CLARKSVILLE
WEEKLY CHRONICLE.

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SIXTY-FIVE ladies are candidates for State Libarian before the present legislature.

THE Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has affirmed the constitutionality of the "Oleomargarine Act."

THE acceptance by Mr. Goschen of the office of Chancellor of the British Exchequer has been officially announced.

OUR district representatives, Quarles, Corban, Burney and Williams are taking an active part in the legislature in Nashville.

HON. D. W. WRIGHT, of Bowling Green, is a candidate for the State Senate in the district composed of Warren and Allen counties.

EX-GOV. MORTON, of Nebraska, says there is a probability that Senator Van Wyck will be re-elected when the Legislature meets, January 18.

JOHN ROACH, the great ship-builder, is reported as in a dying condition. His disease is epithelioma, its location being in the roof of the mouth.

Southern Standard: We wish somebody who knows would give us the correct spelling of the name of Mr. Carlisle's contestant.

We rather think his name is "Dennis."

THE Nashville Budget made out for the year 1887 calls for the sum of $1,284,596. The biggest item, however, is $715,160 for water works improvements.

A SUGGESTION is offered that the President shut off the patronage from the Democratic protectionists. As a material argument this would be hard to beat.

THE "gag" worked finely in heading of the radical manouver inthe House of representatives on Tuesday. The beauty of the thing is that the Democrats are united and on their guard.

"JIM CUMMINGS," the express robber has made a full confession and $20,000 of the stolen money and 22,000 of the bonds have been recovered. The exact amount stolen was $87,700, of which about half has been recovered.

THE tobacco-growing interest of Virginia, says a report, is in distress owing to the depression caused by the competition of Tennessee and more western localities, where the amount raised per acre far exceeds the Virginia average.

THE plea of insanity will probably be advanced in defense of "Jim Cummings," alias Witrock, the express robber. He has been addicted to poetry. James Blaine suffered once from the same cause, he had been prowling and then tried to write out of it.

GEN. E. P. ALEXANDER, formerly Vice President of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, was elected President of the Georgia Central system, defeating President Raoul after one of the most intense campaigns known in the railroad history of the country.

THE Florence Manufacturing Company have concluded a contract with the Louisville and Nashville railroad to build the Columbia branch of the railroad to Florence, Ala. This road will run through the immense mineral lands of W[illegible] county, and open them to the world.

REV. DR. HOWARD CROSBY declares that New York city "stands on an incline plane of dirt, debt and diabolism." Here is a new effort in alliteration that will make Mr. Blaine shudder. It's a safe wager that Mr. Blaine will not allow Dr. Crosby to make speeches for him in 1888.

MISS CLEVELAND received more for her recent poem than Milton received for Paradise Lost. There is more gloom in it, and gloom comes high now.—*Ex.*

Miss Cleveland's story is entitled "The Long Run." and is supposed to be in some literary way connected with "The Home Stretch.

THE Banner complains that "the legislature costs the taxpayers about $600 a day, and this should impress upon the members the necessity of getting to work as soon as possible." Yet in the face of this fact the Banner has thrown every obstacle in the way by opposing a Democratic caucus which is the most expeditious mode of going to work.

THE election of Hon. Z. W. Ewing as speaker of the Senate, and Hon. Lucas Clapp as Speaker of the House will meet the warmest approval of good Democrats throughout the State.

The CHRONICLE was for Quarles or Sparks, but we are always content with a result if fairly attained, as in this case, by a full and free expression of the will of the majority.

THE CHRONICLE office needing some repairs and improvements we issued no paper last week. This, of course, left us out of the news current for the time, but this week we come to the front again.

Among news items which have traspired since our last issue in December we may note the capture of Jim Cummins and his accomplices in the Express robbery; the death of Gen. John A. Logan, Gen. William Loring and Elias Polk; the burning of steamboats on the Ohio river, the celebrated speech of editor Grady; and the meeting of the Tennessee Legislature.

Our most interesting articles in this week's paper are from our farmer friends in Todd county Kentucky. One advocates the repeal of the internal revenue tax on tobacco, while the other writes a sensible article on diversified farming. Both are well conceived and both writers express their ideas clearly and pointedly. And now, as the new year is just opening, we renew our solicitations and keep open our columns for the benefit of the farmers. We invite them to write—to express themselves freely—and advocate their own interests. If an iron bank is developed; if a new railroad is contemplated; if a combination of speculators buy an old field and lay-out a town the newspapers cry out bonanza, and at once give those enterprises abundance of free advertisements, but who cares for the farmer, and who advocates his interests? The farmers should do this for themselves. One good letter written by the farmer's own hand is worth more than a dozen editorials. The effort we are now making to advance the price of tobacco should receive the earnest aid of all our tobacco planters, and we again urge upon them the importance of aiding in building up and defending this important source of profit. The political questions which will be presented will receive proper attention and the CHRONICLE will ever be found in the midst of the battle defending the principles of Democracy.

