RAILROADS.

Louisville and Nashville and Great Southern Railroad.

SCHEDULE:

	City Time.
Express Train leaves daily, except Saturdays, at	11:15 p.m
Mail Train leaves daily at	11:25 a.m
Accommodation Train leaves daily, except Sundays, at	4:15 p.m

Pullman Palace Sleeping-Cars on all night trains.

☞ For tickets or information, apply at

Ticket Office, 287 Main St., Cor. Madison.

John T. Flynn, Sup't Memphis Div.
James Speed, Ticket Agent.

Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

ON and after SUNDAY, November 26, 1876, trains will run as follows:

	Leave.	Arrive.
New Orleans Mail daily at	3:35 p.m	12:45 p.m
Sardis Accommodation daily, except Sundays, at	11:00 a.m	9:00 a.m
Freight Train daily, except Sundays, at	7:30 a.m	5:30 p.m

Close connections made at Grenada with trains North and South for all points.

☞ For further information, apply to

Ticket Office, 287 Main St., and at Depot.

M. Burke, Superintendent.
James Speed, Ticket Agent.

Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

ON and after WEDNESDAY, December 6, 1876, trains will run as follows:

	Leave.	Arrive.
Mail Train daily at	12:30 a.m	3:00 p.m
Huntsville Express Train daily, Sundays excepted, at	5:00 p.m	11:50 p.m
Somerville Train daily, except Sundays, at	5:20 p.m	8:20 a.m
Jackson (Tenn.) Accommodation, except Sundays, at	4:10 p.m	11:25 a.m

Mail train will not stop at Flag Stations between Grand Junction and Memphis.

Trains connect at Grand Junction for all points, and at Decatur closely for Montgomery and points South. Close connection for Nashville by both trains. Close connections at Chattanooga for Eastern and Southeastern points.

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AMUSEMENTS.

MEMPHIS THEATER.

T. W. DAVEY.....PROPRIETOR

ENGAGEMENT FOR FIVE NIGHTS and SATURDAY MATINEE, commencing **Tuesday Evening, December 12, 1876,** of the distinguished Comedian,

MR. SOTHERN,

accompanied by Miss LINDA DEITZ, Miss ELIZABETH STORBS and Mr. PEYTON CHEEVER.

Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings—Mr. SOTHERN will appear in his great creation of **LORD DUNDREARY**, in the famous comedy of OUR AMERICAN COUSIN.

Thursday and Friday Evenings—Mr. SOTHERN will appear in a new farcical comedy, entitled A HORNET'S NEST—IN THESE BUZZES AND A STINGER.

Saturday Evening—Robertson's new comedy, HOME, and DUNDREARY MARRIED AND SETTLED, Mr. Sothern appearing in both plays.

GRAND SOUTHERN MATINEE SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Sale of seats commences Saturday, at Hollenberg's.

Scale of prices during this engagement—Reserved seats in parquet and dress-circle, $1 25. Admission as usual.

F. F. F.

ON WEDNESDAY evening, December 13, the "Friends For Fun" Social Club will give a Grand Fancy Dress and Calico Soiree at Cochran Hall. Those who have received invitations to attend will please take notice, and be governed accordingly.

R. B. MILLER, Manager F. F. F. Club.

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BOLIVAR COUNTY PLANTATION—The place known as the Home place of the late Mrs. Eliza Picket, four miles due east from Carson's Landing, containing 1000 acres, about 600 in cultivation. The place is well protected from overflow, and has comfortable houses and good gin, and is well stocked with old settled hands. Any one wanting to buy or rent, will please examine the place first and make propositions, as it will be disposed of to the best bidder. Apply to G. A. STOVALL, 433½ Madison street.

WANTS.

YOU—To positively understand 1 close business at 25 cents on the dollar. FINLEY.

CLOSING OUT—Ladies' Straw and Felt Hats at 25 cents. FINLEY, 44 Monroe.

FLOWERS—Feathers and Trimmings at 25 cents the dollar. FINLEY, 44 Monroe.

COOK—A good cook who can wash and iron for a small family. Apply at 313 Linden street.

SITUATION—For man and wife to do general housework. Call at
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AN AGENT WANTED immediately to make a personal and thorough canvass of this City and State, to sell RAND'S NEW YORK CITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY, just issued, containing a full and complete list of all the Importers, Jobbers and Manufacturers doing business in New York City. Sells rapidly at One Dollar. Send for Agents' Circular. Address WALTER HEUGH & CO., Publishers,
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GOOD COOK—Cook at No. 280 Second street.

