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## STATE NEWS.

On last Sunday morning and Sunday evening Nashville experienced two of the largest and most disastrous fires ever known in its history. The first fire began about 12:30 Sunday morning in the store of Sol Frankland & Co. on College street, from which it extended to the houses occupied by J. H. Fall & Co. and H. Reberg Bros., and still others adjacent. The greatest loss was sustained by J. H. Fall & Co., about \$185,000. This with the loss sustained by the other firms and the loss on the buildings in the two fires made a total of \$284,500. The second fire broke out in the Banner printing office on Church street, at 5 o'clock Sunday evening and was supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The principal damage was done to the Banner office and the building occupied by it, though the Athletic Club sustained a loss of probably \$15,000, and the occupants of the upper stories of Baxter Court also suffered some damage, as well as the building.

A half-witted convict in the Penitentiary at Nashville, named Jim Britton from Benton County, in an effort to escape from the prison severely cut two of the guards named Arnold and Williams, last Sunday. Britton is in for life, for wife murder. The Warden concluded that he had become insane.

A strong sentiment is being developed in Murfreesboro to build a cotton mill there. The purpose is to work up the cotton raised in Rutherford County, which it is said, is enough to run a \$100,000 mill.

The Milan Exchange says: "Our German friends near town are making some of the prettiest and sweetest bacon we have seen in a long time. It retails readily at 15 cents per pound. Instead of selling their hogs they are buying and packing here, thus making and keeping their money at home. Others might profit by this example."—Why not Maury County too?

The Tennessee Legislature has taken a recess for thirty days. Last week a negro named Field assaulted a white lady, Mrs. White, living near Collierville, in Shelby County. He was soon caught and on being identified by Mrs. White was promptly lynched.

Like the mists of a new day, the forebodings which have hovered over East Tennessee, are giving away to the bright light of prosperity and possibilities of the new year. Take your place in the vanguard of the hosts that are preparing to move.—Rockwood Times.

Sam Jones is preaching in Memphis and seems to put in his whole time abusing the town and the people. He calls them all "low down," from the Judge and Grand Jury down. But wholesale abuse seems to have a desirable effect, as he has started a vigorous revival.

A Clarksville correspondent of the Memphis Scimitar tells a strange story of a double burial at the little town of Rock Island, Tenn. A lady whose only son went into the army when quite a boy and was killed, had preserved his body in an air tight coffin ever since the war, in order that she might be buried in the same grave with him. During all these years she kept the coffin in the house until the body dried up into a mummy. She went into the room every day and took a look through the glass door of the coffin. When she finally died, they were buried together.

Itch, mange and scratches of every kind, on human or animal, cured in 30 minutes by Woodford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Rains, druggist, may 15.

Husband: But I don't want to quit chewing tobacco. Wife: I gave up my needs for you, and I think you may do the same for me.—Kato Field's Washington.

**Dr. Hale's Household Ointment**  
Is the finest remedy in the world. It absolutely cures catarrh. It cures neuralgia and rheumatism. Cures piles like magic. Cures salt rheum in the most soothing manner. Cures inflamed and granulated eyelids. Cures coughs and colds. Can be taken internally. A positive specific for pneumonia, cuts, bruises, burns, chilblains, sores of long standing, corns and bunions are cured quickly; different from all else; superior to all else; it has no equal; 25 and 50c. boxes. Large size cheapest. Sold by A. B. Rains, druggist, dec 15.

**"Dixie Flyer" and "Quick-Step" to Florida.**  
The "Dixie Flyer" through sleeping car line from Nashville to Jacksonville, Fla., via Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, "Battle Above the Clouds," Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Macon, and Lake City without change, takes up immediate connection in Union Depot, Nashville, every morning, of trains leaving St. Louis, Evansville, Cincinnati, Louisville, Union City, Martin, and Memphis at night. "Quick-Step" through sleeping car leaves St. Louis in the morning, Nashville 6:05 p. m., connects at Atlanta with sleeping car for Jacksonville and Tampa, via Macon, Lake City, and Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad. This line gives daylight ride through the picturesque mountains and historic battlefields of Tennessee and Georgia. Sleeping car berths can be engaged through in advance. Excursion tickets are now on sale by this route to all principal South Georgia and Florida winter resorts. Further information on application to coupon ticket offices, or to W. L. Danley, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Nashville, Tenn., dec 15.

## MAURY COUNTY NEWS.

Gathered by Our Faithful Corps of Correspondents.

