UNION AND AMERICAN.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1865.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE TRAINS.

Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Leaves Nashville at	7:30 A M
"	6:30 P M
Arrives at Louisville	6:40 P M
"	5:40 A M
Leaves Louisville at	7:00 A M
"	6:00 P M
Arrives at Nashville	5:30 P M
"	6:00 A M

Edgefield and Kentucky Railroad.

Leaves Nashville	3:00 P M
Arrive at Nashville	9:00 A M
Leaves Springfield	6:50 A M
Arrives at Springfield	5:25 P M

Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad.

Leaves Nashville at	8:00 A M
Arrives at Nashville	5:15 P M
Leaves Chattanooga	6:00 P M
Arrives at Chattanooga	6:20 A M

Nashville and Northwestern Railroad

Leave Nashville	6:00 P M
Arrive at Johnsonville	11:00 P M
Leave Johnsonville	1:50 A M
Arrive at Nashville	6:50 A M

Nashville and Decatur Railroad.

Leave Nashville	7:15 A M
Arrive at Decatur Junction at	3:30 P M
Leave Decatur Junction	8:30 A M
Arrive at Nashville	3:35 P M
Leave Nashville	2:00 P M
Arrive at Columbia	4:39 P M
Leave Columbia	6:15 A M
rriv at Nashville	9:45 A M

Montgomery and West Point Railroad.

Leaves Montgomery at	4:30 A M
Arrives at West Point at	12:00 M
" Columbus at	6:45 P M
Leaves West Point at	1:15 P M
Columbus at	6:25 A M
Arrives at Montgomery at	9:15 P M

JAMES A. PAUL, Esq., left this city, last night, on a business tour to Louisville and Cincinnati for the UNION AND AMERICAN. He is fully authorized to transact any business for us that may arise, in either of those cities, or in the States of Kentucky or Ohio.

MR. JOHN W. FAXON is our local agent at Clarksville, to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the UNION AND AMERICAN.

CAPT. JESSE JOHNSON, one of the oldest and most respected of our steamboat men, is in the city, spending the Holidays with his friends. We wish him the greatest pleasure in mingling with his old friends, and recounting his numerous exciting experiences of the last few years.

WE SAW, yesterday, a silver ornament, which was taken from the nose of an Indian chief, at the battle of the Horse Shoe, by William Stewart, brother of Col. L. G. Stewart, of Sumner county. It is near two inches in diameter, and is held as an heir-loom in the family, and is a most interesting historical relic.

THE manager of the Mobile theatre gave a benefit on Saturday last in behalf of the widow of Stonewall Jackson. All the people of the theatre, including the reigning star, Mlle. Zoe, tendered their services on the occasion, free of charge.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE CITY AND SUBURBS.—The 25th day of December was observed here very much in the usual way, accompanied, of course, with the usual festivities, carousals, and casualties.

The latter, however, were quite numerous; and a large number of arrests were made by the authorities. As an instance of the recklessness which prevailed, we may mention, that into the parlor of one of our acquaintances, in the heart of the city, a ball was first night before last, breaking the glass, and just missing the head of one of the occupants.

A party of men went out on the Murfreesboro Pike, for the purpose of practicing at pistol shooting. They stopped just beyond Brown's Creek; and while engaged in their practice, a man named Thomas Hancock fired a rifle, from the premises of Major Lewis, some ten or twelve times, apparently at the party, who heard the balls whistling, and shielded themselves to the best of their ability. During the firing a young lad, some fifteen years of age, named James Lamb, was severely wounded, the ball passing through the abdomen. Hancock was arrested, and taken before 'Squire Meacham yesterday. The case was continued till Thursday, required bonds being given.

Yesterday, the Provost Marshal's Office and the Recorder's Court had no cause to complain of a scarcity of cases. Doubtless many casualties occurred of which no account will appear in the city papers; and many also, which, for various reasons, will not be published, although well known.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.—On Monday night, Gen. Fisk left this city for Louisville, accompanied by Chaplain Lawrence, Judge of the Freedmens' Court, for the purpose of settling affairs pertaining to this Bureau in Kentucky. We understand that they will be absent about ten days, visiting Lexington, Frankfort, and other places.

The Murfreesboro *Monitor*, commenting on affairs connected with this Bureau, says: We republish a law recently passed by the Legislature of Alabama, which gives to the negro the right of suit and of testimony in all cases to which he may be a party—just such a law as we have heretofore advocated in the columns of the *Monitor*. If every Southern State had taken such action promptly and in good faith, it would have helped the President in his plan of reconstruction, and facilitated the reception of members elected to Congress from the Southern States.

