WHIG AND TRIBUNE.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Look out for the **X** mark. It will indicate that your subscription to the WHIG AND TRIBUNE has expired; and it also means that we would be pleased to have you renew it.

STATE NEWS.

They had a hail storm at Buena Vista, Carroll county, last week.

Hon. Walker R. Evans, one of the oldest lawyers in East Tennessee, died at Tazewille, July 12th, aged 63 years.

The Athens *Post* July 13th says the wheat crop of Bledsoe county is a failure, oats pretty fair, and corn never looked better.

The Brownsville *Bee* says Jane Powell a negro girl 15 or 16 years old, was killed by lightning in that place one Friday 14th inst.

A negro man named Sam. McNeil, was convicted at Bolivar last week, of stealing a mule. Ten years in the penitentiary.

The Public well at Bolivar, so long needed, and so urgently demanded by the *Bulletin*, has at last been completed.

The rain we had on Tuesday night of last week, was general—notices have reached us from all portions of the State.

Mrs. L. F. Patterson, widow of Dr. Hugh Patterson, died, of Apoplexy, at his residence nine miles South east of Nashville, last week.

The safe of the Southern Express Company at Lebanon, was robbed on the night of the 20th of about $3,000.

The Treton *Gazette* is jubilant over the prosperous condition and rapid improvement of that town. We rejoice with him.

The Lebanon *Herald* rejoices over a stalk of Timothy hay, raised by Roland G. Andrews. The timothy was six feet seven inches high.

A mortgage was recorded at Huntingdon the other day which,—the Republican says—was covered with stamps $3,500.

The Lebanon *Herald* says a negro man in La Grande country recently killed a black snake, fifteen feet long, and the body as big as the thigh of a full grown man!

A joint Stock Company has been organized at Franklin, Williamson county, for the purpose of manufacturing all kinds of Agricultural implements.

The Trenton *Gazette* of the 22d brings us the mournful tiding of the death of Capt Robt Seat, one of the oldest, as he was one of the best citizens of that town.

The town of Trenton will soon have submitted to her voters the proposition to subcribe $60,000 of stock to secure the building railroad to yellow bluff, in Gibson county.

The McMinnville *New Era* says the dwelling of Mrs. Graves of that town was destroyed by fire, supposed to have originated in the cook room.

A negro man named Dan McKissack, employed on a farm near Pulaski, last week, by John R. Campbell, was killed. Campbell was acquitted by the examining court.

The Athens *Post* says: The oat crop of McMinn county is very little, if any better than the wheat crop—and the latter, from the Little Tennessee to the Georgia State line, the worst failure on record.

The Gallatin *Examiner* of the 13th announces the presence of our old friend, N. O. Blake, of this city, as being on a visit to his relatives there.

The Brownsville *Bee* says that Col. B. J. Lea of that place, had a slight attack of sun stroke last week, but is entirely recovered from it.

Mose Parish of the lively *Bulletin* at Bolivar, is after the people of Hardeman county with a sharp stick, because they have no Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

Jas. L. Sparks sold his interest in the Somerville *Falcon* to his brother, Sam G. Sparks, and is going to establish a paper at Ripley, Lauderdale county.

James Rose, Esq., one the acting Justices of Peace for Shelby county, died suddenly, at his residence in Memphis last Friday, 21st, in the 43d year of his age.

A negro boy on Isaac Read's place, near Brownsville while driving up a cow, two weeks ago, was killed by lightning, and the cow also.

The McMinnville *New Era* of the 20th says the stage contractors between that place and Beersheba Springs lost three horses from overheat, last week.

A horse attached to a buggy at McMinnville, in which sat Mr. McMillen and Joe Scott, took fright and run off, throwing Scott out breaking his leg.

A correspondent or the Nashville *Union*, writing from Wilson county says Mrs. Margaret Reed, who resides with her son three miles South of Lebanon was one hundred years on Monday last, 24th.

A negro man named Wm. Wilkinson was crushed to death in a well on the premises of Wash Newbern four miles South of Bolivar on the 14th inst by the caving of the dirt above him.

The Bolivar *Bulletin* reports the cotton prospect in Hardeman as being very good, and of corn that paper says: "Hardeman never saw the like before—increased average and all in splendid condition.

Mose Parish of the Bolivar *Bulletin* set a net in the Hatchie last week, and caught a Mississippi river Alligator gar, over five feet in length, weighing nearly forty pounds. Did you eat it Mose?

The editor of the Lebanon *Herald* offers a year's subscription to that paper for the largest water melon delivered at that office between July 20 and Oct. 1st., and six months subscribtion for the second best.

Peaches were sold at $1 per bushel at Huntingdon last week. The wheat crop, in Carroll did not average over four bushels to the acre. If the season continues favorable, the corn crop will be abundant and cheap—so says the Huntingdon Republican.

