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FOR SALE.

BEDROOM FURNITURE—Sideboards, Lounges, etc. AMES, BEATTIE & CO., No 363 Main street.

TWO 30-inch Portable Corn Mills; two 26-inch Corn Mills; two 24-inch Corn Mills, No. 1 order, New and Second-hand. Mill work of that description solicited. A good stock of select French Burr Stone on hand. THOS. DELANY, 124 Front st.

100 LOADS old SHINGLES for kindling at 50c per load, at 180 Linden street.

CHEAPEST—$3500 improved property in the city. Apply to W. D. L., Appeal office.

HORSE—A good young rockaway and hack horse. Apply to HOOK & LaGRILL, 289 Second st.

14 BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS—Near State Female College, for sale on easy monthly payments, at $4 to $6 per front foot; two blocks from street cars, in the most desirable suburb of Memphis. Only $50 cash down required, and balance at $10 per month. T. A. LAMB, 10 Madison street.

LOT—I have a beautiful corner lot, 170x135 feet, in the finest suburb of Memphis, one block from cars, in a delightful neighborhood, which I will sell at the very low price of $6 per foot. Terms: $100 cash; balance, $20 per month. Well fenced, with a new stable on lot. Splendid for investment or home. T. A. LAMB, 10 Madison street.

CHAMBER'S FOLDING MACHINE—But little used, and in good condition. Apply at APPEAL OFFICE.

THE lease and fixtures of the St. Elmo Hotel, Meridian, Miss. Twenty-five commodious rooms, within three minutes walk of the Union Depot; large sample room on the street next door; now doing a good business and popular. Can be had at a bargain if applied for within the next thirty days. Apply to Charles Elmire, proprietor, Meridian, Miss.

TIN—Lot of tin, suitable for roofing. Also a large ice box. At Gabay's, 499 Shelby.

OLD MATERIAL—In the storehouses and Senate Building, occupied by B. Lowenstein & Bros.; must be removed at once. Apply to JOHN REID, Builder.

NEAT COTTAGE—Of six rooms, and lot 200x44, 54 Dean avenue. Inquire on premises.

CHEAP—One second-hand ROCKAWAY, nearly as good as new, at 103 Union st.

CEDAR FENCING POSTS—For sale by W. R. LARKIN, Larkinsville, Ala.

WOODLAWN STOCK FARM—In the stud one thoroughbred Running Horse; fee $20. One Trotting Horse; fee, $10. One Jersey Bull; fee, $2.50. FOR SALE—30 Horses, 3 Milch Cows, 15 head Butcher Cattle, Peacocks and Newfoundland Pups. Horses on pasture, $5 per month; Texas horses, 10c per day. Telephone JOSEPH BURNEY, 852.

WANTED.

THE people to know that we have a fine stock of Furniture, all kinds, and at lowest prices. AMES, BEATTIE & CO., No. 363 Main street.

LIVE MEN—Two live men for electric light work. At once. T.-H. ELECTRIC LIGHT CO., Works under Gayoso House.

TEN GIRLS—To wrap Ko Ko Tulu. Apply at once to KO-KO TULU FACTORY, corner Exchange and Main streets.

ONE STOUT COLORED BOY—Apply at once to KO-KO TULU FACTORY, corner Exchange and Main sts.

DRESSMAKERS—Two Waist and two Skirt makers, immediately. 141 SECOND STREET.

SITUATION—By a Scotchman 40 years old, without family, on a stock farm; understands the business thoroughly. Refers to W. A. Crossett, merchant and stock raiser, Hernando, Miss. Address A. L. GRAY, Box 5, Hernando, Miss.

UNTIL June 1, 1887, rooms or rooms, without board, with a private family for a gentleman; must be tidy, tastefully furnished and well taken care of; location must be good. References given and asked. Address R. L. F., care H. Hotter, Cotton Ex.

DAY BOARDERS—Or without rooms, At 92 East Court street.

LADY AGENTS—Our agents have had such wonderful success selling Mrs. Campbell's Combination Skirt and Bustle (some clearing $150 a month), that we make this special request for all agents who want a steady, money making business, to send stamp for catalogue. Also, Furnishing Goods. Address E. H. Campbell & Co., 424 West Randolph street, Chicago, Ill.

