

SWEETWATER:
Thursday, May 14, 1868.
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In order to meet the expense of building a printing office, we are again forced to call upon those who are indebted to us for subscription, &c. All such will greatly oblige us by calling and paying their accounts, or by remitting the amount through the mail.
 By paying \$1 35 additional; all those who commenced with the small size of the paper will receive the FORERUNNER until the 15th of March, 1867. Those who have not availed themselves of this opportunity still have the privilege of doing so.

Friday last was a regular gala-day for Sweetwater. The May party, gotten up by the young ladies and gentlemen of Mrs. Cook's school, under the superintendence of their accomplished and efficient instructress, was as nearly a perfect success as the somewhat unpropitious weather would allow. The ground selected was a pleasant grove, scarcely without the limits of the town, where all necessary arrangements had been previously made. Young and old, from almost every direction, began to assemble at an early hour after breakfast, and about 9 o'clock, the school repaired in procession to the scene of their day's enjoyment. The "files" were almost perfectly "dressed," which, with the beautiful May poles, like furred banners of flowers, the tasteful and uniform dresses, and a more striking uniformity of pretty faces among the girls and happy ones among the boys, made the moving column a sight well worth seeing. Each one kept step to the music of the heart, and the harmony of motion attested that they were well attuned. We failed to count the number in procession, but were gratified to see that the school was so large, as it shows an appreciation on the part of our people of a lady so eminently qualified for her position as Mrs. Cook.

Arriving at the ground the programme for the day was announced by Col. H. B. Yerwood. Miss Anne Osborne was selected as the Queen of May, and held her court in such style as would have reflected no discredit on one well practiced in the real role of sovereignty. The high honor of acting as her "right bower" fell to Mr. Zach. Taylor, whose name alone—in deference to the example set in 1848 by "all the people"—would have entitled him to one of the highest positions in the gift of the picnicers. Miss Mattie Cozart and Miss Lou. Vaughn were selected as first and second Maids of Honor. We do not know upon whom the duty devolved of making these selections but can compliment the good taste and judgment evinced.

Everybody speaks glowingly of the prodigality of good things on hand. It was demonstrated to a fraction that our ladies are *au fait* in the arts and mysteries of housekeeping. We will not attempt to specify, not having time this morning to wander in the mazes of pound cake and preserves. The writer acknowledges, however, the honor and pleasure of receiving on Friday evening a supply of the first named luxury which was so delightful as to be beyond all criticism. He did it justice then, though modestly acknowledges his inability to do so now.

Altogether the day was a happy one and Mrs. Cook is entitled to the thanks of the community for her indefatigable efforts in securing to her pupils so pleasant and appropriate a relief from the monotony of every-day school life—a relief shared in and almost equally appreciated by many of older years burdened with the cares of business and the never ending routine of domestic duties.

Everybody compliments us on the appearance of our new office, particularly the lady visitors, to whom, indeed, it comes natural to say pleasant things in the prettiest way imaginable. Hereafter, gentlemen accompanied by ladies will be admitted at half price.

The Athens Republican came to hand last week so much improved that it was scarcely recognizable. We don't exactly like its politics, but applaud the determination expressed by the editor, Mr. J. P. Peters, to work it out of the "suds." The issue referred to gives evidence of his ability to make his word good. Mr. Peters is a practical printer and we wish him abundant pecuniary success; trusting that politically he will lay it on as lightly as his conscience will allow.

"My Darling" can be found at Grant's store—neatly put up, mild, fragrant and cheap. Good judges will not fail to be pleased.

Wanted—a few more Sundays just like the last one. According to our notion it was gotten up in splendid style, and we should like to see it reproduced.

Mr. J. W. Robertson, of Bryan City, Texas, has our thanks for a number of late Texas papers.

Mr. W. L. Price has moved a portion of his stock into the room adjoining his old stand, thus increasing his facilities for transacting business.

See Messrs. Scott & Norris's card in our advertising columns. We are personally acquainted with the members of this firm and know them to be gentlemen. We can also recommend them to those having business in their line as prompt, energetic business men.