REV. A. D. SEARS, of this city was eighty-three years of age on January 1st, 1887 on which occasion he invited a party of friends to meet him at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Major, and take supper. At 7 o'clock the party assembled and were greeted by their venerable friend with his proverbial cordiality.

There was nothing formal or restrained in this pleasant reunion. The supper was served at an early hour and enjoyed amid agreeable interchange of good feeling and pleasant conversation. After supper Dr. Sears, being led into the line of reminiscence, told of his boyhood days near Centreville, Va., a small village twenty miles from Washington City—how as a boy he went for the mail for his grand-father—how he read the old National Intelligencer, and, strange as it may appear, from that style of political reading he became an ardent admirer of John C. Calhoun, and therefore a States-Rights Democrat of the first order, and from that day till this he has never denied the faith of his boyhood.

Dr. Sears has been a leading minister for many years, and he has for the last forty years been prominently distinguished as a Mason, holding the most exalted official positions known in Knight Templar Masonry. His mental qualities are of the highest order, and he has so regulated his life that it has been a living example to his fellow men of a harmonious combination of the four cardinal virtues, temperance, prudence, justice and fortitude. Possessing as he does those grand traits of character, blended with most [illegible] and unassuming manners he [illegible] and [illegible] high regard which he ever [illegible] with him, each guest expressed a sincere wish for a long continuance of the life of our venerable friend.

THE Courier-Journal joker says that Henry W. Grady of the Atlanta Constitution, who has so suddenly leaped into fame by his speech at the New England dinner, was asked a day or two before the dinner what he intended to say in his speech. "The Lord only knows," he replied. "I have thought of 1000 things to say, 500 of which if I say will murder me when I get back home, and if I say the other 500 they will murder me at the banquet."

THE papers reporting the capture of the express robbers say that the mother of Whitrock, the express robber, summoned one of the Pinkertons to Leavenworth and turned over to him express packages containing $22,000 of the bonds. Whitrock had sent the money to his family for safe keeping, stating that he had won it in speculation. This swells the amount recovered to $45,000.

ELIAS POLK, the old body-servant of President James K. Polk, died in Washington City on the 30th of December. He was a faithful friend of his master and was respected by all who knew him for his integrity and uprightness. Mrs. Polk, widow of the Ex-President, has ordered that his remains be brought to Nashville for burial.

CHOICE NEW GROCERIES.

Turkeys, live or dressed.
Preserves,
Jellies,
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Figs, Citron, Cocoanuts,
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Canned Fruits and Vegetables of every variety, all at lowest prices.
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THE FESTIVAL.

The most notable event of the holidays in our city was the Masonic Festival in the Opera House on the night of December 27th, St., John' Day. This splendid entertainment by the members of Lodge No, 89 was largely attended by members of the old Lodge and their families, by visiting bretheren and invited guests, the committee on invitation Messrs. W. J. Ely, D. W. Kincannon and R. W. Roach manifesting their proverbial masonic generosity.

When assembled in the Opera House the scene was one well calculated to impress the unitiated with the sentiment: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for bretheren to dwell together in unity." The audience was first entertained with a Grand Overture by the E. C. Bates Orchestra, which was rendered in a manner truly artistic. The proceedings were then opened with prayer by Brother Peebles, and after another selection of music by the Orchestra, the Venerable Brother A. D. Sears delivered an address which abounded in masonic history, moral teaching, and that genuine eloquence which ever characterises the utterance of grand truths by a man like the speaker whose life-long experience and practice of the tenets of masonry give a living emphasis to his words. To visit the sick, to comfort the afflicted, to bury the dead, and educate the Orphan constitutes a grand design upon life's Trestle-board; and the Free and Accepted Mason in performing his duty can find no creed more sublime than Faith in God; Hope of immortality, and Charity to all mankind.

At the conclusion of his address the venerable speaker, now closing the 83d year of his age, was warmly congratulated by the friends and bretheren, and many a heartfelt wish was expressed that he might yet live to often again meet in the Lodge with the fraternity in the effulgence of that Light "Which none but Craftsmen ever saw."

A quartette, composed of Mr. Sam Hodgson, Mr. Joe R. Wilson, Miss Addie Wilson and Miss Kate Wilson then entertained the craft and their visitors with some of their choice songs, a feature of the entertainment which was very greatly appreciated by all present, and specially so by the brotherhood who for some unrevealable reason deny themselves the pleasure of woman's song during working hours in the mystic recesses of their Lodge.

The Banquet was prepared after the Ancient Masonic style, combining abundance, variety and elegance—figuratively expressive of wisdom, strength and beauty, and was literally a feast of good things—showing that, while peace and harmony prevailed, the managers were determined that "none should go away dissatisfied" from this great annual festival of the Universal brotherhood.