SITUATION—As nurse or housekeeper. Apply at 104 Court Street.

BOOK KEEPER—And competent office man, capable of taking charge of set double-entry books, in office of sawmills, ninety miles from Memphis. Please address, giving experience, references, and salary expected. PEABODY & WELLS, Portis, Arkansas.

MANCOOK—First-class, who understands both pastry and meat cooking, for railroad eating house. Apply at Goodbar & Co.'s

STAMPING AND EMBROIDERING—To order in best styles at MAY'S EMPORIUM.

EVERYBODY—To call and see the celebrated Gypsy Clairvoyant, at 177 Third street, near Poplar.

ROOMS—Well furnished rooms, No. 81 Linden street.

WANTED—Ladies, local or traveling. A wonderful entirely new specialty for ladies only; $4 daily easily made; no photo, no painting; particulars free. MRS. G. LITTLE, Box 443, Chicago, Ill.

POSITION—By a lady as music teacher, or to teach young children English branches. Salary expected moderate. Good home desired. Address "Teacher," Columbus, Miss.

MAN—An intelligent, earnest man to represent, in his own locality, a large responsible house. A remunerative salary to right party. Steady position. References exchanged. American Manufacturing House, 16 Barclay St., N. Y.

SALESMEN—In every State in the Union to represent a PAINT MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENT having several SPECIALTIES that are popular and easy selling. Can be handled alone or in connection with other goods. Address THE WM. B. PRICE MANUFG. CO., BALTIMORE, MD.

COTTON SEED WANTED. Hulls and Meal for sale cheap at GLOBE OIL WORKS.

1000 LBS. FEATHERS—Highest cash price paid by GABAY, Memphis.

EVERYBODY TO KNOW—That I will FILL TEETH WITH GOLD for the next thirty days for $1 50. A. WESSON, 243 Main street.

OLD GOLD & SILVER—For cash or exchange. MULFORD, Jeweler, 294 Main

PERSONAL.

CISTERNS—Built and repaired and warranted. Inventor of the Sanitary Portland Cement Pump. Contractor and bricklayer. Telephone 888. THOS CUBBINS.

DR. C. J. SCHERER, Surgeon Chiropodist, 211 Main street. Sixteen years practice in Memphis. Charges moderate. Call and see him. Office hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays from 9 to 12 m.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

COW—One white and black spotted cow, long horns, white face, marked upper crop in left and split in right ears. Any information or her return to 59 Jones av. will be suitably rewarded. GEO. B. COLEMAN.

LOST.

ABOUT 1st or 2d inst., the 16th volume Curtis's Decisions (United States Supreme Court), was lost in moving from 310 Second street to No. 19 West Court street. Return, if found, to this office, or No. 19 West Court street, and be rewarded. T. B. MICOU.

WATCH—A small silver watch, marked L. J. K., on second or Market streets, or Carroll avenue, between the L. and N. R.R. and Clara Conway Institute. Finder will please return to this office and be rewarded.

FOR SALE, RENT OR EXCHANGE.

COTTON SHED—On south side of New Madison street, near Wellington, lately occupied by A. M. Boyd & Sons. Size of lot 88½x148½ feet. JOHN JOHNSON, 10 Madison street.

ROOMS AND BOARD.

FURNISHED ROOM—With or without board, at No. 60 Pontotoc street.

ROOMS—Furnished, with board. At 81 Shelby street.

ROOMS AND BOARD—At 49 Market street.

ROOMS—Pleasant furnished rooms, with board, for ladies or gentlemen. Terms very reasonable. 392 Court Extended.

DESIRABLE ROOMS—With board, at 72 MADISON ST.

ROOMS—Furnished rooms with board. 121 Court street.

ST. JAMES HOUSE—58 Adams street. Board and lodging, $5; day board, $3 50.

ELIGIBLE ROOMS—With superior board, two blocks from Gayoso Hotel. 453 Shelby

BEAUTIFUL front rooms, single or en suite, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board; other rooms, 104-106 Court st.

ROOMS—With or without board; terms reasonable. 140 MADISON ST.

FOR RENT.

SECOND FLOOR—House 170 Carroll av.; pleasant location, and terms moderate.

