THE MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL.

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RETAIL liquor licenses have been advanced in Atlanta from $300 to $500. They ought to be $1000 here as well as there.

THERE is to be an extra session of the Legislature. It will meet on the 25th instant, and will consider among other measures a registration and a pleuro-pneumonia bill.

THE papers of Berlin have changed their tune. They are now piping for peace and are rejoicing over the prospect of amicable relations being established between England and Russia.

THE Knights Templar of Tennessee have convened at Chattanooga in twenty-third annual conclave, and have been received by the citizens generally in a very generous spirit. Of course, there will be a competitive drill, and, of course, the Memphis Commandery will carry off the prize.

The trotting races, with a scrub running race to wind up with, were much enjoyed yesterday at the Olympic Park by a very respectable congregation of people, among whom were a number of ladies. The programme for to-day is a very attractive one, and ought to compel a large attendance.

THE New Orleans *Times-Democrat* threatens to make it hot for Cleveland if he in any way indicates a preference for Gibson over Eustis. Its words are that in such an event it will "be prepared to extend to him (Cleveland) as earnest an opposition as we have hitherto accorded a cordial support."

IN the middle of the sidewalks that have in many parts of the city been widened, fire hydrants have been left standing to the great danger of the life and limbs of pedestrians at night. Such danger ought to be removed at once, if for no other reason to save the city from possible damages.

It is earnestly hoped that the Cotton and the Merchants' Exchanges will both appoint delegates to attend the Commercial Convention that is to meet at Atlanta on the 20th instant. The questions to be discussed are of importance to Memphis, and she should be represented on the occasion by her ablest men.

In an interview regarding the passage of the Dardanelles by English war vessels, M. Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, said yesterday that he considered such action by England quite possible, and he proposed the sending of identical notes by Turkey to the great powers to prevent it.

THERE are $4,000,000,000 of watered railroad stocks in the United States, according to the railroad authorities. At eight per cent. they cost the people $320,000,000 a year. This enormous tax is paid ultimately by the consumer, and represents as impudent a species of robbery as ever the greediest cupidity invented.

MR. GLADSTONE was again sustained by a decided vote yesterday on a motion to charge the increased registration under the new act to the public treasury. The Premier opposed this motion and was sustained by a decided majority. The "grand old man" still has the confidence of the Commons and the ear of England.

IT is to be hoped that our correspondent at Selma exaggerates the excitement in that region growing out of the lynching or killing of two negroes concerned in the rape of a young white woman, and that instead of any further trouble we shall learn to-day that quiet and order have been restored. Race conflicts are, above all things, to be avoided.

THE Bradstreet Agency reports 197 failures in the United States during the week ending May 8, 1885, against 167 in the preceding week, and 192, 189 and 115 in the corresponding weeks of 1884, 1883 and 1882, respectively. Middle States, 25; New England States, 39; Southern States, 44; Western States, 76; Pacific States and Territories, 17; Canada, 33. Total in the United States and Canada, 230.

THE National Commercial Convention which meets at Atlanta on the 20th instant will consider (1) commercial and reciprocity treaties between the United States and foreign countries; (2) a national bankrupt law; (3) the compulsory coinage of silver; (4) railway transportation; (5) such other questions touching national, financial and commercial interests as the convention may deem proper for discussion and action.

BEFORE the more serious affair of the Afghan frontier, Russia just now has some trouble with China in fixing the boundary between Mantchuria and her Amoor provinces. As she did with England, she agreed with China to leave the matter to a delimitation commission, but as Komaroff did in taking possession of Penjdeh, her Cossacks are constantly advancing her base, and the Chinese commissioners find themselves pushed back more than 100 miles from their original position. There must be a limit to this greed of territory, but the fixing of it is the thing. When is it to be and where?

THE last spike will be driven to-day in the line of railroad that is to connect Memphis with Holly Springs. This will be the consummation of a long delayed enterprise, one that was inaugurated fifteen years ago under circumstances more hopeful than any of the long lines of railroad that have since been completed, and have added so much to the importance of Memphis as a growing and great commercial center. This road will be an important feeder to the commerce of this city, and will afford an outlet for the people of Holly Springs and those of the country lying between that place and this that they have long needed. They will now be free from all unjust discriminations.

To the Editors of the Appeal:

As I often see in the APPEAL that you answer correspondents, I therefore take the liberty to ask you a few simple questions. You will confer a favor by being candid and explicit with me. 1. Do you think there is any harm for a young lady to go out walking with a gentleman friend as late as 8:30 o'clock p.m.? And do you think it necessary for a third party to accompany them? 2. Do you think if a young lady takes an escapement with a young man and her father thinks it too late that the gentleman has cause to be angry? 3. Do you think it would be right for her to go against her father's will when his only objection is "too late?" By answering the above questions you will confer a great favor upon one of your subscribers. A. Z.

