

CLOSING RATES. Yesterday of cotton and gold: New York, cotton, 13 1/2; Memphis, 13 1/2. New York, gold closed at 113; Memphis, 114.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES. WASHINGTON, December 31, 1 a.m. For the middle and eastern States rising barometer, southwest winds, warmer, foggy and clearing weather. The rivers will continue slowly rising from Cincinnati to Memphis, without overflowing the danger line.

The army and navy are to be cut down. A thoroughly Democratic move.

The Democratic national committee will meet in Washington on the thirtieth proximo.

It is thought that St. Louis will be selected as the place for the National Democratic convention.

The army is to be cut down to fifteen thousand men, at a saving of ten million dollars annually. Good.

Louisville and St. Louis have notified their dealers to quit. New Orleans should follow after so good an example.

The Indianapolis Journal hoists the name of Bloody-Shirt Morton, of Indiana, for President on the Republican ticket.

NOTWITHSTANDING the pacific news by telegraph this morning, there is reason to believe a war with Spain among the probabilities.

A VERY MILLION DOLLAR reduction in government expenses is what Randall is waiting for. Every good and true Democrat applauds him.

CAN any one explain why the bid-revealed by the general council for paving the streets and repairing the levee have not been awarded? An answer is on order.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat wants the Radical nomination for President made in May. It doesn't matter much when it is made; it is certain to be defeated.

MISS ADA C. SWERT, pension agent at Chicago, exonerates Logan from the charge of blackmailing her, but is silent as to Babcock's father-in-law, United States Marshal Campbell.

The Jefferson county, Kentucky, grand jury has been looking into the matter of betting on elections, and as the result of the scrutiny has found ten indictments, two of them being against members of the city council.

The Fisk (colored) university will be dedicated to-morrow. Buildings and furniture cost over one hundred thousand dollars, all of which was earned by the Jubilee singers, now in England.

HON. L. Q. C. LAMAR was the recipient of a serenade at Grenada last night, and was assured of the support of the people of that city in the contest for the United States senatorship. Correct.

COLONEL A. S. COLMAN, of Nashville, a gentleman to whom Middle Tennessee owes much because of his enterprise and public spirit, is in the city and has been the recipient of the attention of his friends.

The accomplished journalist, Horace White, who has just returned from Europe, has no immediate intention of settling in his profession, leastwise of connecting himself with the Chicago Tribune.

THE Americans in Berlin have proven themselves worthy of their country by their prompt, manly and brave denunciation of such of the German press as traduced us on account of the infamy of Thomas, of dynamite fame.

RANDALL and his brother Democrats of the house have determined that the ship of state is to be run with passengers and crew on half rations after the shameful waste that has taken place, as nothing else will enable the supplies to hold out.

HON. A. T. LACEY'S name has been freely mentioned during the week as that of a possible and probable candidate for mayor in opposition to the Democratic nominee. We can hardly believe he would consent to run, seeing that he is a Democrat.

SPEACER, of Alabama, has at last been jabbed "to the bone" by the report of his State. It now only remains for him to "step down and out." If possible he ought to be sent to keep company with the Great Jay. He would be a valuable addition to the whisky band of worthies in the Missouri penitentiary.

THE Kansas Journal, Blaine's organ, says that the fact that Bristow comes from a southern State is an objection to him as a candidate for President, saying that, "The north has not forgotten its betrayal by Andrew Johnson." Bristow now knows where he can find at least one enemy, and one equal to any dir.

THE New York Herald is busy trading Mr. Morrison, chairman of the ways and means committee. The worst it can say of him is that he is a silent worker, and not a ready debater. We'll see how it stands, in view of the fact that there are so many other Democrats to "hold the attention" of the house and lead the majority out of the maze the Radicals threaten to make for them.

THE State Teachers' association met at Knoxville on Wednesday, Dr. Sears, trustee of the Peabody fund, Prof. A. M. A. M., of Kentucky, and public instruction, with a large number in attendance, from the State. State Superintendent Trousdale had not arrived but was expected yesterday.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Worcester (Mass.) Spy, Republican, writing from the Democratic stronghold of Louisville, Kentucky, says that the desire of both

the Democrats and Republicans of that city for the nomination of Secretary Bristow for the Presidency is almost universal, and that his popularity in the State is such that his political antecedents and principles would not prevent him from giving him his electoral vote. This may be true, but we doubt it. The Democrats of Kentucky will hardly turn their backs upon the regular nominee for any Radical, even though he be a Kentuckian. Neither Bristow nor any other of his party, nor any man outside of our party can be pressed for nomination upon the Democracy. We can't stand any more Greeley business.

IT IS REMEMBERED that what is called the "sporting fraternity" thrives a war upon Judge Filippa because during the time he administered justice in the criminal court it was found by some of them that he could not be swayed from what he deemed the letter of the law. "Sports," as such are only tolerated and have no license or warrant under the law for their mode of life. For them, therefore, to array themselves against a good citizen, and to wage a war upon him, is both impolitic and unwise. The people and press of the city, should show proof to be the case, would be compelled to wage a war of extermination against them, neither giving nor taking quarter, accepting the gage of battle sure of the sympathy of the people of the county in what would be regarded a war of decency and morality against indecency and immorality. "A hint to the wise."

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WASHINGTON.

The Witwolski and Fort Sagg Claims Declared Fraudulent—A Demerit and Bold Theft of the Treasury.

Cassius M. Clay a Democratic Candidate—The National Banks—The Coming Debate on the Currency.

The Work Cut Out for the Committee on Appropriations—Retrenchment to be Enforced in Every Department.

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LAMAR.

A Serenade by the People of Grenada—Speech in Response.

Special to the Appeal. GRENADA, Miss., December 30.—Lamar spent to-day here, and to-night was serenaded by a large concourse of solid citizens. He replied to their calls in a vigorous speech of some length, with his usual force and logic. His audience was thoroughly enthused, and cheered him as his next speaker.

Second Dispatch. GRENADA, Miss., December 30.—Colonel Lamar arrived here to-day on a visit to his friend General Walthall. To-night, the fact of his arrival being known in the city, the Grenada brass band, attended by nearly all the citizens, serenaded him, and the demonstration was so large and enthusiastic that it elicited from him a speech of about thirty minutes, in which he surpassed even his best efforts in power and logic. The manifestation was an outburst of popular impulse, and was a perfect ovation to the favorite son of Mississippi, whose eloquent words were received by the large crowd with the wildest enthusiasm. He is the first choice over all others of an overwhelming majority of the people of this county.

NEW YORK. Holiday Week in the Great Metropolis—Theatrical Amusements—Book Publishers—Big Dividends.

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