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DRY GOODS! DRY GOODS!

THIS WEEK AT

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DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Dress Goods at 10 cents.....sold before at 15 cents
Dress Goods at 12 1-2 cents.....sold before at 20 cents
Dress Goods at 15 cents.....sold before at 25 cents
Dress Goods at 25 cents.....sold before at 40 cents
Dress Goods at 35 cents.....sold before at 50 cents
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Plain Silks, Fancy Silks, Plain Satins, Fancy Satins, Merveilleux in all Colors and Shades, ALL MARKED DOWN!

ALL BLACK DRESS GOODS!

Linen Lawns, French Lawns, American Lawns, Scotch Zephyrs, American Ginghams, Percales, White Goods, Linens, all at Popular Prices, at

B. LOWENSTEIN & BROTHERS.

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BENEFIT OF THE

STRANGERS' CHURCH,

AT LEUBRIE'S THEATER.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 2d.

INTRODUCING THE BRIGHTEST YOUNG TALENT of Memphis. Music by Professionals, Amateurs and Representative Pupils. A Novel, Unique and Attractive Entertainment.

Tickets 50 cents. No reserved seats. Overture begins at 8 o'clock.

ESTIVAL PARK.....PICNIC.

Societa di Unione e Fratellazza Italiana

WILL GIVE THEIR

TWELFTH ANNUAL PICNIC

—ON—

Tuesday, June 6, 1882,

DAY AND NIGHT.

ADMISSION, 50 CENTS.....LADIES FREE

MUSIC BY ARNOLD'S FULL BAND.

Privileges will be sold at the Park on SATURDAY, June 3d, at 3 p. m.

ESTIVAL PARK.

NEW DEPARTURE!

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S DAY

SATURDAY, June 3d.

ADMISSION.....10 CENTS.

All Persons, Big or Little, Old or Young, 10 Cents.

FULL BAND FROM 3 TILL 7.

Polite attendants, both male and female.
Skating-Rink, Archery, Croquet, Shooting-Gallery, Merry-Go-Round, etc.
Monday and Friday Park Open Free of Charge.
Skating-Rink, Archery, Croquet to order.
Finest Refreshments at city prices.

JAMES KIRKLAND, Manager.

DENTIST.

J. W. NELSON, Dentist

336 Main, corner Union.

BEST SET OF TEETH.....TEN DOLLARS
Gold Fillings.....Two Dollars
Silver and Tin Fillings.....One Dollar
Gas and Extracting, only.....Fifty Cents
Satisfaction Guaranteed.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

JOHN OVERTON, JR. C. N. GROSVENOR

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Real Estate Dealers

AGENTS AND BROKERS,

OFFICE, 264 SECOND ST.,

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MEMPHIS, : : : : : TENNESSEE.

REAL ESTATE BOUGHT AND SOLD, TAXES Paid, Rents Collected, etc., on Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff.

P. R. ATHY is a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Shelby County, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention, should one be called.

For County Trustee.

WE are authorized to announce that E. L. MCGOWAN is a candidate for re-election to the office of County Trustee, subject to the action of the Democratic Nominating Convention.

For Clerk of the County Court.

EDITORS APPEAL—Sirs: You are authorized to announce me as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the County Court, subject to the action of the Democratic Nominating Convention. I will be compelled to be absent from the city for a few weeks, under the imperative orders of my physician, but will return in time for the canvass. Trusting this will be an ample explanation of my temporary absence, I am, sir, your obedient servant, OWEN DWYER.

For Register.

H. I. PRIDDY is a candidate, subject to the Democratic County Nominating Convention.

ILA E. DOUGLASS is a candidate for County Register at the ensuing August election, subject to the Democratic Convention.

WE are authorized to announce GEORGE J. MALLORY as a candidate for the office of County Register, subject to the action of the Democratic Nominating Convention.

N. F. (BUNK) HARRISON, of the Eleventh Civil District, hereby announces himself to the voters of Shelby county as a candidate for the office of Register at the August election, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

JOHN W. GOULD is a candidate for the office of Register, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention.

TAKEN UP.

COW—On Friday last, on Trigg avenue. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. WM. WARE, Trigg avenue.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

WHITE-AND-BLACK-SPOTTED COW—Small horns; red hair in front around the horns; both ears split; short white tail. A liberal reward will be paid if returned to

116 WASHINGTON STREET.

ROOMS AND BOARD.

PLEASANT ROOMS—First-class board at Miss Baylies', 75 Union st., Gen. Williams's place.

ROOMS AND BOARD—Two rooms, with southern exposure, at 72 Court street.

NICE ROOMS AND BOARD—At 106 Court street.

FOR RENT.

TWO COTTAGES—Nos. 188 and 190 Robeson, near Jones avenue; in best repair. Apply at 74 Mosby street.