1. No. There is not as much harm in a young lady going out with a young gentleman at 8:30 o'clock as there is in being out with him to a ball, party or the theater at 11 or 12 o'clock. No good girl should be subjected to the espionage of a third party; no right spirited one would consent to be.

2. No. A sensible man, however disappointed, would recognize the father's authority and anxiety, and even if it was foolishly groundless would yield to it graciously.

3. No. A young lady should obey her father, and as long as she is under his roof and protection conform to his wishes. Few women ever find truer or more careful friends or guardians, even in husbands, than their fathers. Even their foolish notions and weak desires arise out of their love and a desire to protect and shield from harm the daughters whom none can love better save the mothers who are always nearest to their children, because they are literally their flesh and blood.

THE AFGHAN AFFAIR

The Boundary Convention to Contain No Pledges or Agreements by Either England or Russia.

The Matter Not Yet Settled, but Only Put in Shape for Submission to the Latter.

Another Very Close Vote in the Commons—Sir Peter Lumsden's Messenger in London.

LONDON, May 12.—The papers on the Afghan question which are to be published on Saturday will not contain the terms of the frontier convention, which will not be made public until the convention has been concluded.

After the government's explanations to the House of Commons yesterday, the opposition was half inclined to withdraw Lord George Hamilton's motion, and debate fell flat. The members showed far more anxiety about the result of to-night's division, which is certain to be very close. Grave doubts are expressed as to whether the government will adhere to the decision to resign if defeated, and the result will depend on the attitude of the Parnellites.

Condie Stephens will arrive in London to-day with Sir Peter Lumsden's dispatches.

It is reported that Russia is adding 12,000 troops to her frontier guards in Poland on the lines toward Austria and Prussia. Such action on Russia's part necessitates an equal increase of the Austrian and Prussian sides.

Russian papers suggest the submittal of Russia's bill for her war preparations to the mediator between the two nations, with the understanding that England shall pay the bill if the arbitrator decides that England is responsible for the cause of the dispute.

A telegram from Rome reports the existence of friction in the diplomatic relations between Russia and Italy, and it is stated that Russia was the only power that supported Turkey's protest against Italian occupation of Massowah.

THE CENSURE MOTION.

The *Times*, in an editorial on Lord George Hamilton's motion of censure says, the opposition's case was presented at the proper time. Lord George Hamilton, however, the *Times* thinks, ought to have withdrawn his amendment after the official documents concerning the Afghan question had been promised, and should have reserved the indictment for a time when he could have made it complete.

The *Standard* says the majority by which the government carried their policy will not rehabilitate their reputation.

IN THE COMMONS.

In the House of Commons this afternoon Sir Edward Watkins, Liberal member for Hythe, moved the second reading of the channel tunnel bill.

The Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in behalf of the Board of Trade of which he is president, moved the rejection of the measure, and he stated that the government as a whole were opposed to the further progress of the bill.

The opposition cheered this declaration.

The bill was then rejected by a vote of 281 to 199.

In answer to a question the Rt. Hon. Hugh C. Childress, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that $25,000,000 of the credit of $55,000,000 has already been absorbed.

The motion of Sir Edward Massey Lopes, Liberal Conservative member for South Devon, to insert a clause in the registration act charging the expenses of registry on the general treasury being called up, Mr. Gladstone strongly opposed it.

The motion was finally rejected by a vote of 280 to 268, a loss of voting by the government from last night's tally and of but 2 from the opposition.

Mr. Gladstone intimated the intention of the government to introduce a bill to authorize the holding of the general election in November. The registration bill was read the third time.

IN THE LORDS.

In the House of Lords this afternoon Foreign Minister Earl Granville corrected his statement of yesterday concerning the Afghan dispute, and said that the agreement reached between himself, the Earl of Kimberly, Baron de Staal and M. Lessar, in respect to the Afghan boundary proceedings, was concluded in London as yesterday's statement would imply, but had been put in shape for submission to Russia for acceptance.

SIR PETER LUMSDEN'S MESSENGER ARRIVES.

Mr. Condie Stephens, the bearer of dispatches from Sir Peter Lumsden, has arrived in London. Mr. Stephen left Meshed, Persia, on April 23d, on barely an hour's notice, having been ordered to proceed to England with all speed. He traveled six nights and days on horseback, averaging 100 miles daily, until he reached the Caspian sea. Crossing the Caspian, he caught a train one hour after his arrival on the western shore, and reached Tiflis after a railway journey of twenty-seven hours. He received every attention and facility from the Russian officials. The Governor of Tiflis rendered him the greatest assistance, arranging by telegraph for relays of horses along the route. Mr. Stephen arrived in Berlin yesterday morning, via St. Petersburg. Mr. Stephen denies that that the battle at Penjdeh caused the retirement of the British forces to Tirpul. He says that Sir Peter Lumsden had made arrangements a long time previously to fix his camp at Tirpul.