The Winchester *Home Journal* of the 20th says the house of Mr. John G. Enoch of that place was struck by lightning, the rod was broken in three pieces the copper points melted and the weather boarding tore up, but no serious damage was done.

An Irishman named Tom[illegible] ing was shot and killed at [illegible] Mill, Giles county, last w[illegible] W. P. Sandersons. Sanders[illegible]ped and has not been arrested [illegible] says Pulaski *Citizen*.

We learn from the Somerville *Falcon* of the 20th that Mrs Tucker wife of Hon. E. J. Tucker had the misfortune the other day to break one bone in her uncle, and fracture another, by stepping upon a loose brick which turned, and threw her whole weight upon the unfortunate limb.

Marcellus Turner six miles East of Lebanon had his barn struck by lightning last week, and utterly demolished, burning a new wagon and harness, and about 60 barrels of corn; and the dwelling of Pink Smith, eight miles east of Lebanon, was struck by lightning by which the house was considerably damaged, and the family considerably shocked.

A young man named Wm. G. Carringhan, aged 18 years, living at Morristown, East Tennessee, lost his life by standing on the platform of a train holding to the railing and talking to a young lady at a window in one of the cars last week, going out on a Pic Nic excursion. In crossing a bridge, he did not notice, he was struck by the timbers from the effects of which he died.

The Nashville *Union* gives some doleful accounts of the wheat crops in Montgomery county. One man had ten acres of good land in wheat, and after threshing, he had one bag full of wheat. Another had in twenty acres—paid out $30 for harvesting, and $10 for threshing and put his entire crop in nine two bushel bags; and still another sowed eight bushels, paid $8 for harvesting and $10 for threshing, had half a bushel of grain.

Dr. A. W. Hawkins, one of the founders of the Tennessee *Republican* at Huntingdon, recently purchased the *Courier* of that town, and is soon to enlarge the paper, of which he now becomes sole editor. Dr. W. W Murry, retiring. Dr. Hawkins is a man of education, and writes with ability, and is by all odds the ablest republican editor Tennessee has produced. But it will require more ability than he possesses to make the radical party popular in this end of the State.

BAPTIST FEMALE SEMINARY.—We take pleasure in calling public attention to the advertisement of this institution in our paper to-day. The Principal, Geo. W. Johnson, A. M., comes to his position with the prestige of success enstamped upon his past career. May success attend his efforts in our midst.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE FEMALE INSTITUTE.—The announcement of the opening of this old institution of learning, which may be found in our columns this week, will attract the attention of our readers.—The Institute, under the Presidency of Rev. A. W. Jones, D. D., is too well known to require any more than a passing notice at our hands.

New Drug Firm.

We direct especial attention to the new drug firm of PENDLETON & KEITH, in our paper to-day. They have lately fitted up one of the handsomest drug stores in the State, and have on hand a large, well selected and varied stock of goods in their line. Mr. Pendleton is a thoroughly educated Druggist and Prescriptionist, and will give satisfaction to the public.

Preaching.

Elder H. C. Booth, will preach at the Christian Church, this (Friday) night, July 28th, at early lamp lighting.

THANKS.

The thanks of the middle man of the "WHIG AND TRIBUNE" office are due, and hereby tender to Mrs. Col. R. I. Chester for the present of one the most beautiful of the bautiful Foliage tribe, on Wednesday last. We are not sufficiently well versed in the language of Flora nor in the technicalities of the floral kingdom to describe it but content ourself with the statement that it is the handsomest thing of the kind we have ever seen. A thousand thanks for the kind remembrance.

"You may break, you may ruin the vase if you will,
But the scent of the flower will hang round it still.

Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville Railroad.

Negotiations were closed last week, with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, by which that Company made the purchase of the Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville Railroad. The price paid—that fixed by the compromise decree in favor of the State—$1,700,000—paying the county of Montgomery $300,000, in Tennessee State Bonds, for their stock in the road.

"Rectify"-ed.

Our brother Hamby, of the Union City *Courier*, complains that we copied an article in our last paper, from his, and gave credit to the Union City *Herald*. It was an inadvertence of the types, for which we ask pardon, and promise that so good a paper as the *Courier* shall not again be mistaken by us for another.

☞The Southern Express Company's office at Lebanon was robbed of $3,000 on Thursday night, 20th inst It was said that the robber went to the dwelling of the Agent, got the key of the safe, went to the office, raised a window, got in, unlocked the safe, took out the packages and left without disturbing the slumbers of a young man who was sleeping with his head within two feet of the safe. Suspicion subsequently fell upon A. C. Johns, agent at that place, who was arrested, confessed the crime, and is now in jail, after restoring the money.

Arkansas.

They are having lively times in Arkansas just now. At Little Rock last Monday, they had a jolly time in the County Court between the radical incumbents and the radical outs in which some incumbants were displaced and some of the outs got in. Charges of stealing large amounts of county funds were made against incumbents, and by them denied developments are looked for.