RESIDENCE—245 Poplar, near High.
Residence—Washington street, cor. Orleans.
Residence—at Bartlett—Dr. Wright's.
Residence—187 Carroll avenue—Mrs. Swerson's.
Residence—Dunlap; also, 65 Mosby.
Residence—273 Poplar; also, 65 Second.
Residence—Furnished and garden—Bass avenue.
Residence—Cottages at Ridgeway Station.
Residence—On Hernando and Sondos.
Residence—156 Causey; also, 74 Clay.
Residence—On Orleans, near Vance.
Residence—(good yard) 247 Madison.
Residences—On Monroe; also, Marshall avenue.
Rooms—256 Main. 178 Main. 9 Adams.
Rooms—On Causey, Linden and Second.
Stores—On Main, Second, Adams and Poplar.
Greenlaw Opera-house. Alexander Park.
W. A. WHEATLEY, 281 Main street.

COTTAGE CHEAP—On Poplar Boulevard, one block of cars; five rooms, garden, cistern, etc. Apply at 468 Poplar street. E. G. ROBINSON.

HOUSE—Nine rooms; 262 Union street; $25 per month. J. C. JOHNSON, 6 Court.

SUITE OF ROOMS—Over my store, 253 Second street. A. HITZFELD.

HOUSE—3 rooms, in good repair, with cistern. Apply to Mrs. Taylor, 56 North Jackson st.

COTTAGE—Four rooms, at 29 Mosby street. Apply at 47 Mosby.

AUCTION SALES.

PAWNBROKER'S SALE.

On Tuesday Morning, May 30th,

I will sell all pledges past due, without reserve.

SAM LOWENSTINE,
Licensed Pawnbroker, 76 Beale street.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE AT AUCTION.

The entire stock of E. H. FRITZ at

Excelsior Stove Store, Poplar Street,

Will be sold at Auction

Thursday, June 1st.

Stock consists of Stoves, Tinware, Glass and Chinaware, showcases, furniture, etc., will be sold. Offers for entire lot by dealers received at private sale. DAGNEY M. SCALES, Assignee.

WANTS.

BOY—A nice German boy, from fifteen to sixteen years of age. Applications should be left at this office. J. FASSMAN.

NURSE—White or colored. Apply on Bayburn avenue to WM. M. SLEDGE.

AGENTS—Reliable and energetic, for the Jackson Mutual Aid Association; liberal commissions paid. For blanks and information address J. P. HEABERG, sec'y, Jackson, Tenn.

MAN—Experienced and reliable, to manage cotton plantation. G. A. STOVALL.

YOUNG MAN—To sell ice and melons during summer. S. L. MOORE, corner Hernando and Vance.

CISTERNS—Built, Repaired and Warranted, or no charge. THOS. CUBBINS, 42 Madison.

HORSES AND COWS—To Pasture; good fences; plenty of water; a careful person in charge, but no responsibility for accidents. Price $1 per month. R. J. PERSON, Hernando road.

STOCK TO PASTURE—At the Clayton place; good fences and plenty of water. Inquire on premises or at WM. GOODYEAR'S, 259 Second street.

HORSES TO PASTURE—
L. Ample fields of cultivated grasses and clover.
G. F. FARROW. Refer to C. H. Brackett & Co., corner Second and Union streets.

MUTILATED COIN—Old gold and silver, by J. N. MULFORD & CO., 332 Main st.

FOR SALE.

LOT—75 by 190 feet, Shelby street; cheapest first-class lot in the city. H. L. GUION, Agent, 19 Madison st.

TISHOMINGO COTTON FACTORY—And 4 acres of land at Verona, Miss.; building of brick; capacity of 100 looms and 5000 spindles; a great bargain can be had. Apply to J. M. Smith or J. C. Neely, Memphis, Tenn.

FARM—Of 174 acres; one mile west of Columbia, Maury county, Tenn. Address E. C. MCDOWELL, Columbia, Tenn.

HITZFELD'S HEADLIGHT OIL—And Summer Stoves; warranted non-explosive. 233 Second.

GROCERY STORE—Good business location; will sell cheap. Address C. W., Appeal.

OLD GOOD BRICK—Inquire at 342 Main street.

POTATO SLIPS—Genuine yellow yam. Apply to L. Lawhorn & Co., or D. H. DEADRICK, on the farm.

HAMS!

50 tierces Armour Hams,
50 tierces Whittaker Hams,
50 boxes Breakfast Bacon,
1000 packages Lard,
100 hhds. Sugars,
700 barrels Sugars---all grades.
1000 bags Coffee.
1000 barrels Double-Refined Cooking Oil--best.
50 barrels Memphis Refined Cooking Oil,
300 barrels Silver Moon Flour.
2000 boxes Lemons,
1000 bags Peanuts.