STARTED FOR HOME.

Advices from Tipful, of the 9th instant, say: Sir Peter Lumsden, Col. Stewart and Mr. Barrow start for home to-morrow in accordance with the order of the government. No orders were given for the disposal of the British-Afghan boundary commission."

SIR PETER LUMSDEN AT MESHED.

A dispatch from Meshed reports the arrival there of Sir Peter Lumsden, who is en route for England. Col. Stewart and another British officer will go to Herat for the purpose of examining the fortifications and giving the Ameer any needed advice in regard thereto.

OBTAINED THROUGH PRESSURE.

The government's majority in Sir Massey Lopes's motion was obtained through the pressure of a threat that they would resign if they were defeated. A number of county Liberals who desired to abstain from voting were compelled to vote on the appeal of the Liberal whips, who pointed out that a defeat would mean the placing of the government in the hands of the Conservatives.

THE AFGHAN FRONTIER CONVENTION.

The Afghan frontier convention submitted to Mr. de Giers contains no pledge or reference.

THE FEELING IN RUSSIA.

The War Council Preparing to Call Out 193,000 Reserves.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The Imperial Council of War has ordered the transfer of military and medical stores from Krasnovod to Askabad, and has instructed the Commissary Department to get ready to equip 200,000 reserves. Articles for the formation of the Asiatic Boat Company, for operation on the river Oxus, have been submitted for approval to the Council of the empire. Gen. Annekoff has started to push the work on the Trans-Caspian railway.

GEN. KOMAROFF EXPLAINS.

The *Official Messenger* to-day publishes a lengthy dispatch from Gen. Komaroff in which he explains more fully his actions and gives more details of the incidents which led up to the battle between the Russians and Afghans on the Kushk river on March 30th. In this dispatch Gen. Komaroff reiterates everything he said in his former dispatches regarding the unexpected progressive movement of the Afghans, and claiming that the latter were the aggressors.

THE RAILROADS.

Kansas Rates Restored.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—Representatives of the Kansas railroads met here to-day and restored rates to the Southeast.

Passenger Agents' Meeting.

CLEVELAND, May 12.—The Committee of Central Passenger Agents met here to-day, but transacted no business of general interest. The day was devoted to the discussion of excursion and theatrical rates and matters of that sort. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That persons entitled to theatrical fares under the rules of the committee may be carried in parties of not less than two on one ticket at two-thirds the lowest first-class unlimited fares; the parties entitled to theatrical fares may include *bona fide* members of the theatrical profession, concert or show companies when they establish their connection with some organized troupe or theater, or persons who are wholly engaged in giving public exhibitions or entertainments and to baseball clubs.

Resolved, That round-trip rates for basing purposes to land grant and regular excursion points northwest and south of the territory of the Central Passenger Committee shall not be made less than eighty per cent. of double the lowest first-class unlimited rate to the basing points.

The Western Association of General Passenger Agents will meet here to-morrow.

AGRICULTURAL.

Commissioner Colman and Affairs in His Department.

Enormous Waste of Public Money During the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Commissioner Colman says, of the condition of affairs in the Department of Agriculture, that soon after he entered upon his duties, his attention was called to the fact that the laboratory fund was nearly exhausted. In order to avoid making a deficiency he was compelled to furlough several employes until the end of the fiscal year, without pay. Now it appears that several other specific appropriations are in a like condition of exhaustion, and many minor branches of work must be temporarily suspended. The statistical division suffers the loss of all its State agents, and other suspensions must necessarily be made. In the seed division the appropriation for the current fiscal year was $100,000 short. On the 1st of the present month there remained $32,000 of this fund in the Treasury. Estimates have been made in detail by the head of this division and approved by the Commissioner for the purchase of seeds which called for the expenditure of $70,000, which would leave $30,000 to pay the expense of packing and distribution. The amount actually expended for seeds from this fund seems to have been nearly $92,000. As a result, there are several kinds of seeds on hand in large quantities, with no money to pay the expense of packing and distribution. There are thus in excess 19,000 pounds of beet-sugar seed, between 700 and 800 bushels of peas, 600 or 700 bushels of sorghum seed. There has been distributed the past year about 5000 pounds of beet-sugar seed, and the supply on hand is sufficient to last nearly three years at that rate. Some of the peas on hand cost $7 a bushel. Part of the sorghum seeds have been emptied from the sacks upon the floor and two boys are employed to air them around to keep them from spoiling. A wide variety of prices are paid for seed. For example, 1700 bushels of sorghum-seed were purchased from a New York firm at prices ranging from $2.35 to $2.95 a bushel, while 300 bushels of the same variety were obtained from a Western man for $1 per bushel. The attention of the chemist of the department was called to this fact today, and he was asked as an expert what would have been a fair price for seed at the time this stock was purchased. He said it sold as low as twenty-five cents per bushel in Nebraska, but he thought that it would have been an exceedingly good price for the very best quality, really prepared for planting. He was asked how large a quantity of sorghum seed he would have purchased had the matter been left to him. "Not a pound," he replied. There was no reason for the purchase of either sorghum or beet, there was no purpose in view. There was no new variety to be tried. There was no more reason for distributing the old variety than for sending out white beet. The chief of the seed division once last summer called the attention of the chief clerk of the department to the fact that he had more than 300 bushels of sorghum in the seed-room, and protested that this force could not be economically used, but there seems to have been no efficient reform. There seems to have been a very liberal distribution of turnip seed so far this year. The amount purchased is stated to be 15,165 bushels, yet the amount on hand is not reported in excess. The great amount previously purchased within five years was 2800 bushels. These discoveries have been made incidentally. No formal investigation has been undertaken.