It is a point to which sooner or later the Southern States will have to come—the longer it is postponed the greater the danger, that greater concession will have to be made—negro suffrage for instance will be the next size one son.

We hope that the Tennessee Legislature when it re-assembles after the Christmas holidays, will revive its action in the premises and pass a bill similar to the one passed by the Legislature of Alabama—securing to the negro, as a freedman, his right of action and testimony in defence of his person and property. Any intelligent Southern man who opposes such action is either a fanatic carried away by prejudice and oblivious of the events which have transpired within the last four years, or a demagogue who, for the purpose of carrying favor with those whose prejudices he would foment to their own undoing, would sacrifice friends, country, everything, for the sake of place and popularity. The people have suffered enough by surrendering themselves into the hands of such individuals. It is time that they were beginning to think and act for themselves. If republican institutions are to be maintained, the people of the United States must forego the worship of the golden calf—the almighty dollar, long enough to inform themselves on the political questions of the day—they must summon courage enough to think and act for themselves, and not be led by any cross-road politician who, to serve his own and his party's purposes, would kindly take them in charge.

To do this, however, they will have to open their purses a little—subscribe for one or more newspapers and not get their news second hand from the party politicians referred to above—who will always have on hand, the sort of news demanded by the emergency of the occasion.

To illustrate; a candidate for office at this time, according to the neighborhood he might be in, or man he was endeavoring to influence, would either condemn Andrew Johnson as a miserable demagogue who never had an honest impulse, or applaud him to the echo, as a pure and immaculate patriot—he would refer to facts too to sustain either position. We would repeat in conclusion, that it is time that the people of the United States, if they would preserve their own liberties and hand down to posterity free institutions unimpaired, should do their own reading, their own thinking, and their own voting.

INCREASE OF CRIME.—Although the condition of affairs in Nashville, and other cities, in the State is certainly bad enough, it is nevertheless but little worse than that of some other localities. The recent disbanding of large armies has more or less demoralized the whole country. Yet, our condition is not near as bad as that of some other countries that have been placed in circumstances very similar to our own. We take the following from the Lynchburg (Va.) *Republican*, which may give some idea of the state of society in that section:

"Robberies are becoming more frequent as the holidays approach. The depredators are growing bolder in their audacity, and seem bent on creating a sort of high carnival of crime, in lieu of their old-time merry-makings. The police will have to perform their duty with redoubled vigilance, if they succeed in preventing a state of uncertainty and confusion which may possibly result in actual and wide-spread violence. It would not be unwise to increase the city guard to an extent sufficient to effectually suppress these nightly outrages, and prepare for all possibilities."

It is to be hoped that this condition of affairs, throughout our entire land, may soon become changed for the better. Much of this lawlessness proceeds from ignorance and imperfect education in regard to the real duties of citizens and communities. By imparting proper instruction on this subject in our institutions of learning, as well as by wise and wholesome legislation, these things may in time be corrected and a more healthy spirit infused into every community in the land.

MURDER IN SEQUATCHIE VALLEY.—Night before last a difficulty occurred between two men named Lafayette Goodwin and R. W. Dabbs, in that part of the Seventh District known as Sequatchie Valley. Both lived in the same house, and several blows were given in the course of the dispute.

Yesterday morning, as Goodwin was washing his face, Dabbs stole up behind him and shot him in the head, causing his death soon after. No arrests had been made at the time the above was obtained.

In the Recorder's Court, yesterday, twenty-five cases of drunkenness and disorderly conduct were heard, and disposed of as usual; and M. C. Casey was fined fifteen dollars for tippling on Sunday.

POLICEMAN SHOT.

Quarreling Over the Spoils.

About two o'clock yesterday afternoon, two Irishmen, named James Hogan and Luke Gray, were making some inquiries on College Hill for a friend whom they wished to see; and in their travels they came to the residence of John Corbett, Esq. Some accounts state that these men used abusive language to Mr. Corbett's family; others, that they simply made inquiries for the person they wished to find. Be this as it may, a difficulty occurred, and two policemen, N. J. Watson and Joseph Frame, arrested the parties. Subsequently, the policemen began to dispute as to who made the arrest. From words they proceeded to blows. Frame, we understand, gave the first blow; and Watson, after making some resistance, drew his revolver and shot Frame in the side. The ball passed through the lungs, and caused a severe if not fatal wound. It is thought he cannot recover. Watson and the Irishmen were brought before the Recorder yesterday. It was, however, thought best to postpone a full hearing of the case until this morning, and Watson was committed for further trial.

