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Entire Change of Programme and BENEFIT OF BUFFALO BILL, who with TEXAS JACK, the peerless MORLACCHI AND THE GREAT CHARACTER COMPANY in the new drama of LIFE ON THE BORDER! a drama of Exciting Plot, Thrilling Situation, No Shooting! THE MORLACCHI in the sparkling comedietta, THRICE MARRIED! Four Characters, Three Dances, Cavatina from Ernani.

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SITUATION AS TELEGRAPH OPERATOR—Object, improvement; no salary required; good references given as to character, if necessary. Apply at 11 Adams street, up-stairs. dec22 SIDNEY ALLEN.

SITUATION—By an experienced Meat and Pastry Cook. Address R. R., this office.

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SITUATION—By a first-class baker. Apply at 294 Front street. THOS. LOWRY.

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SITUATION—As Governess desired by a widow lady; piano taught thoroughly; a comfortable home and a reasonable salary; guitar taught, if desired; the best of references given. Address Governess, Poplar st., Memphis.

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CHAMBERMAID—Either white or colored, to go to the country. Apply for two days, between eleven and twelve o'clock forenoon, at room No. 10 Peabody Hotel. dec23

200 MEN—To work upon the Little Rock, Mississippi River and Texas Railway. For particulars, inquire of NAT. LOW, Jr., the company's agent, at No. 6 West Court st., or W. S. HOUDLETTE, General Manager.

SALESMEN—Two in Memphis and three for the southern States—$80 a month, hotel and traveling expenses paid. Situation permanent. All applicants answered if stamp is inclosed. Address NOBB & CO., Cincinnati, O.

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SITUATION—By a man of experience, a position in city or country; is fully able to take charge of an office or country store; is a No. 1 book-keeper and dissector of same; best of city and country references; engagement to be from January 1, 1876. Address nov29 CLEMENT, Appeal office.

SITUATION—The advertiser offers his services in the capacity of business manager on a large plantation, or as book-keeper in a country store. I have had experience in both capacities. I refer to Messrs. Stewart, Gwynne & Co., Memphis. Address B. S. D. care Tresevant & Cary, 8 Madison st., nov2 Memphis, Tenn

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ROOMS—Furnished and unfurnished at Galt House, cor. Main and Beale; meals, if desired. dec22

BOARDERS—At No. 18 Adams street; rooms furnished, if required. dec19 C. L. SULLIVAN.

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PACKET OF MONEY—On Tuesday, the 21st inst., between Jefferson and Beale streets, possibly in a Beale street car, a packet of money, containing between a hundred and a hundred and fifty dollars; also, a railroad ticket from Memphis to St. Louis (ticket purchased in New Orleans). The finder of the above described will be rewarded upon bringing it to Poplar street. dec23

STRAYED.

HORSE—COLT—MULE—Strayed from the owner, four miles north of Shelby Depot, one black horse, blind in right eye, 17½ hands high; one bald-faced colt, three years old, and one dark-bay horse mule, nine or ten years old. Any information concerning the above will be liberally rewarded, by HERRON, CONNOR & CO., 6 and 8 West Court, or J. R. ENSLEY, del Shelby Depot.

FOR RENT.

COTTAGE—Six rooms, Walker avenue, on Hernando street R. R., near State Female College. JOS. LENOW, 36 Union street.

RESIDENCE—No. 87 Court street. Apply on premises. dec21

RESIDENCE—No. 100 Court street, known as the Speed Place. Apply to dec18 W. JOYNER, No. 336 Main street.

GROCERY STOREHOUSE—After first of January next, Grocery Storehouse No. 38 Madison street. Apply to dec10 R. C. BRINKLEY.

FINE OFFICES AND SLEEPING ROOMS—plenty of water on every floor. SLEDGE, McKAY & CO., del 371 and 373 Main st.

PLANTATION.—(Possession given the first day of January.) The Clay plantation is situated at South Bend, Arkansas river; six hundred acres cleared; sufficient labor on premises to cultivate place; well improved; good neighborhood; never known to overflow, and is guaranteed to never overflow. Apply to HANSON WHITFIELD, South Bend, Ark.