The Crop Outlook.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The *Farmers' Review*, in summing up the reports from its correspondents, says concerning the crops: The 15th of May is here and the weather continues cold. The crops are all late. Winter wheat prospects are the poorest ever experienced. The spring wheat is not all seeded. Oats are backward, and the corn is yet to be planted. The only favorable fact that we can mention to-day is that there is no present prospect of a drought. The most serious fact is the failure of the winter wheat crop. Its magnitude is not yet fully realized.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Montgomery, N. Y., May 12.—There was a heavy frost in this section this morning and ice on the lowlands.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 12.—This afternoon the Supreme Court affirmed the validity of the law requiring saloons to be closed from 11 o'clock on to 5 o'clock a.m.

Louisville, May 12.—The amount of money required by the directors of the Southern Exposition has been fully made up and the Exposition will open August 15th.

Chicago, May 12.—The Seamen's Union to-night voluntary submitted to a reduction in wages from $2 to $1.50 per day on account of the low rates prevailing in lake freight.

Victoria, B. C., May 12.—Forest fires are raging in Puget Pass and the vicinity. The town of Farewell was totally destroyed Wednesday afternoon. The estimated loss is $50,000.

Cleveland, O., May 12.—The liabilities of D. Martin & Co., manufacturing merchants, who failed yesterday, are about $3000; assets, $10,000. The firm will probably resume business.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 12.—W. H. Sanborn, dentist, committed by morphine this morning. He was about twenty-two old, and leaves a wife, a bride of five months. Financial reverses caused the act.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 12.—Among the returns of depths by the supervisor was Mrs. Catherine Main, aged 116 years. Her age was obtained from the family records in the possession of a daughter living in Kent county.

Shenandoah, Pa., May 12.—Several of the collieries in this vicinity were thrown idle to-day, owing to the absence of most of the breaker boys who were attending the confirmation ceremonies at the Roman Catholic churches.

Philadelphia, May 12.—Ex-Secretary Lincoln arrived here last night and will leave this morning for Lancaster, Pa., to be present at the cremation of Maj. Lyford, of the ordnance corps, United States army, who died here on Saturday.

DesMoines, Ia., May 12.—Supreme Court Judges Reed, Rothrock and Adams hold that the law in the State Auditor case is constitutional, and affirm the action of the Governor in suspending Brown. Judge Seevers dissented. Judge Beck didn't sit in the case.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—Late last night Lewis Johnson came home and found his wife in a room with Edward Long. Johnson broke down the door and both men began to shoot, with the result that Johnson is dead and Long cannot survive his injuries. Both were railroaders.

Cleveland, May 12.—A special from Canton says the coal operators at Mineral Point have withdrawn the notice of a ten per cent. reduction, posted one week ago. The 500 miners who would have been affected by the reduction will continue at work. The strike at other points in the Connotton district continues, and there are no signs of a settlement.

DRAW-POKER is much dearer than a draw at an Opera Puff Cigarette; 5 cents for 10.

Important Barbed-Wire Decision.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 12.—Important decisions were rendered here this afternoon, by Judge Brewer, of the United States Circuit Court, in the barb-wire cases of Washburn & Moen against the Farmers' Protective Association, and against Walter and E. Rhodes. The court sustained the Gliddon wire patent as valid, and held that it was infringed by the wire manufactured by the defendants. The Gliddon barb is the one in almost universal use. The opinion by the Court was oral, but reviewed the cases at length. Gliddon was held to be the first inventor of the barb bearing his name, and his patent, therefore, was sustained throughout.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Twenty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

The Attendance Much Larger Than at Any Previous Meeting—Parade and Banquet.