MUNICIPAL PROCEEDINGS.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board held a regular meeting last evening, at half past six o'clock.

Members present—Messrs. Brodie, Creighton, Kinney, Sloan, and President Cheatham.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, the following communication from the Mayor was read and received.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Dec. 26th, 1865.

To the Board of Aldermen and Common Council,

GENTLEMEN: It gives me pleasure to state, that immediately after the interview between Major Gen. Fisk and the Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, to confer with him in relation to the transfer of jurisdiction in cases against colored persons, from the Recorder's Court to the Freedmens' Bureau, and the establishment of a Hospital for the poor, the General kindly and promptly ordered the necessary furniture from Memphis, for the accommodation of one hundred persons at the Wilson Hospital on the Harding Pike; and that he will order accommodation for a greater number, whenever it is required.

I respectfully recommend that a committee, of one or more from each Board, be appointed, to counsel and co-operate with Gen. Fisk, as to the establishment and management of the Hospital. I am confident that the whole arrangement will be conducted in such a manner as to give satisfaction to all parties.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
W. MATT. BROWN,
Mayor.

REPORT OF REVENUE COLLECTOR.—The report of A. R. Shankland was here read. This report gives the following:—

City Taxes, 1865,	$3,186 31
Interest,	371 06
Back Taxes,	1,846 93
Interest on bonds,	3,186 20
Total,	8,590 61

The sum of $415 64 was left to pay over to the Board of Education.

The report was received and filed.

President Cheatham here remarked that, as Chairman of the Police Committee, he would say that the parties engaged in the shooting of Mr. Frame had been suspended in their duties as policemen. He also stated that members of the Board recommending parties for election as night police, would be held responsible, and that it was the intention of the Police Committee, in conjunction with the Mayor, to recommend no party for election as night policeman, unless well recommended, and the party recommending would be held responsible. A tendency to become intoxicated would be regarded as one of the greatest objections to nomination.

PETITIONS.

A petition from Thomas Chadwell, and others renting stalls in the market House, was read, asking that these parties might retain their stalls, at a price to be fixed by a committee appointed for that purpose, and that the stalls might not be let to the highest bidder.

Some discussion arose on the subject, and the petition was finally referred to the committee on Market House.

Several petitions to rent frame dwellings were read, and either granted or referred to the proper committee.

FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A bill originating in the other Board was read, instructing the Chairman of the Street Committee to have the names of the Streets lettered, either on houses located on the corners, or on the lamp posts, and to pay for the same out of the city treasury; and that lots, when improved, shall be numbered in the same way.

The bill passed three readings.

A bill taxing physicians $50 for every case of small pox not reported, was laid on the table.

A bill appropriating $25 per month to the City Treasurer, was also laid on the table.

NEW BILLS.

Mr. Brodie presented a bill for the erection of a General Hospital. This provides that the sum of —— dollars be raised, by taxation of all property taxable by law. It also provides that the Mayor, in conjunction with the Health Committee, select a suitable place, and let the contract to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Creighton took the chair, and President Cheatham remarked, that he regarded it as a matter of vital importance to the city, not only that a hospital should be established, but that the streets should be improved, and that Nashville should not merely equal but eclipse the city of Louisville. He was a tax payer, and he would be willing to be taxed where he could receive the benefit of it.

He was in favor of expending $150,000 on the streets and alleys, if necessary. If we were to have disease in the city, we should be prepared for it. He was aware that the taxes were heavy, but they were not as heavy as the taxes in Charleston, Atlanta, New Orleans, or any city south of here. He was in favor of developing the resources of the city and State. Taxation was a burden, but we were already burdened with paupers. He was in favor of improving the condition of the city in every respect, and wanted the old croakers to give way to Young America.

After some further remarks by different members, the bill past its first reading, and was withdrawn for amendment.

A resolution, offered by Mr. Kinney, to instruct the Gas Committee to see that gas was furnished in the stall of Geo. W. Coleman, was adopted.

Mr. Cotton, (Pres. of the Board of Councilmen) who was present, made some remarks as Chairman of the Gas Committee, and gave some information in regard to matters brought before that Committee.

On the matters spoken of in the Mayor's communication, Messrs. Brodie and Sloan were appointed a committee for this Board.