2 DWELLING-HOUSES—Within five minutes' walk of Court Square. Also, six acres in southeast suburbs, with good house and stable on place, suitable for market garden. Apply to GASTON'S HOTEL.

STORE-ROOM—On Main street, dwelling-house on Court street, and several vacant lots. Apply to R. B. SNOWDEN or J. L. GOODLOE, 38 Madison street.

STORE—No. 40 Madison street. Apply to J. S. ANDREWS, Menken & Co.

NEW Brick House, 133 Madison; 7 rooms and stable, two blocks from Cotton Exchange; large yard. Apply 32 Madison st.

ROOMS—Sleeping rooms for single gentlemen, or gentleman and wife without children. Rent reasonable to the right parties. Call at the hat shop, 188 Second st.

BRICK HOUSE—Two stories, nine rooms, on Mulberry street. Apply to DR. S. A. POOL.

STOREHOUSE—Four story and basement storehouse, No. 254 Front street. MALLORY, CRAWFORD & CO.

ROOMS—Well furnished rooms, No. 81 Linden street.

COTTON OFFICE—Apply to E. M. Apperson & Co., No. 364 Front street.

FINE OFFICES—65 Madison street, next to Clarendon Hotel. B. M. ESTES, 35 Madison St.

HOUSES—On and near Walker avenue, on Elmwood street car line, from the 1st September, several houses, from two to eight rooms, in good repair. Apply at 36 Union street. JOS. LENOW.

HOUSE—230 Washington St.; 7 rooms and bathroom. Apply at 133 Poplar St.

STOREHOUSES—
No. 166 Main Street.
No. 205 Main Street.
No. 207 Main Street.
Apply to JAMES LEE, Jr., 4 Madison St.

ROOMS—Two furnished or unfurnished rooms at 40 Madison street.

ELEGANT newly furnished rooms, bath-room, etc. Inquire at 116 Court street.

STOREHOUSES—The three new first-class Storehouses on Shelby street, next north of the Gayoso Hotel. Terms reasonable. Apply to CARRINGTON MASON, 5½ Madison street.

CHOICE OFFICES—On second story, occupied for many years by Dr. J. W. Nelson, Dentist, corner Union and Main streets. Apply at 34 Union street. JOS. LENOW.

FRONT AND REAR OFFICE—274 Front street; cotton-room and office; terms moderate. Apply to TOOF, McGOWAN & CO.

ON 'CHANGE.

VISITORS on 'Change yesterday: Sam Moyses, Leland, Miss.; T. L. Barnhill, Chesalis, Tenn.; Waller H. Crouchley, New York City; J. L. King, Fowlkes, Tenn.; C. E. Tumley, Fowlkes, Tenn.

THE Grain Trade Committee of the New York Produce Exchange yesterday made the following changes in dealings: "Strike out the grade of No. 1 corn and establish a new grade, which shall be as follows: Old No. 2 corn shall be mixed corn, dry, reasonably clean, but inferior to that described as No. 2."

THE New York *Commercial Bulletin*, of the 6th instant, says: "The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange examined the type samples of cotton as readjusted on September 13th and 14th by the experts appointed by the different Exchanges, members of the National Cotton Exchange. The members of the board expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the correctness of the types, and thanked the experts for their arduous labor and care. The types are considered the best we have had for quite a number of years."

ADDITIONAL RIVERS.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 7.—Night River 3 feet 1 inch on the gauge and falling. Weather cloudy.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 7.—Night—River 6 feet 2 inches on the gauge and rising. Weather clear and pleasant.

ST. LOUIS, MO., October 7.—Night—River stationary, and stands 7 3-10 feet on the gauge. Weather clear and warm. No arrivals or departures of regular packets.

CAIRO, ILL., October 7.—Night—River 7 feet 7 inches on the gauge and falling. Weather clear and mild. No arrivals of regular packets. Departed: Arkansas City, Vicksburg, 8 p.m.

LOUISVILLE, KY., October 7.—Night—River rising, with 5 feet in the canal and 2 feet 9 inches on the falls. Business good. Weather clear and pleasant. Departed: Ohio, Memphis, 6 p.m.

PLANTERS' OILMILL.

ITS SALE TO THE AMERICAN COTTON OIL TRUST

Explained by Mr. Boyd—Not a Scoop, but a Legitimate Trade.