Looking over the audience one could not fail to be impressed with the simple grandeur of the idea of such a universal brotherhood as embraces all men of "good will" and teaches the creed of "good will to all men," and on the annual return of this occasion with hand clasping hand the Masonic fraternity circles the globe, each Mason feeling in the clasp of his brother's hand the warm pulsations of a brother's heart. Yes, the universality of masonry makes all this world a mason's home,

"Wherever man in tracing
The weary ways of care—
Mid wild and desert pacing,
On land or softer air,
We surely know each other,
And with good words of cheer
Each brother hails his brother,
And hope wings lightly there,

Wherever tears are falling—
The soul's dark, wintry rain,
And human sighs are calling
To human hearts invain,
We surely know each other,
And with good words of cheer
Each brother hails his brother,
And hope wings lightly there."

THE quibbling and evasion practiced by the Mugwumps in Nashville this week ought to convince even the most sceptical of the necessity of bold and prompt action on the part of the Democracy.

The enemies of the party are evidently scheming to elect either an avowed Radical or a Mugwump in diguise. No valid reason has yet been offered why the Democrats in the Legislature should not meet and name their choice. The people at home are watching with eager interest, and the representative who hesitates or falters when confronting the enemy need never return to his betrayed constituents.

TWENTY-SIX renegades in Congress showed the metal of their heels when Morrison tested them on the reduction of the tariff. How many in the present legislature will betray the Democratic voters who sent them there? The hour for action has arrived. The majority of the people of the State demand that a genuine Democrat shall be elected to the United States Senate. Will the Democratic representatives obey the combination of hybrids who are attempting to usurp authority? Duty is plain before each representative. "He who dallies is a dastard, and he who doubts is damned."

BEGINNING with the first of the year we will publish weekly market reports of tobacco for Paducah and Clarksville. Our Kentucky and Weakley county friends, and all others, will find the reports reliable.—*Obiin Democrat.*

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$100,518 42
Overdrafts	4,465 18
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	9,602 17
Due from approved reserve agents	9,135 32
Due from other Nat. banks	4,962 27
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	4,650 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,591 03
Checks and other cash items	1,935 17
Bills of other banks	2,230 00
Specie	14,140 50
Legal tender notes	3,315 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,250 00
Total	$208,795 06

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits	14,161 01
National Bank notes outstanding	45,000 00
Individ'l deposits subject to check	84,773 69
Demand certificates of deposit	3,582 35
Due to State banks and bankers	1,478 01
Total	$208,795 06

State of Tennessee—County of Montgomery, ss: I, A. Howell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. HOWELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of January, 1887. E. S. MUNFORD, Notary Public.

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January 7, 1887-4t

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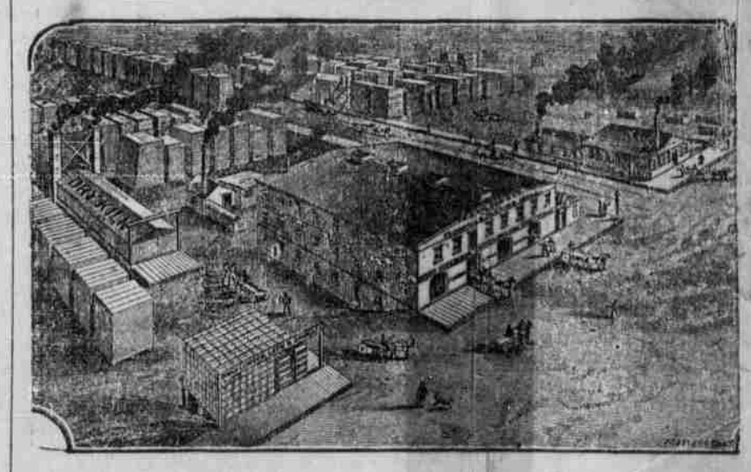

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3x7 O. G. Doors for	$1 45
2.10x6.10 " " "	1 35
2.8x6.8 " " "	1 25
2.6x6.6 " " "	1 10
8x10 12 light Sash, primed and glazed	80
8x10 8 " " " " "	65
10x12 12 " " " " "	1 10
10x12 8 " " " " "	85
10x14 12 " " " " "	1 20
10x14 8 " " " " "	95
10x16 12 " " " " "	1 65
10x16 8 " " " " "	1 20
12x16 8 light Sash, primed and glazed	1 35
12x18 8 " " " " "	1 50
12x20 8 " " " " "	1 70
14x32 4 " " " " "	1 80
14x36 4 " " " " "	2 10
14x40 4 " " " " "	2 35
8x10 12 light Blinds, per pair	80
10x12 12 " " "	1 00
10x14 12 " " "	1 10
10x16 12 " " "	1 20

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Weather Boarding for $1 00 and 1 25 per 100 ft.
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