Mr. Kinney presented a bill, authorizing the Gas Committee to supply gas at any points they might deem proper, and to have necessary control over subordinates in that department.

The bill passed three readings.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Creighton, authorizing the Gas Committee to erect lamposts on the corner of High and Line, Line and Cherry streets, was adopted.

The Board then adjourned to 6 P. M. on Thursday next.

RIVER NEWS.—The depth of water on the shoals yesterday was twenty-four feet, and rising.

Since our last issue there has been the following

ARRIVALS.—*J. P. Wells*, from Evansville, *A. Baker*, from Smithland; *Tyrone*, from Louisville; *Gen. Scagel*, from Burksville; *Newsboy*, from Smithland; *Matro*, from Evansville.

DEPARTURES.—*Mercury*, for Louisville; *New York*, for Cincinnati; *Newsboy*, for Burksville.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—A great deal of inconvenience is caused the officers of railroads connecting with the Western & Atlantic road, in consequence of the negligence of that company in transporting freight from Chattanooga. The Nashville & Chattanooga road suffers greatly from this cause, and the interests of other railroads connected with it suffer also. We learn that freight sometimes remains in Chattanooga for three or four weeks, without any attention whatever. A little energy displayed in this matter, on the part of the road referred to, would be of great advantage to more than one railroad company. Not only do the roads suffer from this cause, but the interests of our commercial men sending freight South are very much injured; and many kinds of business are seriously interfered with from this cause alone. It is to be hoped, that those interested in the W. & A. R. R., will soon remove all cause for complaint.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.—On Monday night, three soldiers belonging to the 16th Regulars, and a citizen by the name of Littleton, made their escape from the Military Jail, on Front street. They sawed through the bars, and let themselves down some fifty feet, by means of a rope formed of strips of their bedding. One of the soldiers has since been retaken.

THE Baltimore *Gazette* indulges in the following ludicrous strain over the resignation of Butler, recent Major General:

"Butler has resigned. What a pity! No longer from the immortal Portress radiate those brilliant beams that drew all contraband to himself; no longer does the beacon glare that lit the flame in widows' homes and made young orphaned rebels weep; no longer shall that pious mind revise the forms and prescribe the rituals for disloyal churches, and interpret to ministers the word of God, nor that hand of relentless grip cleanse altars of unhallowed gifts and ornaments too costly and bright for temples of humanity; no longer shall King Cotton weep his sceptre governed by a hand of mail; nor more shall quail the timid woman of disloyal heart before the vengeance of that nether eye; no more shall New England preachers rejoice over the spoils of a wicked foe. Butler has resigned! His self-appropriating hand has been withdrawn, and Southern rebels hitherto shut, insurgent swains peep from their hollow carpets and toll their gaudy colors, and revolutionary pianos trump their demon notes."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE Public Celebration of the Masonic Fraternity, announced for this evening is postponed.

Installation services will be performed in the Lodge Room at 7 o'clock P. M.

December 27, 1865.

E. P. CONE has received the Ledger; the Waverly; Leslie's Illustrated; Flag of our Union; New York Mercury; Scientific American; London News; Punch; Bell's Life; Times; Sporting News; Dublin Nation; Irishman, etc.; Catholic World; London Society and Christmas numbers; latest dailies and DeBow's Review.

If you want a can of fresh, fat and large oysters, for the contemptible sum of one dollar, go to Mr. Hemphill, No. 33 Church street, and be accommodated. Mr. H. is the Agent for Sand's Cream Ale, which he sells in any quantity, on reasonable terms.

CALL at Benson's Music Store, 34 Union street, if you want a cheap Album, Writing Desk, Port Folio, or anything in the shape of a Christmas present, as we are selling at cost to close out.

dec 23-dtf.

DWELLING FOR SALE.—A brick house, two stories with six rooms; kitchen with two rooms; and two rooms in the basement, situated on Line street, between Cherry and College, and adjoining the residence of Mr. Sloan. The house is newly papered and painted, and in most excellent condition. Gas and water attached. For particulars apply to J. L. & R. W. BROWN,
dec 23-1w 38½ Union street.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS go to McClure's Music Store, and get one of those beautiful Musical Boxes, Musical Toys, or a handsome Martin Guitar, and if some of the above will not suit you, take a fine Piano or Parlor Organ, after which, stock it well, out of the immense stock of New Music, to be found there. Prices low during the holidays.

dec 20—1w

GREAT EXCITEMENT.—At T. M. Hobbs & Co., 64 North College street, 3 doors below the Square, Christmas, New Years' presents, albums, watches, clocks, pictures, plated ware, jewelry, etc., to be bought at one-half of which it can be bought at any other retail place in the city. All goods warranted as specified on the certificate; if not so, article returned and money refunded.