Desiring to get at the true inwardness of the transfer of the Planters' Oilmill to the American Cotton Oil Trust, an APPEAL reporter yesterday called on Mr. Alston Boyd, and, after stating his mission, requested an interview, which was readily granted. The following is an accurate account of what was said:

Mr. Boyd, the business public have manifested considerable interest in the announcement made in today's APPEAL that the Planters' mill had been scooped by the American Cotton Oil Company, and if you have no objections we would be glad to know something more definite as to the trade.

Well, I am not inclined to parade my private business affairs in the public prints, or those of the company I represent, but there is no occasion for any concealment, and if it is a matter of any interest I have no objections to saying that the Planters' mill is now, and, indeed, has been for some time, one of the plants in the American Cotton Oil Trust.

Will you give me the particulars of the sale?

This being wholly a matter of private interest, and one affecting all the shareholders whom I represent, I hardly feel at liberty to do this; but I may say that the transaction was one governed only by ordinary business principles, and while your reporter has called it a "scoop," it was nothing more than a transfer of property on terms entirely satisfactory to all parties concerned.

But was not your mill to be in fact as in name a "plantation mill," and operated in the interest of seed sellers as opposed to oilmill combinations?

There may have been some such idea at this, and the theory is a good one; but my experience in this direction has proven very clearly that practically it cannot be carried out in the management of a manufacturing and business enterprise.

Is not the cotton seed oil business one of large profit?

The best answer to this is a simple reference to the quotations for local stocks in your own commercial columns, where you will find all oilmill stocks much below par, and in fact some of them almost without value, as is further shown by the fact that for some time past no bank in Memphis has been willing to accept any oilmill stock as collateral. The very able review of the year's business in Memphis in your first of September issue, too, gives the facts and figures in this matter, and shows that while the largest manufacturing interest of the city, it has been carried on for several years at an actual loss to many mills and with only small profits to a few, and these secured only by rigid economy in management or local advantages of situation.

What was the origin of this trust, as you call it, Mr. Boyd?

The American Cotton Oil Trust is simply the natural outgrowth and business like result of a ruinous competition and over production in the cotton seed interest—an effort to control the one and check the other. The cotton seed oil business some ten years ago, when there were less than a dozen mills in the country, was one of large profits. When the industrial revival came in the South this fact was taken advantage of by the manufacturers of oilmill machinery, to induce the building of new mills everywhere, until scarcely a railroad crossing in the South is without its oilmill. Many of them, in fact the majority of them, in the hands of stock companies under inefficient management. The result of this has been that a ruinous competition has arisen in the purchase of seed, while on the other hand the product markets have been overcrowded and prices forced down to a point far below the cost to manufacture. This, of course, brought losses every year to the mills, until, with bankruptcy staring them in the face, some heroic remedy was demanded to prevent the entire wreck of the millions of dollars invested in this property all over the South. This remedy, I think, has been found in the co operation of many mills under the better management and with the improved facilities in manufacture and disposal of products which is comprehended in the American Trust.

But will not this result in the creation of a monopoly that will bring loss to the planting interest of the South by forcing down the prices paid for seed?

I am glad you mention this, because while I know this is the popular idea, I am fully satisfied that no such results will follow. Indeed, I speak "by the book" in saying that no one more than the management of the trust appreciates that such a policy would be simply suicide. On the contrary, I see in this nothing like the danger which has threatened the planting interest in the seed buying pools which have always prevailed. For these have had all the evils of monopolies in their power to fix the price of seed, with none of the advantages which co-operation in the disposal of products would secure. Indeed, even in times "seedware," when prices have been highest, seed dealers and seed agents have been the parties benefited, and not the planters and producers, who generally have received about the same price as when the competition was less sharp. In fact, the broad business principles which must govern an enterprise of this magnitude is an assurance that the trust must look for its profits to the advantages which it has of ample capital, improved machinery, advanced management and a larger field for the disposal of products in hitherto unopened markets, which could not be reached by individual enterprise. And through these advantages, and from the fact that in the immense volume of the business done they can accept a smaller pro rata of profit, I am assured that they will be able to maintain a better price for seed than any single mill can afford to pay. And this principle will, I believe, underlie their transactions with the people, who, I think, when the natural prejudice against monopolies is set aside, will soon learn to so concede it.