SINGLE ROOM—Address M. H. JOHNSTON, Appeal Office.

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PIANO—Cash. I. D. CONAWAY, No 8 Madison street.

SITUATION—as salesman, book-keeper or assistant. For particulars apply to Robertson, 356 Main.

WOMAN—To cook and attend dining-room. Apply at 145 Poplar street.

MEN WITH $500—Four reliable men with $500 each as partners in four enterprises, promising 100 to 1000 per cent. profit. Also, a few agents wanted. Also, land and water-power, 12 miles north of Memphis, near R. R. and M. R. R. Possible at a bargain; guarantees given and required. At Poplar street, No. 45, on Thursdays, from 10 o'clock. S. S. REMBERT.

WOOD-CHOPPERS—Apply for three days at the Freeman House, corner Front and Market streets.

EVERYBODY—Wishing their Dyeing and Cleaning of Gentlemen's and Ladies' Wear to be Memphis Steam Dye-Works, at Shepherd's, No. 61 Madison street, will find the best work done at the cheapest prices.

BOILERS—Engines and Sawmill Machinery to repair. H. HERBAR, 37 Union street.

DIVORCES—Legal and quietly obtained for incompatibility, etc.; residence unnecessary. Fee after decree. Twelve years experience. A. GOODRICH, Attorney-at-Law,
oc19 daw 124 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

FOR STOCK—HAYWOOD COUNTY LANDS—Finely timbered, in tracts from 50 to 500 acres. W. D. McCALLUM, Agent.

HACKS—Two good second-hand hacks, all neatly painted and in good repair; will sell cheap. J. R. McCULLER'S Stables,
no23 231 Third street.

FOR RENT.

RESIDENCE—No. 100 Market street. Apply at No. 110.

HOUSE—No. 240 Linden street. House—No. 40 Turley street. Inquire of R. G. CRAIG, 377 and 379 Main st.

ROOMS—Suit of nice rooms for small family, 233 Second street. HITZFELD.

RACE PARK—From 1st of January, 1877, Hernando Race Park, on Hernando road and McLemore avenue. Apply to J. J. LOCKHART, 31 Court st.

RESIDENCE—No. 322 Second street. In thorough repair and newly painted. Apply to THOS. A. ALLEN.

BRICK HOUSE—8 rooms, No. 259 Poplar street; large yard and good kitchens, stables, etc. Apply to ISHAM G. HARRIS.

HOUSE—With eight rooms, 84 Mosby. Apply at 43 Second street. no21

DWELLING—To suit the times, two three-story dwellings, LATELY RENOVATED. One of 12 rooms and one 14 rooms, Nos. 137 and 139 Madison street, Greenlaw Block. Apply to A. G. DENNIS, 292 Main street.

THE NEW BRICK STOREHOUSE—No. 31 Madison street, next door east of Main. Inquire of J. S. WILKINS,
oct24 290 Main st.

EXPOSITION BUILDING—The old Memphis Industrial Exposition Building. Apply to C. S. GROSVENOR,
je1 264 Second street.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE—Of two rooms, kitchen, cistern, stable, 1 two shade and forty choice fruit trees. Size of lot, 190 by 190 feet, on Marley avenue, between Old and New Raleigh roads, for $800, $300 or $400 cash, balance on time, without interest. Enquire at 180 Main street.

GIN—A great bargain offered in a seventy-saw Paine & Wilson ECLIPSE GIN, at R. M. Avery's, 387 Front, opposite Gayoso House. Call early.

PEELED DRIED PEACHES, DRESSED TURkeys, Pigs-feet and Spare-ribs. B. P. SMITH & CO., 352 Front street.

PLANTATIONS—A plantation on Moon Lake, Coahoma county, Miss.—300 acres of which are cleared. Also, a plantation one mile from Arkansas City, of which 500 acres are cleared. Apply to TAYLOR, DUFFIN & CO., 284 Front st.

BUILDING LOTS—If you wish to be independent, secure a home. I am now offering to parties who wish to build, lots on the Thomas tract at one-half their value. The rent you are now paying will soon secure you a home of your own. I. D. CONAWAY, Rental and Real Estate Agent, 8 Madison st.