RESIDENCE—The desirable residence, 145 Adams street, convenient to business. Apply at 192 Adams street.

STORE—At 48 Main street. Apply to Isaac Isaacs, 57 Jefferson street.

HOUSE—Containing five newly-papered rooms; also, kitchen, servants' room, good cistern, etc., with a garden spot. Apply at 121 ALABAMA ST.

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FRAME DWELLING—One-story frame dwelling, No. 54-56 Avery street, with six rooms each. Cheap for cash. Apply to WM. HILLENBRAM, No. 6 Madison street.

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BOUQUETS and fine CUT FLOWERS at Mrs. SLEDGE'S, on Rayburn avenue. Leave orders at Sledge, McKay & Co.'s. oct

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CONFECTIONERY—An extensive stock of confectionery, toys and fancy articles, embracing everything pertaining to a first-class confectionery business. Also, bake-oven and candy manufactory, consisting of all the utensils necessary to carry on the baking, confectionery and candy manufacturing business. Cash, city real estate, or notes with approved security taken, as may best suit the purchaser. Good reason given for selling. For further particulars apply on the premises, oct19 419 MAIN ST.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Oh! the weather.

—Yesterday was very gloomy.

—To-morrow will be Christmas.

—Pyrotechnical fun will commence to-night.

—The city council holds another seance Monday night.

—Advertise in to-morrow's APPEAL, and also in our Sunday issue.

—The colder the weather, the warmer should be the heart of charity.

—There was a false alarm of fire at half-past six o'clock last night.

—Attend the Buffalo Bill and Texas Jack matinee to-morrow afternoon.

—There will be a *Hibernicon* matinee at Assembly hall to-morrow afternoon.

—The grand jury of the criminal court has taken a recess until the third of next year.

—The boot and shoe trade is quite active. This is good weather for breaking new footware.

—Notwithstanding the rain and mud yesterday, the ladies indulged quite generally in shopping.

—The cry of fire last night almost caused a panic among the visitors at the Memphis Theater.

—John Alexander, colored, was arrested yesterday on the charge of "larceny from the person."

—The Democratic club of the eighth ward last night nominated Mr. R. B. Denson for councilman.

—In the United States court yesterday the case of Gardner *vs.* the steamer Kittie Hegler was dismissed.

—John Brown and a pair of Coffey's new boots left yesterday afternoon for Nashville to spend Christmas.

—To-morrow ought to be fair and bright, and we believe it will be so, despite Prof. Tice's prophesy of gloomy weather.

—The annual dinner to the Bethel children will be given at twelve o'clock Christmas day, at Exchange building, entrance on Exchange street. The public are very cordially invited to be present.

—Four or five months ago a committee was appointed to investigate the city engineer's department. Will Mr. Tuther, chairman of the committee, do something in the matter, or tell the reason why?

—Recorder Winters yesterday committed Charles Wilkerson to jail upon the charge of stealing a couple of balmoral skirts on Beale street. It is dangerous to steal female garments unless you also take the owner in them.

—Deputy-Constable Dock Jones, colored, yesterday arrested Robert Mitchell, colored, on a warrant sworn out by a Beale-street darkey named Ann Davis, who charges defendant with committing an assault and battery upon the occipital bone of her cranium.

—The masquerade ball on Friday night, the thirty-first instant—the last day in the year—will be the most magnificent affair of the holidays. Masks, costumes and dominoes are already in demand for the occasion, and everything promises to make the Exposition building a thing of beauty on that night. After Monday night tickets will be for sale at the hotels and cigar stores. See announcement in the proper column.

—The following story will be of philosophical interest to old folks who indulge in moral advice to the juvenile of the household: "A little five-year-old boy was being instructed in morals by his grandmother. The old lady told him that all such terms as 'by golly,' 'by jingo,' 'by thunder,' etc., were only minced oaths, and but little better than any other profanity. In fact, she said, she could tell a profane oath by the prefix 'by.' All such were oaths. 'Well, then, grandmother,' said the little hopeful, 'there's a big oath in the newspapers, 'By telegraph.' The old lady gave it up, and the boy is bewildered on morals."

