

THE MELANCHOLY DAYS.

The poet sang of the "melancholy days of autumn, the saddest of the year," and the particular autumn about which he poured out his plaintive song, may have been a melancholy one, but to our way of thinking, the pathetic elegy cannot be appropriately applied to all autumns, and certainly not to the present one.

Instead of the torrid days and nights, every one of which seemed to burn a blister on the bronzed face of mother earth, we are now beginning to live anew and shed our lethargy under the genial influence of autumn's mellow breezes. It was of this season of the year that the genius-gifted Thomson sang,

Autumnal sun arose, Sweet beams and shading off through leafy cloud.

A pleasant calm.

Even in the height of noon, oppress'd the sun.

Sheds weak and blanch his wide refracted rays.

Candor compels us to confess that far we have had few of these "autumnal suns" and "pleasing calms," but what we have had, we have been blessed with genial showers and dewy nights that have brought new hope and put a fairer face on all nature.

Let us then not pass our time in brooding over the things that were, but if the goddess Ceres does not pour into our lap from a cornucopia overflowing with the blessings of life, let us be all the more thankful for what we do receive.

Let the wheels of business revolve again. The busy farmer has no time to dream of melancholy as he gathers in his crop and scatters his seed for the coming year. The thrifty shopkeeper thinks not of it as he discourses of the virtues of his wares. It is a poet's dream. There are no "melancholy days of autumn" if we are obedient to the duties of this busy life. To the thrifty and the genial hearted, this season is filled with joy and sunshine and pleasure.

THE Nashville American is now published every day in the year. It is hardly necessary to recommend the American to the reading public of Tennessee, for it is already well known to every reader of a daily newspaper throughout the state as a live, enterprising and thoroughly readable paper. It contains all the daily telegraphic dispatches and the very latest market reports from all parts of the country, while its editorial and general reading matter is unsurpassed by any paper in the land. For terms of subscription see advertisement elsewhere.

FROM a private letter to a friend of the family in this city, we learn of the death, at her home, in Little Rock, Ark., of Mrs. S. W. Rogers, a very estimable old lady who was formerly a resident of this county. She will doubtless be remembered by many of our oldest citizens. She was living with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Pirtle, at Little Rock, where she died about the close of last month, from the effect of a fall which she received.

We hear that the farmers in this county are nearly through cutting their tobacco. We fear much of it has been cut green, but sincerely hope, not for tobacco is not worth much in any market. We have seen no necessity for any fright or undue haste, as we have had no alarming indication of frost as yet. If your tobacco is still uncut and green give it a week, we do not think it will frost for a week or two yet.

THE Morning World, the new daily paper published at Nashville, has now passed through its second week, and is becoming fairly started on the high-road to prosperity. It is now permanently a thirty-two column paper, and is bright, newsworthy and well edited. It starts full of buoyant hope and its evidences of enterprise and firm determination to succeed are everywhere apparent. The Chronicle wishes the World an abiding prosperity.

It is now stated that the Tennessee Press Association will visit Atlanta to take in the Grand International Exposition some time in November, when the Exposition will be in full blast, and the special accommodations all in ship-shape. The Western and Atlantic railroad have tendered the courtesies of free passage to the Association. The efficient secretary of the Association will announce the time.

Messrs. Pitman & Lewis are now displaying a full and complete stock of the very latest and best selected stock of clothing in the city. They will also take your measure and order you a suit from the best house in New York, made to order.

THE Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will meet in Nashville October 19. The Grand Encampment will meet on the third Monday of this month.

THE revival at the Methodist church closed last Sunday night, with forty-nine conversions during the meeting. The meeting was full of genuine work and good results.

WATER pipes are now being placed in the jail by Fox & Smith. This is an improvement in that institution long needed.

THE L. & N. railroad paid \$5,000 taxes into the county treasury last Thursday.

THE Tennessee Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will convene at Lebanon next Wednesday. The preachers and delegates from this district, will leave here Tuesday morning for Nashville, and will be conveyed to Lebanon by special train that evening.

Hold, Bad Burglars.

On last Tuesday night the money till at the grocery store of Capt. J. F. Cross was robbed of eight or ten dollars in a bold, daring manner, and as yet no satisfactory clue has been discovered as to who the perpetrators were, beyond the fact that they were negroes, one of whom probably carries a sad reminder of the event on his person in the shape of a bullet wound from the pistol of officer Phillips. On the night named, about half past three o'clock in the morning officer Phillips of the police force was out on one of his beats and when on First Cross street about half way between Commerce and Franklin streets, he saw two men standing at the mouth of an alley which opens out on the street. At the approach of the officer the two men separated and one turning into the alley and the other crossing the street and going up across the hill towards the new court house. Taking into consideration the lateness of the hour, and the strange actions of the men and the fact that one of them had something concealed under his arm, he determined to investigate the matter and running down to the foot of First Cross street he intercepted one of the genies and requested him to halt. The darkey with an oath indignantly refused to do and pulling out a pistol leveled it at the officer. Capt. Phillips, who is a hard man to get the drop on, jerked out his "persuader," and let fly at his belligerent game. The darkey returned the fire in short order and took to his heels. The Captain fired again and started in pursuit but his revolver refused to justify his name and would not turn. Returning to the office he procured another pistol and being joined by officer Morrison they made a thorough search for the fugitives but failed to flush them.

The next morning the porter at Crossman's discovered, on opening the store that the money drawer had been robbed and left open, the robbers leaving the store by a side window and taking the money tray with them. Taking the two facts together the officers immediately came to the conclusion that the parties whom Phillips had had his encounter with during the night were the robbers, which fact was fully corroborated by the finding of the money tray over on the hill near the freight depot, the direction in which the negro fled. Blood was also found sprinkled along the route indicating that the thief had evidently been struck by Phillips shot. Nothing else was missed from the store, though it is not at all improbable that other things were taken. It is a mystery how the thieves entered the store as there was no evidence where they broke in.

School Account from Aug. 19, 1880 to July 22, 1881.

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