Oliver, Finnie & Co

THE DISTRICT DADS.

Only a Moderate Amount of Routine Business Transacted at the Meeting of the

Legislative Council Yesterday—Reports Received and Various Petitions Considered—Paving Contract Awarded.

The Legislative Council met at 3 o'clock p.m., President Hadden in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Burke, James, Kney, Gavin, Graves and Lee.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

UNABLE TO FURNISH THE CENSUS.

A communication was received and filed from A. E. Sholes in reply to the communication of the Taxing-District authorities on the subject, stating that he was unable to furnish the census of the city by color, having destroyed all of his papers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR HAWKINS.

The following communication from Governor Hawkins was received:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, NASHVILLE, May 24, 1882.

D. P. Hadden, Esq., Memphis, Tenn.:

DEAR SIR—Your telegram setting forth resolution of Legislative Council came duly to hand, but was not received until after the bill referred to had been approved and returned, and the Legislature adjourned. It occurs to me there is much complication in the affairs of Memphis, and great diversity of opinion among her citizens as to local matters. Respectfully yours,

ALVIN HAWKINS.

On motion of Mr. James, the communication was received and filed and the matter dropped.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The chief of the fire department reported on the petitions of Minter Parker, Joseph Bartle and Mrs. W. H. Butts, asking leave to repair certain property. The former was rejected and the two latter granted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The District engineer submitted a report on the petition of George T. Tweedy, asking permission to connect the building on the northwest corner of Madison and Second streets with the Porter sewer. On motion of Mr. Burke the petition was granted.

PAVING MATTERS.

The report of the committee on subscriptions for paving Union street, between Wellington and Lauderdale, was received and filed.

STANDARD TIME WANTED.

The following petition was received from the Trades Assembly:

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 29, 1882.

To D. P. Hadden, President, and the Honorable Legislative Council:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Trades Assembly of the city of Memphis, held May 28, 1882, composed of the following trades unions—bricklayers, stone-cutters, carpenters, printers, painters and iron moulders, it was unanimously resolved to request you and your honorable body to have the bells of the fire department rung at the hours of 7, 12, 1 and 6 o'clock, as there is no standard time in the city, thereby depriving the hosts of labor without receiving compensation for the same. Sincerely hoping that you and your honorable Council will take the earliest and most favorable action on the above, I remain, yours obediently, PETER MCDERMOTT, Secretary of Memphis Trades Assembly.

After some discussion it was agreed to grant the petition and try it for a month.

REFERRED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

A long petition was received from Mrs. Caroline Samelson and Johana Isaacs, by their attorney, J. Gallagher, praying for compensation as damages for taking their property in the construction of the Main street sewer. Referred to the District attorney.

PETITION REJECTED.

A petition was also received from Joseph Sloman, asking permission to open a butcher shop within limit of the markethouse. Rejected.

PUBLIC ALLEY.

The resolution of Mr. Burke condemning certain property for a public alley between Poplar and Washington streets, passed second reading.

PAVING CONTRACT AWARDED.

The contract for paving West and South Court streets was awarded to O. H. P. Piper at $2 10 per square yard, on condition of his furnishing Russellville stone.

PROPERTY CONDEMNED.

The condemned house No. 131-3 Second street, was ordered torn down by the engineer, and the costs certified to the attorney.

RECONSIDERED.

On motion the rejection of Mrs. Taylor's petition to repair shingle roof of house No. 20 Mulberry street, was reconsidered and the petition was referred to Messrs. Burke, Graves and Kney.

NEW CCW ORDINANCE.

On motion of Mr. Burke a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Burke, Gavin and Lee, was appointed to frame an ordinance on the cow question.

GARBAGE-BOXES.

On motion of Mr. Burke the ordinance on garbage-boxes was made to read "not more than two bushels."

On motion the rules were suspended, and the ordinance passed second and final reading.

The Council then adjourned.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Jefferson street was a favorite drive Sunday.

—Cockrell's prize for this evening is another "purp."

—R. M. Schuyler, assault to commit rape, will be tried on June 15th.

—The electric light is promised to-night, if the new machinery is willing.

—Only three arrests at the stationhouse up to 12 o'clock last night.

—The schools will close this week and the children will enjoy a long holiday.

—L. M. Byers, before Judge Horrigan yesterday, was found not guilty of the charge of cutting.

—The tenth count in the Mundinger case, embezzling $12 85, is set for hearing on the 10th of June.

—The annual anniversary of the Women's Christian Association comes off Wednesday, the 31st instant.

—The postoffice will be closed to-day after 10 o'clock. There will be only one delivery and one collection.

—The peach crop promises to be early, large and plentiful, if we may judge from the luscious lots for sale on our streets.