CYPRESS LATH—600,000 Sawed Cypress Lath, at $1 50 per thousand. By WILLIAMS & CO., Lumber Dealers.

AUCTION.

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I will sell at public auction, on **Wednesday, December 13, 1876,** The entire stock of

Lumber, the Mules, Wagons, Harness, Etc.

belonging to the Fort Pickering Sawmill, at the Lumber Yard, corner Main and Talbot streets.

This sale will take place immediately after that of the Sawmill, as per previous notice.

Sale positive. Terms cash.
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TOYS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Complete stock of a large Toy House; also, Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats, AT AUCTION, **WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 13th,** AT 10 O'CLOCK.

By A. E. FRANKLAND, 306 MAIN ST., Opposite Peabody Hotel.

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WILL SELL

This (Tuesday) Morning, at 10 o'clock, in lots to suit the Trade, a large assortment of **GLASSWARE.**

Constable's sale of Furniture, Etc.

A. M. STODDARD,

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MAKES daily sales of Merchandise of every description. Special attention and rates given to sales for executors, administrators, trustees, assignees, underwriters and cargoes.

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LOST.

RUSSIAN SABLE MUFF—Between St. Mary's church, on Poplar street, and Calvary church, last Sunday night, a Russian Sable Muff. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at 119 and 15 Union street. ESTES, FIZER & CO.

STEEL GAFF—For cock fighting, near corner Washington and Main. Return to this office, and receive liberal reward.

WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEF—On the night of the eighth instant, either on Third street, between Jefferson and Adams, on Adams, between Third and High, on High, or on Poplar, between High and Orleans streets, a figured white silk handkerchief, with wide violet border. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving same at this office.

STRAYED.

GRAY MARE—On Saturday evening, December 9th, one gray mare with four black feet, and branded on left hip with saddle and bridle. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at H. Hemple, Navy-yard house, 115 Front street.

LIGHT BAY HORSE—On Saturday, December 9th, a heavy-built light bay horse, about ten years old, two white harness marks on his back and a star on his forehead; limps slightly in right fore leg; was not shod; is a light bay, with dark mane and tail. A liberal reward for his return to WASHINGTON BOND, Opposite Colored Orphan Asylum.

PERSONAL.

MEDICATED VAPOR BATH INFIRMARY—For treatment of chronic diseases, will be continued during the winter, at 132 DeSoto street. DR. E. A. WHITE.

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PLANTATION—In quantities to suit applicants, Shawnee Village Plantation, Mississippi county, Arkansas. Bend of Island 37; 500 acres of cleared land above overflow; good fences, plenty of cabins, steam-gin, etc. F. G. McGAVOCK, P. O. Pecan Point, Akansas.

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DESIRABLE ROOMS—With board, at reasonable rates Apply at 541½ Shelby street.

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ROOMS—Furnished rooms, with board, at No. 110 Monroe street; terms reasonable.

BOARD AND LODGING—For families or single persons can be had on application, at 392 Poplar street. References wanted.

FURNISHED ROOMS—With board. Day-boarders wanted at 100 Madison street.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Yesterday was warm.

—The F. F. F. club gives a fancy dress ball at Cochran hall to-morrow night.

—The Reesnover-Ellis homicide case is set for trial to-morrow by the criminal court.

—There was a good sized audience at the Bethel last night to hear the lecture of Rev. Dr. Boggs.

—The people are preparing for Christmas, and the girls are getting their stockings ready. Cardinal red is the style.

—Sunday night Rev. Dr. White, of Calvary church, delivered a very interesting sermon upon the burning of the Brooklyn theater.

—Hooker-at Hunt, of the Tenth cavalry (colored) has opened a recruiting office in this city. There is but little disposition among the negroes to enlist in the army.

—A benefit entertainment of the Sociality dramatic association will be given in the association's hall, on Washington street, Friday night. Admission, one dollar.

—Sothern begins an engagement at the Memphis Theater to-night in *Our American Cousin*. During the week *Home* and *A Hornet's Nest* will also be presented.

—Thirty-one marriage licenses were issued last week and seven yesterday. Despite the situation a great many persons are being "married in," and the returns will be made a year hence.

—Jim Murray, a colored hackman, was arrested yesterday for sleeping on the pavement. He is a night driver, and unfortunately slept upon a public thoroughfare contrary to law and custom.