Then you think, Mr. Boyd, that the price of seed will be a fair one?

I do, as compared always with the value of the manufactured product, leaving only a fair return for the labor, capital and risk employed. And in this connection let me say that your article of this morning is incorrect in putting the price at $5 per ton. Our mill is now and has been, ever since it has been under the control of the trust, paying $9 instead of $5 per ton, and this price we will be only too glad to advance whenever the product markets will give us any assurance that we can safely do so. I believe, too, if you will allow me to say so, that you newspaper men will be doing an injury to Southern enterprise and to a business belonging peculiarly to the South in teaching anything to the contrary, for it is a matter, after all, that the ordinary principles of trade alone will govern, and the experiment, at least, deserves a trial before condemnation.

PERSONAL.

DR. OVERALL'S telephone is No. 408.

F. H. UNDERWOOD, of Kansas City, is stopping at the Gayoso Hotel.

J. B. PARRENT left for Kentucky yesterday to meet his family and will return in a few days.

M. L. SARGENT, W. A. Nettleton and Geo. H. Nettleton, of the Kansas City, Memphis, Fort Scott and Gulf railroad, are at the Gayoso Hotel.

THE Clara Conway Institute enrolled 215 pupils this week. Miss Conway will receive visitors on business from 9 to 3 o'clock, at the school.

THE Young Men's Temperance Union will give an entertainment at Y. M. C. A. Hall, 205 Main street (Lee Block), on Friday, October 8th, at 8 o'clock p.m. Admission, 25 cents.

BASEBALL GAME.

St. Louis, 6; Athletic, 1.

ST. LOUIS, MO., October 7.—Lyons's miserable work at third and Robinson's poor catching, with stupid base running, accounts for the Athletics' defeat today. The Browns made their runs on timely hits and errors of the visitors. The Athletics made ten hits but were unable to get them in when most needed. Attendance, 400. Score: St. Louis, 6; Athletics, 1.

Pittsburg, 7; Baltimore, 1.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 7.—The Baltimores put in an amateur pitcher named Seay this afternoon, and by so doing virtually presented the home club with the game. He was batted hard and the support rendered him by the balance of the team was simply wretched. In the third inning McGinnis relieved him, but the game was already lost and the club played spiritlessly. At the end of the fifth inning the game was called on account of darkness. Score: Pittsburg, 7; Baltimore, 1.

New York, 7; St. Louis, 2.

NEW YORK, October 7.—The New York and St. Louis clubs played at the Polo grounds today before about 1000 spectators. The home club batted hard and won easily. There was little interest, and the umpire called game at the end of the sixth inning. Score: New York, 7; St. Louis, 2.

Washington, 12; Kansas City, 3.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—The Washingtons defeated the Kansas Citys very easily today by batting hard and fielding almost perfectly. The visitors played an indifferent game in the field and were unable to bunch their hits. A brilliant runing catch by Scheck and the fielding of Myers and Farrell were the features of the game, which was called at the end of the seventh inning on account of darkness. Score: Kansas City, 3; Washington, 12.

Chicago, 8; Boston, 4.

BOSTON, MASS., October 7.—Over 2300 people saw the Bostons defeated by Chicago today. Stemmyer was very wild and erratic and eight Chicagoians took first base on balls. But few errors were made in the game, outside of the respective batteries, and at times the fielding was sharp. Wise, Marrell, Horning and Pfeffer bearing off the honors. Daily and Flint did excellent work. Score: Chicago, 8; Boston, 4.

Metropolitans, 9; Cincinnati, 4

CINCINNATI, O., October 7.—The Metropolitans played their last game of the series with the Cincinnatis this afternoon and won easily. The game was all over after the first inning and was consequently dull, although some good fielding was done. Vaughn and Irwin, a local battery, did fairly well for the Cincinnatis. Umpire York received a fearful blow on the head from a pitched ball in the last inning and was compelled to retire. Carpenter took his place. Score:

Cincinnati.....1 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0—4
Metropolitan.....6 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 *—9

A Tie Game at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 7.—Over 4000 persons witnessed an interesting, and at times brilliantly played, game today between Detroit and Philadelphia. Darkness ended the contest with the score a tie, a splendid throw by Hanlon from center field to the home plate in the ninth inning saving the Detroits from defeat. "Pronomenal" Smith retired the club without a hit for eight innings. Ferguson was more steady than Smith, and though eight hits were made off him they were scattered through six different innings, and he did some masterly pitching at critical points. The clubs will play two games Saturday. Score: Detroits, 1; Philadelphia, 1.