Despite the inclement weather, the concert on Tuesday night was attended by a large and appreciative audience, embracing the beauty and fashion of our embryo city. Fearing an infliction of Hadyn, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Thalberg and Gottschalk, we did not attend, but are pleased to learn that these stupid authors were almost entirely ignored. True Tennessee music, without operatic adulteration, was rendered in true Tennessee style, and to the apparent satisfaction of all concerned. Our reporter speaks in glowing terms of the charming rendition of the "Baby Chorus," in which a two year old friend of ours, an irrepressible "sprig of divinity," accomplished vocal wonders. The new piano used on the occasion proved itself, under the hands of skillful manipulators, to be capable of producing any quantity or quality of sounds.

While other folks were thus enjoying the beauties of art and nature, we were perched up like an old owl in a corner wondering about the result of the impeachment trial—whether Andrew Johnson was still our President, and if he had been removed what in the nation the Radicals would do next. And then we thought we would give half of our earthly possessions, (say about forty cents), to know that the judges had proved themselves equal to the greatness of the occasion, acknowledged the stupendous wrong involved in the prosecution, done their duty like men, not partisans, and saved themselves and the country. But not arriving at any comforting conclusion, we sneakily owned up to ourself that we could have been much more profitably employed by attending the Trial of the New Tino.

The Emporium has started this way, but we'll "head it off or die a-trying."

We learn from Mr. J. M. Black, who lives in the vicinity of Ten Mile Stand in Meigs County, that on the 5th instant a Miss Fitz was struck by lightning and instantly killed. A tree, under which she had taken shelter, was first struck, the current running down to the height of the unfortunate lady, when it seems to have left it entirely. A hole was burned in the lady's bonnet and her hair considerably singed. It is supposed she was killed instantly.

A Mrs. Smith, who lived some four or five miles west of town, was found dead in her bed on Saturday morning last. She had retired the evening before in apparently better health than usual.

We have received The Signs of the Times, a racy Conservative paper, published at Warsaw, Kentucky. It presents a good appearance.

If you want a good article of Syrup, call on H. L. Fry and be accommodated.

ANOTHER NEGRO CONGRESSMAN.—At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Republicans of James City and the city of Williamsburg, so we learn from the New Nation, D. M. Norton was declared to be the choice of the party for Congressman, and the delegates were instructed to vote for him in the maintaining convention. So thoroughly has the district been gerrymandered, and so large is the majority of negro voters in it, that we take it for granted that Norton will be nominated and elected. Even if he should not be nominated, however, he will doubtless run as an independent candidate, and be elected all the same. There are some four or five thousand more negro voters than white voters in the district, and the negroes are determined to have a Congressman of their own color. They do not intend to submit to jugglery of nominating conventions unless their man is successful. [Richmond Dispatch.]

SUICIDE.—On Tuesday night of last week, Ernst Bailetz, a German, residing eight miles northwest of Knoxville, in the direction of Ball Camp, committed suicide by shooting his brains out with an old musket. He has been residing there for two years past, which time he has lived entirely alone, seeming to shun society as far as possible. He was found on Wednesday morning with his head horribly mangled, indicating that he had placed the muzzle of the piece under his chin, and when it was discharged it tore away nearly one-half of his head. [Knoxville Whig, May 6.]

INFANTICIDE.—The body of an infant boy was found in the Barren Fork at McMinnville on the 5th inst. The clothes were identified by Mr. Robert Randolph as those furnished by his wife to a negro woman who gave birth to a child at his house some three weeks since. The negro had left Randolph's some eight or ten days ago, taking with her the child. Her whereabouts was ascertained, and she was immediately arrested, and is now in jail awaiting an examination before the Circuit Court under the charge of murder. She confesses her guilt, and gives as a reason for the foul deed, that she could not support the child. She seems unmoved by the heinousness of her offense. [McMinnville New Era, May 7.]

A CIVIL SERVICE BUREAU.