—Bill Biggers, *alias* "Chicken Bill," received a sentence of eleven months and twenty-nine days for stealing seven hen chickens.

—To-day the case of Tom Holman, colored, for killing a negro on Beale street about one year ago, will be tried in the Criminal Court.

—A sample of oat grass, raised by F. H. Heiskell, four miles from the city, reached us yesterday. Hight of grass about six feet and heads very full.

—An effort is being made to save Sandy Matthews from the gallows on the plea that he murdered the destroyer of his home—the man who seduced his wife.

—Annie Armstrong, larceny, plead guilty in the Criminal Court yesterday to taking three pair of hose, and was sentenced to three months on the Island.

—The following persons were licensed Monday to marry: J. C. Paine and Victoria Davies, Ed Noah and Mattie Dunn; also Louis Wilcox and Phebe Williams, colored.

—*Sermons on Special Occasions*, by Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, late dean of Westminster, is the latest in Franklin Square Library, now to be had at Mansford's, 298 Mainstreet.

A fight between an ex-county officer and a justice of the peace from the lower part of the county, at the Courthouse yesterday forenoon, made a lively scene there while it lasted.

—The Cotton Exchange was closed yesterday on account of holiday at Liverpool, England. To-day is a national holiday, which will cause the exchanges to remain closed.

—Frank Green was arrested by Officer Plummer last night for stealing a gold watch from Mr. Bloss, on Beale street. He will be arraigned before President Hadden this morning.

—The south wall of the old Apperson cotton-shed, on the corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets, tumbled down Sunday night without catching any one, or otherwise doing harm.

—To-day being a National holiday the postoffice will close at 10 o'clock a.m. Carriers will make but one delivery and collection. No money-order or register business will be transacted.

—The lightning stroke at 4:30 Sunday morning burnt many instruments for the Telephone Company. The wind in the earlier part of the morning did them some damage, but very slight.

—Between 3 and 4 o'clock Sunday morning there was a considerable wind and rainstorm, accompanied with heavy lightning. From 3 to 4 a.m. the wind blew a heavy gale. From 4 to 5 torrents of water fell. At about 4:30 a loud thunder-clap was accompanied by a sharp lightning-flash.

—Adams street is receiving a four-inch layer of broken stone. From the bayou bridge west to Second street is nearly complete. In a few days broken stone will cover the gravel part to Front street.

—There are twelve men employed laying stone on Beale street. The contractors claim that the city is slow in furnishing stone, but so far there is every prospect of their completing the contract in the time specified.

—A prohibition meeting will be held tonight in the Temperance Hall, Main street, and will be addressed by Mrs. Saxon, of New Orleans. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the State Prohibition Alliance.

—It is rumored that N. B. Camp has agreed to accept the first lieutenant's position in the Porter Guards. "Nath" and two weeks more camp at the fair grounds is calculated to advance the Porter Guards stock very rapidly.

—The service of song at Calvary church, Sunday night, was rendered by Miss Fuchs, Mrs. Thatcher and the regular choir, with Mr. Levy at the organ, and under the direction of Mr. Kirkland. Those who heard it praise it very highly.

—Roller-skating on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, between 3 and 6 o'clock, at Estival Park. Admission free, except Saturday afternoon, when a concert will be given by Arnold's band, and ten cents admission will be charged.

—The decorations and commemorative ceremonies at Winchester cemetery were attended Sunday afternoon by a large number of citizens. The cemetery and surroundings have assumed a most tidy and neat appearance, and no longer appears a neglected waste.

—Estival Park opening, last Sunday, was, considering the threatening weather of the morning, a grand success. The attendance was large, and the music by Arnold's band was excellent. Under its efficient management the park must be a popular resort all summer.

—The Strangers' Church is to be given a benefit at Leubrie's Theater, on Friday evening, June 2d, in the shape of an elocutionary tournament and musical entertainment. It will certainly be a novel and attractive affair, and the popularity of Rev. Mr. Long and his church will, no doubt, draw a large crowd.

—The validity of two millions and a quarter of old city bonds will be considered in court to-day and to-morrow by Justice Stanley Matthews. Of the amount $900,000 is old Nicholson paving bonds, and the remainder, summing up $1,322,000, is funding bonds. A large amount of the paving bonds is held by T. E. Brown and his coadjutors.

—The commencement exercises of the High School will be held at Leubrie's Theater, Thursday evening, June 1st. Doors open at 7:30 o'clock. The names of the graduates are Lizzie A. McGrath, Junie M. Thompson, Florence Dreyfus, Eva B. Schlemmer, Lena Frey, Mollie Duncan, Liddie E. Creighton, Annie L. Banks, Portia C. Finlay, Bertie A. Thompson, Vivia W. Wair, Julian Smith.