Kansas City Forfeits a Game.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—The Kansas City and Washington Base Ball Clubs, having by mutual consent agreed to play off a postponed game here this morning, and the former not appearing on the field at the appointed hour, Umpire Quest declared the game forfeited to the Washington club by a score of 9 to 0.

PLEURO-PNEUMONIA

In New Jersey—The State Board to Investigate.

WASHINGTON, October 7.—The Commissioner of Agriculture today received a telegram from Dr. Salmon stating that there were several cases of pleuro-pneumonia in New Jersey. Dr. W. B. Miller, of Camden, was directed to report to the State Board of Health to make an investigation.

The Cows Fed at the Distilleries.

CHICAGO, October 7.—Health Commissioner DeWolf has decided to withhold his order prohibiting the sale of milk from the cows now being fed at the infected distilleries. The owners claim that their business will be ruined if the order goes into effect before they can secure a sufficient supply of dairy milk for their customers. They gave notice today that an injunction against the Commissioners' proposed order will be at once applied for. After this legal phase of the matter has been disposed of the Commissioner promises energetic action.

The Baseball League.

The Southern League meeting at Nashville yesterday took important steps looking toward the establishment of the game on a higher plane of gentility. Among other suggestions made was one to provide each kicker with a package of Koko Tulu, in order to give his jaw something to work on besides the umpire's decisions.

THE TRAVELERS' CLUB.

BANQUET AND RECEPTION AT THEIR ROOMS.

A Large Number of Country Merchants Delightfully Entertained—The Speeches.

The Memphis Travelers' Club is to be heartily congratulated upon the success of its reception and banquet given at the elegant rooms of the association last night. At 8 o'clock the parlors on the first floor were well filled with members and their invited guests, the company numbering about 150, of which quite half were merchants from the surrounding country. Until nearly 10 o'clock the company was entertained with music, a fine string band having been provided. A number of vocal selections were happily rendered, among the singers being Messrs. Wright, Hutton and Griffith. Applause was generous and well deserved, the guests retiring at intervals to a little room in the rear, where glasses tinkled on the slightest provocation.

At 10 o'clock the signal for the banquet was given, and the guests found themselves seated at a well furnished and elaborately decorated table in the dining room above. The array of substantials, fruits, confections, and rare cut flowers, the shimmer of cut glass in the light of the chandeliers, made a spectacle as tempting as even a drummer, accustomed to live on the fat of the land, could have desired. Among other things three cakes, presented by the three leading hotels, were noticeable. The Peabody sent a tall pyramid, resting upon arches supported by slender columns, beneath which were two trucks, a sachel upon each. The Gayoso's artist was happy in his conception, an angel, supposed to be the spirit of a good drummer, poised upon the top of a pyramid holding a sample case in one hand. The design of that contributed by Gaston's Hotel was unique and quite suggestive. Upon a drum, which capped the pyramid, a drummer boy stood. The greatest good humor prevailed and the air was filled with music, the popping of corks and the clanking of the tumblers filling in the pauses. There were but two regular toasts, one responded to by Judge Greer and the other by Col. Barney Hughes, though several others made brief speeches.

President Forsdick, of the club, officiated as master of ceremonies, and opened the festivities by extending a hearty welcome to those merchants from the country who were present. He said that he took a deep interest in Memphis and intended to live and die here; that he was anxious to do all he could to advance her interests and believed a great deal could be accomplished by such an organization as that of which he had the honor to be president if it was sustained as it ought to be by the merchants. He wanted them all to take an active interest and to do what other large cities were doing and what Memphis had really taught St. Louis to do in 1878 and 1879, when her merchants refused there and sent railroad passes to their old customers. He wanted the organization to grow until it gathered in every drummer and every merchant in the city. Then they might build club rooms which would be a source of pride to the city and ther organization an engine for the accomplishment of great things.

Mr. Henry J. Lynn was called for and made a brief speech, applauding the drummers, and expressing his belief that great good to the city would come out of the club if it was supported as it ought to be.