In Chicot county there has been a feud between the "outs" and the "ins" for some months. Sometime since a negro named Mason, was appointed Probate Judge, but it leaked out that he was not a good friend of Senator Clayton, and a white man named Ragland was appointed in his stead. Mason Refused to give up the office. The Sheriff refused to obey Mason's order, when the latter had the Sheriff put in jail, raised a company of militia, and run Ragland out of the county. Mason still holds the office, and defies Ragland and his friends. Proposals to compromise with Mason, but he refuses any term were made with them.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Jackson and Denmark in Council.

The Railroad meeting in this city, last Saturday, appointed a committee of gentlemen to make application to the Chancellor of this district for a charter for said road. Good feeling and enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting. This application will be made soon, and when a charter is obtained we hope the citizens of the Denmark country and of Jackson will lock arms and shields, and go vigorously to work to complete the enterprise.

If our friends at Denmark will look at this matter, in the light of *facts* and *figures*, they cannot fail to see that Jackson is the point they should first strike for, as the most important for their interest. When here, with their produce, they have a *home* market equal to Memphis, for the sale of their cotton.—With the facilities for shipping South, East and North, our cotton merchants *can* and *will* pay Memphis prices.

Whilst we have never opposed the building of a road from Denmark to any point, we are confident that Jackson is the point our friends over the river should aim for. We approve of the road from Jackson to Brownsville, with the feature of *no discrimination* in freight or passage either way. The business men of Jackson are not envious of other cities, and do not fear fair competition.

A few of the citizens in and about Denmark were too hasty in coming to the conclusion that Jackson was not disposed to co-operate with them in railroad enterprises. What are the facts connected with the unjust prejudice attempted to be gotten up between Denmark and Jackson, and in the heat of the moment caused some clever gentlemen to turn their backs upon this city? Why, at the same time we suggested the building of a narrow gauge road to Lexington, we also advocated the building of the same kind of a road to Somerville via Denmark. The friends of the enterprise promptly responded from Henderson, whilst there was no favorable response from our friends over the river, but rather *opposition* to the narrow gauge project—hence the further advance of the road to Lexington. Now, is there a liberal minded gentleman in Denmark who can charge Jackson, or the editors of this paper with a disposition to ignore the claims of Denmark to railroad facilities? No, gentlemen, there never was any foundation for such a feeling on the part of any citizen of Denmark. The truth is, you failed to get up steam at the right time, and to move in the right direction. Now be generous and don't blame us with your tardiness. We will show you that we are in *earnest* and will meet you like brothers of one of the most glorious counties in the State. When the proper time comes you will see that Jackson will do her full share in aiding to build a road to Denmark—see to it that you do yours. When the road is at Denmark you can rest upon your oars, for it brings about the absolute necessity of a road from Memphis, and probably one from Brownsville, without asking you to take stock.—If you look at this matter calmly you cannot fail to see that we have given you good common sense advice, and that we have never been wrong on this question, the communications in the Brownsville papers to the contrary notwithstanding.—Come, "all aboard for the Denmark railroad!"

Jackson as a Railroad Focus.

More than twenty years ago we predicted, through the columns of this paper, that Jackson was destined to become the great focus of Railroads in West Tennessee. This inevitable result would have been accomplished years since, but for the devastations of civil war. It will be recollected, by the old citizens of this county, that the first Railroad enterprise for this section was mooted through our paper. When the Memphis and Charleston road was projected, and a branch extended to Somerville, we advocated, with zeal, the extension of the road from Somerville, via Denmark, to Jackson.—Our Representative in the Legislature used his whole influence to get the charter extended to this place, but the members from Shelby opposed and defeated the movement. Thus foiled in our first effort for a Railroad to this city, we next took hold of the project of a road from Mobile to the Ohio river, and wrote the first article that ever appeared in print, from West Tennessee, advocating the building of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

The building of the Mobile and Ohio road brought about the necessity of the Mississippi Central road and the completion of these two roads will bring about the necessity of other roads to tap them at this central point in this fertile peninsular of West Tennessee.

Having got thus far in the fulfillment of our prediction we can now see the "conclusion of the whole matter." The road from Jackson to Lexington will certainly be made, with a strong probability of an extension to Knoxville. The road from Jackson (12 miles) to Denmark is a fixed fact, with almost a certainty of an extension to Memphis, and probably to Brownsville. As soon as there is a change in the ownership of the Northwestern road, the branch from Huntingdon, passing through Levinia and Spring Creek to Jackson, will be pushed forward to completion. It will be remembered that 10 miles of this branch has already been graded and bridged, leaving only 28 miles to reach Jackson. Although there is not much said now about this Huntingdon branch road, we look upon its completion with the fullest confidence. This is a broad gauge road, and cannot be made by individual enterprise along the line. But, as soon as the road falls into the hands of capitalists, they will know the absolute necessity of connecting at Jackson, and, backed up by the business men of Nashville, will go forward to complete it. The extension of the Mississippi Central to Paducah has already been decided upon, and the wealthy lessees of that road will "push things." The completion of all these projected roads, with those already in successful operation, will give to Jackson more railroads than can be found at any other location in West Tennessee.