—Policeman Henry Eshman's wife yesterday presented him with a fourteen-pound son. This beats all the Centennialite babies yet heard of, and is a great addition to the American Republic.

—The police and fire commissioners have appointed Chief Athy, Commissioners Leath and Magovney to examine the different theaters and public halls in this city, and determine what measures are necessary to afford an easy egress in case of fire.

—Ben Duff, a colored tonsorial artist of Beale street, was arrested yesterday on the charge of extortion. His prosecutor, a colored man, claims that Duff compelled him to pay three dollars for a shave, shampooing and dying his miniature mustache.

—Shippers of Christmas presents, etc., are urged to send packages and boxes to the express office as early as possible, so as to allow ample time for them to reach their destination in due season. The express company is generally crowded with freight during the holidays.

—The ladies of the Christian Association return thanks to the many in Memphis who have aided them. The Navy-Yard Mission now wears a cheerful home-like air, save a few vacant rooms, which they hope soon to be furnished. But the donations already made are accepted prayerfully.

—The grand jury has made a report to Mr. Holman, chairman of the county court, relative to the condition of the courthouse building in respect to damage from fire and the proper means to be had to render the structure less liable to destruction by the flames.

—Yesterday Officer Elliott arrested Green Smith, colored, who, last August, assaulted Policeman Campbell and broke his leg. Since then Policeman Campbell has been put to great expense, but the board of aldermen recently rejected his petition asking for compensation during the time he was confined to his room.

—About five o'clock yesterday morning, a negro burglar hoisted the window of Detective Pryde's room in his residence, No. 86 Alabama street, and tried to steal the blankets from the bed in which he was sleeping. Detective Pryde awoke, and fired at the burglar, who beat a hasty retreat down Mosby street, leaving blood upon the pavement. Diligent search has failed to discover the whereabouts of the burglar, who is believed to be badly wounded.

—A. F. Dod & Co., of 341 Main street, have sent us *A Point of Honor*, the latest and one of the best of the novels of Mrs. Annie Edwards; *Lectures on the History of Preaching*, by Rev. John A. Broaddus, of Charleston, South Carolina, one of the ablest and most profound of the scholars of the Baptist church; *A Young Man's Difficulties with his Bible*, by Rev. D. W. Faunce, of Massachusetts, and *Why Four Gospels*, by Rev. D. S. Gregory, of Ohio. Dod & Co., among our most enterprising publishers and booksellers, are in daily receipt of the latest and best publications of the leading houses of New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The above works are all from the press of Sheldon & Co., of New York.

—The indictments against House, Graffe and Grouner, for illegal voting, were quashed by Judge Trigg, of the United States court, yesterday. The accused are Democrats, and after being indicted, their attorney, G. P. M. Turner, notified the district attorney that he would object to the indictments upon technical grounds. The district attorney, General Murray, had the parties indicted, but in the meantime the grand jury adjourned. Yesterday Mr. Turner demurred to the indictment, and was sustained by Judge Trigg. Now, General Murray asks the court to hold the accused, and gave notice that he would file an information. This looks a little like the district-attorney were acting a partisan. So thinks the attorney for the accused.

—Yesterday the three handsome cakes donated by the steamers to the managers of the recent Orphans' Home ball were raffled under the auspices of the ladies at Mrs. Thompson's residence, on Madison street. The cake donated by Captain Thorwegan, of the steamer Grand Republic, was won by Mrs. R. C. Brinkley, who held ticket number ninety-four. The second prize, a cake donated by Captain Miller, of the steamer Thompson Dean, was won by Miss Mary T. Radcliffe, who held ticket number thirty-three. The third prize, a cake donated by Captain Vinton, of the steamer Andy Baum, was won by Mrs. Napoleon Hill, who held ticket number one hundred and seventy-nine. These cakes were left over from the ball, the others having been upon that occasion, or subsequently sold for the benefit of the orphans. The ladies return thanks to the donors for the cakes, which have realized quite a fund for the worthy charity.

PERSONAL.

MR. E. C. M'DOWELL, of Columbia, is visiting his brother, Captain W. W. M'Dowell, of this city.

MR. J. W. BUCHANAN, of the Grenada, (Miss.) *Sentinel*, is visiting the city in the interest of his excellent journal.

MR. E. H. MOODY, traveling agent for Holliday's safe company, of St. Louis, leaves this city to-day for Little Rock, Arkansas.