Judge Greer was called for and spoke as follows:

Judge Greer.

In common with most banquet speakers I believe that on occasions of this sort one's speech should be serious. It makes no sort of difference that we are met for purposes of social enjoyment and our intention is to be jolly; it makes no difference that tonight we have put away all sober thought, and the thing we expect is entertainment. Nothing can deter your postprandial orator, and the constitution of our country having guaranteed freedom of speech, he has the legal right to solemnly dole out useful information at the witching hour of midnight. Your true philosopher agrees that it is not well for man to entirely surrender himself to pleasure. Acting on this idea the ancient Egyptian introduced at his feast the skull of some departed kinsman. I imagine that skull brought about the necessary solemnity. We of the modern time have substituted for the death head the speaker with statistical learning that he is bound to impart. All good Americans believe that after this life is over and their feet have crossed the dark Lethean stream, they will enter a land of perpetual stump speaking, and that the good things we intended to say here we will get off there to an admiring audience of angels. Nor do any of us—as nearly as I can find out—intend having any consideration for the audience. You have asked me to respond to

THE DRUMMER.

When your president first told me that this honor was in store for me I was overwhelmed and have continued in that state ever since. Very little is known I find from a careful study of the different books on this subject. True Herodotus tells of certain wandering tradesmen who wherever they went astonished the natives and brought home their shekels. Josephus incidentally alludes to men in the mercantile business who were frequently away from home at night. Tacitus tells us of certain Romans who took "their" goods and lives in their hands and went ahead of anything else in their day. True some of the Egyptian mummies are said to resemble in personal appearance and the hardness of their cheek the commercial tourist of today, but I do not believe any of these could have been the genuine article, as none of these writers say anything about his always getting the best seat on the railroad train and his never ringing a chestnut bell. It is my private belief that the drummer is of English origin and was born in the early part of this century. Certain it is that his mother was Necessity and his father was Enterprise, while the food upon which he has grown to greatness was Competition. We may as well concede, however, that something of a cloud surrounds his birth. While it is known that his parents, like those of all other distinguished men, were poor but honest, yet we do not know in what country his young cheek first took on the mantling blush, or on what air his strong voice was wafted. We only know that when he first spoke he began telling second hand jokes, and the first thing he was ever known to do was to get the very best room at the hotel. Like Homer of old, at least 100 cities claim the honor of not giving him birth. Doubtless many more would have spoken out if I'd have had the time to inquire of their Mayors. I heard from enough to be satisfied that it was perfectly impossible to locate him as a home product or an infant industry of America. As Germany, with proverbial indifference and reckless courage, does not care who or how many people are born there, and as they have a national poem called in their own language "Der Drummer," I have concluded to locate him as a native of that soil. Before arriving at this bold conclusion I conferred with the drummer himself, but found his ideas wholly impracticable on the subject. At one time he would insist that he was descended from all the English and French nobility. At another he claimed to be Lady Jane Grey. Again he said he was the "Man of the Iron Mask," and upon still another occasion he told me with tears in his eyes that he was the brazen faced Janus of Rome. As a conclusion he confided to me that he had borne many names in many places, and that he seldom visited the same city as the same representative. He led me to suppose that he was the original John Smith, but his utter ignorance of Pocahontas, George Washington and other characters of that day dissipated this story. He said that the largest supply of any one thing that he ever had on hand, excepting samples and jokes, was ancestry, and that he cared no more for them than he did for posterity or accuracy. No city of the globe could be mentioned but what he was ready to tell me what he called an amusing story in connection with the place. I finally concluded that Germany wouldn't care if I got him born all over the "Fatherland" at one and the same time. This couldn't be done with anybody but a distinguished character, but many of them or their biographers do it easily and don't seem to mind.