### CARTER'S CREEK.

CARTER'S CREEK, Feb. 12.—Death is always sad, and doubt to which it steals into a home and robs it of its only pet, its first born. Such was the case on last Tuesday morn. when the pure, sweet spirit of little Clara Stegall winged its flight from earth to heaven. We know her parents' hearts are almost crushed, and they are in agony, but Heaven seems so much nearer since little Clara has gone there. It will not be long, a few more fleeting years and you will cross the "silent river," there to meet your darling babe. What a blessed thought; there's no more parting; there, no sickness nor dying. It is laid for you to give up your little treasure; she was such a comfort to you. But remember the precious words of our dear Savior, "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven." That is a link to bind you to the upper world, and may you so live that when your time comes you may be able to say, "I have done my duty." The many friends of the bereaved ones extend them their deepest sympathy in this hour of sore distress. Brother Will Anderson will preach at Beech Grove every third Sunday, this year.

Miss Olive Foster and Amanda Leach attended church at Dark's Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Foster and son, Nick, are on the sick list, also Mr. Geo. Mahon. The farmers are making preparations to plant Irish potatoes as soon as the ground gets dry enough. There will be a great many planted in this county almost every farmer expects to plant a few acres.

Mr. John Hammon, the champion watermelon raiser, has rented six acres of new ground from Mr. Ned Davis which he intends putting in melons.

Knock Polk, of Nashville, is spending a few weeks with the "dear ones" at home.

Leslie Davis came home with Minnie Lon and Henry Davis, Saturday and remained until Monday.

"Thank you, Rippling Waves" for your timely welcome will be glad to give the news from this place as often as convenient. ANGLE.

### How to Cure All Skin Diseases.

Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for oct 7 in

### FRIERSON.

FRIERSON, Jan. 14.—This week presents no social topic for me to dwell upon, so I will have to write upon a legal one. The lawsuit between Davidson, Napier and Duke, was tried before Judge Geo. N. McKennon, Saturday, at A. M. Gray's store. This suit was quite a complicated one. Duke first sued Dr. Davidson for damage done his and Napier's crop by stock, on account of bad fencing, which according to his version of the doctor, was tried before good. Davidson then sued Napier for balance due on rent. Southall and Padgett were the attorney's, the former for Duke and the latter for Davidson. It appeared to be a justification rather than a lawsuit, for the house was erected on the lot before the contestants themselves were in high spirits. About a dozen witnesses were sworn and right amusing was it when the lawyers cross questioned some of them. "The Hon. Pat" asked a witness which he thought best for a witness for either side to examine the plot, and whether the bugs eating the tops of the potatoes were from growing; another he asked how many potatoes he made on the place and the negro replied "I don't know, but I will give you a few more." There is a great deal of sickness in and around our vicinity. Several have been attacked with the much dreaded grippe.

**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.**  
The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Woldridge, Irvine & Towler, dec 15

**DARK'S MILL.**  
DARK'S MILL, Feb. 13.—Here we are again, trying to furnish a few more items for the dear old HERALD this week.

Mr. J. N. Meroney, who has been quite sick for some time, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Annie Murphy was on the sick list several days of last week.

Misses Nannie and Bertha Chandler, of Knob Creek, spent last week at this place.

Miss Della Nichols spent last Saturday night with Miss Willie Brown, of Neapolis.

Mr. John Basham and wife, of Knob Creek, spent last Monday night in our midst.

Mr. John Green, of Mallard, was seen in our midst last Saturday night.

Messrs. John and Walter Frazier, two of Godwin's gallant beaux, passed through Dark's Mill one day last week.

Mr. Davy Dorch, of Columbia, is teaching school at this place; he has a very large school and we wish him much success.

Mr. J. T. Hammonds was seen in our midst last week, and Miss Florence was all smiles.

Fred, the little son of R. H. McKee, was on the sick list several days of last week.

Mr. John Hammonds, of Dark's Mill, attended preaching at New Hope last Sunday week.

Mr. George Mahon is laying very ill at his home near West Point.

Mr. Lize Fitzgerald, of Theta, passed through our burg last Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Hicks, of Belmont, Mrs. Lou Jones, of Red Virginia, Mr. Ose Gordon and daughter, Miss Mollie, of West Tennessee, and Mrs. Lela Jones, of Frierison, were the guests of Mr. W. O. Gordon and family last week.

Several of our Dark's Mill boys got very badly fooled one night not long since. Perhaps Charlie Blackman, Henry Evans, Will, Louis and Lee

tastefully attired in a suit of pearl gray cloth, leaning on the arm of her uncle Mr. Jim Goodrum. They were met at the house by the groom and best man, James Snijzer, where Rev. C. Foster Williams performed the ceremony which joined the two. After the ceremony the party were driven to Calo-looka to the home of the groom's parents, where a reception was extended to the ushers, relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. The parlor and dining room were tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. The table was a thing of beauty and from it was served every thing passing to the appetite that was in keeping with the elegance of the occasion. Dr. and Mrs. Howlett were the recipients of several nice and useful presents.

**PERSONALS.**  
Miss Sallie Hanna has returned from a six weeks visit to Nashville to her brother W. J. Hanna.

Mrs. S. S. Matthews, Miss Lena Neelley and the little son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Neelley are all on the sick list this week.

