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JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 31, 1885.

I take great pleasure in saying that until I view the celebrated J. F. H. Claiborne place, I shall decide by one of the most desirable on the Gulf coast. I say this, having often been on any other place. Very respectfully,

E. G. WALL, Commissioner of Immigration and Agriculture, State of Mississippi.

STOLEN.

MULE—From my place, Saturday, Nov. 7, 1885, one bay horse mule, about nine years old, weighed with Gray and harness. Liberal reward for his return to R. C. Irwin, Tunica Station, or F. A. JONES & CO., Memphis.

THREE Little Maidens We

The Blonde, the Brunette and the Girl with Auburn Locks Make Mutual Confessions.

How to Reach the Female Heart—Admiration Begets Respect and Respect Begets Love.

Three of Memphis's fairest maidens were sitting before a cheerful fire in the parlor of a pretty cottage.

"Girls," said the blonde, with a merry twinkle in her eye, "girls, I have a plan to propose. Now please don't laugh at me."

"What is your plan?" asked the other two with considerable animation.

"Well, we are all engaged, and will soon be staid and steady wives. Now, let us make mutual confessions. Let us tell each other what particular charm each found in our respective husbands that make us love them."

"All right; you commence," said the brunette and also the maid with the sunset locks.

"Now, promise that if I commence both of you will also make confessions. Will you promise?"

"Yes," laughed both, "we promise."

"Well," said the blonde, "when I first met Charley, I positively disliked him. He was so frank and open in his ways that I considered him what those people who use slang call 'too fresh.' But there was something I couldn't help admiring. He was always neatly dressed and his clothing fitted as if it had been moulded upon him. That made me respect him, and it wasn't long before I learned to love him."

"Now for confession No. 2," laughed the brunette; "I positively detested Tom when I first met him. Instead of uttering flattering speeches like the rest of the chaps, he had the audacity to tell that he understood that black-eyed girls had quick tempers. My! but how I hated him at first for that remark. I took occasion to let him know I was angry, and he made me furious by telling me that my conduct proved the truth of his assertion. Finding my anger only made him worry him, I determined to make him like me in spite of himself. I had the pleasure of snubbing him, but he dressed so neat and nice that it wasn't long before I learned to appreciate him above all other men."

"Girls," said the strawberry blonde, "I don't think confession No. 3 will be interesting. I learned to love Will because, though he dressed magnificently, he was sensible enough to buy all his clothing at the Misfit Parlors, 262 Second street, opposite Court Square."

"And my Charley buys all his clothing at the Misfit Parlors," chirruped the blonde.

"And so does my Will," chimed in the brunette. "He told me that since he has been getting his clothing there he has saved enough to nearly furnish the house."

"And Charlie tells me," said the blonde, "that the Misfit Parlors, 262 Second street, sell $45 tailor-made suits as cheap as others sell $25; $40 suits and overcoats, $2; $35 suits and overcoats, $18 and $20; $30 suits, $15 and $16. I told my father about it, and he went to the Misfit Parlors and found that Charley's words were true. He says that the Misfit Parlors have the finest stock of Pants in Memphis, and that it is really wonderful how cheap they do sell clothing."

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Clothing Parlors,
262 Second St. Memphis,
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Of the popular young actor, Mr.
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All new faces and acts. Every seat in the theater raised so all can see plainly.
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AUCTION SALES.

GOOD HORSE, HARNESS AND SPRING WAGON AT AUCTION,
Saturday, December 12th, at 10 o'clock.
At 33 Union street.
A. M. STODDARD, Auctioneer.

Auction Sale of Hack & Horses

UNDER the authority vested in me by conveyance from Pat Rasey, recorded in the County Register's office, in Chattel Mortgage Book No. 31, pp. 43 and 44, I will, on Saturday, December 12, 1885, at 11 o'clock a. m., in front of P. A. Jones's stable, No. 61 Monroe st., sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, one leather-top carriage, known and run as public conveyance No. 17, and also the two bay horses heretofore driven thereto.

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NICE FARM—Five miles south of Memphis, suitable for dairy or stock; pasture well watered. Will be rented to a married man who could board a small family in exchange for the family. Address GRANGER, P. O., Memphis.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

FOR City Property, 6 small Farms, 5 miles from city, Old Raleigh road; will sell on long time. Address F. K., 32 Madison street.

THE WEATHER.