—From Census Bulletin No. 282 we learn that Tennessee has a population of 1,542,359; areas of square miles, 41,750; families, 286,658; dwellings, 276,734; persons to a square mile, 36.94; families to a square mile, 6.86; dwellings to a square mile, 6.63; acres to a person, 17.32; acres to a family, 93.25; persons to a dwelling, 5.57; persons to a family, 5.38.

—The signal officer at this place reports the storm Sunday morning as beginning at 3:30 o'clock and ending at 4:30 o'clock. Rainfall, 60-100 inches. Preceding the storm, on the evening of the 27th, heat lightning in the west; on the 26th, heat lightning and luna halo. The highest temperature was reached on the 26th at 2 p.m., 90°. The lowest temperature after the storm was at 5 a.m. on the 28th, 61°.

—The most acceptable favor extended to the Chickasaw Guards for some time is the building of a barbed-wire fence around their drill grounds by some of their honorary members, and the company extend their very sincere thanks to Messrs. D. T. Porter, W. F. Taylor, G. W. Macrae, N. Fontaine, Napoleon Hill, W. A. Gage and M. F. Rodney for this substantial proof of their interest in the company's success.

—In Sunday's APPEAL an item appeared about a young girl being taken from Sarah O'Brien's bagnio, on Main street, and reflecting rather severely on Sarah. An investigation of all the facts in the case shows that Sarah was in no way to blame for the girl's being brought to her house, but that, on the contrary, as soon as she applied for board she notified the police and had the girl taken to the Mission Home, where she is now.

—A rumor was afloat yesterday that Mr. C. Mason Lane, an attache of the auditing department of the Southern Express Company, made an attempt on his life, at the residence of his parents on Mississippi avenue. Our reporter learned that the young man, in a fit of mental depression, cut the femoral artery and was slowly bleeding to death. His not appearing at his place of business yesterday lends confirmation to the truth of the report.

—At Temperance Hall last night quite an interesting meeting was held. The Rev. H. R. Withers delivered a lecture on "Prohibition," which was replete with sensible and logical reasoning. The subject was handled with masterly skill and was highly appreciated by a very large audience. Meetings are held at this hall two or three times a week and are well attended. A very interesting meeting will be held next Friday evening, which will be a more than usually enjoyable affair.

—The reputation of our Chickasaw Guards is too great to permit of their not taking advantage of two weeks camp practice if a voluntary offer of their services be made by the employers of the members. There are some twenty odd military companies scattered over this country, and the majority of them are billed for Indianapolis, who are directing their entire energies to defeating our Chickasaw Guards. Our soldier boys are now on double duty—hard at work all day and drilling during the greater part of the night.

—The car-load of garden seeds, valued at $3,000, donated by Messrs. Hiram Sibley & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., to the sufferers from overflow in the Mississippi valley, and forwarded free of charge by the Erie Dispatch from Rochester, was received yesterday by J. E. Beasley, secretary of the Red Cross Society of Memphis, Tenn. The seed has been stored with Messrs. B. J. Semmes & Co., free of charge, and are to be distributed by Messrs. J. A. Hayes, N. Fontaine, James Lee, jr., John R. Godwin and B. J. Semmes, a committee of the Red Cross Society.

—Saturday the police made eight arrests and on Sunday only six. Saturday's haul contained one obstructing sewers, one keeping vicious dog, one reckless driving, four drunks, one assault and battery, from which the city collected $5 in cash. Sunday's haul contained one assault and battery, two drunks, one larceny, one trespass, and netted $21 cash revenue to the city. W. H. Hawthorne, a farmer, drunk and disorderly, fined $5 and twenty days; Alice Ferguson, prostitute, drunk, disorderly and resisting an officer, fined $5 and twenty days; T. Bradshaw, laborer, assault and battery, fined $10 and forty days. The trio are on a visit to the Island.

—The county register's office shows the following transactions for yesterday: W. S. W. Montgomery *et al* to C. H. Brackett & Co., chattel deed; Joanna R. Bonnel to C. H. Brackett & Co., chattel deed; Chancery Court to C. H. Brackett & Co., chattel decree; David P. Hadden to Theodore Wilkerson, quit claim; Theodore Wilkerson to B. T. Smith, trust deed; John J. Smith to A. C. & M. M. Willis, deed; B. Sirl to George Arnold & Co., chattel mortgage; William Black to J. F. McCloud, chattel mortgage; John Hill to Tate Brothers, chattel mortgage; Calvary Cemetery Association to Mrs. Helen J. Powers, deed; M. Pump to R. B. Snowden, chattel mortgage; W. Y. C. & L. W. Humes to W. W. Goodwin, quit claim.

