

CLOSING RATES Yesterday's cotton and gold: New York cotton, 12 1/2c. Memphis cotton, 11 3/4c. New York gold, 107. Memphis gold, 107.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. WASH DC, OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, WASHINGTON, December 29, 1876. For the Gulf States, Tennessee and the Ohio valley, colder than to westward, rising to moderate, occasional snow or sleet except in Tennessee, followed by cloudy weather.

Table with columns: Station, Bar, Ther, Wind, Weather. Rows include Louisville, Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis, and other regional stations.

HAS MEMPHIS A CORPORATE EXISTENCE? "Citizen" says it has not, and is not bound for a dollar of debt or responsibility.

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Editors Appeal—read with the usual interest the letter which appeared in your columns a few days since from the fertile pen of Mr. "M. M." and which was so surprised and amused at the views he entertains in regard to the solution of the financial problem...

WASHINGTON.

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FROM THE BULLDOZERS.

The Orton and Barnes Contempt Case—The Recanvass in Florida a Bulldozing Job, will have to be Done Over Again.

Preparation in New Orleans for Bloody Work on Tuesday Next—Kellogg Identified Bent on Exciting Riot and Bloodshed.

Conflicting and Contradictory Evidence Taken Yesterday before the Senate and House Committees Now Sitting in New Orleans.

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TURKEY.

The Advance of the Russian Army Across the Danube—Russian Troops in Poor Condition.

The Austrians Ejected Over the Situation and the English Playing Neutral—The Turks Determined to Maintain their Autonomy.

A Russian View of the Turkish Condition. LONDON, December 28.—A dispatch from Moscow, says the Gazette, declares the Russian constitution a mere mockery of the power.

The Sultan Does Not Threaten. A Daily Telegraph special from Pera says that the sultan, in answer to Lord Salisbury's friendly representations, declared his personal safety would be compromised if he conceded a vote of censure.

Meeting of the Austrian Cabinet. Emperor Francis Joseph, M. Franz, the Austrian minister of war and foreign affairs, and the imperial finance minister will be present at the meeting of the cabinet to-day.

General Nikitich to the Servians. A Times Vienna dispatch reports that General Nikitich at the review held on taking command of the Serbian army.

England and Russia Agree. Although Lord Salisbury has visited the sultan to discuss the question of the Constantinople Convention, the present opinion in Constantinople seems to be that the Porte will not accept the Convention.

The Russian Army in Poor Condition. From Bucharest a report comes of a hard frost. It is feared that the Hunze will be over on the ice.

Manman Complications. LONDON, December 28.—The Standard's Belgrade dispatch says that the Ristic cabinet having refused to form a government except in order to conclude peace, and Count Andrijaevich, the premier, having declined to do so.

Northern Democrats and the South. The Richmond Dispatch urges that the South should be no want of sympathy between the two sections.

An Antislavery Lawyer. A day or two ago one of our prominent lawyers, whose peaceable character, good nature and high standing in the community, passed down Astor street to reach the depot.

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A Caucus Desirable, Because it is the Best Mode, and will Save the Legislature Much Time and Trouble.

Proclamation by the King of the Carnival!

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