With the prestige and power that Jackson now has, short sighted, indeed, will be her citizens if they do not go forward to the accomplishment of still greater improvements. There is nothing, in our candid judgment, to prevent Jackson from becoming the great railroad focus of West Tennessee, and the Atlanta of the State.

With a devotion that knows no change, and a zeal that knows no abatement, we shall continue to give our best efforts to the building up of a great inland city here, spreading its commercial influence in all the surrounding country. With a record of devotion and zealous labor for Madison county particularly, and the surrounding counties generally, reaching back for a third of a century, we can well afford to pass, unnoticed, the ungenerous attempts made to place us in antagonism to any portion of our county. Let him who can show a better record cast the first stone.

Railroad Meeting at Brownsville.

Our Denmark and Brownsville friends had a railroad meeting at Brownsville last Tuesday, to devise ways and means to build a narrow gauge road between these points.—We learn, generally, that there was a good delegation from Denmark, and that the meeting was harmonious, though, except the appointment of a committee to solicit subscriptions, composed of some of the best citizens of both counties, nothing of especial interest transpired.

The account given by Col. Baker, of this city—who was present—is *not* highly complimentary to the Denmark delegation. We have seen no official account of the meeting up to the time of putting our paper to press—12 m. Friday. If there shall appear anything of interest in the official proceedings, especially to our friends about Denmark,—we will copy it in the next issue of the WHIG AND TRIBUNE, for we are determined that all sections of our county shall have a fair hearing through this medium.

EXPRESS ROBBERY.

The Express car on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, going North on Saturday night of last week, was robbed by three men who got on the train at Union City, and bought tickets to Clinton, Ky. The train had stopped for a moment at some station, when the three men got out on the platform, and as the train started, observing that there was no one but the messenger in the Express car, two of them jumped into the car and presented pistols to the head of the messenger, demanded the safe key, while the third one stood on the platform to give signal in case of danger. One kept his pistol well covering the head of the messenger, while the other went through the safe. The amount obtained has been variously stated, but we learn it did not exceed $2,000. When they had accomplished their business, the bell cord was pulled for slackening speed, and the three rascals got off, and disappeared in the woods.

Fayette County Waking Up.

A large and enthusiastic railroad meeting at Macon, in Fayette county, is reported in the Memphis *Appeal* of Saturday. Maj. Sykes, of Memphis, and O. F. Prescott, a prominent citizen of the same city, and a director of the Memphis and Raleigh Narrow Gauge Road, made speeches on the occasion. A unanimous expression in favor of extending the Raleigh road to Jackson, was the result of the meeting. The country all along the line of this road is waked up to the importance of its immediate construction. Memphis and Macon at the other end, seem willing to do their part, Jackson and Denmark at this end have pledged themselves to do theirs—and now what says Somerville? The prospect for the early construction of this great road grows brighter and brighter. Let the people of Denmark, Somerville and Macon keep the fires burning. Jackson and Memphis will do all that is expected of them when the time comes.

☞Gen. Hornberger, of Clarksville, who was recently killed in the railroad disaster on the North Western railroad, by his will left to the Corporation of Clarksville, at the death of his widow, the bulk of his fortune, which amounts to about $75,000.

Maryland.

The Democracy of Maryland met in Convention the other day, and nominated W. Pinckney Whyte, for Governor; A K Syester for Attorney General, and Levin Woolford, for Comptroller. No platfrom or resolutions were adopted.

Henderson County.

The opportunity is now offered to the citizens of Henderson county to secure the inestimable advantages of a cheap, safe and economical railroad, which we are persuaded the good sense and self-interest of her people will induce her to seize upon without unnecessary delay. A survey has already been made for a narrow gauge road from Jackson to Lexington, which for cheapness of construction and economy of management, will throw any road ever before constructed in Tennessee entirely into the shade.

As Henderson county now stands, she is almost wholly isolated from all railroad connections. Her soil is one of the most generous and prolific in this generous and prolific section of the State. She makes as much cotton per acre, as any county in West Tennessee; but lying remote from market, and separated from railroads by streams and dirt roads which are absolutely impassable—or next to it—for a good portion of the time when she wishes to reach market with her products, she loses as much every year, in hauling, in not being able to get to market, and in loss by depreciation in quantity and quality of staple, and by depreciation of price, as would pay for building such a road through from the Madison county line to Lexington. We are sometimes met with the remark that Henderson is a poor county, and "cannot afford" to lay out of the capital necessary to build the road through their territory; but when this remark is made they do not reflect that, poor as Henderson county is, she annually loses *more*, for want of the facilities which the railroad would furnish, than the whole cost of the road would be to them. Why, the surplus corn of Henderson county, which has been made by the two last rains,—last week and this—would alone, almost build the road through the county; and yet we hear men who pass for intelligent citizens, cavilling about the pitiful tax which it is proposed to levy upon the county—$150,000—and which is to be paid in ten years. If the road is built, before these bonds will fall due, and have to be paid, the increased value of the lands of Henderson county, to say nothing of the additional articles of production which will, by this means, find access to market, will more than ten times over, pay the whole of the bonds thus issued.

