

LOCAL ITEMS.

NEBLETT & GRANT, Local Editors. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1857.

Chronicle Office over W. H. Bryarly's Store.

CHRISTMAS.—We would advise all our patrons, who desire to feel the genuine Christmas fever in their bones, to get Harper's monthly for December, and read Clement C. Moore's immortal poem, entitled "A Visit from St. Nicholas." It is spiced with the genuine Attic salt, graphic beyond praise, and redolent of egg-nog and social humor. We would be glad to see the good old custom revived, which we are sorry to see is dying out in most of families, of hanging the children's stockings upon the wall, in anticipation of the annual visit of Santa Claus. This is an innocent and harmless, as well as a very pleasurable delusion, for the children, which we have no doubt has made more poets than the combined writings of Shakspeare, Byron, Milton, Scott, and Moore. Besides it is a very graceful way of making a present to one's sweetheart. It is much to be regretted, however, that ladies stockings are not generally larger, or the bodies of their admirers smaller, or perhaps this custom would become more and more popular with the lapse of years. We are inclined to believe too, that the good old practice of drinking egg-nog at Christmas is a most excellent one, provided, one does not take too much of it, and absolutely and totally abstains from the use of any other stimulant during the balance of the year!

Our ears will now be greeted with the booming of Christmas guns, the whizzing and popping of crackers—the merry and mellow laughter of the happy idler, and the uncouth jabbers of maskers, forming a strange and rather uncouth melody to celebrate the departure of the old, and to welcome the coming of the new year. What feasting, revellings, banquettings, frolics, pastimes and greetings of old friends, long lost to sight, but to memory dear, will take place between now and the first day of January! We think this is as it should be. We approve of a Sabbath of years, as well as of weeks, in which all cares, anxieties, troubles, and old grudges, are drowned, or temporarily suspended at least, in the pleasures and enjoyments of the hour, and the grateful heart, as if thankful to the Great Giver of all good for this holiday of the soul, buries, or forgets in the natural and appropriate enjoyments of the Christmas season, all the more prominent and dangerous features of the old Adam. We consider it our duty, however, as a faithful chronicler of events, and a candid censor of morals of the good people, to remark, officially, that we have sometimes seen even Christmas frolics overdone, and we hope that, presuming upon the very reasonable price of eggs and whisky, none of our friends will indiscreetly indulge, until they find themselves in that very undignified, inelegant and unsophisticated condition, which is generally characterized by the term "decidedly comical." We would remark, also, semi-officially, for the edification of such as may feel disposed to become, in the hilarity of the moment, troublesome, or as it is more appropriately termed "abstruse," that Marshall Withers will be on hand with his ball, ready to wait upon any who should be ambitious to be introduced to the town Recorder, and that Bally Smith officer of the night will be most happy to take care of those who are unable to take care of themselves. We sincerely hope, however, that this Christmas week will pass off in harmony and mutual good will, and that the records of our town will for once, remain undisfigured with the history of any violation of good order and social propriety and decorum during the Christmas holidays.

We would also observe, en passant, that while our patrons make a liberal use of their money in purchasing, good cheer, and Christmas toys and presents, we would be most happy that they would all remember to signalize, for once in their lives, the advent of Christmas, every one of them, by that very good and virtuous act of calling up and wreathing the printers face also in smiles by paying their subscriptions, and entering their names afresh for another year. So may pleasure and enjoyment always strew their path with flowers, give them pretty wives, good children, rich sweethearts, long lives, success in business, no corns, and plenty of the needful.

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We had the pleasure, on Tuesday night last, of attending the Exhibition of Mr. Wm. H. Fessy's school, on Budds Creek. The Exhibition commenced by the reading of two or three letters from the senior class, to their preceptor, and also several compositions, all of which were well written and would have done credit to older heads. The next was the performance of several very laughable farces. The boys sustained themselves very well, and everything went off in good style. This is a good point for a school, and Mr. Fessy is one of the best teachers in our country. We wish him success in his future undertakings.

In accordance with the time-honored custom, no paper will be issued during Christmas week. Printers, like other folks, need a little respite from their irksome labors.