Mr. Jencke's bill to create a Department of "the Civil Service," or Board of Examiners of applications for office, provides that the Board shall consist of the Vice President of the United States, who receives \$5,000 additional salary for his services thereon, and four Commissioners, appointed in the usual manner, for five years, at a like salary. They are to fix the qualifications requisite for appointment to each branch and trade of the civil service, the terms of probation during which officers are to be appointed on trial, and the rules for their examination. They shall examine, personally, or by persons designated, all applicants for office, and report thereon. All appointments shall be made on their recommendation, and competing applicants shall be appointed and promoted according to their grade of fitness as reported by the Examiners. Each application for examination shall pay a fee of \$5, and each person recommended shall pay a fee of \$10 into the United States Treasury. The Board shall also prescribe the grounds of removal, the mode of trial of officers charged with misconduct, shall conduct the trial, and on their report officers convicted shall be immediately removed by the head of the proper department. All officers now in the civil service are to appear before the Board, be examined, and if found incompetent or unworthy, be removed in like manner. All citizens of the United States (without distinction of sex or color) shall be eligible to appointment. The heads of Departments shall designate the offices which may be filled by females as well as by males, and for all such offices women may compete and be appointed, promoted, paid, tried and dismissed, on equal terms with their male competitors.

"Ariel," a correspondent of the Milwaukee Sentinel, claims to have attended a horse-flesh dinner in New York. He says:

I had the honor to be invited to a select repast, at which fillet de filly formed one of the dishes. It was at the residence of a public-spirited and well-known gentleman, who believes in the cheapening of food for the masses, and who was, I believe, the first to propose the importation of packed beef from South America for the use of the working classes, a proposition, which for some unknown reasons, has not met the success it deserves. The company at this repast consisted of fifteen gentlemen. The dinner was excellent in all respects, and the articles of horse-flesh formed only one of the dishes. Most of the visitors expressed favorable opinion of the food, but I am free to confess that my own delicacy of taste detected the horse. The texture and tenderness was little different between it and beef, but in flavor it is decidedly characteristic; but I presume that all men know that the horse has an odor of his own which is pungent, and outside of the "menage" hardly to be classed among the fashionable fragrances.

HOW THE MONEY GOES.—The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, writing on the 4th inst., furnishes the following in regard to the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives: "The Clerk of the House, among other expenses, enumerates the following ridiculous and most absurd outlays for the use of members: One hundred and fifty dozen pairs of scissors; one thousand pocket knives, gold pens and cases; one hundred and fifty dozen port monnaies, a large quantity of gilt edge fancy French note paper and envelopes; washing fifteen hundred dozen towels (Damask.) Among the most ludicrous is a complete set of cooking utensils, such as pots, saucepans, etc.; apparatus for camping out; the latter would be well for the people. The patriotic Representative from the first district of Ohio figures in the list a trip to New York city, Philadelphia and return; twenty-four days board, at the modest sum of six dollars per day, one hundred and forty-four dollars; expenses, one hundred and twenty-two dollars (the fare is sixteen,) in all two hundred and sixty-six dollars. Thousands of similar expenditures are embraced in this report. Can we wonder, with these facts staring us in the face, what becomes of the public moneys. This is but one Representative."

Mrs. Miller, whose husband had deserted her, threw herself in front of a freight-train, near Plymouth, Indiana, on the 4th inst., and was instantly killed. She had only a few days before attempted to drown herself.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
 J. N. SCOTT, R. H. NORRIS.
SCOTT & NORRIS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
 —DEALERS IN—
 DRY GOODS, GENERAL MERCHANDISE,
 GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.
 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga.
 Consignments solicited.
 JUST RECEIVED, a few Ladies' Hats which are offered cheap for Cash.
 April 30—3t H. L. FRY.

COMMERCIAL.

SWEETWATER
Retail Prices Current.
 CORRECTED WEEKLY BY
HIGHT & SCRUGGS,
 General Dealers in Merchandise,
 AND
Commission Merchants.