Henderson county will not be so blind to her best interests as to refuse to vote the subscription asked for this road. It would be an insult to her intelligence to believe it.

Democratic! Or Radical!

In the Missouri *Democrat*—a Republican paper—of the 25th of July, we see a long article copied from one of those Bourbon papers—the Mobile *Register*—which is apparently engaged, as a chief end, in furnishing ammunition for radical papers north to make a successful campaign against the democracy of the country. The St. Louis *Democrat* is one of the ablest republican papers in the country, and thinks it selects the best weapons of offence to be had, and accordingly nearly every issue of that paper contains lengthy extracts from the *Appeal*, Mobile *Register* and kindred papers. These so-called democratic papers in the South are furnishing more campaign matter for radical papers north than any other single element in the land. And yet they are *par excellence*, democratic!

INDIANA.

The Democratic State Central Committee, of Indiana, met at Indianapolis Tuesday last, and unanimously passed a resolution in favor of their fellow-citizen, Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, as their first choice for the Presidency, in 1872, and recommended every honorable effort to secure his nomination by the National democratic convention when it assembles next year.

California.

The democracy of California have recently been divided into four factions; but last week a compromise was effected, and now all portions of the democracy will unite in the support of the party candidates.

☞We are indebted to Hon. Wm. H. Stephens, of Memphis, for a pamphlet copy of an address delivered by him before the Alumnie Society of the University of Nashville, on the 15th of June last. Like everything which comes from his chaste pen, it abounds with eloquent thoughts most felicitously expressed. His theme is "Tennessee; and the duty of her Educated sons;" and he handles it with a master's power. The address ought to be universally disseminated and read. It could not fail to do good.

A True Idea of Journalism.

The editor of the Lincoln county *News*, in his issue of the 21st of July, expresses his idea of journalism in a sensible and manly manner, and it is a great pity that more men who come to the editorial position do not have as correct ideas of the duties and obligations imposed by it. Here is a short extract from his article:

"He who undertak s journalism with no higher mission than to merely excuse himself in the way of filling up space or pandering to known prejudices to make himself popular, has a very poor conception of his duty. Neither is self-interest, momentary or otherwise, the sole object. The object should be to advance the public weal, by advocating a distinct line of correct ideas, applicable to every business of society."

INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT MEETING.

A Charter for the Proposed Jackson and Denmark Road to be Applied for.

The interest manifested by the friends of the Jackson and Denmark Railroad, at a public meeting in this city on last Saturday augurs most favorably for the complete and speedy success of the enterprise.—Denmark and vicinity sent up a strong delegation. Jackson was well represented, but many warm supporters of the road did not attend the meeting until after it had been in progress some time, having been told that nothing would be done but the selection of a committee to apply for a charter.

On motion of Maj. R. B. Hurt, Dr. Thos. H. Newbern was called to the Chair. Col. T. H. Baker and J. W. Gates were requested to act as Secretaries.

The Chairman confessed his ignorance as to the precise object for which the meeting had been called, and asked for information

Maj. Hurt replied that he understood the object of the meeting to be to get the opinion of those present as to the propriety and practicability of building a narrow gauge railroad from Jackson to Denmark, looking to an extension from the latter place either to Memphis or Brownsville, as the interest of the people along the line may determine.

The Chairman then expressed the views of the Denmark delegation, as agreed upon at an informal meeting. They were in favor of all railroads, especially those that included Denmark in the route. They were almost a unit in favor of the narrow gauge system, and will unite with the people of Jackson in building a road of that character, either from Jackson to Memphis, by way of Denmark and Somerville, or by way of Denmark and Brownsville. The people of Denmark preferred a direct line to Memphis, but as that appeared far in the future, Denmark would meet the citizens of Brownsville at the county line—that place having proposed to build a road within four and a half miles of Denmark.

Maj. R. B. Hurt offered the following resolutions, which, after discussion, were unanimously adopted:

Resolutions.

Resolved, That F. D. Theus, W. P. Robertson, James O'Connor, W. M. Dunaway, W. W. Gates, R. B. Hurt, W. D. Robinson, A. R. Reid, James Neely, T. H. Newbern, W. A. Morgan and S. P. Caldwell be appointed and requested to apply to the next term of the Chancery Court of Madison county for a charter for a narrow gauge railroad from Jackson to Denmark, and thence to Memphis or Brownsville, and that they are hereby instructed to have stipulated and provided in said charter that there shall not be any discrimination in favor or against either terminus, or any point on said railroad, in the charges for transportation of freight or passengers, and that the violation of said provision by the said railroad company or its officers or agents shall work a forfeiture of the charter.