TWO NEW PLANETS.—We announce to our readers, with unfeigned gratulations, the addition of two new planets of uncommon brilliancy to the Clarksville constellation of "exquisites." They made their appearance a few nights ago, in the midst of a galaxy of the greatest splendor and beauty. One was of lesser magnitude than the other, and though both were brilliant, outshone the lustre of the larger. As they have not yet been named, we shall call them for the present, "Planet Minor, and Planet Major." With "Planet Minor," the centrifugal motion seemed for a while to predominate, and we feared several times he was about to disappear. Presently, however, we saw him advance nearer, and commencing revolve pretty steadily around several lovely stars, whose attraction completely overpowered his centrifugal tendency. He was finally drawn so near some of them, we fear he was scorched by their rays. His transit, however, was very rapid, and he sank below the horizon about 12. "Planet Major" seemed perfectly bewildered by the splendors of the scene, upon which his eyes (Planets have eyes you know) had just opened. If we may liken planets unto men, we would say he resembled a rural "greenhorn" visiting town in all "the pomp and circumstance" of broadcloth, revealing in his awkward efforts to be easy the original breeding which no externals can conceal. For a while he seemed to have lost both the centrifugal and centripetal motions, and stood stone still. Ever and anon, such dark specks obscured his disc, we feared his light was about to be extinguished for ever. He first regained his power of gravitation, but so suddenly that we thought more than once he would have come in collision with the earth. Then again he rushed wildly and fro, "streaming like a meteor to the troubled air." By degrees, however, he moved with planetary decorum around various sparkling stars, until his orbit became nearly fixed. His motion was much slower than that of his "twin brother."

And he bade not the bewitching scene adieu, So long as other stars were yet in view!

The second benefit, for the Common School, by the Dramatic Corps, came off on Wednesday night, and we regret to say there was a very small house on an occasion that should have brought the citizens out. The play was the Merchant of Venice, followed by "Nick of the Woods." In both pieces, the leading characters were well sustained, and take the acting altogether, it was highly creditable. Had we time, it would give us pleasure to criticize the performance in detail—giving to each actor a just measure of censure and praise, according to our estimate of merit and demerit;—of censure, with a view to correct faults; of praise, to stimulate to greater efforts at perfection. But our paper is just going to press, and we close with the announcement, that the Company will play every night this week, and that another benefit for the Common School will come off soon, of which due notice will be given.

ORIGINAL NOVELETTE.—We will commence the publication of an Original Novelle; sometime in January, written by our senior Editor. Most if not all of our readers, recollect the interesting stories from his pen, published a few years since, entitled, "Young Colonel;" "The Refugees;" "Lilly Dale;" "The Convent Prisoner;" "Jane Maston;" "Bettie Leland," etc., all of which were read with thrilling interest. We have every reason to believe that our senior will fully sustain the reputation he has earned, in the forthcoming publication. It is our intention to publish this in Pamphlet form, and will only print the number subscribed and paid for. All who wish to procure a copy will come forward and give us their names, so that we may know what number to run through the press. Price 50 cents per copy.

Our carrier, Mr. James Brockman, will wait upon the city patrons of the Chronicle with his Address, to-day. As James is a very modest young man, we hope his friends will have their quarters ready, and let him go on his way rejoicing. Kind, generous patrons "give the devil his due."

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We wish all our patrons a merry Christmas, and say to all—Christmas gift! Don't all send at once!

COL. CHARLES L. THOMAS, of Marshall county, Mississippi, and brother of our senior editor, R. W. Thomas, lost his life on the 16th inst., by an accident on the Mississippi Central Railroad. The accident occurred near his residence. Col. T. was a native of Virginia, and a gentleman of note as a politician and legislator.

THE Steamer, James Johnson, arrived on Wednesday night, from New Orleans, and will leave here for that port on Tuesday next. For freight, or passage, this boat is not surpassed by any in the trade. It is owned by its officers—the Johnsons and Mr. Shaw, formerly of the steamer America—and this fact, together with the well known ability of its commander and Clerk, is ample surety to the public of the safety of the boat, of the fair dealing of the officers, and of the comfort of the passengers.

WE expected to have been able to announce the night of Mr. Saxe's Lecture in this number, but the letter which he telegraphed the Association, he had written them, announcing the period of his arrival has not, owing to the irregularity of the mails, come to hand.