Excitement at Selma, Ala., Over a Threatened Negro Insurrection—The New Orleans Drill.

[SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.]

CHATTANOOGA, May 12.—The twenty-third annual conclave of the Knights Templar of Tennessee convened here today. The attendance was larger than at any previous meeting of the commandery, there being nearly 200 Knights present, including the local commandery. Forty are present from Knoxville, thirty from Nashville, thirteen from Murfreesboro, thirty-five from Memphis, five from Jackson, five from Clarksville, and representatives from all other commanderies. The Knoxville Commandery is accompanied by their uniformed band of twenty pieces.

At 10:30 o'clock a.m. the Knights formed in line at the headquarters at the depot and marched through the city. They were reviewed at the courthouse by the Grand Officers. They then proceeded to James's Hall, where public devotional services were held. The Rev. H. H. Sneed acted as Grand Prelate.

After the sermon the Grand officers were presented with the new jewels recently furnished, and the Rev. James D. Richardson, of Murfreesboro, was presented with a special jewel for his work in compiling the history of the Templars of Tennessee.

The Knights then withdrew to the asylum of the Lookout Commandery. The following officers were present: G. R. Gwynne, Grand Commander; J. B. Nickerson, Deputy Grand Commander; A. C. Hensley, Generalissimo; C. W. Mosely, Captain General; H. H. Sneed, Prelate; G. C. Wilson, Senior Warden; G. A. Pope, Junior Warden; N. S. Woodward, Treasurer; M. B. Howell, Recorder; J. M. Jones, Sword Bearer; N. L. Welcker, Warden; N. L. Dugger, Captain of the Guard.

The Grand Commander delivered his annual address, which was very interesting. He recommended the exclusion of the ladies from their entertainments. After the report the various committees were appointed and the commandery adjourned to 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

At 5 o'clock p.m. the public parade and review took place in the car-shed. All the Knights participated and it was a notable event.

At 8 o'clock a grand banquet was spread for the Knights. There were 200 covers. The following were the regular toasts:

1—The Knights of the Temple and of Malta
Whenever illumed
We'll honor their knightly honors when turned
Their goodly swords, tho' eaten up by rust.
Response—R. E. Sir M. N. Howell, G. C.
2—The Knights of the Temple in Tennessee,
For modes of faith Templars ne'er do fight,
In each heart there is a shrine filled with light.
Response—R. E. Sir G. R. Gwynne, G. C.
3—Capitular Masonry.
And when the creation shall fall into ruin,
Its beauty shall rise through the midst of the wreck.
Response—Sir W. S. Matthews, G. H. P.
4—The Ancient Craft.
Though storms in the breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.
Response—R. E. Sir H. M. Aiken, G. M.
5—Those Holy Lands.
Brightest and best of the Sons of the Morning,
Dawn on their darkness and lend them thine light.
Response—H. M. Wilkes, a Plain Citizen.

A number of volunteer toasts were also offered. While the banquet was in progress the ladies were tendered a brilliant ball at the Read House.

Visiting Sir Knights.

The following is a list of the Sir Knights present:

MEMPHIS COMMANDERY.

Marcus Jones,	B. Bingham,
W. J. Brown,	C. M. Espy,
Wm. F. Vogt,	J. F. Bishop,
A. P. Davis,	J. E. Cleary,
A. G. Mallory,	Samuel Watson,
Robert Smith,	M. H. Price,
Robert Sneed,	R. C. Williamson,
W. D. Gannon,	Jesse Shipway,
R. H. Brown,	Joe Fleer,
J. Shaler,	A. J. McNeal.

H. M. Cook.

LADIES.

Mrs. Marcus Jones,	Mrs. H. I. Stafford,
Mrs. Jones,	Mrs. B. Bingham,
Mrs. W. F. Espy,	Mrs. Jo Mallory,
Miss Price,	Miss Davis,
Mrs. M. H. Price,	Miss Stafford,
Mrs. W. J. Brown,	Mrs. W. D. Cannon,
Mrs. B. F. Price,	Mrs. R. C. Corson,

Miss May Haines.

KNOXVILLE COMMANDERY.