Resolved, That we pledge our hearty and earnest support to the construction of said railroad with the provision in the charter prescribed in the first resolution.

Resolved, That we regard the construction of a continuous line of narrow gauge railroad from Memphis to Knoxville, *via* Jackson, of the first importance; and that, in the opinion of this meeting, the construction of narrow gauge railroads will develop the resources of the country to a much greater extent than the more costly broad gauge roads.

Mr. Robt. Gates read a list of some of the leading citizens of Jackson who pledged their support towards building a railroad from Jackson to Denmark.

On motion the Memphis, Somerville, Brownsville and Jackson papers were requested to publish these proceedings. Adjourned until 1st Monday in August.

THOS. H. NEWBERN, Chairman.

T. H. BAKER, J. W. GATES, } Secretaries.

Explosive Oils.

Messrs. Editors:

I little thought when I penned the article published on the first page of your last issue, on the danger of using these highly inflammable burning fluids, that we would so soon have so bright an illustration of the facts set forth. A grand and awfully sublime spectacle was witnessed at the Methodist church on Thursday evening. The house filled with flame and flowing out at the windows, the consequence of the falling of a chandelier charged with highly inflammable fluid. It is sickening to the heart to think of what the consequence would have been had there been a congregation in the church at the time. Who can realize the horror of a crowd of confused persons in a house filled with flame, and many of their garments blazing with the flaming fluid scattered on them? How long will our citizens tolerate the use of this dangerous fluid, and not enforce the law that prohibits its sale?

J. B. CONGER.

Jackson and Tennessee River Railroad.

Messrs. Editors.

The question of constructing our Jackson and Tennessee River Road, is one that presents itself to every thinking man. How can the means be raised? Henderson county has wisely submitted the proposition to the people of the county to vote a tax of $125,000 to its construction. Now let our city authorities at the next regular meeting, submit a similar proposition to the voters of the city of Jackson to vote a subscription of $60,000. These two subscriptions, with what should, and can, be taken in work and material along the line of the road will build it at once. Let us have the subscription by the city, and thereby make certain the construction of this important work.

TAX PAYER.

Sheriff Aydelette's Card.

LEXINGTON, TENN. July 21st, 1871.

Messrs. Editors:

Indulge me with this, the last.—Mr. March's statement, until called by Judge Black to the door of the hotel, is, in substance, correct. I do not pretend to say that there was no money furnished Cox by some one; but my guard deny that they furnished him any. Some one of the State's witnesses from this county might have given him money; but they were not under my control; I had nothing to do with them. They were witnesses for the State, and as much under the control of Mr. March as myself. Without making an exposition of profanity, I will say to Mr. March that the people of my county sustain me, and if his people sustain him it is all right. And without worrying the public and the readers of your valuable paper, I will say to Mr. March that the Courts of the country are open, and that he can have a fair and impartial trial if he desires it. I have nothing more to say to Mr. March through the papers, let him go to the Courts if he wants an investigation.

Respectfully,
A. E. AYDELETTE.

Lexington Railroad Meeting.

Messrs. Editors:

The citizens of Lexington and vicinity met in convention on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Court House, in pursuance of previous arrangements, when Col. A. H. Rhodes was called to the Chair, and forthwith proceeded to explain the object of the meeting to be the appointment of a committee of arrangements to select the ground and fix a place to have our railroad barbecue on the 18th of August, and superintend the same; also to appoint a committee to solicit contributions for said barbecue, and also a committee to invite speakers for the railroad, and fix the canvass for the county. Upon motion of E. J. Timberlake, M. S. Edwards was appointed Secretary. The Chairman then proceeded to appoint the following persons as the committee of arrangements, to-wit: Dr. J. H. Howard, C. F. Hinson, Wm. A. Read, J. A. Teague, Jas. A. Henry, T. A. White, Jno. M. Rhodes, Wm. A. Horn, S. H. Wadley, J. C. Miller, J. G. Campbell, Felix H. Rhodes, G. W. Council, L. A. Teague. W. F. Brooks, W. C. Madison, Jordan F. Smith, J. P. Armstrong, Joseph Ringold, William G. Priddy, Watkins Lee, Charlie F. Howard, S. B. Horn, James Halbrooke, J. F. Burkett, John Doyle and Dr. L. B. Graddy; and as a committee to solicit contributions, R. W. Stewart, Jno. E. Read, E. J. Timberlake, James H. Fuller, Rev. James McCraw, J. N. Teague, Samuel Howard, J. S. Fielder, S. M. Hefley, A. E. Aydelette, John Smith, Rev. Sanford Denison, D. W. Rice, Abner Lawler, John Teague, M. L. Galloway, J. M. Priddy, James McClerkin, L. A. Stanford, D. F. Adams, Dr. Hall, R. D. Moffit, E. H. Austin, Hugh Lassiter, D. T. Spain, Nathan A. Gardner, John Meals, E. C. Wilson, J. D. Lucas, A. W. Harman, J. W. Barnhill, Jordan L. Buck, R. J. Dyer, Riley Johnson, J. F. Blythe, L. L. McCollum, J. H. Galbraith, A. R. Jowers, Jno. B. Davis, Nathan C. Wilson, Esquire Matlock, Esquire Duke, C. R. Scarborough, Carrol Beaver, John A. Miller, R. Denison, Wm. A. Helms; and as a committee to invite speakers and arrange the campaign for the county, Maj. John M. Taylor, E. J. Timberlake, Col. Horace Rice, Samuel Howard, Col. Owen Haney, James M. Priddy, M. S. Edwards, L. S. Woods, Geo. K. Foote, Robert Purdy, J. R. Rust, O. P. White, W. L. Stegall, John W. Anderson, William J. Thorn and E. W. Walker.