MR. JOSHUA BROWN is sick with malarial fever, but we are pleased to state that he is daily improving and will soon be able to leave his room.

MISS ANDERSON, and her mother and stepfather, Dr. and Mrs. Griffin, attended services at St. Peter's church on Sunday last, accompanied by Mr. Peter Tracy.

MR. JOSEPH H. M'CANN, a genial gentleman and well known citizen of Louisville, is visiting his nephew, Mr. John S. Toof, of this city. The many friends of Mr. M'Cann will be pleased to learn that his health has improved very much since he was here last winter.

COTTON EXCHANGE visitors yesterday were J. C. Wadsworth, Winona, Mississippi; J. M. Woodson, Coldwater, Mississippi; J. G. Weil, Columbus, Ohio; J. T. Joiner, Collierville, Tennessee; S. W. Donegan, Huntsville, Alabama; R. M. Sledge, Stanton; A. M. Austin, Brownsville; H. D. Glass and Ed Palmer; Ripley, Tennessee; J. C. Harris, Mississippi, W. Polk and V. L. Polk, Mississippi.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The Monthly Meeting—Reports of the Superintendent, Other Officers, and Visiting Committees—Amendments to the Rules.

The school board met in regular monthly session at half-past seven o'clock last night, President Mitchell occupying the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Superintendent Leath submitted his monthly report, from which we make the following extracts: Number of white pupils at the city schools at December 1st, two thousand two hundred and forty-seven, being an increase of fifty-five over the enrollment of last month. The colored schools had seven hundred and twenty-eight enrolled for November, being a gain of eight over last month, which will be considerably larger as soon as the cotton season is over. Since opening the schools the sum of one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and thirty cents have been collected for tuition. About the first of this month there appeared in the APPEAL a card from five or six pupils of Linden street school, to the effect that they had to remain outdoors if they reached the building before the hour of opening. The superintendent said he inquired into this, and found it contradicted by all except one of the morning pupils. He hardly thought the matter justified an investigation, though such was requested by the principal of the Linden street school. The superintendent called attention to a letter written by a parent who lives without the corporation, but persists in refusing to pay tuition for two children upon the ground that he is a city tax-payer, and asked instruction from the board relative to these non-paying pupils. The percentage of attendance in the schools for November has been considerably better than it was for October.

The report was received, and a resolution adopted that Mr. T. A. Hamilton be informed that his children would not be permitted to attend the public schools without prepayment of tuition, as he resides outside of the corporation.

The report of the auditing committee upon accounts, amounting to four thousand seven hundred and twenty-six dollars and ninty-eight cents, was adopted.

The secretary's report was received and filed.

The committee on finance reported the amount of cash on hand inadequate to pay the debts due.

The treasurer's report for November, showing a balance of one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents, was adopted.

The finance committee was authorized to borrow sufficient money to pay the teachers their salaries due up to December 1st.

The reports of the different visiting committees were received.

The board next proceeded to discuss and adopt a long series of amendments to the "rules and regulations."

Mr. J. W. Heath, member from the ninth ward, resigned his position. Messrs. Townsend, Goodwin and Randall were appointed a committee to select a successor.

The president and chairman of the building committee were authorized to employ a lawyer to defend the claims for delinquent taxes on certain school buildings.

Adjourned to Monday night.

LAW REPORTS.

Chancery Court—Morgan, Judge.

The following were the proceedings in this court yesterday: Rutland vs Doyle, dower allowed and sale; Anderson vs Chiles, decree of sale; Morrow vs Fruim, same; Anderson vs Kerr, same; Maclin vs Maclin, judgment for fees. Cases set for to-day: 1522, Anderson vs Ryan; 1539, Gray vs Gray; 1540, Anderson vs Shaw; 1542, same vs Harris; 1543, Cheek vs Oil company; 1544, Anderson vs Ruffin; 1549, Bate vs Bateman; 1546, Anderson vs Yates; 1549, same vs Bowen; 1549, Abele vs Laski; 1550, Anderson vs Morris; 1551, Lane vs Lane; 1552, Anderson vs Cameron; 1554, same vs Brannon; 1555, M'Lean vs M'Lean; 1556, Anderson vs Burnett; 1557, same vs Black; 1559, same vs Bruce; 1559, same vs Laurenzi; 1560, Hines vs Murphy; 1561, Anderson vs Wildberger; 1562, same vs Keller; 1563, same vs Herzog; 1564, same vs Vaccaro; 1565, Shoemaker vs Waldran; 1566, Anderson vs Jackson; 1567, same vs Cannovan; 1568, Bill vs Raggio; 1569, Anderson vs Hamilton; 1570, Wright vs Rainey.