—To accuse the author of *A Fool's Errand* of disloyalty and "Bourbonism" is the very hight of the ridiculous. Yet Judge Tourgee is enjoying the wrath of some of the loyal subscribers to *Our Continent* over the appearance, in a recent number, of a poem on the Confederate "Memorial Day," in which the heroes of the Last Cause was appropriately commemorated. The poem, which was not signed, was in fact written by Judge Tourgee himself, who had waited in vain for any Southern poet to avail himself of the occasion, and who repaired the omission by drawing on himself, as he usually does in such cases. In the current number of *Our Continent* Judge Tourgee prints a companion piece, a Decoration Day poem, which is, like the other, something altogether unique in its way.

—John McLean, the cow-thief who was captured last week by Messrs. Gaither and Doely, after a lively race over fields and fences, came out to be one of the most expert horse-thieves recently taken by the police. Since stealing the cow which got him into trouble, he has been living in Mississippi, somewhere in the swamp near Concordia, in a neighborhood composed mostly of negroes. Last fall he stole a valuable mare from Mr. Munce Miller, took her to a point near Trotter's Landing, and sold her to a negro named Griffin. On being accused of the theft, McLean confessed, and told Mr. Miller where his animal was. She was recovered, and Griffin identifies McLean as the man who sold her. From conversation with the thief, Chief Davis believes that horses belonging to Mr. Hayley, Mr. Dunn, and Carbery & Casey were stolen by McLean and sold to negroes in the Mississippi bottoms.

INDICATIONS.

For Tennessee and the Ohio valley, warmer, fair weather, light, variable winds, mostly southerly, stationary or lower barometer.

Cotton Belt Bulletin.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 28, 1882, 8 p.m.

Districts.	Average. M'xim'm Temp.	Minim'm Temp.	Rainfall.
Memphis	85	63	.62
Galveston	87	67	.18
Vicksburg	90	70	.00
Montgomery	89	68	.01
Mobile	90	68	.00
Augusta	87	67	.27
Savannah	91	67	.00
Wilmington	85	63	.23
Charleston	86	64	.03
Atlanta	83	60	.00
New Orleans	88	74	.60
Nashville	78	61	1.71
Little Rock	--	--	....
Means	87.4	66.5	.12

Posted in Memphis at 10 a.m., May 29, 1882.

LOCAL NOTICES.

DINNER—25c at 11 Jefferson street.

SEND your orders for plumbing, gas and steam fitting to Bailey's 295 Second street.

THE Memphis Floral Company are selling out their surplus stock at auction sale, on Main, near Madison street.

THE lenses used in the Celluloid Eye-Glasses are ground with scientific accuracy. They are free from chromatic aberrations, and produce brightness and distinctness of vision. For sale by all leading jewelers and opticians.

DR. HOLMAN'S Pad and Plasters will do more for a sickly spinal column and paralysis than all the known appliances combined. Neuralgia never fails to yield unto permanent cure with the use of Dr. Holman's Pad and Plasters.

Floyd's Candies

Sent by express everywhere. Soda, Mead, Ginger Ale and Mineral-Water on draught, cold as ice will make it, and very refreshing.

Auction Sale of Plants.

Our annual auction of surplus stock to-day at 292 Main street, near Madison, from 10 to 11 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.

MEMPHIS FLORAL COMPANY.

French Steam Dye-Works.

Ladies' and gentlemen's goods dyed and cleaned at Louis Riegel's, 584 Jefferson street

THE FIFTY-CENT ACT

Judge H. T. Ellett Pronounces It Null and Void as It is, and that It is Calculated to Produce

Confusion and Embarrassment and Lead to Litigation that Would Increase the Burden of Taxes.

Our commissioner was on his rounds again yesterday in search of the sentiment of the masses on the issue of the day—the adoption of the fifty-cent bill by the Taxing-District Council—with the following result:

Judge H. T. Ellett

was visited in his office, and his opinion asked upon the following questions:

First.—The Taxing-District government was formed to avoid, not evade, the debt; don't you think we had better go on so, and leave the debt settlement to the thirty-three-and-a-third commissioners appointed for that purpose?

Second.—Don't you think we ought to complete our sanitary work and pave the streets before anything else?

Third.—Do you think Memphis is in a condition to assume the payment of $150,000 or $180,000 annually, in addition to what she is paying, and pave her streets and complete the needed sanitary work?