The following preamble and resolution was presented by Maj. Jno. M. Taylor, which was unanimously adopted by the convention:

WHEREAS, We recognize and feel the great importance of the early completion of the Jackson and Tennessee River Railroad, and the necessity of an honest effort upon the part of all, to arrive at such a glorious result; therefore be it

Resolved by us, the citizens of Lexington and vicinity, in convention assembled, That we pledge ourselves to unite together, as one man, for the purpose of building and extending said railroad on to Tennessee river, and will advocate the same to the utmost of our ability, to the very pulling down of the strongholds of all opposers, and hereby express our willingness to vote the tax for the same.

On motion the Whig and Tribune and the Tennessee Republican were requested to publish these proceedings. The meeting then closed, and everybody went on their way rejoicing, helped up with the idea of having bright prospects of the early completion of the Jackson and Tennessee River Railroad.

M. S. EDWARDS, Chairman.

West Tennessee Agricultural Association.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, on Saturday, July 22d, 1871. James Blackmon, Esq., in the chair.

The reports of the gentlemen appointed to canvass the county for subscriptions to the Stock of the Association not being ready, they were instructed to report to the next meeting.

On motion, Capt. J. T. McCutchen and Martin Cartmell were appointed to canvass the county for subscriptions, in addition to the gentlemen now acting.

Maj. Hurt said he had received a letter from Col. Griffith, of Nashville, stating that it would be impossible for himself and Col. Killebrew to be present to-day, but that they would both be present and address the Association, and citizens of Madison county, on the 5th of August next.

On motion of Mr. W. D. Robinson, it was unanimously resolved to have a "Basket Picnic" on the 5th of August next.

On motion of T. H. Baker, a committee of three, consisting of Col. D. M. Wisdom, Maj. R. B. Hurt and P. D. W. Conger, Mayor, were appointed to invite Hon. Emerson Etheridge to be present and make an address on the occasion of our next meeting.

The Chair appointed Mr. W. D. Robinson, J. C. M. Garland, C. W. Greene and Jno. L. Brown, a committee of arrangements for the "Basket Picnic" on the 5th of Aug. next. At which time every body in Madison county are cordially invited to be present.

All canvassers for Stock are earnestly requested to *thoroughly* canvass their respective districts, and *be certain* to make report to the next meeting.

Association adjourned until the 5th day of August next.

ROBT. GATES,
JNO. T. STARK,
Secretaries.

Decatur County Awake!

A communication from an intelligent correspondent at Decaturville under date of the 19th inst, gives the gratifying intelligence that the people of Decater county are alive to the necessity of building the Jackson and Tennessee River Railroad, and with a view to getting all the people of Decatur county together will give a

Grand Free Barbecue

at Decaturville on Wednesday, August 16th, at which some of the most practical and sensible railroad men in the State, will address the people, setting forth the great, the incalculable advantages of having a railroad running through their county, connecting at Jackson with the finest system of railroads in the State, and with a prospective railroad outlet to the East, which will give her people a choice of markets which they can never enjoy without such connection as we propose to them.

With a view to a full and fair discussion of the advantages of the proposed road, they have invited Hon. Milton Brown, General A. W. Campbell, Maj. R. B. Hurt, and other practical and sensible business men to addres them on the occasion. Judge Milton Brown had much *practical* experience in building broad gauge railroads—having in fact built the Mississippi Central from Jackson to the Mississippi State line, and the Mobile and Ohio Railroad through from Mobile to Columbus, Ky., and is therefore able to talk to the people intelligently upon the subject. Gen. A. W. Campbell, though not a practical railroad man, is recogized as one of the most eloquent, logical and convincing men of this section, and having read and thought much on the subject, will be able to talk effectively to the people.

Our correspondent says Decatur county is ready to foot her full proportion of the cost of a survey of the route from Jackson to the Tennessee River, and asks if Henderson county will bear her portion of the burden to make the survey across her territory? He says Decatur county *is not very wordy*, but *when she speaks she means a good deal.*

The hospitable people of Decatur throw wide open doors, and invite the citizens of Henderson and Madison to join them at Decaturville on the 16th of August, and let thier united counsels devise the ways and means to build the road which is to be of such vast benefit to Jackson, Lexington and to all the intermediate country.