PERSONAL.

MR. J. G. BROWNE, of St. Louis, agent for the sale of *Knight's Shakespeare*, is in the city and will remain for some time to secure subscribers.

MR. ROBERT C. STEWART and bride, of St. Louis, after spending a few days in this city, left yesterday for Oxford, Mississippi, to visit General A. P. Stewart, father of the groom.

MR. S. C. BUNN and bride, of St. Louis, who have been at the Peabody several days, left yesterday, by steamer for New Orleans, whence they sail for Cuba. Our best wishes attend the newly wedded pair in their bridal tour and pathway through life. Mr. Bunn is a member of the large dry-goods house of Bell & Son, of St. Louis.

GENERAL THOMAS H. TAYLOR, formerly of Louisville, Kentucky, is now connected with the New York hotel, New York city. This gentleman, who is so favorably and generally known throughout the south, will be a great advantage to the New York hotel, which, in its outfit, construction and cuisine, is unsurpassed by any in the Union. Southern visitors to New York will be made to feel as home by General Taylor.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Theater.

The Buffalo Bill and Texas Jack combination introduced *Life on the Border* at the Memphis Theater last night, to a very appreciative audience. This play, while devoid of shooting and Indian scalping features, which shock female nerves and terrify children, is nevertheless one of exciting interest. It is replete with startling scenes and romantic *denouement*, developing very clever acting and artistic precision on the part of "Buffalo Bill," "Texas Jack," Mlle. Morlacchi, and the members of the stock company. To-night, *Life on the Border* will be repeated. There will be a grand matinee at the theater to-morrow afternoon.

MacEvoy's Hibernicon.

MacEvoy's *Hibernicon* and Irish comedy troupe at Assembly hall continue to give entertainments of a very instructive and delightful character. The comedy company is composed of talented artists, who fulfill public expectation in their respective roles and keep the audience in continued laughter. The *Hibernicon* is well worth seeing, for it is one of the very best ever exhibited in this or any other city. Our Irish friends especially will find both the *Hibernicon* and comedy company full of interest and pleasure. There will be a grand *Hibernicon* matinee to-morrow afternoon.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Dr. Watson and the Ledger.

EDITORS APPEAL—The *Ledger* is very unfair in its comments on Dr. Watson's position toward the Livingston fraud. The *Ledger* talks as if it were Dr. Watson's business to guard the people of this city from such pretenders. Dr. Watson is the head of a large spiritual society, which gathers in Assembly hall every Sunday morning and evening to listen to its able lecturer, Mr. Peebles. The doctor *did* guard that society from being duped by Livingston. He stated to the audience he had no confidence in the Livingston seance; that the man was not indorsed by any spiritual journal or society. Dr. M'Fail, from Nashville, a member of the Tennessee legislature, as well as a noted spirit medium and earnest expounder of the new faith, also stated that Livingston was a trickster; that he promised more than he performed; that he possibly had some mediumistic power, but used it for the purpose of making money. It is doubtful if there was a single spiritualist at the Theater last Sunday night. At any rate, the Assembly hall was pretty well filled. The "exposure" was *not* "humiliating" to spiritualists, as the *Ledger* fancies, for the spiritualists had no faith, and were warned not to throw their money away on a trickster. Was it Dr. Watson's business to rush into print and give his opinion of Livingston to people who do not value his opinions? He gave his opinion to those who asked and respected it—to the spiritualists of Memphis, and saved them from the sell. The article the doctor published *after* the *fiasco*, or, as the *Ledger* puts it, "in the wake of the newspaper exposure," was in defense of his faith and his society, which the papers wanted to hold responsible for the Livingston imposition.

E. A. M.

Pickett's Course of Study—His Wonderful Lessons and More Wonderful Discovery.