Indications.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, generally fair weather, winds becoming light and variable, slight changes in temperature, except in west portion, slight rise in temperature.

Meteorological Report.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 10, 1885.

Time.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
7:00 a.m..	30.012	23.0	W.	Cloudy.
11:00 a.m..	30.021	29.0	S.W.	Clear.
3:00 p.m.	30.024	34.0	W.	Clear.
7:00 p.m..	30.025	34.0	W.	Clear.
9:00 p.m..	30.031	34.0	S.W.	Clear.

Maximum temperature, 00.0.
Minimum temperature, 00.0.
Rainfall, 0.00.
All observations are taken on 75th meridian time, which is one hour faster than local time.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

—*Monte Cristo* at the theater to-night.

—Motion day in the Chancery Court today.

—Sale of seats for *Zozo, the Magic Queen*, Saturday morning.

—Christmas London *Graphic*, London *News* and *Fashion Bazar* to be had at Mansford's.

—No quorum yesterday, and the Legislative Council adjourned to this evening at 3 o'clock.

—The case of Higgins vs. the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad is still on trial before the Circuit Court.

—Sale, valuable, of real estate will be sold by the clerk and master of the Chancery Court to-morrow.

—The postoffice will remove to the Custom-House on Saturday and Sunday, and will begin delivering in their new quarters on Monday morning.

—The jury in the case of Warren, Love & Co. against H. Furstenheim were still in session all other morning.

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—Suit for divorce was entered in the Chancery Court yesterday by Louise Cleary against her husband, Dan Cleary, on the ground of brutal and inhuman treatment, etc.

—The officers of the United States Court have received instructions to be in readiness to open court in their new quarters at the Custom-House Monday morning when Judge Hammond shall be there to preside and preside with Judge Hammond.

—A meeting of the Legislative Council was to have been held yesterday afternoon, but only a few members attended, and there was no quorum. The meeting was postponed till this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when there ought to be enough members present to transact business.

—The case of Sallie Morrow against the Gayoso Hotel for damages of $10,000 damages was concluded yesterday, with a verdict for $3000 for the plaintiff. Sallie Morrow is a little girl, who was injured by falling through an open grating in front of the Gayoso Hotel while the building was being repaired.

—Mr. Nat Baxter of Nashville, accompanied by his attorneys, Cole, Steger and Stubblefield, appeared in the court early morning, and were busy all day in conference w th the presidents of the two street rail road companies in arranging the details of the transfer. The probabilities are that matters will be in shape for the final closing of the transaction to-day.

—In the Criminal Court yesterday the following business was transacted: John Person, carrying a pistol, $50 fine and sixty days in jail; Dave Jackson, carrying a pistol, discharged; J. Loschkowitz, receiving stolen goods, one year in the penitentiary; John Baugh, carrying a pistol and assault and battery, fined, guilty; Steve Bell, obtaining goods under false pretenses, three years in the penitentiary.

—The Ladies' Exchange are doing a good work. They set a line lunch for 25 cents, furnish household help on short notice, and sell all kinds of articles that women can make. For the present everybody can sell through the Exchange. Good prices are generally realized. There will be a grand reception to-night, free to the public, to exhibit goods collected for sale. Refreshments can be had upon order. The friends of this excellent movement should give it their presence and hearty support.

—The damage suit of Andrew Gaither, administrator, against the Memphis and Kansas City Railroad, is on trial in the United States Court before Judge Hammond. A good many nice legal points are involved. In May, 1881, the transfer steamer Merriam ran down a skiff, and a negro girl was drowned. For which damages was brought for $10,000 damages. Smith & Collier represent the plaintiffs, while Mr. Newman Erb looks after the interests of the railroad company.

—The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: S. A. Bevins and Miss Laconia Stevens, John Graham and Mrs. Vicie Patterson, J. E. Dunson and Miss L. D. Echols, Jos. Jenning and Miss Lena Owens, George Smith and Mrs. Bettie Biggs, L. C. Castor and Miss Ida E. Wilson, Turner A. Wilson and Miss Jennie W. Cox, Wm. Cross and Miss Mrs. Carrie A. Strickland, Wm. Ferrell and Miss Lollie Boone, Fred Winston and Mrs. Amelia Perkins, Conrad Wiehl and Miss Annie Hooker and Sam Schuler and Miss Susan Brown.