COMMERCIAL NEWS. HOME MARKET.

CLARKSVILLE, Dec. 25, 1857. The weather is cool and cloudy—river fallen enough to get back into its banks, although it is still high enough for New Orleans boats. Tobacco—Few transactions in this article this week. Hogs—No change in former quotations.

Beef, from 5 to 8 cts. Mutton, from 5 to 7 cts. Pork, from 5 to 7 cts. Butter, from 25 to 30 cts. Chickens, from 12 to 15 cts. Turkeys, from 40 to 60 cts. Eggs, scarce, from 12 to 15 cts. Sweet Potatoes, from 10 to 15 cts. Irish Potatoes, from 50 to 60 cts. Meal, from 60 to 75 cts. Bacon, from 12 to 15 cts. Lard, from 10 to 11 cts.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 21. WHEAT has declined 5 cents on the bushel—75 cents being the highest price paid for the best Red, very choice White (of which there is but little) would bring 80 cents. The supply is abundant for Millers' purposes, but at the above prices it could not be shipped at a profit.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21. Money stringent; Flour \$3 50 @ 3 60; Whisky 16; Hogs \$4 50; Meat Pork \$13 00; Corn 25 Wheat dull and unchanged; Oats 30.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19. Cotton: Sales 5,000 bales; Prices unchanged; Flour lower; Superfine \$4 50 @ 5 25; Meal Pork \$14 75. Prime \$12 25. Other articles unchanged.

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MARRIED. At North's Spring Church, on the 18th of December, by Rev. Dr. Hendrick, Mr. Jacob L. King and Miss MARTHA J. Moss, all of Christian county, Ky.

On 15th inst. at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. B. West, Mr. P. O. DEERY to MARY BETTIE SMITH, both of Hadesville, Ky.

With Aurora's bright and rosy dawn, Rose two kindred clouds from the lap of morn Clear and tranquil they floated on, And would have mingled into one.

But a storm arose while on their way, Dark and dismal in face of day, With flashes bright and peals of thunder, That drove the lovely clouds assunder.

They wandered far through darkness driven, By the unknown ways of devouring Heaven, The sky is cleared and a genial sun, They meet again and join in one.

AMERICUS. HADESVILLE, Ky., December 23, 1857.

DIED. On the 19th Dec., the infant daughter of R. J. and Mary H. Mallory, aged 19 months.

EAR-ACHE CURED.—This painful affection, to which so many persons, especially children, are subject every fall and winter, is readily cured by the use of BRAGG'S ARCTIC LINIMENT. A few drops upon a piece of raw cotton should be put into the ear as warm as can be borne, and the surrounding parts well bathed with the Liniment, applied with gentle friction with the hand. Thousands of cases have been relieved in a few minutes by this invaluable liniment. It is also an infallible cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains and Bruises, Burns and Scalds, and all diseases of the skin. It is for sale by all respectable Druggists. [dec.]

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Description of the First, or Smallest size. As will be seen from the engraving, the lower part of the mill is composed of a simple frame, the timbers of which are about eight inches square, either of oak or other hard wood, securely fastened together with strong iron bolts. This framework is 7 feet long, 7 feet deep below the bed piece, and 5 feet wide. The main shaft is 3 1/2 inches in diameter, and the driving pulley 22 inches in diameter, and 9 inch face. The pitman wheel is of solid iron, and is three feet in diameter.

PORTABILITY AND FREIGHTAGE. The mill and power as described above, all complete, with the exception of the bed piece and woodwork of the carriage, with the locomotive boiler, weighs about 4 1/2 tons, with cylinder boiler about 6 tons—as follows: Cylinder boiler, with its connections, 4,500 lbs. Locomotive boiler, with its connections, 3,500 lbs. Bed piece, with its connections, 2,800 lbs. Mill, with its connections, 4,700 lbs.

HOW MUCH IT WILL DO. The speed of this mill is about 100 strokes of the saw per minute, and the feed from 1 to 1 1/2 of an inch for every stroke, depending upon the character of the timber. Thus, at medium speed, the saw would cut through a log twelve feet long in from one to two minutes. From this data any practical man, knowing the character and size of the logs, their convenience to the carriage, etc., can make a very correct estimate what the mill will accomplish in any given time.