Lady clerks in attendance. *dec 23-d7twlt

BOOTS! BOOTS.—Gents Calf Boots made to order at short notice, warranted to fit or no sale, at FULLER & STOCKARDS,
dec 19—1w No. 43 Union street.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The Rev. Edward A. Wilson's Prepared Prescription for the cure of Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung Affections, has now been in use over ten years with the most marked success.

The Remedy, prepared under Mr. Wilson's personal supervision, also a pamphlet containing the original Prescription, with full and explicit directions for preparation and use, together with a short history of his case, may be obtained of Messrs.

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MARRIED.

MITTON—COMPTON—Married, at the St. Cloud Hotel, Nashville, by the Rev. R. F. Bunting, on the 24th December, Mr. WILLIAM G. MITTON, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, to Miss NANNIE N. COMPTON, of Franklin, Kentucky.

CANDIDATES.

For Circuit Court Clerk.

HAVING been solicited by a large number of old friends, **Will. L. Foster** has consented to announce his name as a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk of Davidson county, at the ensuing March election.

We are authorized to announce the name of **David C. Love** as a candidate for re-election to the office of Circuit Court Clerk of Davidson county, at the ensuing March election.

For County Court Clerk.

Lindsley Nichol is a candidate for re-election (second term,) to the office of Clerk of the County Court of Davidson County, at the ensuing March election. decl7dtd

We are authorized to announce the name of **Wm. S. Cheatham** as a candidate for the office of County Court Clerk of Davidson county, at the ensuing March Election.

We are authorized to announce **W. G. Ewin** as a candidate for County Court Clerk of Davidson county, at the ensuing March election. decl-te.

We are authorized to announce **Thomas C. Crunk** as a candidate for County Court Clerk at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce **Writley W. Philips** as a candidate for County Court Clerk, at the ensuing election. decl-te

We are authorized to announce **W. C. Hall** as a candidate for County Court Clerk, at the ensuing election. decl-te

For Criminal Court Clerk.

We are authorized to announce **Charles E. Diggons** as a candidate for Criminal Court Clerk of Davidson county at the ensuing March election. decl-te.

For County Trustee.

We are authorized to announce **Phineas Garrett** as a candidate for County Trustee at the ensuing March election. decl-te.

We are authorized to announce **Thomas Shute**, of the Fourteenth Civil District, as a Candidate for County Trustee of Davidson County at the ensuing March election.

We are authorized to announce **T. W. Ballew** as a candidate for County Trustee of Davidson county at the ensuing March election.

We are authorized to announce Captain **John Wilson**, as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Trustee at the ensuing March election.

For Sheriff.

WE are authorized to announce **A. G. Hagey**, as a candidate for Sheriff of Davidson county at the ensuing March election.

We are authorized to announce **Robert F. Cattles**, a candidate for Sheriff of Davidson county at the next March election. decl-te.

We are authorized to announce **Kosciusko Branch** as a candidate for Sheriff of Davidson county at the ensuing March election. decl-te.

We are authorized to announce **W. C. Shaw**, as a candidate for Sheriff of Davidson county, at the ensuing March election. decl-te.

We are authorized to announce **Wm. Wilson** as a candidate for Sheriff, at the ensuing election' decl-td

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Nashville, Tennessee.
dec9—1m

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
FRANKLIN COUNTY.

A. J. SIMPSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF L. N. Simpson, deceased, is hereby ordered to give notice in the UNION AND AMERICAN, and by written notice, at the Court House door in Winchester, Tenn., for all persons having claims against said estate to appear and file the same with the undersigned, duly authenticated, in the manner prescribed by law, on or before the 1st of April, 1866. THOS. SHORT, Clerk.
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Monetary and Commercial.

OFFICE OF THE UNION AND AMERICAN, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27.

MONETARY.—Gold has declined somewhat in New York, opening yesterday at 1.45⅞ and at noon was 1.45¼. The *Commercial* of the 23d quotes money more abundant, and adds: "The demand from the street is quite limited. Current speculation appears to be very much supported by deposits left with the brokers, so that applications for call loans are quite limited. We hear of no transactions outside of call loans, so that quotations are without change. Prime indorsed sixty days' paper is current at 7@8 per cent.; do. single name at 8@9 per cent.; a large class of less known at 10@15 per cent. The leading drawers ask 10⅝ for sixty days' sterling, but cannot sell at that rate. At 10⅝ bankers' sterling would be bought on speculation.