Having thus settled the question of his birth, as a faithful historian I should give you some account of the early childhood and dawning youth of this remarkable production of trade. I find, however, that the halcyon days were spent by him in an honest evasion of school tasks and the invention of marvellous, wonderful and authentic fairy tales. No record has been preserved of his life at Sunday school, but it is believed by many that he learned the ten commandments there, as he has been often heard to say since that he has forgotten them. When given the position of salesman in a store he devoted the greater part of his time to entertaining the customers rather than selling them goods. He acted in this matter like all other geniuses who scorn the work they were not born to discharge. He knew that he belonged on the road; that in distant towns the admiring country merchant was waiting to give him orders; that the hotel keepers were dusting their best rooms, and just as soon as he had read all the almanacs which he could borrow, seen all the minstrel troupes and circuses he could get into—he went. I will not further follow that brilliant career, which will end only when commercial progress shall cease to exist; only when men shall fail to appreciate energy and good humor, and when he individually passes away may it be written over him "Here lies the child of enterprise, who was in himself the delightful embodiment of push and industry."

Prof. Barney Hughes.

Wind instruments are necessary on such occasions as this, and a careful selection for that purpose has been made in the speakers. I have served a regular apprenticeship in this department and appear before you as a journeyman who has been on a strike for an advance. We are here by mutual consent to participate in the agreeabilities of an evening which will be impressed on our physical and mental memories. The liberal dispensation of everything which swells the human bosom into full fraternizing fellowship suggests that I remind you of the motto, United we fall; divided we stand. Warm hearts have greeted you and no cold hands will be dealt you. Personal acquaintance begets personal knowledge and personal friendship, and in the matter of trade I can conceive of no stronger links in a mercantile bond, nor an investment bearing such interest. These reunions are always profitable in more ways than one. They learn a man not only how much he can stand in a commercial sense, but teach a lesson of how much he can stand otherwise. I have heard of men standing on feet, and even standing on hands, but when wine and hilarity and good fellowship combine, that is one time above all others when we want the earth and want it solid. Memphis has grown into surprising beauty and proportions and is still improving without the use of fading cosmetics. The blush of prosperity which she wears and whose rosy tint is perpetually promised, is flushed from the good strong blood of vigor, management and confidence. She is no longer content to visit you through her worthy embassadors, but has been anxious to welcome you in person and show you how genuine are the charms and how substantial the beauty which has crowned her with so much fame. She has grown strong and radiant from an illness which would have made a cemetery monogram of any other city. It is commonly said that local pride makes men boastful, and to a certain degree this may be true, but we know it is not every man who is truly, deeply, devoutly proud of his own clothes. I know a man of haughty mien and gallant bearing, who bore himself proudly to the assembled company at a public reception, but if the ruthless or careless crowd had swept away the curtain which concealed a red flannel patch in his otherwise comely costume, his pride would have had a fall beyond recovery. In the assuming of our city we have no such apprehension. It is the only city where the nose is useless, except for eau de cologne and an occasional bad cold, and for that reason you will notice the scarcity of turned up noses. We are not dizzy in our pride, but we feel a pride in our decency, and a gratitude for our deliverance, and a hosannah for our glory. And now, gentlemen, let me arrest your attention while we imprison the drummer in a few remarks. No one should be so welcome to your houses, because they are compelled to be away from their own. They are the moving commercial columns which defend the citadel of trade, and on their marches they do not devastate, but build up, encourage and strengthen every territory. They good naturedly submit to the jests and chestnuts so freely showered, but like a juicy watermelon, you plug them and they are always ripe. Whilst he is accused of playing by the ear, it is because the notes he holds are too often saddening. His comforts are few and far between like the teeth of a boarding house comb, but he must smile and smile, and very often pays 25 cents for two of them. He has no soft spots either on his head or on his route. He sells his wares, but never sells his customers. He is a common carrier of uncommon goods—a wandering, tireless, vigilant worker, whose labors never cease, and when he disappears from the avenues of business, then, instead of the smooth worn paths, there will be naught but loneliness, disaster and other bunches of decay. When the long roll is called and they pass over the road on which no mileage tickets are used, I feel that the spirit who is on duty at the eternal hotel will say, "Make more space in that job lot of angels."

Brief speeches were made by quite a number of other gentlemen, but the lateness of the hour prevents their reproduction here. The affair was in every respect a decided success.

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AMUSEMENTS.

The Memphis Theater.

Fogg's Ferry was repeated at the Memphis Theater last night by Miss Lizzie Evans and her company to a small but well pleased audience. The "Still Bill" of the piece, whose name is Corey (an apology to Mr. Richardson for yesterday's slip of the pen), insisted upon repeating the vile rhyme of the night before.

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