To which the judge replied:

"Without undertaking to give a catagorical answer to your questions, which assume a greater degree of familiarity with the affairs of the Taxing-District than I possess, I have no hesitation to say that I am opposed to any action by the Legislative Council of the District looking to the acceptance or ratification of the late act on the subject of the settlement of the city debt. In the first place, the act contains a distinct recognition of the Taxing-District as 'the successor' of the extinct municipality of the city of Memphis. This recognition goes beyond the decision of the Supreme Court, which holds the District to be the successor of the city to a certain extent, and for certain purposes only. This act declares the District to be the successor of the city generally, and without restriction or qualification. If the District should accept and ratify the act, and any considerable number of the creditors should then refuse to fund their debt, it might probably turn out that the courts would hold that the District as the successor of the city possesses all the powers of taxation formerly enjoyed by the city—and is subject to the same liability to writs of mandamus to compel the levy of taxes to pay the debt without any abatement. It is not unreasonable to suppose that this process will be resorted to and the question fully tested, before any considerable amount of debt will be funded, if the act should be adopted.

"*But further, I am inclined to think that the act is null and void as it stands, and that its acceptance would only produce confusion and embarrassment. The last section provides that the act shall not take effect until ten days after acceptance and ratification. This refers the question whether the act shall ever take effect as a law to the decision of the Taxing-District. This seems to me to be a delegation of legislative power, and therefore wholly nugatory. I am strongly persuaded that this sort of legislation cannot be upheld, and that no validity can be imparted to the act by the acceptance of it by our local legislative body. The attempt to ratify the act will surely be met by this question, and litigation will be the immediate result.*

"*For these reasons, not to go into others, I think it would be unwise in our public authorities to undertake to accept or ratify the present act.*"

Mr. John S. Toof,

of Busby, Toof & Co., the Front street commission and grocery merchants, stated that if the Taxing-District government ratifies that bill it will throw aside all the benefits expected to be derived from the abrogation of the old charter. Every well-informed citizen knows that it would take all the tax revenues of the city during a period of five years to place the streets in the condition necessary for the convenient handling of our commerce and for the proper conservation of health—one as necessary as the other for the material interests of our material interests. Mr. Toof continued: "My position at the time the old city charter was abrogated was that it was absolutely necessary to be done in order that this community, already overburdened with taxation to meet the flood of mandamuses flowing from the courts, and not a dollar to be saved for necessary improvement of streets, to say nothing of sanitation, should have a resting spell and allowed time to recuperate, build up our thoroughfares, and redeem ourselves from the odium which attached to Memphis on account of the destructive visitations of epidemics that had crushed our her very life. The old charter was destroyed, the new one formed, and that object attained, and I must say to our credit, under this new form of government we have accomplished wonders. Two years more and we will have accomplished all, or nearly all, the internal work necessary. When that time transpires I am of opinion that some arrangement should be made to pay the debt at a compromise of say fifty cents on the dollar and four per cent. interest, but I am not in favor, even then, of the Taxing-District government having anything whatever to do with it. Whatever settlement is made—I mean on whatever compromise the bondholders agree—it must be done by a commission like the one authorized by the Legislature to settle at thirty-three-and-a-third per cent., or let the present commission settle at the amount agreed upon at that time. But we cannot think of settling now, because it would entail upon us a burden we all ought to know we are in no condition to assume. I am in thorough accord with the APPEAL on the subject—all you have said—except your innocent exaggerations in your view by rate of property assessments for taxation. You place it at twenty-five per cent. of commercial value, which I think is far too low. But that has no material influence one way or the other as to the vital question at issue. I have great hopes for the future prosperity of Memphis. The world, I do not believe, can show a parallel of demoralization that existed here in 1879, and looking at our condition now, and the prospects ahead, I do not believe the world can show a parallel of recuperative powers exhibited by our people as individuals or as a community."

Mr. J. E. Goodlett,

of Goodlett & Co., the cotton factors on Front street, is emphatically opposed to "that bill," teeth and toe-nail. "Our streets must be got into better condition," continued Mr. Goodlett, "and our sanitary work must be proceeded with until we are placed beyond all possibility of the repetition of those disastrous epidemics. These things must be done first, and then we may begin to think about paying that debt. But when that time arrives I do not think the Taxing-District government has any business meddling with it. The Legislature of the State must provide a way for settling it outside of the Taxing-District government, which must be let alone to attend to its own affairs. I do not believe a better plan could be adopted than by a commission such as exists now, with authority to fund at thirty-three-and-a-third per cent., but I would be in favor of raising that rate up to fifty cents with four per cent. interest. I believe that ninety per cent. of the property-owners of the city are opposed to the terms proposed in the bill now pending before the Legislature Council, and I do not think any action should be taken on it by that body, especially since it is recognized as a measure for local legislation put upon this community of taxpayers without their asking for it and certainly without their consent. The action of the Council, if they ratify the bill, could not be regarded as in accordance with the desires of the people, because the question was not before them when they were chosen to manage the affairs of the city. I have exerted every effort to prevent this government from having anything to do with the question in that shape, and I will oppose it as long as there is a shadow of hope of defeating it. When the bondholders enter into obligations with representative business men, delegated with authority to act for this people, binding themselves to abide by a compromise at fifty cents on the dollar and whatever interest may be at the same time agreed upon, then I am in favor of urging the Legislature to action looking to a settlement at the earliest possible moment. I am in favor of paying the debt, but we cannot look forward to the preservation of the best municipal charter ever adopted, and allow it to be settled upon us in the way proposed in that bill. If we would preserve our present existence we must pay as we go, as required in our charter, and never open the doors, as this bill does, for the contracting of debts."