J. H. Dougherty,	S. Todd,
J. W. Scott,	W. H. Hunt,
J. E. Chapman,	J. H. Allen,
W. G. Harton,	J. W. S. Frierson,
J. H. Albers,	A. Gwynne,
A. Overton,	M. G. McClung,
D. J. Hope,	C. M. Caswell,
J. Rorer,	George W. Ross,
W. A. White,	S. B. Dow,
R. K. Rodgers,	N. S. Woodward,
L. Thomas,	S. R. Bevins,
W. B. Brown,	C. Dawes,
J. W. Scott,	H. H. Imsteroll,
W. W. Allen,	A. H. Martyn,
J. G. Carter,	H. W. Curtis,
W. A. Coldwreath,	S. Bowman,
J. H. Albers,	W. H. Morrison,
J. H. Tillman,	R. B. Lamb,
W. J. Welker,	J. M. King,
S. H. DeArmond,	J. W. Sparks.

W. B. Sulling.

LADIES.

Mrs. Geo. Ross,	Mrs. J. H. Dougherty and three children,
Mrs. D. L. Ross,	Mrs. N. S. Woodward,
Mrs. S. S. Todd,	Mrs. R. P. Hambright,
Mrs. S. B. Dow,	Miss Lulu Dawes
Miss Annie Gothard,	Mrs. J. M. Brown,
Miss Ann Kern,	Mrs. J. E. Chapman,
Mrs. G. Thomas,	Mrs. W. B. Sapone,
Mrs. W. J. Brown,	Mrs. Campbell,
Mrs. W. G. Horton,	Miss Maggie Luttrell,
Mrs. R. B. Lamb,	

Miss Carrie Gaddis.

CLARKSVILLE COMMANDERY.

John B. Reynolds,	G. B. Wilson,
N. F. Chenney,	Jo F. Woods,
James T. Michael,	W. H. Smalley.

JACKSON COMMANDERY.

James T. Michael,	J. M. Mollashon,
D. L. Gates,	J. H. Rawlins.

MURFREESBORO COMMANDERY.

Thomas Y. Fowler,	H. H. Kerr,
Richard Beard,	Robert Bridge,
W. F. Lipper,	Thomas Karr,
H. C. Jackson,	Wm. Lasbetter,
James D. Richardson,	W. H. Mobley,
J. M. Wiggs.	J. M. King.

J. W. Sparks.

LADIES.

Mrs. Richardson,	Miss Kate Lyle,
Mrs. Lasbetter,	Miss Kate Fowler,
Miss Dearmond,	Miss Ida Richardson,
Mrs. Kerr,	Miss Annie Richardson,
Miss Annie Fiffer.	Miss Susie Weakley.

NASHVILLE COMMANDERY.

H. C. Hensley,	M. B. Howell,
Wm. Orr	George L. Cowan,
R. Burney,	J. S. Dashiell
John Nicholls,	Lyon Taylor,
W. H. Firth,	George Shefield,
J. W. Jordan,	J. R. Safford,
A. W. Downer,	C. H. Eastman,
D. H. Caswell,	D. P. Keese,
W. G. Armstrong,	Dancey McKay,
J. H. Menees,	A. S. Williams,
J. H. Garbutt,	J. H. and M. Park,
R. Poole,	A. H. Hurley,
W. D. Smith,	W. J. Smith,
Mrs. Wm. Orr,	Mrs. Keese,
Mrs. Smith,	Mrs. Stafford,
Miss Buchanan,	Miss Armstrong.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Northern Capitalists Looking About for Profitable Investments.

[SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.]

BIRMINGHAM, May 12.—The presence here of a number of capitalists from New York, Pennsylvania and New Orleans, and conferences between them and local owners of large iron and coal properties have been exciting conjectures for several days. Yesterday that the project which brings the visitors here is to organize either here or at Anniston a big iron and coal enterprise. Properties in the neighborhood of both places will be examined before anything is done. The Woodstock Iron Company, which owns Anniston, proposes to invest largely in the scheme. Mr. Steel, of England, a partner of rich Sir Titus Salt, is also here thinking of going into some enterprise. A matter of considerable importance to iron men here is the action of the big iron rate to Eastern cities from $3.75 to $4.25, which the Georgia Pacific road announces to take effect the 15th instant.

CANTON, MISS.

The Alligator Mystery Explained—Democratic County Convention.

[SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.]

CANTON, May 12.—In my letter published in Tuesday's issue I mentioned the finding by Mr. W. L. Craig, a merchant of this place, of a young alligator in a barrel of fertilizer. Its presence there is thus explained: Some two months ago a young married couple visited the Exposition in New Orleans, and while there the husband procured a little alligator to his bride, as a pet. They brought it home, and it escaped from their residence, which is in the rear of Mr. Craig's warehouse, and took refuge in the barrel.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Madison county have fixed upon Monday, June 29th, for the holding of the county convention to nominate candidates for county offices and to select delegates to the State convention, which meets in Jackson on August 19th.

Intelligence was received here yesterday that Mr. William O. Pryor, aged twenty-three, a popular young man from this county, was murdered by a negro on Saturday last in Washington county.