—Late Wednesday night, at a house of ill fame, No. 67 Jefferson street, Kitty Williams, an inmate, attempted to end her life by taking about one half ounce of "Rough on Rats," and she might have succeeded had not a physician been summoned at once. Dr. J. A. Lipscomb came and administered the usual remedies, and yesterday forenoon the unfortunate girl was doing very well and apparently out of danger. She is a fair-looking girl, well raised, about twenty years of age, and has a mother and several brothers and sisters living in Louisville. The cause which led to her rash act is that she has become tired of living a life of shame. This is the third attempt made upon her life inside of twelve months. Once she jumped over the bluffs, and another time she cut her throat with a knife.

—About 1 o'clock yesterday morning Anderson Steger, who is night watchman at Mr. N. W. Speers' gin, on Vance street, heard the voices of three or four men talking at the grocery on or near the corner of Vance and Causey streets, one of whom he heard say repeatedly to some person with a wagon, "Get up from here," and about 8:30 o'clock a m. a little white boy, on his way to school discovered floating on the water in the bayou a few feet north of the bridge, between Nos. 4 and 19 Vance street, the body of a colored woman. He gave an alarm, when Mrs. Belle Miller, who resides at No. 92 Vance, went to the scene and notified Mr. N. W. Speers, who immediately telephoned the Police Station. Mr. Speers, seeing that no one seemed to pay any attention to the body, summoned John Allen, colored, to help him, and they pulled the body out. Coroner Spelman was summoned, and when he arrived with jury, held an inquest and returned a verdict of death by accidental drowning. The woman was afterward recognized as Mrs. Betsie Brandon, who resides somewhere on South street. It is supposed that she fell into the bayou while under the influence of liquor.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Honore Scruggs to Mrs. S. E. Griffin, tract of land in District No. 8, Shelby county. Consideration, $2000.

L. B. Eaton to A. B. Bartholomew, lot 8, block 67, Fort Pickering. Consideration, $1154.

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DR. HUGHES, Indianapolis: "I consider Bethesda sulphur to Apollinaris either as a luxury or a remedy."
J. S. ROBINSON, Sole Agent.

Solid Silverware at Mulford's.

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Fills orders from the country promptly, and satisfaction guaranteed.

COVINGTON, TENN.

One of the Most Thriving and Promising Towns on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

The Growth of Its Business and Its Business Men—The County Government—Old War-Horses' Views.

[SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.]

COVINGTON, TENN., December 10.—The wind blew keen and cold from off the hills upon which Covington is built when I left the train here this morning, but it was bright and sunshiny and barter was brisk. The side-tracks were full of cars awaiting transportation, and the depot agent seemed to be more prosperous and busier than at any place which I have stopped so far. A cotton gin was in full blast and sent out clouds of steam and smoke. A flouring mill was also in operation, and didn't care who knew it, judging from the number of times they took occasion to blow the whistle. Covington has enjoyed a reputation in all the country around for its big spring, which has capacity sufficient to supply the town if there were work to do it with. The water is noted for its purity and its never-failing flow. In the middle of the public square stands

THE COURT-HOUSE

a large, square brick structure, the headquarters of all the officials of Tipton county. The town is a regular municipality, Mayor J. R. Shelton and a board of aldermen managing its affairs. It was first settled away back in 1826. The railroad was built to it from Memphis in 1873, and in July, 1883, it was extended on to Louisville. During the time it enjoyed the distinction of being a terminal point it did an extensive business, handling from 8000 to 10,000 bales of cotton in a year. Since the completion of the road the cotton receipts have fallen off on account of competition with stations above, but it is beginning to recover from the blow which almost paralyzed it at first, and ship this season over 5000 bales of cotton, besides other things. Among the new industries, or rather the renewed industries, is

A TANNERY.

It was established five years ago, but about a year since it was turned into a steam-power concern and became a chartered company. J. B. Hills is president, William Manning manager, and W. M. White, who attends to the interests of the APPEAL at this point, and has it liberally circulated gratuitously, is secretary. It obtains its water from the big spring by means of a ram, and the water is said to be the finest for tanning purposes to be found anywhere. The leather is shipped to Boston and other Eastern cities, and commands a higher price than from any other tannery point. The tannery consists of a good two-story building, a bark-house and engine house, and has thirty vats.

There are about fifteen stores in Covington, the leading firms being Boyd, Exum & Wimbish, W. G. Payne, Payne & Hill, Crofford & Clark, and Smith, Hamilton & Co.