Mr. W. N. Brown,

of Brown & Starke, another prominent cotton firm—Mr. Brown being an ex-member of the "upper house" of the old City Council, was also very decided in his opposition to the bill. He said: "I am opposed to the Taxing-District having anything whatever to do with that bill. At the same time I am anxious to have that debt settled—fifty-and-four will do; but I would agree to a compromise at fifty-and-six if no lower rate of interest could be mutually fixed upon; but whatever compromise is made must be settled by a commission authorized by the State Legislature, just like the one now in existence on the thirty-three-and-one-third measure. If the Taxing-District government assumes the debt, as would be the result of its ratification of this bill, we will be involved in an inextricable muddle, which we cannot stand with our streets unpaved and our sanitary system incomplete. These are matters that should claim our attention before anything else. Our principal business thoroughfares must be put in better condition and we must perfect our system of sanitation, then I am ready to settle the debt on the conditions as stated awhile ago. I want to pay it and get it out of the way of our prosperity and growth, but if we were to attempt to do it now at any figure all these internal works would have to stop, business would thus be retarded and our health jeopardized, which would be greater drawbacks than anything else could be. When these works have been done, then I want to see and shall urge that measures be adopted to settle in the shortest possible time—at fifty-and-four if we can, at fifty-and-six if we must."

Colonel J. T. Pettit,

of Pettit, Suggs & Co., Front street, is opposed to the present mode of settlement of the debt by the Taxing-District government. "I am in favor of being taxed for it, but am opposed to the present city government having anything whatever to do with it. It should be done by a commission separate and distinct from the government—the present commission will do, or some other delegated with the same powers, except as to the amount, for which fifty and four or five might be substituted. I believe six per cent. would be too much. A compromise at fifty cents on the dollar, with four per cent. interest during the first fifteen years, and five per cent. the additional fifteen years, could be bonded—and that would be a great amount for us to have to pay—fifty-and-four ought to satisfy the bondholder, and should be as much as we ought to be taxed with. I want this sanitary work carried on, and the streets must be put in better condition—I mean the principal business streets. We have the best city government in the United States as it is now, and I don't want to see it converted into a debt-making concern—no *mandamuses* for me. Let the Legislature delegate power to a commission—the present board, say—to settle at the best compromise that can be agreed upon, and pay the debt upon that basis. I have great faith in the future prosperity of the city under the present form of government, but none on earth if this government is empowered to create or assume debts. This commission should have nothing else to do but arrange the best possible terms and make arrangements to liquidate on those terms, and leave the Taxing-District with nothing else to do but manage its own internal affairs."

LOCAL POLITICS.

Mr. M. McMahon Accepts the Nomination for Sheriff from the Greenbackers and Republicans.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 29, 1882.

M. McMahon, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—The undersigned have been appointed a committee to inform you that at a meeting of the Greenback Club on the evening of the 27th you was unanimously selected as their candidate for sheriff of Shelby county; and at the Republican County Convention, held at the Exposition building on the 29th inst., your nomination by the Greenbackers was unanimously indorsed. Hoping that it will accord with your views to accept the nominations thus made, and confiding in your eminent fitness for the discharge of the duties devolved upon the office of sheriff, we respectfully request an early acceptance of the same. We are, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

H. BUTTENBERG,
J. L. JENNINGS.

Messrs. H. Buttenberg and L. Jennings:

GENTLEMEN—Yours of this date, informing me of my nomination by the Greenback and Republican of Shelby county for the office of sheriff, is before me. Confessing to both surprise and gratification at the high honor thus flatteringly shown, I most gladly and gratefully accept the same. If elected I promise an honest and faithful administration of the office of sheriff, giving to all classes that which is their due. Respectfully, M. M'MAHON.

PERSONALS.

GENERAL W. J. SMITH will be the orator of the day at the decoration of the Federal graves to-day.

MR. JUSTICE STANLEY MATTHEWS, of the United States Supreme Court, is in the city, and will occupy the bench to-morrow with Judge Hammond.

MANAGER KIRKLAND left last night for New Orleans, where he will negotiate for several attractions for Estival Park. He will endeavor to engage Levy, the great cornet player, for a few months.

REV. DR. WHITE spent the Sabbath in our