Criminal Court—Logwood, Judge.

The following cases are set for trial to-day: 268, Robert Carr; 345, Potts Jones; 223, John Sullivan; 228, James Conray; 293, Gabe Gordan; 590, George Bell; 597, Jim Jones; 613, Louis Kirkland; 619, Albert Leaf; 658, Geo. Cheatham; 657, Frank Busher; 687, George Edwards; 711, Charles Bennett; 713, Harry Stewall; 719, Isaac Pryer.

Circuit Court—Heiskell, Judge.

The following cases constitute the calendar for to-day: 2987, Davis vs Doyle; 4003, Hautley vs Happek; 4460, Gillooley vs Dent; 4473, Tayler vs Warner. The attorney having papers in the case of Rainey vs Allen is requested to return them to the clerk's office immediately.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Elsworth and Memphis Narrow-Gauge Railroad—The Signal Service—The Customhouse—New Members, Etc.

The regular monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce was held at four o'clock yesterday afternoon with President Eiseman in the chair.

The first business was the presentation of

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from Messrs. Bowen, Price and Chadsey, of Cherokee, Kansas, who constitute a committee to secure aid for the Elsworth and Memphis narrow-gauge railroad, was received. The importance and feasibility of this road, which would permeate a section of rich mineral and agricultural country, advantageous to Memphis, showed that its construction would make our city the southern outlet for that whole country. The writers urged the subscription of stock to the amount mentioned in the charter of the road. The communication was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Louis Hanauer, J. M. Pettigrew and J. G. Lonsdale.

The secretary also presented a communication from R. Nixon, secretary of the State Tennessee Centennial commission, which contains an interesting exhibit of the awards made at the Philadelphia Centennial to Tennessee and Mississippi exhibitors.

THE SIGNAL SERVICE.

Mr. W. P. Proudfit offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, In view of the great value to our commercial and planting interests of the reports furnished through the United States signal service; considering the importance of this station, as compared with any other in the south, and that the duties pertaining to it be discharged by energetic and intelligent men, whose compensation, in view of the expense of living, should be at least equal to the pay of other southern stations;

Resolved, That believing the compensation to officers at this station to be inadequate to their respectable maintenance, this chamber earnestly requests our representative in congress, Hon. Casey Young, to represent the facts to the chief signal officer of the army, and urge upon him the propriety of increasing the allowance to officers on duty in this city, so that their pay shall be equal to that received at other southern stations.

THE CUSTOMHOUSE.

Mr. J. M. Pettigrew proposed the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our State legislature will convene at an early day, and it is desirable that the only remaining obstacle to the continuance of work on the Memphis customhouse be removed without delay; therefore

Resolved by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, That our senators and representatives be, and they are hereby earnestly requested, to urge the prompt passage into a law, by the legislature, of the bill already prepared, ceding jurisdiction to the customhouse site on the promenade opposite the foot of Madison street.

On motion, the secretary was directed to place the accounts of all members in arrears for dues in the hands of an attorney.

Under a suspension of the rules, Messrs. J. T. Washington, H. T. Tomlinson and R. P. Glenn were elected members of the chamber.

The president announced the following committee on quotations for the ensuing month: S. H. Brooks, J. H. Hunt, M. C. Pearce, J. W. Avery, L. Hanauer and E. C. Buchanan.

The president announced that committees consisting of Ben Eiseman and W. B. Mitchell on Main street, R. A. Parker and J. C. Neely among banks and insurance companies, J. T. Willins, Isaac Schwab and J. M. Pettigrew of Front street, would canvass this week to secure subscriptions to the annual report of the trade and commerce of Memphis, which it is desired to publish in book form at a cost of six hundred dollars. He indulged the hope, that in view of the importance of having this report widely circulated, and considering that it would be one of the best advertising mediums of our merchants, that they would encourage the enterprise in a liberal manner.

The usual routine of business was transacted and the chamber adjourned.

STEINWAY'S DOUBLE VICTORY!

Two Medals Awarded Them—No Other Piano Exhibitor Receives More than One.

New York Herald, December 5th.]