EDITORS APPEAL—On page six is this sentence, put forth as an axiom: "Spelling. Habit is the only true guide in spelling." What inaccuracy; what looseness of thought does this indicate. Who but Pickett would not know that habits are as often bad as good? What nonsense then to say habit is a true guide. Good guidance may cause the acquirement of good habits, and bad guidance of bad habits. Here is another sentence which gives evidence of Mr. Pickett's unfitness for the business of guiding the intelligence of the learner: "Using. A language can only be learned by using it; other thing may aid but cannot perfect." What profound acumen this displays. Who ever supposed a language could be learned except by using it in some way or other? A language must either be spoken, or read, or written, or heard, to be learned. Each method is a way of using it. What "other things" does Mr. Pickett suppose "will aid but not perfect?" And what earthly use can the "pupil, or the teacher, or the person preparing to trade" make of such instruction as this given under the head of "Using." On page twelve, we find the following startling announcement: "Students should be taught with special care, at this age (no where is the age indicated), that there is a quality in reading that has length, breadth, and depth without limit." This is really wonderful! Mr. Pickett's discovery of a quality that rivals space, boundless space, which we make his name immortal. "A quality in reading that has length, breadth, and depth without limit?" This puts the imagination in a fever of conjecture as to the amazing things the discovery of that quality is destined to do. When Miss Moon, well known to be unsurpassed in her department, was dismissed from the schools, Dr. Hewitt, whose children had been taught by Miss Moon, asked Dr. Mitchell why so able a teacher was dismissed, and inferior ones retained? Dr. Mitchell replied that "Miss Moon and Miss Boddie had imbibed too many woman's rights notions, and were insubordinate to Pickett—therefore they were dismissed." Now, as the principal under whom these ladies taught, as well as their former superintendents, testify to their uniform good deportment, and testify, also, that *they* never observed in these ladies any alarming amount of strong-mindedness, unless to excel as teachers may be ranked under that head, we can but suppose Pickett grew alarmed as to the use energetic women might make of that tremendous "quality in reading." What if an energetic school-marm, or a school-marm's energetic friend, should seize that "quality," push it to its utmost, and give the world a taste of its limitless power! The idea is awful! No wonder Pickett wanted to get rid of such teachers as possessed a suspicious amount of energy; no wonder sweet docility soothed him. What if that school-marm, or school-marm's friend, possessing herself of that "quality," should mount the tallest peak—Chimborazo or Popocatapette—or should hire the dome of St. Peter's, Rome, or the top of Bunker Hill monument, and preach therefrom her pernicious doctrines to the whole world? The whole world would have to hear, for Pickett says that "quality" is absolutely without limit. Of course it would easily penetrate from Popocatapette or St. Peter's or Bunker Hill monument to every point of the compass. Stone walls would not shut it out; nor would stuffed ears. And Mr. Pickett, and those members of the board whose delicate nerves shiver and quiver at sight and sound of strong-mindedness, would sadly rue the day that wonderful quality was discovered.

E. A. M.

Card from W. H. Rhea.