In Nashville there was almost nothing doing in uncurrent money yesterday. We could hear of only very small sales, and rates are unchanged. Bank of Tennessee brings only 35 cents. The Union Bank of Tennessee is bought at 60 and the Planters at 55.

As there seems to be a want of understanding on the part of many of our people as to the nature and extent of the safe-guards to the National Bank circulation, we copy for their information the following letter to the publishers of a paper in Georgia;

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA. Dec. 12, 1865.

Messrs. R. M. Orme & Son:

GENTLEMEN: Seeing in your paper of to-day a list of National Banks reported as having failed, I have thought proper to drop you a line on the subject, and hope you will give it a place in your paper, that it may not only give credit to the bills of National Banks, but save some of your Southern readers from loss on what they have on hand.

A National Bank cannot fail to pay its issue because it is based upon a deposit of Government Bonds in the Treasury of the United States. For every one hundred dollars deposited with the Treasury in the Five Twenty Bonds (5.20) bearing 6 per cent. interest per annum in gold, payable semi-annually—the Government issues to the Banking associations $90 in National Bank Bills, holding in reserve 10 per cent. to secure the note or bill holder—in case of the bank failing to redeem. And when a deposit of 10-40 Bonds is made, the Government only issues 85% per cent. to the Banking association—holding in reserve 15% per cent. over the issue. The Government holds the plate from which the bills are printed, and in no case can there be an over issue. Each stockholder is liable for double the amount of his stock. I will refer you to sections 47, 48, 49 and 50 in the National Banking Law, which you will please furnish for the benefit of your readers who may not be informed on that subject. As to the failure of some banks reported, there is no foundation in the report.

Very Respectfully,
HENRY C. SPORRS
Agent for the First National Bank of Philada.

Southern funds are unchanged and may be said to be dull at the advertised rates. We give Mr. Marr's quotations:

TENNESSEE			
Bank of Tennessee, old issue	40	Bank of Fulton	30
		" Savannah	40
		the State of Ga	20
Planters' Bank	57	City Bank of Augusta	20
Union Bank	60	Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank	13
Bank of Chattanooga	25	Mechanics' Bank	12
" Commerce	130	Merchants' and Planters' Bank	10
" Knoxville	40	Merchants' Bank	15
" Memphis	80	Planters' Bank	15
" Middle Tenn.	90	Union Bank	10
" Paris	45	NORTH CAROLINA.	
" the Union	par	Bank of Cape Fear	35
" West Tenn.	42	" Charlotte	25
Buck's Bank	par	" Clarendon	12
City Bank	50	" Commerce	20
Commercial Bank	85	" Fayetteville	10
Merchants' "	50	" Lexington	25
Northern "	par	" N. Carolina	42
Ocoee "	42	" Wadesboro'	20
Bank of Shelbyville	80	" Washington	10
Southern Bank	28	" Wilmington	20
Traders' Bank	25	" Yanceyville	10
Life and General Insurance Company	50	Commercial Bank	15
SOUTH CAROLINA.		Farmers' Bank of N. Carolina	36
Bank of Camden	25	Merchants' Bank	28
" Charleston	18	Bank of Rockford	25
" Chester	18	Miners' and Planters' Bank	15
" Georgetown	17	VIRGINIA.	
" Hamburg	15	Bank of Berkley	75
" Newberry	18	" Commerce	30
" the State of S. Carolina	18	" Howardsville	10
Commercial Bank	15	" the Old Dominion	33
Exchange Bank	15	Bank of Richmond	15
Farmers' and Exchange Bank	12	" Rockbridge	30
Merchants' Bank	18	" Rockingham	20
Peoples' Bank	40	" Scottsville	10
Planters' Bank of Fairfield	18	" the Valley of Virginia	35
Planters' and Mechanics' Bank	25	Bank of Virginia	35
State Bank	12	" Wheeling	25
Southwestern R. R.	36	Winchester	15
Union Bank	55	Central Bank of Va	20
LOUISIANA.		Danville Bank	15
Bank of America	par	Exchange Bank of Va	20
" Louisiana	30	Exchange Bank at Alexandria	40
" New Orleans	50	Fairmount Bank	60
Canal Bank	30	Farmers' Bank of Fredericksburg at Matamoras	20
Citizens' Bank	30	Farmers' Bank of Va	25
Crescent City Bank	40	Manufacturers' and Farmers'	30
Louisiana State Bank	40	Merchants' Bank	30
Mechanics' and Traders' Bank	80	Merchants' and Mechanics'	75
Merchants' Bank	40	Northwestern Bank	50
Southern Bank	par	Southwestern Bank	20
Union Bank	50	Traders' Bank	20
New Orleans Scrip	80	Gold	143
ALABAMA.		Silver, Dollars	140
Bank of Mobile	70	" Halves and Quarters	135
" Montgomery	80	Silver Dimes and Half Dimes	130
" Selma	20	Vouchers	9
Central Bank	30	Tennessee Bonds	80
Commercial Bank	30	Davidson Co. Bonds	7
Eastern Bank	48	L. and N. R. R. Scrip	70
Northern Bank	50	The above bonds are bought with coupons.	
Southern Bank	70		
GEORGIA.			
Central Railroad Bank	85		
Georgia Railroad and Banking Company	85		
Bank of Middle Ga	65		
Marine Bank	65		