BOYD, EXUM & WIMBISH

is a comparatively new firm, but has already built up a splendid business, of which any of the older houses might be proud. The house was established about ten months ago, occupying a commodious location near the depot, on the main thoroughfare. The members of the firm are all live, active men, and give their entire attention to the business. They carry a stock of merchandise of all kinds, and do a general supply business. The firm also owns a handsome brick livery-stable, and dispatches passengers to the street from their store. They keep a fine line of horses and mules for sale or hire, and can furnish a rig as stylish as any city man would desire.

W. G. PAYNE,

who has a store on the square, is one of the most successful men of the place. He has no partner in his business, but recently took one, without requiring a cash deposit. He requests that the name of his new partner should be changed to his, however, and though he has company at home now, "& Co." does not appear on his sign. He is now carry in goods, and after the contract simply read "Mr. and Mrs. Payne at Home." Mr. Payne has lived here seventeen years, and knows every inch in the county. He closed out his business here at one time, but returned in 1877, and the trade which has since poured in upon him proves the wisdom of his step. He is a lively bidder for cotton, and does a big trade in meat, flour, dry goods and general supplies.

PAYNE & HILL

are the leading druggists of the place, and have a very handsome store. They have been in business here since 1877, and kept right along with the times. Buying judiciously, they are enabled to sell close, and to manage so as to keep a varied and good stock on hand all the time. Their trade is increasing every year, and they are not likely to let it retrograde any, judging from the preparations they are making for a handsome display of Christmas articles. A long counter is loaded with toilet articles of every description, perfumery, good things from Santa Claus's pack and a thousand little notions to please the artistic eye. The firm also deals in paints, oils and glass, and has an arrangement with dealers by which they can supply their customers at short notice in any desired quantity at very low rates. Prescriptions are filled by a competent chemist and everything that pertains to the drug trade is kept on hand.

CROFFORD & CLARK

are among the leading dealers in cotton in Covington. They occupy a handsome double store. That on the corner is filled to the brim with dry goods, boots and shoes, attractively displayed, and the next is well stocked with provisions in the greatest abundance. The firm is one of the few which does an almost exclusively cash business, making quick sales at a small margin. It is now fourteen years old and growing every year.

SMITH, HAMILTON & CO.

are making preparations to move into their new quarters. They are now putting the finishing touches to a commodious and well built two-story double storehouse, which they expect to move into in a very short time. Their business will be at once enlarged to consist with the new quarters, and they will be prepared to do an extensive supply trade, dealing in cotton, poultry, eggs, butter and general produce.

Half an hour was pleasantly spent in the office of

DR. J. M. MILLEN,

who has an elegant suite of rooms on the north side of the square. He has a splendid assortment of all the tools required in the office of a city dentist and knows what to do with them all. He is a comparatively young gentleman, ambitious, applies himself closely to business, and has made himself a big reputation in the county.

THE WEEKLY "RECORD,"

Covington has a live weekly paper in the *Tipton Record*, which was established in 1867 by Col. Wm. Sanford and Col. Morrison Munford, who is now the editor and proprietor of the Kansas City *Times*. It has been running continuously ever since, and has lived out or frozen out a number of competitors. It is now conducted by Messrs. Townes Boyd and Manius Hall, who are doing an excellent business and enjoy a wide popularity personally or through the influence of their paper.

No hotel has been put up since the old place was burned two years ago, those passing through here stopping at Mrs. Mathis, who is one of Arthur's martyrs. She was postministress here for many years.

SOME CHANGES NEEDED.

A while ago I spoke of the court-house as the home of the county officials, but in my rounds about the town I picked up a few facts which lead me believe that there should be, if there is not to be, a change. It appears that the county let out some few dollars of work, in fact, it ought to have about $25,000 in the treasury that isn't there. The trustee, it seems, has not been required to make regular settlements by the chairman of the County Court, as the law provides he shall make, and somehow or other, nobody seems to know how, the people have been chiseled. When the matter was first brought up in the County Court there was a regular howl and very nearly a fight. Several adjourned sessions of the October term were held, and they say it was stormy. Finally a committee was appointed and they reported that the trustee ought to be made to account for about $25,000. He made a report giving himself credit for a long list of taxes which he had not collected, but even after that was deducted about