G. W. Thomas, a prominent Democrat and attorney at this place, received his commission yesterday as postmaster at Canton, *vice* F. B. Pratt, Republican, time expired.

There is considerable complaint on the part of farmers that the recent cool nights have greatly impaired and retarded the growth of young cotton, and seed will have to be replanted, it is feared, in many localities.

NEW ORLEANS.

Commencement of the Great Interstate Drill—The Chicks.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 12.—The drilling commenced to-day with a contest between four companies of cadets. The Busch Zouaves give an exhibition drill. The infantry drew for places in the drill of to-morrow. The Chicks will drill first, commencing at 3 o'clock p.m.; the Houstons second, the Janesville Guards third, the Louisville company fourth, the Mobile Rifles fifth and Savannah Cadets sixth. The Chicks are great favorites here, and they are highly pleased with their treatment. The whole people seem to admire them and are anxious for their success.

Associated Press Report.

NEW ORLEANS, May 12.—The Exposition interstate competitive drill was begun here to-day with a contest by the cadets. The Auburn Cadets were the first to appear on the ground, and drilled very poorly. Next came the Charleston Cadets, who were followed by the Tuscaloosa, and, lastly by the Baton Rouge Cadets. The three last-named companies drilled almost to perfection, making it very difficult to decide which was best. The Mobile Rifles are expected to arrive here to-night. The Savannah Cadets have entered for the infantry contest.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

An Extra Session of the Legislature—The Rev. Sam Jones's Revival.

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NASHVILLE, May 12.—Allen Herbert, colored, was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree, without mitigating circumstances, of Henry Everett. He made a motion for a new trial, which will be argued to-morrow.

Representative H. C. Crunk, Democrat, of Robertson county, to-day sent to Gov. Bate his resignation as Representative. It was accepted and an election ordered. No cause was assigned.

Sam Jones continues to be the sensation of the hour. He preaches three times a day and to audiences varying from 1500 to 5000. Every class attends his services, and he converts sinners every meeting.

The ex-Confederates of the city are making elaborate arrangements for the decoration of Confederate graves in Mount Olivet on Tuesday, May 26th.

It is a settled fact, ascertained to-night, that Gov. Bate will call an extra session of the Legislature for about the 25th of May. There is no doubt but that the registration bill will be embraced, besides the appropriation and pleuro-pneumonia bills.

SELMA, ALA.

Great Excitement Prevailing and Fears of a Negro Insurrection Increasing.

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SELMA, May 12.—A large scope of country above here is wild with excitement. It all comes from the rape of a white lady by a negro. The rapist escaped. His father swore vengeance, and his dead body was found Sunday in a forest. One other negro is dead and a third missing. Three hundred armed white men gathered to suppress a threatened insurrection of negroes. The whole country is aroused and in arms.

Associated Press Report.

SELMA, ALA., May 12.—Much excitement still prevails in the vicinity of Dixie Station over the killing of Scipio Atchison, colored, whose body was yesterday found in the woods riddled with buckshot, and whose death is believed to have been caused by white men against whom he had made threats for pursuing his son. It has been found that two more negroes, Steve Sullivan and Tom Ward, are missing. There are good grounds for believing that Sullivan was killed on the same night that Scipio Atchison was murdered. Ward is thought to have escaped. Sullivan and Ward were both friends of young Atchison, who outraged the white woman, Mrs. Hessler, and had made frequent and violent threats. The shooting in both cases is supposed to have been done by a party of 200 men, gathered from a section twenty miles square. Young Atchison is still at large, but is being traced up. The white people in the section where the murder occurred have become alarmed, owing to the threats of the negroes, and fear an insurrection in the saw-mill and charcoal section, where there are several hundred colored people.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—The Supreme Lodge of Knights of Honor met in annual session this afternoon. There was a large attendance from all parts of the country. Supreme Dictator Frank D. Sloat, of New Haven, Conn., read a long annual, which gave an exhaustive review of the order for removal of the headquarters of the Grand Secretary from Louisville to St. Louis. The reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer will be submitted to-morrow. A reception was given to the delegates at the Lindell Hotel to-night, which was largely attended.

THE NEWEST STYLES.

Medici collars are again fashionable for evening dresses.

Boston rosebuds are the fashionable flowers for belt bouquets.

Coachman's drab is a favorite shade for ladies' traveling dresses.

The newest stud buttons are made of imitation old Greek coins of gold and silver.

The crowns of some of the summer hats that are to be worn over the forehead are very high.

Black and white and brown and white are favorite combinations of color on many of the new hats.

Visiters of white camel's hair trimmed with lace will be worn evenings during the season at seaside resorts.

The embroidered nun's veilings are remarkably pretty, especially when made up with white or cream-colored silks.