BACON—Clear sides.....	16
" Hams—good.....	15
" Shoulders.....	13
" Lard.....	18
BEEF—Slaughtered.....	5
BUTTER—Prime.....	25
" Common.....	12 1/2
BREWSWAX # lb.....	25
BEANS—White # bush.....	1 25
CORN—new in the ear—# bush.....	65
" shelled.....	12 1/2
CHICKENS—.....	12 1/2
CLOVER SEED—# bush.....	19.00
COFFEE Retail.....	33
DRIED APPLES—25 lbs # bush.....	1 50
" Peaches—33 lbs # " unpeeled.....	2 50
EGGS—# dor.....	10
FEATHERS—Prime.....	50
FLAXSEED—# bushel.....	1 00
HOGS—gross # lb.....	6
JANES Country # yd.....	1 00
OATS—# bush.....	50
PEAS—# bush.....	75
RAGS—Clean cotton.....	4
SALT—# Sack.....	3 50
SUGAR—Retail.....	18@20
SHEEP—# head.....	1 50
TIMOTHY SEED—# bush.....	5 50
TALLOW—# lb.....	12
WHEAT—White # bushel.....	1 75
" Red.....	1 75

MADISONVILLE
Retail Prices Current.
 CORRECTED WEEKLY BY
A. A. BOYD,
 General Dealer in Merchandise.

BACON—Clear Sides.....	14
" Hams.....	13 1/2
" Shoulders.....	13
LARD—In cans.....	12 1/2
BUTTER—Nice.....	20
EGGS.....	10
CHICKENS.....	10@15
FEATHERS.....	40
WHEAT—White.....	2 25
" Red.....	2 20

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AMERICUS (GEORGIA) PRICES CURRENT.
 CORRECTED WEEKLY BY
M. H. STEPHENS,
 Commission Merchant, Loyless' Block.
 AMERICUS, GA., May 12.

COTTON.....	24
CORN.....	1.40
OATS.....	1.25
HAY.....	2.75
LARD.....	20
BUTTER.....	25@30
BACON.....	18@20
FLOUR.....	8.25
(family).....	9@10.00
(superfine).....	7.50
SALT (Liverpool).....	3.00

ATLANTA SEMI-WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.
 FURNISHED BY H. T. COX & BRO.,
 Commission Merchants and Wholesale Dealers in General Produce, Forsyth Street.

ATLANTA, May 12.

Corn—\$1.03a1.05.
Wheat—white \$2.80a3.00 per bushel;
good Tennessee red \$2.60a2.80, Georgia
red \$2.45a2.60.
Bacon—shoulders, 14c; clear sides, 16c;
hams, 16a17.
Meal—\$1.05 per bushel.
Lard—in barrels, 18.
Lard in Firkins.—19.
Butter—40a45c.
Eggs—13a15c.
Irish Potatoes—Tennessee \$1.00a1.50
per bushel; Northern \$6.50a7.00 per bar-
rel.
Onions—.00 per bushel.
Green Apples—\$8.00a10.00 per barrel.
Field Peas—red \$1.40a1.50 per bushel;
white—1.60.
White Beans—\$3.00 per bushel.
Virginia Salt—\$2.75 per sack.
Hides—dry, 18 1/2c per pound.
Sheetings—4—18a18 1/2c.
Cotton Yarns—\$1.90a2.00.
Venison Hams—18a20c.
Dressed Poultry—None in market.

H. L. FRY,
SWEETWATER, TENN.,
Retail Dealer in
Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats,
Caps, Boots, Shoes,
Clothing, Notions, &c., &c.
COUNTRY PRODUCE
 Taken in Exchange for
ALL KINDS OF GOODS.
 April 30—4t

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JAMES M. GRANT,
SWEETWATER, TENN.
 HAS JUST RECEIVED A FRESH AND well selected stock of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES, consisting in part of the following named articles:
Hats, Caps and Bonnets,
Boots, Shoes and Clothing,
Prints and Domestic,
Coffee, Sugar, Salt,
 and in fact everything usually found in a first class retail establishment, all of which will be sold at the lowest prices possible. Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods. Come and examine our goods and compare prices and quality with those of other houses.
 May 7, 1868. tf

THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE will be paid for Rugs by H. L. FRY. April 30—4t

STRANGE BUT TRUE!
 IF YOU WANT A NICE BEDSTEAD, call on H. L. Fry and procure the article. Sweetwater, March 27, 1868.

FOR SALE.
 A No. 5 ADAMS PRESS, in good order and exactly suitable for printing a small newspaper. It is excellent for job work. Terms Cash. Address H. L. FRY, Sweetwater, Tenn.