$10,000 REMAINED UNACCOUNTED

for. The thing had been running for years and years, and settlements had not been insisted upon by the chairman, who also held his office for years and years. Finally it will be seen to the people of his real estate, accumulated since he has been in office, to secure notes for $8000, each payable every six months. And, in spite of this mortgage fact, nobody seems to know whether he is held to blame for money he ought to have collected or for money he collected and failed to turn over. It will be news to the people of Shelby county that an official must himself pay taxes which he has simply failed to collect. This is the odd part of it. Still they say he is the most popular man in the county and will be re-elected. He straddled the fence during the war, and somehow has a held the darky vote. The white majority is so small that it takes but a little added to the negro vote to elect. And then there are

NO POLITICS

in county affairs here, every man running for himself, which will make it a still easier matter for him to get in. And this Tipton county "Squire Bleckley," who has been running things "sorter" ... is a good hearted ... genial soul, whose fault seems to have been a failure to do his duty. The fact that his name is Smith reminds me that Shelby county has a chairman by the same name. I am also reminded that there is to be an election in January at Memphis, and that our "Squire" Smith is pulling the wires hard to get back again at the head of the court of the powerful county of Shelby. In talking about some of the similarities between Shelby and Tipton County Court affairs to-day with some of the leading citizens of Covington, I found that they took the liveliest interest in what I had to say. I account for it from the fact that this was for forty-five years the home of Justice

B. C. SLAUGHTER,

who will be the next chairman of Shelby county if the Quarterly Court knows itself. He was elected magistrate before he was twenty-one years of age, though that fact was not generally known. He was frequently asked why he didn't qualify, but smiled and said nothing for six months, when he attained his majority and was sworn in. In 1860 he was elected sheriff, and in 1862 was re-elected to that office. Two years after, though not a candidate, he was elected a third time, under a proclamation of Andy Johnson while he was military Governor, and he declined to serve. When Brownlow re-organized the State courts Mr. Slaughter was asked to serve, but again declined because he did not care to fill a people's office unless he was chosen by the voice of the people—a patriotic resolve. In fact, the people of Tipton never stopped to ask whether Mr. Slaughter was a

DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN.

In 1866, when the first regular election was held by the people, he was re-elected sheriff, and on that day Brownlow's appointee was killed by a Mr. Lauderdale. Mr. Slaughter, who was then a large part of the county at the time, was summoned by the chancellor two days afterward, who demanded that he should give his bond that very day, though the law allowed him thirty days to do it. He executed one of the best bonds ever given in Tipton county in less than twenty minutes, and took charge of his office. In 1868 Mr. Slaughter was re-elected, and in 1869, while sheriff, the people, never tired of doing him honor, insisted that he should become the candidate for Senator from Tipton, Lunderdale, Haywood and Madison counties. He declined, but was so strongly urged to do so that he at last consented, and in the convention which met at Brownsville in June, 1869, he was

SUPPORTED BY SUCH MEN

as Peyton J. Smith, a prominent lawyer of Covington; C. B. Simonton, for several terms a member of Congress; Capt. Colin Campbell, one of the best lawyers at the bar and now one of the most successful railroad lawyers of Tennessee; Judge Steele of Tipton, now a leading lawyer at Ripley; Hardin J. Toomes, now a prominent lawyer of Lauderdale county; Thomas J. Freeman of the Supreme Court; Judge Livingston, at present Chancellor at Brownsville, and Ben Lea, now Attorney General of the State of Tennessee. Mr. Slaughter's competitor was the Hon. Milton Brown, ex-member of Congress. The battle was fought from sun up until sun down, when Mr. Slaughter was at last victorious. In the canvass he defeated his competitor by 5000 votes. Of the gentleman who related

THIS LITTLE HISTORY

to me I inquired how it was that Mr. Slaughter was so successful. "My dear friend," he warmly replied, "the mere mention of Dave Slaughter's name in Tipton county for any office meant the uniting of men of all parties in his support. This is the blend of many a fight I have made, and date for chairman of your court, and the magistrates will do the best thing they ever did for Shelby county if they elect him. He is a rattler, and will make a chairman not only in name but in fact. If the people of Shelby county knew him like we do up here he would have anything he wanted." At this point a friend who had murmured a voice over my shoulder, and, looking around, to my astonishment I beheld the grizzled visage of the

OLD WAR HORSE.