The majority of the newest tailor-made dresses have vests of a contrasting shade, crossed by rows of either gold or silver soutache braid.

Buttons are small, but exquisite in workmanship. For the new silks oxidized and hammered silver buttons that are highly ornamental are used.

Colored linen collars and cuffs in many new designs and styles are to be worn at the seaside resorts this summer with flannel dresses for morning wear.

Mother Hubbards of every description or any kind of a wrapper approaching in style one of these gowns are considered entirely out of fashion.

Broad oriental lace, which can now be purchased cheaply and in handsome patterns, is to be used for trimming gowns for afternoon wear. That a half yard deep makes an attractive trimming for the front of white organdie or surah dresses.

New Light on Rheumatism.

"I had been completely disabled from rheumatism, I used Parker's Tonic for kidney disease, when to my astonishment the rheumatism completely disappeared." So writes Mrs. Henry Bogert, of No. 454 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn N. Y. Rheumatism arises from the failure of the kidneys to separate the uric acid from the blood.

Gen. Grant's Condition.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Gen. Grant spent the night quietly. He awoke at intervals and slept until late this morning. His condition is unchanged.

"HOPE for a season bids the world farewell," when a man finds himself in the relentless grasp of neuralgia, but he smiles and takes heart and courage when his wife brings a bottle of Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain.

THE BLUE RIBBON

At Lexington Won by Bersan by Two Lengths, Easily Beating a Good Field.

First Day of the National Jockey Club Races at Washington—One of the Most

Successful Meetings in the History of the Organization—Five Rattling Races.

LEXINGTON, KY., May 12.—The attendance at the races was very good to-day.

First Race.—Purse, $250, and $50 to second, for two year olds who have not won a stake race; purse winners, and those having run second in stake races, three pounds extra, five-eighths of a mile. Starters: Red Girl, 107 pounds, $25; Grimaldi, 110 pounds, $15; in field, Bonsoir, 107 pounds; Missive, 107 pounds; Marmoset, 107 pounds, $10. Red Girl won handily by two lengths; Grimaldi second, Marmoset third. Time—1:03¾.

Second Race.—Citizens' Stakes, for all ages, $500 added, one and one-half mile. Starters: Hilflight, 113 pounds, $50; W. R. Woodward, 118 pounds, barred in pools; Slipaway, 113 pounds, $50. W. R. Woodward won with great ease by four lengths; Slipaway second, Hilflight third. Time—2:35¾.

Third Race.—Blue Ribbon Stakes, for three year olds, $800 added, one and one-half miles. Starters: Lepanto, 110 pounds, $16; Redstone, 110 pounds, $50; Bersan, 110 pounds, barred in pools; Doubt, 110 pounds, $50. Bersan won by two lengths; Redstone second, Doubt third. Time—2:41¾.

Fourth Race.—A selling race, purse $250, three-quarters of a mile. Starters: Grace J., 86 pounds, $27; Tennessean, 88 pounds, $17; Glendon, 90 pounds, $17; Actor, 100 pounds, $20; Helisinthus, 100 pounds, $10; Jane Phillips, 103 pounds, $50; Charley Lucas, 107 pounds, $72. The race was won by Helianthus by a half length; Charley Lucas second, Grace J. third. Time—1:16¾.

POOLING ON TO-MORROW'S RACES.

First Race.—One and a quarter miles. Ed Butte, 108 pounds, $15; Greyhound, 109 pounds, $5; Kilkinney, 107 pounds, $50.

Second Race.—Three-quarters of a mile. Katrina, 107 pounds; Winona, 107 pounds; Star Lady, 107 pounds, no pools sold.

Third Race.—One mile. Blue Bonnet, 97 pounds, $5; Glendon, 94 pounds, $7; Littlefellow, 97 pounds, $20; Village, 94 pounds, $3; Lent, 97 pounds, $11; Gold Dollar, 103 pounds, $11; Lead, 94 pounds, $4.

Fourth Race.—One and one-eighth miles. Bonnie, 97 pounds; Lady Wayward, 97 pounds; Springer, 110 pounds; no pools sold.

First Day of the National Spring Meeting.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The opening day of the spring meeting of the National Jockey Club races was one of the most successful in the history of the organization. The grand stand was filled with bodies and the pool lawn was thronged. The weather was warm and pleasant, though about noon there was a promise of rain. The track was in the best possible condition, and everything gave promise of a successful meeting. In the first race, so great was the delay that C. W. Medinger, the owner of Alma Cooper, was fined $50 for not being at the post within fifteen minutes of the call.

The first race was a dash of six furlongs, for three year olds and upward; maiden allowances, horses not having won $1000 in a single race in 1884 allow