EDITORS APPEAL—The "unreal and unsubstantial" shades of our departed friends *may* appear to human eyes. There *may* be people whose peculiar organizations enable them to produce apparitions of the dead, and exhibit such apparitions to others who have yet not left the confines of earth. I have never imputed untruthfulness to any honest person who has claimed to have seen such phenomena produced, or who has claimed to produce them. Dr. Samuel Watson does not hesitate to publish to the world that he has witnessed the appearance of shadows unmistakably bearing the forms and features, and speaking the language of his own kindred. I most readily accord to Dr. Watson perfect sincerity in all his statements concerning what he believes to be true in regard to these matters. He certainly can claim no more, as a christian gentleman or devout believer in the very questionable theory he advocates; for all theories are questionable until they are proven, like mathematics, to have become an unerring science, which is neither a theory or belief. Dr. Watson's "spiritual philosophy," to say the least of it, has not reached that point in its development, if it ever does. An article in yesterday's *Ledger*, from the pen of Dr. Watson, on the subject of spiritualism in "fact" and spiritualism as shown by the man Livingston at the Theater last Sunday night, has drawn forth this humble communication from the writer. In that production the doctor alludes to Mrs. Miller, represented to be a very celebrated "medium" of this city, in whom he seems to repose the most implicit faith as a great battery of communication with the dead and as a "materializer" of their shades. In his allusions to Mrs. Miller, and her wonderful powers, he refers to the experience which Dr. Frank Rice and myself had with her, some two years ago, in her capacity as a revealer of what the spirits of the "summer land" wished to develop to us as physical evidence of their presence at her "seance," and about which Captain George Gift wrote in the *Ledger* of that period. The doctor refers to the experience of Dr. Rice and myself with Mrs. Miller as though the facts concerning it, and substantially the same facts which Captain Gift published, were not correctly stated. It is true that neither Dr. Rice nor myself authorized Captain Gift to give publicity to the matter, for we did not deem it of sufficient importance to obtrude it upon the public as coming from us in the shape of a communication. Captain Gift, however, saw proper to do so over his own name, and without consulting either Dr. Rice, Dr. Watson, Mrs. Miller, or myself. He stated what Dr. Rice and myself knew (mind you, not what we believed) to be the truth—that Mrs. Miller, on that occasion, attempted to practice a bald, palpable fraud upon us, and we detected her in the attempt. The lady may be able now to "call spirits from the vasty deep" and put into materialized shape, and give voice to Dr. Watson's departed friends, and to everybody else's departed friends, but on the occasion to which I refer, she simply proved herself an imposter, as to the things she pretended to be truthful in, and a mountebank of the smallest skill, in uninteresting jugglery. So far as Dr. Watson's invitation to Dr. Rice and myself to again visit Mrs. Miller with him is concerned, he is correct in saying that the invitation was declined. Why? Because we knew that Mrs. Miller and Dr. Watson would not agree to the "conditions" of the seance which we would demand, in the first place; and secondly, because we had already satisfied ourselves that the demonstrations of "spiritualism" which Mrs. Miller had once made in our presence—not those which she has made in the presence of Dr. Watson or any one else—did not need any further investigation at our hands in order to convince us of their character. I have already occupied more of your space than I designed, and will close, simply by stating again that there may be people who can produce the startling phenomena claimed by believers in spiritualism, and that Dr. Watson is truthful when he declares he believes he has seen and talked with departed spirits, and that Dr. Rice and myself are equally truthful when we say that Mrs. Miller failed to demonstrate Dr. Watson's faith to us, but on the contrary tried to palm off on us a very shallow imposition, in which we detected her. Very respectfully,

W. H. RHEA.

TO STEAMBOATMEN.

A Case for Damages Reduced from Twenty Thousand to Twenty-five Dollars.

The case of Hainline and Carter against the steamboat A. J. White, in the United States district court, in admiralty, which was argued and decided on Wednesday, the twenty-second instant, is one of considerable interest to river men and steamboat owners, as involving the question of liability for failure to land passengers at their destination on regular or approximate schedule time. Hainline and Carter took passage on the A. J. White, advertised to leave Memphis at four o'clock Saturday evening for Austin, Mississippi. Their object was to attend a public sale of land at Austin on the following Monday morning at ten o'clock, and it was supposed the boat would arrive there and land her passengers twelve or twenty-four hours before the sale. From unavoidable causes the boat was detained here till seven o'clock Sunday morning, and did not arrive at Austin until late that night, when a storm prevailed, and upon consultation the officers decided not to attempt to land at Austin. The plaintiffs, Hainline and Carter, remained on board, with the understanding that they would land at Austin on the return trip of the boat. When the White arrived at Austin, coming up, it was too late for the sale, and the plaintiffs did not land, but came back to Memphis on the boat. The clerk of the White tendered them back the fare they had paid—three dollars each—which they declined to receive. Subsequently under the advice of attorneys, these two passengers instituted suit against the steamer White and owners for twenty thousand dollars damages for failure to land them at Austin on time, and for the loss they sustained in not being able to purchase the land. The claim seemed to be purely for what the lawyers call speculative damages. The court, however, did not seem to favor such a claim, but finally gave judgment for twenty-five dollars and cost in each case for the defendants. This amount was based upon the probable damage sustained by the parties in expenses, trouble and loss of time. The case will probably be appealed.