"Surprised to see me, old pard?" he said. "Well, I just ran down here on the train a few minutes ago to get out of the confounded city for a while. It makes me nervous to be around a lot of people who don't know what they want to do. You see, they get to talking about Jake Galloway as the candidate with which they are going to beat Dave Hadden. Now, I don't believe Jake wants the battery, found guilty, opposed to a taxing district form of government, and don't care who knows it. Now, of course, with that belief, he can't consistently ask anybody to vote for him for its President, and, if he did, nobody who wanted to keep the present government intact would support him. You can't count the men who are opposed to it on your fingers.

JAKE'S CANDIDACY

would not only mean anti-Hadden, but anti-Taxing District. He hasn't been making any secret of his sentiments, and if counsel wanted to talk about it. But that don't keep him from being invaluable in the County Court. He is one of the livest and most level headed men in that body, and we would have to vote against him to get before Judge Hammond. A good many nice legal points are involved. In May, 1881, the transfer steamer Merriam ran down a skiff, and a negro girl was drowned. For which damages was brought for $10,000 damages. Smith & Collier represent the plaintiffs, while Mr. Newman Erb looks after the interests of the railroad company.

—The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: S. A. Bevins and Miss Laconia Stevens, John Graham and Mrs. Vicie Patterson, J. E. Dunson and Miss L. D. Echols, Jos. Jenning and Miss Lena Owens, George Smith and Mrs. Bettie Biggs, L. C. Castor and Miss Ida E. Wilson, Turner A. Wilson and Miss Jennie W. Cox, Wm. Cross and Miss Mrs. Carrie A. Strickland, Wm. Ferrell and Miss Lollie Boone, Fred Winston and Mrs. Amelia Perkins, Conrad Wiehl and Miss Annie Hooker and Sam Schuler and Miss Susan Brown.

—Late Wednesday night, at a house of ill fame, No. 67 Jefferson street, Kitty Williams, an inmate, attempted to end her life by taking about one half ounce of "Rough on Rats," and she might have succeeded had not a physician been summoned at once. Dr. J. A. Lipscomb came and administered the usual remedies, and yesterday forenoon the unfortunate girl was doing very well and apparently out of danger. She is a fair-looking girl, well raised, about twenty years of age, and has a mother and several brothers and sisters living in Louisville. The cause which led to her rash act is that she has become tired of living a life of shame. This is the third attempt made upon her life inside of twelve months. Once she jumped over the bluffs, and another time she cut her throat with a knife.

—About 1 o'clock yesterday morning Anderson Steger, who is night watchman at Mr. N. W. Speers' gin, on Vance street, heard the voices of three or four men talking at the grocery on or near the corner of Vance and Causey streets, one of whom he heard say repeatedly to some person with a wagon, "Get up from here," and about 8:30 o'clock a m. a little white boy, on his way to school discovered floating on the water in the bayou a few feet north of the bridge, between Nos. 4 and 19 Vance street, the body of a colored woman. He gave an alarm, when Mrs. Belle Miller, who resides at No. 92 Vance, went to the scene and notified Mr. N. W. Speers, who immediately telephoned the Police Station. Mr. Speers, seeing that no one seemed to pay any attention to the body, summoned John Allen, colored, to help him, and they pulled the body out. Coroner Spelman was summoned, and when he arrived with jury, held an inquest and returned a verdict of death by accidental drowning. The woman was afterward recognized as Mrs. Betsie Brandon, who resides somewhere on South street. It is supposed that she fell into the bayou while under the influence of liquor.

RAILROAD NEWS.

A Bridge Over the Mississippi—Sale of Louisville City Stock in the L. & N. Railroad.

The Convention to be Held in Aberdeen—The Projected Starkville Road—Pensacola and Memphis.

[SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.]

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 10.—The following article appears in one of your sister daily publications, to-wit: "It is stated that the Mississippi and Tennessee railroad proposes to survey the line from Grenada to Starkville, which the Merchants' and Cotton Exchanges of this city recently declined to do. It is stated that a preliminary survey has been ordered, and that work will probably be begun in the spring. Built in this way the line benefit neither Memphis, but if the Mississippi and Tennessee should pass into the hands of the Illinois Central it would benefit New Orleans alone. Is it the purpose of interested parties in Memphis and elsewhere to damage the project of building the Artesia, Starkville and Grenada railroad." We say that the Mississippi and Tennessee railroad *does* not propose to step in and survey."