

ESTABLISHED 1840.

CLOSING RATES. Yesterday's cotton and gold: New York, 10 1/2; Memphis, 12 1/2; New Orleans, 11 1/2.

WEATHER FORECAST. For the Gulf States, Tennessee and the Ohio valley, clear or fair weather, and slowly rising temperature, winds shifting to easterly and southerly, accompanied by falling barometer during the day.

The Democratic party of Pennsylvania meets in convention to-day in Lancaster.

The London Times received a telegram from Rome yesterday, stating that there was but little doubt that the ministry will be forced entirely from the executive office.

'LYONS' makes a point in to-day's APPEAL that is worth noting. He has caught one of our contemporaries napping, and wakes him up rather roughly. It is well done.

WE PUBLISH, per telegram from Washington, much that is of interest touching the recent unseated, but nothing more definite than has already been made public.

The report of the National cotton exchange covering the first six months of the season will be found in the APPEAL of to-day. It gives all the details and facts of the trade during the time indicated.

The attention of our religious friends of all denominations of Christians is invited to the call for a convention at New York at the close of this month. It is an initiative, that demands a prompt response.

The letter of our Washington correspondent in to-day's APPEAL is good reading, as are all of his letters. He touches on the New Hampshire election, and dwells with emphasis on the necessity for effect of retrenchment and reform.

No better evidence of the generous public spirit of our cotton exchange could be furnished than that which we publish elsewhere in regard to the competitor for Centennial honors by cotton growers. That is one way—and a good way—to keep what we have and add to our cotton trade.

'OLD SHELLEY' gives us another letter from the Hot Springs, from which our readers will learn much in regard to well known citizens, and see that even there, where life-busting is the great object, fishermen can find time to celebrate their birthdays and patriotically the birthday of their patron saint.

GENERAL KILPATRICK writes to the New York Times: "I said General Butlerterfled wrote me a letter offering \$250,000 for the port of New York."

"He does it." Let the committee "chuckman me." That's plain and to the point. Let us hear from the gallant K.

WE AGAIN press upon the attention of the board of health the necessity for compelling compliance with the ordinance requiring clean sidewalks, and suggest that on Front, Main and Second especially the firemen be put to work, with hose attached to the hydrants, to flood the streets, wash the snow away, and give us clean thoroughfares. What say the commissioners to this latter?

WE publish another letter about the Black Hills, written by Mr. Thomas O'Brien. This he writes what he believes to be true, based upon what he considers reliable data, we have not the slightest doubt. But, for all that, we will have the readers of the APPEAL think up all the chances, and weigh all the possible disappointments, before committing themselves—any of them—to adventures that experience proves are not on an average half so remunerative as legitimate labor.

IT WILL be seen from our dispatches that the storm which whitened our streets on Sunday night, and prevailed with such violence until Monday morning, has spread its "over land and sea" with results little disastrous to the mariner and landman. Off the Atlantic coast the "howl" was severely felt, and we look for "icebergs to come" which will add to the bill of particulars already "God knows" a sou'westering enough.

THE communication from "Agricola" which we publish in another column, will, we think, meet with very general and very hearty endorsement from planters especially. It chimes so exactly with what has all the time been a policy of the APPEAL that we feel we cannot urge upon the attention of our readers too earnestly. To take full advantage of our soil and climate we must enter into competition with the west in the production of fruits, vegetables, wheat, corn and grasses.

IN CONNECTION with the erection of the fountain in Court square, for which we are to be indebted to the munificence of many good citizens, and mainly to Mr. James Heller, we renew our suggestion that the best of Jackson be removed to Market square, and we increase the suggestion of the Ledger that the name of that now attractive spot be changed to Jackson square. There would seem to be a special fitness in thus dedicating the best of the man who most improved himself in the employ of the United States to solicit or contribute funds for the fountain, or to canvass in any election in any State, county or district in the United States. Mr. H. at once offered an amendment, providing that the fountain should be constructed to prevent voluntary contributions for the purpose of circulating documents or of procuring public addresses on questions of

public interest. The bill met with a warm reception, and during its discussion several amendments were proposed. No action was had, and the house went into committee of the whole on the legislative and judicial appropriation bill.

The attempted murder of a negro dock-hack yesterday by an angry school mate, resulted in a half a dozen attempts of attempted and threatened killing on Monday, growing out of the snow-balling of gentlemen and even ladies by organized parties on the streets. Passing by the fact that snow-balling on the public streets is against the ordinance, we feel we cannot too earnestly condemn what those who indulge in think harmless, but which is nothing more than an assault, to resent which even to death might be justified by a jury. If boys and men must indulge in snow-balling, and the city authorities will continue to wink at it, let it be among themselves—between such as are willing to engage in the sport—but let all such be careful to avoid assaulting the poor men and women, especially, whose poverty is an ever-living appeal to all real gentlemen commanding protection and sympathy.

RELIGIOUS CONVENTION. To Be Held at the Hippodrome, New York, on the week-end of this Month.

All who are Favorably Disposed to Rejoice and Sanction Invited to Attend.

By special request we publish the following, which will, we think, have interest for all who are religiously and devoutly disposed, who read the APPEAL.

Toward the close of our meetings conducted by Messrs. Moody and Sankey in Philadelphia last winter, a convention of ministers and laymen was called, which will, we think, have interest for all who are religiously and devoutly disposed, who read the APPEAL.

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THE STORM. From Far White Snow to Slush and Mud—Sleighb Over and Snow-Balling Played Out.

Wind, Rain, Sleet and Snow from South to North All Along from the Gulf up the Atlantic Coast.

Shipping Ashore, Houses Unroofed and Many Lives Lost—Coal Barges Sunk—Etc., Etc., Etc.

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WASHINGTON. General Butler Before the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department.

He has his Spoon in Everything—Result of his Investigation of the Pendleton Case.

Marsh and Evans and Fort Hill—Lobby Operations by a Lobbyist—The Senate Angry with Dana—Etc.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—General B. Butler was before the committee on expenditures in the war department to-day. The chairman called his attention to a telegram in the New York Evening Post of Friday last, in which it was stated that a prominent Republican lawyer had taken much interest in what was known as the Belknap scandal, so far as related to Mr. Pendleton. He asked the general whether he was the gentleman to whom all the discussion was made. The general replied that he could not tell. The chairman asked him whether he had any information relating to Mr. Pendleton, and whether he had communicated with any one on the subject. The general replied that he had not.

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