

CLOSING RATES
Yesterday's cotton and gold: New York cotton, 14 1/2; Memphis, 12 1/2; gold, 114; Memphis, 113 1/2.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.
WASHINGTON, December 7, 1875. For Tennessee and Ohio valley, rising barometer, southeast winds and rain, veering to colder northwest winds, and possibly snow or sleet.

HON. GEORGE LEAR has been appointed attorney general of Pennsylvania by Governor Harris.

GENERAL FRANKLIN is the Vicksburg Herald's candidate for speaker of the Mississippi house of representatives.

"BLACK FRIDAY" in the courts, with Jay Gould in the character of defendant, is one of the shows of New York just now.

The Baptist Reflector, of Morristown, Tennessee, is a new venture in the newspaper world, for which we wish abundant success.

Both houses of the general assembly of Arkansas are now holding two and three sessions per day. Final adjournment takes place Friday next.

The only good thing Joe Holt has done since 1853, was to smell from the army. The next best thing he can do will be to follow Stanton et al.

The Shelbyville Gazette is in favor of the United States government extending aid to the Texas Pacific railroad, and of Memphis as the eastern terminus.

The Nashville American says that the negroes are leaving the States in large numbers, some going to Arkansas and some to Mississippi, probably under some promise of large pay for picking cotton.

MR. O. V. SHERAR, by a circular to the members of the legislature, announces himself as a candidate for State librarian, of Mississippi. Mr. Sherar was for two seasons correspondent of the APPEAL, and we hope will be elected.

GRANT in his message will be peremptory and severe upon Spain, though there will be no recognition or granting of belligerent rights at present, but demand after the style of Andrew Jackson, of "indemnity for the past and security for the future."

EX-GOVERNOR FORT in his long letter to W. G. Brownlow, advising the disbandment of the Democratic party, was only speaking for the small, timid, harm-secure political non-combatants, who, without party, are desirous of profiting by political disorganization.

MEMPHIS wants either that a definite arrangement be made for the handling of freights at Chicago destined for Memphis, or by the Vicksburg line. As business is just now conducted there, we are losing immensely.

THE Malaysians who murdered the British resident at Penang have routed the British flag, and that mighty animal is just now sharpening its claws and filing his teeth at Pulo Penang for a pounce upon Maharajah Letia and, doubtless, his dominions.

MR. WILLIAM M. GROSVENOR, in the Financial, in an open letter addressed to Secretary Bristow, advises him, instead of buying gold by the sale of bonds, in order to prepare for specie payments in accordance with the resumption act, to hoard legal-tender notes.

THE Nashville American says that the whole amount of the Peabody trust to be distributed in Tennessee this year will be \$10,000. Of this \$9000 will go to the State normal school, and \$2000 in special donations for school purposes, leaving \$7000 for distribution among schools applying for aid.

THE New York World thinks that J. Babcock is a really honest man, and resident Grant believes him to be a really honest man, Secretary Bristow has outraged the one and insulted the other. Is Babcock guilty? Or is Secretary Bristow to be sent to resume the practice of the law in Kentucky?

THE Columbia Journal pronounces the election of Henry county a failure, and that it produced from eighteen to twenty thousand bales; but we think it is safe in saying that she will not take five thousand this year. Gentlemen who build their hopes on a large crop will make a note of this.

THE Vicksburg Herald says that by continued wet and rain-torments from the crop, for all the estimates are based on at least an average year. "Our opinion," says the Herald, "is that the crop will be wasted and off somewhere near three-fourths of million bales."

THE views expressed by Mr. Roswell, at the meeting of the chamber of commerce yesterday, were his own, for he is alone responsible. In his capacity as commercial editor of the APPEAL he will be found in the future, in the past, a faithful chronicler of markets and wishes of the merchants of Memphis.

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is proper to say, has offered a reward of ten thousand dollars for the apprehension of the Boss.

COLONEL WM. G. CASE of Philadelphia, one of the leading railroad financiers and capitalists of the country, is just now in Jackson, Mississippi, with a view of seeing what can be done to revive the Vicksburg and Ship Island railroad enterprise, and put that very desirable route under completion and equipment at an early day.

AT an informal meeting of the national executive Democratic committee, held at Washington, yesterday, Mr. Schell, chairman of the committee, was authorized to use his discretion in calling the committee together with a view of designating the time and place for holding the next national Democratic convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

A TELEGRAM from Louisville says that the election for city officers will occur to-day. The contest for the mayorship has been more exciting and harder fought than any previous one in which Louisville has ever engaged, not excepting the old canvass for the Presidency when Henry Clay lived. The most active interest imaginable is manifested, and the indications are a fearful fight for victory will be made by the opposing candidates.

TO WHAT has been, etc. A Boston dispatch of yesterday says that at a large meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Sabbath-school union and of the tract society, and also the weekly meeting of preachers, comprising nearly 100 hundred ministers, Bishop Haven urged, as a measure of safety for the public, the renomination of General Grant for President. His views were adopted by a unanimous vote. "Suffer little children," etc.

OUR report of the meeting of the chamber of commerce, held yesterday afternoon, will be found in another column. It will be seen from it that the grocery and provision dealers have determined to publish a daily list of prices, which shall be the official expression of the market. This step cannot fail to meet the approval of the public, as it will no longer be done by the press of the city. The AP has already endorsed it, and does again, as something that should long since have been done by our merchants for their own protection, and in order to save the press from the annoyance inseparable from the system to which we have had to resort in order to meet the public demand for a daily price-current.

The members of the chamber of commerce can be assured of our support in this as in any other movement they may make for their success in trade.

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WASHINGTON, December 7.—Representative Kerr received many of his friends to-day, to come to congratulate him on his reelection to Congress. All the All-right water dealers flumed for the position. The members of the committee on the resumption act, were spoken of in terms of commendation.

THE WEST AND SOUTH FELT. Reprieves is expressed that the west and the south feel the effects of the resumption act. Three hundred thousand families there are at the moment in a state of great anxiety. Several candidates complain that they are in a state of great anxiety. Several candidates complain that they are in a state of great anxiety.

A CLERICAL CONNECTICUT DEMOCRAT. Rev. J. L. Tilden, a Clerical Democrat, is a member of the Episcopal church in Washington, and who is the champion of the cause for the resumption act. He is a member of the Episcopal church in Washington, and who is the champion of the cause for the resumption act.

STANDING COMMITTEES. The appointment of standing committees of the House of Representatives has been completed. The committee on Appropriations is headed by Mr. Bristow.

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