COTTON.—In consequence of the holidays and the unpleasant state of the weather there was but little done in this line to-day. We still quote at 39@40 and for extra fine we have heard of as high as 41 being paid.

The following table gives the receipts of Cotton by Great Britain from this country during the war and for the four years preceding it:

Before the war.		During the war.	
1857	994,287,900	1861	1,260,325,900
1858	1,048,130,000	1862	535,001,500
1859	1,191,655,300	1863	687,810,000
1860	1,174,374,800	1864	920,850,000

The imports of cotton into England from all sources, during the year 1864, were as follows; India, 1,399,514 bales; China, 390,074 bales; Egypt, 254,102 bales; Brazil, 212,192 bales; America, 197,776 bales; West Indies, etc., 59,645 bales; Smyrna and Mediterranean ports, 62,053 bales. Total, 2,587,356 bales. It is estimated in commercial circles that this year the total will probably reach 3,100,000 bales.

GROCERIES.—In fancy articles the trade has been brisk, but we have no changes to note in prices.

LIQUORS PER GALLON.—Whisky, Bourbon, $3@5 Robertson county, $2.75@4.00; Common, $2.50@2.75; Brandy, French, $4@12; Ginger, 3.75@4.50; Catawba, $4.00@6.00; Apple, $4.00@5.00; Wine, Malaga, $3.50@4.50; Sherry, $4@5.

TEAS PER POUND.—Imperial, $1.75@2.25. Young Hyson, $1.50@2.00; Gunpowder, $1.90@1.75

TOBACCO.—Per pound, 60@$1.50.

CHEESE.—Per M.: 23@12c.

HERMETICALLY SEALED, PER DOZ.—Oysters 1lb $3.25@3.50; 2lb, $4.50@5.00; Peaches, 2lb, $4.50@5.00; 3lb, $5.50@6.00; Pears, 2lb, $4.50@5.00; Tomatoes, 2lb, $3.00@3.25; 3lb, $4.50@5.00; Sardines, quarter box, 32@c; Brandy Peaches, $7.50@8.00; Brandy Cherries, $7.50@8.00; Fine Apples, $10.50@12.00.

FRUITS, &c.—Raisins, per box, M. R., $3@5.50; layers, $6.50@7. Almonds, 40c; Filberts, 25@c; Brazil Nuts, 25@26c; Tomato Catsup, per doz., $2.00@2.25; Pepper Sauce, $2.00@2.25; Pickles qts., $4.00@4.50; pts., $3.00@3.25; Candy, assorted, ⅌ lb, 31@34c; Rice, ⅌ lb, 12½@14c; Soda in kegs, 12½@14c.

SPICES.—Pepper, ⅌ lb 40; Allspice, do. 35; Ginger, do. 35.

SNUFFS.—Tubs, No 1, $15; No. 2, $14; No. 3, $13.50; do. in Nests, (8) $565.50; Buckets, ⅌ doz. $464.25; Washboards, "$4; Blacking, small, 50; large, $1; Wrapping paper, S. $1.10@1.20 M. 1,000 lots, 1,000@25; Starch, ⅌ lb, 10@12½; Candles, Star, 24@25. Summer Mould, $1.80@19; Boxs Soap, ⅌ lb, 10@12. Fancy, Box, $2.25@3.00; Indigo, ⅌ lb, $1.50@1.75; Madder, 18@20; Copperas, 4@5; Nails, 90@10 for 10d. 75 cts per keg additional for each diminishing size.