Christmas Dinner at Leath Orphan Asylum.

The lady managers of Leath Orphan asylum will give a dinner to the orphans on Christmas day. They will also have a Christmas tree, to which they invite their friends to send donations for the children. Any donations left at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, on Court street, on Friday, from nine in the morning until three in the evening, will be sent to the asylum. The trustees of the asylum invite the friends of the orphans to visit the asylum on Christmas day and see the improvements that have been made this year. Omnibuses will be at the end of the street railroad, in Chelsea, to convey friends to the asylum, free of charge, from ten in the morning till three o'clock in the evening.

LAW REPORTS.

United States Courts—Trigg, Judge.

The accounts of J. M. Tomeny, late United States marshal, amounting to seventeen thousand six hundred and seven dollars and sixty-nine cents, were presented to the court on Wednesday and approved.

Chancery Court—Morgan, Judge.

This is motion day.

Circuit Court—Heiskell, Judge.

The calendar for to-day is the same as published yesterday, with the following cases added: Nos. 3506, M. Carey vs M. Pyne; 3507, same vs T. S. Mallory; 3508, James Juniper vs E. C. Jones, exr.

HOLDERS of the Mississippi liquidating levee five per cent. bonds will hear something to their advantage by addressing Green's bank, Jackson, Mississippi, stating the amount they hold.

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ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

"Tired of this World—You'll Remember all I've Told You, and be Sure to do It."

Yesterday afternoon a young man named Ike Hoffman, who claims to be a brother-in-law of Captain H. J. Vinton, of the steamer Andy Baum, attempted to commit suicide in Dr. Thos. M'Aboy's office, on Beale street. About two weeks ago, Hoffman, who is not over twenty-five years of age, visited Dr. M'Aboy's office and obtained a prescription for illness. Up to last Sunday he was frequently at the doctor's office, but since his recovery has been there only once or twice. Yesterday afternoon Hoffman entered the office and asked Dr. M'Aboy for pen and ink, as he wanted to write a letter. He was furnished with these and the young man wrote two letters, one addressed to "H. T. Vinton, captain of the Andy Baum, care of R. W. Lightburne, 296 Front street, city," and another to Justice Spellman. He gave the former letter to Dr. M'Aboy, asking him to deliver it in person, but secreted the one to Justice Spelman in his pocket. At young Hoffman's request Dr. M'Aboy went with him to a drug store at the corner of Main and Beale streets, where the former got a package of shirts, and after taking two glasses of beer, returned to the physician's office. Hardly had he taken a seat at the table than he drew a pistol and was in the act of blowing out his brains, when Dr. M'Aboy sprung forward, and seizing the weapon snatched it from his hands, and asked the young man why he wanted to kill himself. He replied that he was tired of this world and wanted to die; that Captain Vinton was his brother-in-law, and that he could get work if he would apply to him—this he was unwilling to do, for reasons best known to himself. The young man seemed quite despondent, and was evidently in much distress, during the two weeks he had been boarding at No. 8 Beale street, adjoining the physician's office. Upon returning to the office from the drug store, Hoffman said to Dr. M'Aboy: "You'll remember all I've told you, will you, and be sure to do it?" Dr M'Aboy answered that he would, as the request had reference to the delivery of the letter to Captain Vinton. After taking the pistol from Hoffman, who expressed his determination to suicide, Dr. M'Aboy called in Officer C. H. Myers, who arrested the young man and placed him in the Adams-street stationhouse for safe keeping. The letter, addressed to Deputy-Coroner Spelman was found in Hoffman's pocket and sent to this officer. The letter to Captain Vinton, which it is supposed contains a statement of the young man's condition and the motives which induced him to attempt his life, is in posession of Dr. M'Aboy, who will deliver it. On a piece of paper, in Dr. M'Aboy's office, was found the following, written by Hoffman, whose home is in Cincinnati: "Doctor—I depend upon you to see the letter, addressed to Captain Vinton, delivered. Yours truly, IKE."

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