PRICE. We furnish these mills and powers, as described above, including all the screws, bolts, belting, grist-bars, saw, supply-pump, wrenches, crowbars, and everything necessary for running, excepting the two long bed pieces and the woodwork of the carriage, the whole put up and boxed, and delivered in St. Louis, for \$1,750. The screws and friction wheels furnished for the carriage are sufficient to saw logs 24 feet long. An extra length will be sent when desired, and an extra charge made of two dollars per foot. Drawings and full explanations are sent with each mill, and a perfect model, and no one can fail to put it up and run it without trouble. The right to use is always included in the sale of every mill.

Clarksville Wagon Manufactory. J. B. THOMAS, JOHN B. MILLER. THOMAS & MILLER, have removed to their new shop, corner of 5th and Franklin Streets, and near the Methodist Church. Their establishment is newly built, and they are prepared to make WAGGONS, CARTS, WHEEL-BARROWS, AND PLOUGHS, and to carry on the business of Blacksmithing in the most approved style. All their work will be well done, on order filed, or about notice.

FALL & TURNLEY, IMPORTERS OF HARDWARE, CUTLERY AND EDGE TOOLS, ELDER'S BLOCK, SIGN OF BIG GUN, CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE. TO SPORTSMEN. Sharps and Perry's Rifles, double and single Shot Guns; Pouches, Belts, Flasks, and Fishing Tackle, of every description.

TO CARPENTERS, BLACKSMITHS and Farmers. We particularly call your attention to our large stock of House Furnishing Hardware, Tools, &C., &C. TO RAILROAD CONTRACTORS. We have now a very large stock of SHOVELS, Of the very best make, which you would do well to call and see.

Study your interest, and try the New Hardware House. FALL & TURNLEY. Apr 0, 1857-ly. VICTORIOUS OVER PAIN. BRAGG'S ARCTIC LINIMENT. Burns and Scalds. THE AFFLICTED REJOICE. THE MOTHERS' COMPANION. GOOD FOR MAN AND BEAST.

THE LARGEST STOCK YET. At Low Prices. CALL AND SEE. J. M. RICE. Sept 18, 1847. CHANCERY SALE OF VALUABLE NEGROES. T. W. Wisdom admr. In pursuance of an order made in this cause vs John W. Chiles, Et al on the 10th of October Term 1857 of the Chancery Court at Clarksville, I will sell to the highest bidder at the Court House in Clarksville on Monday the 4th day of January next.

Two valuable negroes, farm hands, a man and woman mentioned in the bill. These negroes are sold for no fault but for division and will positively take place. Terms—A credit until the 1st day of October next, note and good security required before delivery. T. J. MUNFORD C. & M. Dec 4 1857—pr \$4 1/2

CHANCERY SALE of Valuable Negroes. L. F. Howard, Administrator, vs Col's HANSON, Administrators. In pursuance of an order made in this cause at the October Term, 1857, of the Chancery Court at Clarksville, I will sell to the highest bidder, at the Court House in Clarksville, on Monday the 5th day of January next, the following negroes mentioned in the pleadings, to pay the debt due, supposed to be about FIVE hundred and there are very likely—A boy about 16, a girl about 10, the balance women, and No. 1 horse servants at that. Terms—A credit of 8 months, note with two good securities required and no delivery until the 1st of February next. T. J. MUNFORD C. & M. Dec 4 1857—pr \$4 1/2

W. H. Bryarly & Co. Have just received their stock of Fall and Winter Goods, One of the largest and finest stocks ever brought to Clarksville, consisting of every variety of Staple and Fancy, DRY GOODS, Boots and Shoes, Gaiters and China Ware, Hats and Caps, &c. As regards prices, they are at the very lowest. All we ask is call and see. It costs nothing to look, and we will show goods with pleasure. W. H. B. & Co. Sept 18, 1857. Insurance Capital Enlarged. Incorporated 1819. Charter Perpetual. CASH CAPITAL ENLARGED 7th July, '57, to \$1,000,000. Absolute and unimpaired! Surplus, \$422,162 1/2. With the Receipt of 33 Years' Success and Experience.

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