MACKEREL.—In barrels, 17.00@$21; half barrels, $10@$11.50; kits, $3.00@$3.50.

SEEDS.—Kentucky Bluegrass, 90@$3; Clover $12@$15, Timothy, $60@$6.50; Orchard, $3.50; Herdsgrass; $3.75.

LEATHER.—Oak Sole, 40@50 cts; Hemlock, 40; Country, 40; Calfskins, per doz., $36@75; Kip do. per doz., $72@$86; Tanner's Oil, $2 per gal.

COFFEE PER POUND.—Rio, 31½@35; Java, 45@50.

SUGAR PER POUND.—New Orleans, 17@21; Porto Rico, 16½@20; Cuba, 16@19; Crushed, 22@22½; Powdered, 22½@23; Granulated, 23@25; Coffee, A, 22@22½; Coffee, B, 21½@22; Coffee, C, 21@21½; Yellow, 17½@20.

MOLASSES PER GALLON.—Sugar House, 120@140; New Orleans, 1.00@1.35 Porto Rico, 80@1.00.

SYRUP PER GALLON.—Baltimore, $1.00@1.25; Golden, 1.25@1.50.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—There have been receipts of 225 hhds Sugar and 500 bbls Molasses since yesterday. There has been a better feeling for Molasses to-day, and prices are firmer, while the market for Sugar continues very dull and depressed with an accumulating stock. The sales of Sugar are confined to about 50 hhds, in several lots, at 16½c, ⅌ lb for light yellow clarified. The sales of Molasses comprise 400 bbls in various lots, at 32½c for good, and 80@85 for prime and 25 bbls choice at $1 05 ⅌ gallon. Choice is very scarce.

The Hog Market.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.

HOGS—The market has a downward tendency. They sold this week at $9 to $9 50, principally at $9 25.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Receipts for the past two days have been light, and the market is firmer, prices paid by packers yesterday for lots here and on the way ranging from $9 00@$9 40@9 60 per 100 lbs. gross—the outside price for extra heavy. At this range some 4,000 head have been sold since our last report, of which about 3,000 head are at St. Charles and on the road.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The reported sales to-day foot up about 4,000 head, ranging in price from $8 25 to $9 00.

The market has been characterized by more activity to-day than for a week or two past. Packers and shippers have been operating actively, though the former have taken the greater share of the stock sold.

Pittsburg Glass Market.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.

Our glass manufacturers report a brisk demand for all classes of goods, but particularly for window glass, and prices rule very firm at last week's quotations. Soda ash commands the extravagant rates of the past two weeks, say 7½c per pound at tidewater, with a possibility of a short supply, compelling some of our manufacturers to stop operations early next year. Of this article, crude, there is now used in and near Pittsburg 1,000 tons per month, beside a large amount of refined by white glass manufacturers, all of which is imported from England.

WINDOW GLASS—SINGLE STRENGTH—SECOND QUALITY—BRANDED YERSONVILLE OR BOSTON.

Price per box of 50 feet.

8 by 10	$3 40
9 by 12 to 10 by 12	5 75
9 by 14 to 10 by 14	6 10
10 by 15 to 10 by 16	6 50

M'CULLY'S BRAND—SINGLE STRENGTH.

6 by 8	$5 40
7 by 9	5 40
8 by 10	5 75
8 by 11 to 9 by 11	6 10
9 by 12 to 10 by 12	6 10
8 by 13 to 9 by 13	6 50
9 by 14 to 10 by 14	6 50
8 by 15 to 9 by 15	6 85
9 by 15 to 10 by 15	6 85
9 by 16 to 10 by 16	6 85
11 by 14 to 10 by 15	6 85
11 by 15 to 12 by 14	6 85
9 by 17 to 10 by 17	6 85
9 by 18 to 10 by 18	6 85
11 by 16 to 11 by 17	6 85
12 by 15 to 12 by 16	6 85
11 by 18 to 8 by 19	7 20

New York Dry Goods Market.

Dry goods Exchange:

Brown Sheeting—Atlantic A, 33½c.; do. D, 30c.; Laconia B, 30½c.; Gilbon, 26c. Bleached Sheetings—Wamsutta, 50c.; Forrest Dale, 40c.; Hill, 40c.; Home, 38c.; Amoskeag A, 40c. Prints—Sprague,