left it for parts unknown, if not to commit suicide. It is the result of defalcation. It is said that Mr. Breckenridge has relatives in South America, and it is believed by some that when he left New York he set sail for that country.

The President and family will visit New York next week.

TENNESSEE NEWS.

Morristown has the mumps.

Greeneville has a literary junta.

Covington complains of petty thieving.

Bishop Quintard visits Jackson April 25th.

The Brownsville Bee is now a patented outside.

There will be a special term of the circuit court at Brownsville in May.

Westbrook, of the Bee, wants a distillery to be established at Brownsville.

The last circuit court cost Greene county from three to four thousand dollars.

The name of the Jackson Courier-Herald has been changed to that of the Jackson Sun.

Londermilk, the brigand, recently made an ineffectual attempt to break jail at Kingston.

The preliminary meeting of the Union soldiers of the Army of the Tennessee will be held at Greeneville, May 1st.

The Brownsville States, under the head of "personal," says: "A great many wagons have been in town this week."

A few days ago Enoch Moore, of Greene county, died from the effects of mortification of his leg which, though broken, he refused to have amputated.

Dyersburg Progress: "It is feared by many of our farmers who intend to plant tobacco, that the continued wet weather will prevent them from burning plant beds."

Morristown Gazette: "We understand semi-officially that the committee of citizens exonerated Mayor Dickinson from any fraud in the management of the corporation funds."

The Winchester Home Journal says of Senator Johnson's recent oratorical thunderbolt: "It is a great speech, and we shall publish a full text of it in next week's Home Journal."

There is one district in Greene county, says the American, that has not had a convict for the last forty years (except one for manslaughter); but they have ten mouths school in the year.

The Milan Exchange says: "All the wheat we have seen lately is looking well, and the prospect is that we will at least have bread this year." How much have you seen? That's the question.

The Knoxville Press and Herald says of the legislature: "The opportunities of the Solons were not great, and their resulting work is to be measured accordingly. We must not judge them too harshly."

That big difference of opinion and little question of veracity between Tom Neal, of the Dyersburg Gazette, and F. W. Thomas, of the Dyersburg Progress, has been amicably adjusted by an arbitration committee. No fight.

Knoxville Chronicle: "The thinking people of the country will eventually all favor the policy of not only free education for the masses, but of forcing the masses to take the benefit of such an advantage."

The Knoxville Chronicle says that the legislature has proved a most uninteresting body, distinguished more for what it did not do than for what it did. It has been peculiarly a negative body. It failed to do anything positive, even on the Torbett issue question.

Kirby, in his last letter to his paper (the Chattanooga Times), says that "this legislature is unusually proficient in the art of how not to do it, not so much by reason of any particular skill in the procrastination, but simply by main strength and awkwardness."

Alfred M'Kay, the oldest barber in Nashville, died last Thursday night at the age of fifty-one years. He had been in barber shops for forty-one years, or since he was ten years old. For twenty years or more he was employed in the barbershop of the old Sewanee house.

Covington Record: "We learn from inquiring of farmers from various portions of the county, that the wheat crop is very promising—never was more so, in fact, and that there is a greater breadth of crop sown this year than usual by from one-fourth to one-third, at least."

Shelbyville Commercial: "The charge recently made by the New Orleans Times that Senator Johnson bribed the members of the legislature from Shelby county to vote for him has been proven a falsehood of the basest fabrication. Even the Memphis Ledger spits upon the foul assertion."

Five young ladies and five young bachelors of Knoxville are willing to challenge a similar number of the same class from anywhere in the State, in a spelling match, at the Operahouse, in that city, at any time within twenty days, the winners to dispose of the proceeds for any chairitable object of their selection.

Dyersburg Progress: "One of our subscribers told us a few days since that he was so much annoyed by parties borrowing and taking his paper, before he could get to read it himself, that he would have to stop taking it. A man who would borrow or take another man's paper and read it, without paying for it, is too mean for the dogs to bark at." True, but he is not too mean for the dogs to bite.

The Covington Record, in a chicken-hearted manner thus speaks of a brute, whose name it should publish: "The meanest thing that has happened for a week, was that fellow's coming to town the other day with his wife's little pickle of butter that she had saved by denying herself and children in order to be able to buy some needles and thread, and taking the money he got for the sale of it to get drunk on."

The Winchester Home Journal, whose editor is usually liberal in his imagination, says: "Sam Riddleberger, of Nashville, once weighed five hundred and twenty-three pounds. In 1864 he fattened one hundred and sixty pounds. He came near suffocation at one time, and the doctors reduced him one hundred and seventy-five pounds in five days. He now weighs two hundred and ninety six pounds."

The following piece of comic anger from the Murfreesboro News, which, though said to be edited by Ex-Governor Brown's brother-in-law, seems inspired by Brownlow's Knoxville Chronicle, is the most fearful thing ever written since the days of Junius: "It is hard to tell which makes the greatest ass of itself in toading to Andrew Johnson—the Union and American, the Republican Banner, or the State legislature."

The Franklin Review and Journal in speaking of Senator Johnson's late speech says: "The truth is, he is the only statesman in America who fully comes up to the stature of Clay, Webster, Wright, Calhoun and others. He is to-day the most prominent man for the next Presidency. The American people have at last awakened to the great fact that he is able, honest and patriotic; that he alone of all the men of this day is able to bring the government back to its ancient moorings."

Winchester Home Journal: "Now is the time for capitalists to come to Winchester and Franklin county. While a majority of our legislators have squandered time in trying to legislate money into the country by the ridiculous policy of usury laws, property has continued to decline. Last Monday we saw a piece of real estate, worth six thousand dollars in 1868, sell for about six hundred on six and twelve months credit. The fact is, now is the time to come to our county with capital, for there is no relief otherwise."

The recent Tennessee legislature is cursed from Carter to Shelby counties. The Morristown Gazette says: "It strikes us that the late legislative caucus was a most ridiculous affair. If the Democratic party cannot be saved in any other way, it should die. Too much stress is put upon party. We need patriotism. We need a few effective acts of the assembly, and economy and industry on the part of the people, less gassing, and fewer resolutions in the legislature. Our representatives at Nashville, realizing that they have failed to meet the expectations of their constituents, concluded that they constituted the Democratic party, and took pattern from the Radicals at Washington. The Democratic party of Tennessee did not need this. The members of the legislature constituted a very small portion of that party."

DIED.

GRAHAM—At 3:20 a.m., Saturday, 27th inst., of paralysis, JOHN GRAHAM, in the 63d year of his age.

Funeral this (SUNDAY) afternoon at three o'clock, from Hernando M. E. Church. Services by Rev. L. D. Mullins. Friends of the deceased, and of his son John W. Graham, are respectfully invited to attend.

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THE members of DeSoto Lodge, No. 259, are hereby notified to meet at the Lodgeroom, this (SUNDAY) afternoon at 2½ o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our worthy deceased brother, JOHN GRAHAM.

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For interest, etc., accrued	288,488 45
	$2,405,690 73

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Paid for dividends, return premiums, purchased policies, and interest on dividend	462,190 98	
Total amount returned to policy-holders	$1,056,424 98	
Paid for expenses, salaries, taxes, medical examiners' fees and commissions	295,508 58