Steinway & Sons have been decreed the supreme recompense, viz: Two medals of honor and two diplomas of merit, being incontestably the highest honors bestowed upon any piano display at the Centennial exhibition, no other piano exhibitor having received more than one medal and one diploma. To the Messrs. Steinway only has been accorded, by the unanimous verdict of the judges, "the highest degree of excellence in all their styles," as shown by the following official report on the Steinway exhibit of grand, square and upright pianos, viz: "For greatest concert capacity in grand pianos, as also highest degree of excellence in all their styles of pianos, viz: Largest volume, purity and duration of tone, and extraordinary carrying capacity, with precision and durability of mechanism; also, novel disposition of the strings, and construction and bracing of the metal frame." After this the report minutely describes and indorses the six principal and most valuable of Steinway's patented inventions, which have made "The Steinway" the standard pianos of the world. Steinway & Sons, being the only piano-makers who manufacture "every portion" of the instrument, including all the metal parts, were honored with an additional medal and diploma of merit for the "surpassing excellence" of their machinery hall exhibit, upon the following unanimous official report of the same judges: "Steinway & Sons exhibit in 'machinery hall' samples of metal parts and hardware, and full metal frames of grand, square, and upright pianos; also, samples of their patent metallic tabular frame actions, all produced at their foundry and metal-works at Astoria, Long Island. These articles of composition metal show the highest perfection of finish and workmanship, and the greatest firmness and uniformity of metal structure, a steel-like and sounding quality with a tensile strength exceeding five thousand pounds per square centimeter, as demonstrated by actual tests. The full metal frames of cupola shape possess an unequaled degree of resistance, permitting a vastly increased tension of strings without the slightest danger of break or crack in said metal frames, thereby considerably increasing the vibratory power, and augmenting the lasting qualities of their instruments."

The Shivering Victims

Of fever and ague, who freeze to-day to burn to-morrow, might have been exempt from their present trials had they availed themselves in time of that safeguard against all malarious diseases, Hostetter's stomach bitters. But if it is too late for prevention, it is not too late for cure. A single bottle of this irresistible herbal tonic will stop the paroxysms, and a brief course of it will restore the patient to vigorous health. The prudent and thoughtful, however, who would rather forestall disease than wait for its assaults, will resort to this sure defence against intermittent and remittent fevers at the commencement of the season when they prevail. *Now* is the time to forearm the system against fever and ague, bilious complaints and dyspepsia—diseases which are often engendered, and always aggravated, by the chills and damps of winter and early spring.

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The largest and best stock ever brought to Memphis, can now be found at Carbery & Casey's, 347 Front street.

ALL lovers of delightful odors for the handkerchief should try Dr. Prices American perfumes, Alista Bouquet, Pet Rose, etc.

CHOICE dressed turkeys, rabbits, prairie chickens, ducks, quail, spare-ribs, oysters, fish, celery, etc., cheap, at S. Clement's, 96 Beale.

FURS cleaned, altered and repaired by E. Dary, 44 Beale street, up-stairs.

ILLUMINATED wall mottoes at Dod's, 341 Main street.

POETS in morocco, leatherette and cloth, for the holidays, at Mansford's.

LOYD & FRITZ, No. 224 Main street, have received a large line of silver novelties, which are just the thing for holiday presents.

THE COTTON PROSPECT.

Report for the Month of November from the Memphis Cotton Exchange District—Cheering Outlook.

We are indebted to Mr. John S. Toof, superintendent of the cotton exchange, for a copy of the crop report for November, the aggregate of which, with the introductory letter of the committee, we can only find room for to-day.

Crop Report.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 10, 1876.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Memphis Cotton Exchange:

GENTLEMEN—We respectfully submit our crop report for the month of November, derived from 122 responses to interrogatories dated and mailed November 27th, viz.: 37 from West Tennessee; 41 from North Mississippi; 36 from Arkansas, (north of Arkansas river), and 8 from 5 counties in North Alabama. The latter not being embraced in our report to the National cotton exchange, we do not include in our aggregate. The aggregate of our report for October, indicated a deficit, as compared with last year, of 25 per cent. in yield. It will be noted, that that estimate is increased but one per cent., this report showing a decrease of 26 per cent. Our responses show, many overestimated the damage by frost, while the damage in rich bottom lands had been greatly underestimated. While we deplore the great deficit in the cotton crop, our Memphis department is to be congratulated upon its rapid strides toward self-sustenance, as indicated in our report of provision and grain crop, as also upon the favorable morale of labor, to which the two former are chiefly indebted. With but a few years of that long coveted political peace and quiet, our region of country will have shown an advancement in agricultural, commercial and moral wealth, seldom equaled. With this report closes the duties of your present committee. Very respectfully,

SAMUEL M. GATES, Chairman,
W. W. GUY,
HUGH TORRANCE,
B. BAYLISS
H. FURSTENHEIM,
J. W. JEFFERSON,
J. L. WELLFORD,
Committee on Statistics and Information.