Madison will be represented - and well represented on the occasion.

Madison County.—Agricultural Festival.

The farmers of Madison county are arousing themselves to the importance and dignity of their vocation. A few days ago they raised about four thousand dollars towards a fund for the reorganization of the Fair Association of the county, and have called a meeting at Jackson, on the 5th of August, which will be a festival in the true sense of the term—plenty to eat, of the best description, and speaking by Hon. Em. Etheridge. Col. Killebrew, of this paper, will also endeavor to comply with a pressing invitation, and be present. The people of Madison, *en masse*, and those of the surrounding counties are invited, and a most interesting day is expected.—*Nashville Union and American.*

The Virginia Air Line.

The daily shipments of merchandize over the Virginia Air Line from Norfolk to Nashville amounts to about six car loads, which considered a very good business for the season. A very large quantity of sugar has been shipped here over this line during the past week, to our wholesale grocery merchants, and there is every reason to believe that the business during the Fall and Winter will be very materially increased as compared with last year. At Norfolk the line connects with steamers running to all the Eastern ports and is making itself a very formidable competitor with northern railroad lines. S. W. Edwards is the agent of the line in Nashville.

☞Hamby, of that capital paper, the Union City *Courier*, thus states an interesting local occurrence in that place. It is unique in manner, certainly:

Matured.—The Coupon attached to the marriage bond of our friend, E. D. Edwards Esq., dated August 29th 1871, matured on the 8th inst, bearing eight and a half pounds interest. It is a boy. Since the advent of this young, handsome and giltted son of promise, the happy sire presents quite a "patriarchal" appearance.

THe Cotton Factory.

All of the machinery for the large cotton factory has arrived and is being put in order and arranged for operation with all the speed that the necessary care will permit. Before the year is over seventy-five hundred spindles will be whirling at the rate of seven thousand revolutions per minute. Competent judges pronounce all of the machinery to be of the very finest quality, both as to material and finish.—*Banner.*

BASKET DINNER,
Saturday, August 5th.

The whole County Invited!

Mass Meeting of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

The Hon. Emerson Etheridge, Col. Griffith and Col. Killebrew will address the people.

GRAND RAILROAD
BARBECUE,
At Mifflin, Henderson Co.,
Thursday, August 3d, '71.

Everybody Invited.

Judge Milton Brown, Gen. Alex. W. Campbell, Judge T. C. Muse, Maj. R. B. Hurt, of Jackson, and Maj. Sykes, of Memphis, will address the people on the occasion. Col. A. H. Rhodes, Maj. John M. Taylor, M. S. Edwards, Judge Foote, and others from Lexington, will also be present and address the people, The Jackson Silver Cornet Band, led by Prof. Millen, will discourse music on the occasion. The ladies are specially invited to attend.

The following named gentlemen are the managers of the Grand Rail Road Barbecue at Mifflin, August 3rd 1871.

Robt. Purdy, Rev. Jas. McCraw, E. C. Scarborough, Esq., W. L. Stegall, James Poddy, W. C. McHaney, J. K. Jones, Abner Lawler, John Brown, John H. Galbraith, Hon. S. L. Ross, Hon. Horace Rice, Dr. W. J. Cook.

A Great County
Railroad Barbecue,
AT LEXINGTON,
On the 18th of Aug.

Distinguished Speakers from Memphis, Jackson, Lexington, and other points, will address the people. Among others, we advertise Judge Milton Brown, Dr. Alexander Jackson, Gen. A. W. Campbell, Judge T. C. Muse, Maj. R. B. Hurt, Capt. J. G. Mann, and others from Jackson. Maj. Sykes and Col. Trezevant, from Memphis. Col. A. H. Rhodes, Maj. John M. Taylor, Milton Edwards, Judge Foote, and others, of Lexington.

Gen. W. C. Whitthorne and Maj. Falconett of Columbia, and Col. W. D. Pickett, of Brownsville, have also been invited to address the meeting.

Ample preparations will be made to entertain a large crowd.

Everybody, the ladies especially, are invited.

The Jackson Silver Cornet Band will furnish music on the occasion.

Railroad Speaking in Henderson County.

Judge Milton Brown, Judge T. C. Muse, Gen. A. W. Campbell, Maj. R. B. Hurt, Hon. Micajah Bullock, Capt. John G. Mann, of Jackson; Maj. W. J. Sykes and Col. Trezevant, of Memphis; Gen. W. C. Whithorne and Maj. Falconet, of Columbia; Col. W. D. Pickett, of Brownsville; Col. Horace Rice, M. S. Edwards, A. H. Rhodes, Judge G. K. Foote; Gen. J. W. G. Jones, L. S. Woods, Rev. James McCraw,