W. L. PRICE,
General Produce Dealer,
SWEETWATER, TENN.,
 IS prepared to Ship all kinds of Produce from all the principal Depots on the East Tennessee and Georgia Rail Road.
 REFERENCES:
 THOS. H. CALLAWAY, Pts. E.T. & Ga. R.R.
 COWAN, McCLEUNG & Co., Knoxville.
 GLENN, WRIGHT & CARR, Atlanta.
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M. H. STEPHENS,
PRODUCE
 —AND—
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AMERICUS, GA.
 Liberal Cash Advances made on Consignments. ORDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF COTTON Promptly Executed.
 Particular attention paid to the sales of Flour, Corn, Oats, Hay, Bacon, Lard, AND ALL OTHER KINDS OF Country Produce,
 —AND—
 Prompt Returns Made.
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NOTICE.
 THOSE WISHING ANY BUSINESS ATTENDED to at my office, requiring my personal attention, will oblige me greatly by calling when County Court is not in session, as it is impossible for me to attend to any other business during court days. A hint to the wise is sufficient.
 B. C. PETTIT, C. C. C.
 Madisonville, May 7. 4t

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE.
 DEPUTY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
 MADISONVILLE, April 27, 1868.

THE FOLLOWING TRACTS OF LAND have been seized by me in the name and for the use of the United States Government, under section 39, act of July 13, 1866, Internal Revenue Law, for non-payment of Internal Revenue tax, and I hereby announce that I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the town of Madisonville, Tenn., in twenty days from date, Saturday, May 16, 1868, unless the said tax, with all expenses, is previously paid, the property herewith appended—viz:
 5,900 acres (more or less) land, seized as the property of Thomas Hensley, situated in the 16th and 17th civil districts of Monroe county, Tennessee, on the waters of Citico Creek and adjoining the lands of the heirs of Bartlett McGee, deceased, Andrew Millsaps and others—for the non-payment of Four hundred and Forty-four 68-100 dollars, Internal Revenue tax, besides expenses of seizure. Prs fee \$4
 ALSO,
 5 acres (more or less) of land, upon which is erected a good frame dwelling house, said house and land seized as the property of William Kelso, situated on the waters of Fork Creek, adjoining the lands of John Knox, Nancy J. Kelso, Abner Kelso and others—for the non-payment of Two Hundred and Twenty-seven, 50-100 Dollars, Internal Revenue tax against Chapple & Kelso—besides expenses of seizure. Prs fee \$4
 ALSO,
 105 acres (more or less) of land, seized as the property of Ansil Gad, situated in the civil district of Monroe County, State of Tennessee, adjoining the lands of Joseph Boyd, Pearson and others, for the non-payment of Sixty-Four 05-100, Internal Revenue tax—besides expenses of seizure. Prs fee \$4
 ALSO,
 140 acres of land (more or less) seized as the property of John Bivins, situated in the 16th civil district of Monroe county, State of Tennessee, adjoining the lands of S. S. Glenn, James Bivins, Reuben Jiles, and others, between the waters of Ball Play and Citico Creek—for non-payment of Seventy Dollars Internal Revenue tax, assessed against Hensley & Bivins, besides the expenses of seizure. Prs fee \$4
 ALSO,
 160 acres of land (more or less) seized as the property of Jno. H. Hawkins, situated in the 15th Civil District of Monroe County, State of Tennessee, bounded as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of 21st section, Hiwassee District, 3 range east of the meridian, 1st township, 3 north 160 poles to a corner, thence east 160 poles to a corner, thence south 160 poles to a corner, thence west 160 poles to the place of beginning, for non-payment of Five hundred and Twenty-one 32-100 Dollars Internal Revenue tax—besides the expense of seizure. Prs fee \$4
 ALSO,
 140 acres of land (more or less) seized as the property of William Hunt, situated on Tellico Plains in Monroe county, State of Tennessee, adjoining the lands of Terrill Hunt, H. F. Hunt and others—for the non-payment of Twenty-Six 25-100 Dollars, Internal Revenue tax, besides expenses of seizure. WM. McWHINNEY, Deputy Collector 2d Dist. of Tenn.
 Prs fee \$4. 4t