AGGREGATE—114 RESPONSES FROM WEST TENNESSEE, NORTH MISSISSIPPI, AND ARKANSAS.

1. *Weather*—34 report the weather never more favorable during the month of November, 111 report much more favorable than November last year, 2 about same, 1 less favorable.

2. *Crop Picking*—94 report from 66 to 99 per cent. of crop gathered; 20 report picking completed; 88 per cent. of crop is reported as having been gathered. Estimated dates for completion, from December 5th to January 1st, average date, December 11th.

3. *Yield*—104 report that the yield will be less than last year by 5 to 50 per cent., 3 about same; 7 report from 10 to 100 per cent. increase; average less yield as compared with last year, 26 per cent.

4. *Crop Marketed*—Estimates of the proportion of crop marketed, vary from 25 to 90 per cent., average 62 per cent.

5. About one-half of our correspodents report that results of damage by frost has proven much more serious than was anticipated on November 1st, mainly report that the yield of lint is from 5 to 10 per cent. less to the 100 pounds of seed-cotton than last year. All report that the entire crop will be saved, and with greatly reduced proportion of dusty cotton, as compared with former years.

6. *Labor Morale*—103 report laborers working well, anxious to make contracts for coming season, giving less attention to politics than any year since the war; 7 report working moderately well, and 4 report not working well; 10 report that they are giving much attention to politics.

7. *Cereals and Grasses*—85 report good progress made is sowing wheat, rye and grasses. 29 moderate progress; the average estimated increase of wheat sown over last year is 37 per cent.; of rye and grasses, about same.

8 *Pork Crop*—The average estimated increase of hogs to be slaughtered this season over last year is 101 per cent., all now reported as being in fine condition and free from disease. About 3 per cent. is estimated to have been lost by disease early in the season. The country is reported as being well provided with stock hogs for coming season.

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Now is your time to purchase the cheapest ready-made clothing ever offered in the history of the clothing trade.

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Read price-list for the ensuing week:

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Gents' cassimere suits for $16 50, worth $22 50.
Gents' cassimere suits for $18, worth $25.
Gents' cloth suits for $20, worth $30.
Gents' chinchilla overcoats for $7 50, worth $12.
Gents' fur beaver overcoats for $12, worth $20.
Gents' brown beaver overcoats for $12 50, worth $20.
Gents' fine castor beaver overcoats for $15, worth $24.
Fine worsted coat and vest, $15, worth $22 50.
Fine worsted coat and vest (imported) $18, worth $25.
Gents' cassimere pants (imported) $3 50, worth $6.
Gents' French cassimere pants, $5, worth $8 50.
Gents' black doeskin pants, $6, worth $10.
Gents' black doeskin pants, $8, worth $12 50.
Youths' cassimere suits, $8, worth $12 50.
Youths' cassimere suits, $10, worth $15.
Boys' suits, $4 50, worth $7.
Boys' suits, $7 50, worth $10.
Boys' suits, $9, worth $12 50.
Children's suits, $3 50, worth $5.
Children's suits, $5, worth $7 50.
Children's suits, $6, worth $9.

A splendid unlaundried shirt of the very best material for 95c, worth $1 50.

An elegant line of gents' underwear and everything in the furnishing goods line at economically low prices.

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Boys' school caps at 75c, with warm eartabs, at Martin Cohen's, 219 Main street.

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The most desirable fabric for Ladies' Over-Dresses of the season's importation, which we offer

IN SOLID COLORINGS,

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I will sell any first-class hat, soft or stiff, from $3 50 to $4, worth $5 at any other store in the city. Come and look, and satisfy yourself. COHEN, 219 Main street.

Oranges and Malaga Grapes,

Raisins, currants, citron, figs, dates, minced meats, apple and peach butter, cocoanuts, apples, all kinds of nuts, and a full line