Mr. Bernard Luck returned to Nashville last Tuesday, after a few weeks visit to relatives and friends here.

A. W. Wilburn, in company with Albert Boyd, returned to New Orleans last week.

T. W. McCandless returned to Charleston, S. C., his place of business, last Wednesday.

The following ladies of this community attended the reception last Tuesday: Misses Lena Neelley, Kit Fleming, Gertrude Maxwell, Media Wilburn, Ethelene Davis and Mrs. T. H. Neelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinnon and Willie Maxwell, of Columbia, and Miss Bettie Akin of Mt. Pleasant, attended the Howlett-Perry marriage last Tuesday. They also attended the reception.

Miss Mattie Williams, of Ashwood, was also at the marriage.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Hart was very suddenly called last Tuesday to Forrest City to the bedside of her brother, Dr. W. J. Matthews, who is critically ill with pneumonia. Late news from there states he is some better but not out of danger.

**The Modern Invalid**  
has tastes medically in keeping with other luxuries. A remedy must be pleasantly acceptable in form, purely wholesome in composition, truly beneficial in effect and entirely free from every objectionable quality. If really ill he consults a physician; if constipated he uses the gentle family laxative, Syrup of Figs.

**SPRING HILL.**  
SPRING HILL, Feb. 13.—Rev. Mr. Ransom, pastor in charge of the Methodist Church, held services in the morning and evening and delivered logical and most interesting discourses to his congregation.

Services were held Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. C. E. Sullivan. A most excellent sermon from Neh. 4, was presented to his people. In the afternoon he preached at Port Royal.

No services at the C. P. Church or Grace Chapel.

**PERSONALS.**  
Miss Irene Crowe, a most intelligent young lady of our community, is still visiting in Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Caperton and two children visited relatives in this place last week.

Rev. C. E. Sullivan was in Nashville the first of this week.

Mrs. Macon Johnson is now with the family of Mr. John Bostick, near here.

Mr. J. A. Grigsby is back from a business trip to Paducah, Ky.

Mrs. Jennie Pointer returned recently from Mt. Pleasant, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Granberry.

**LOCALS.**  
The firm of Thompson & Hill have sold to Mr. John Parks and Dr. Martin and a fine supply of groceries have been ordered.

Mr. W. J. Murphy, who is traveling for the house of Professor Loud of Nashville, has sold to Mr. James Hamilton a very handsome piano. He is going to have some very handsome ones at the Caperton House for trial.

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Mr. Charles Blackman, of Bear Creek, passed through Dark's Mill one day last week. Miss Annie Chandler spent last week on Knob Creek.

Rev. Mr. Green filled his regular appointment at this place last Sunday.

Ask Henry Evans how about last Sunday.

Mr. R. M. Green and wife, of Mallard, attended preaching at this place last Sunday.

Misses Olivia Foster and Manda Lou-krige, two of Carter's Creek's little beauties were in our midst last Sunday, and you bet John was looking happy.

Mr. Annie Meroney was on the sick list last week.

Mr. Cam Green, of Mallard, was at Dark's Mill last Sunday.

**PIEL'S PILLS! Itching Piles.**  
Symptoms—Moisture; intense itching; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail, for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. oct 7 in

**FIRST MONDAY.**  
EDITOR HERALD.—When a boy I often wondered why it was so necessary for all men to go to town on first Monday. And I frequently wondered why this day was more important than second or third Monday. This thought again suggested itself last Monday when I was out on my horse on our streets. A few moments study will solve the question and give us all an additional interest in the day. It is not one of those days made sacred by some great deed or mighty change or revolution, but a day mutually agreed upon by all citizens to meet for the purpose of trading and putting slaps to business. This custom of meeting on first Monday is not confined to Maury and her sister counties, for south of the line that once divided the North from the South—the ice from the sunshine—the custom is practiced for all counties being larger than any of the county seats near us, and enjoying the reputation of being the best mule market in the world, lends additional attraction to men of means, seeking profitable investments. Last Monday we had an annual gathering of all Columbia being larger than any and in fact every avocation and profession was well represented. I will not attempt to estimate all the good done or detail the drawbacks of the day. But just here I wish to notice one sale that was of considerable benefit, although the mule was sold at a very reasonable price. The mule changed hands about 1 o'clock, and by 4 o'clock I learned that the money for that mule had paid six debts; and I am satisfied it did not stop there. If this is an average case—and I believe it is—there are many mules and horses that are Monday to pay off all our debts and place us on a secure financial basis.

Besides being a day important to the dealers of the long eared kind and fancy saddie horses, the owner of the colts and ponies was here trying to drive a sale that was of considerable benefit to him as much as the other fellows. The jockey on his three-legged, one-eyed, spavined "tang," the ever welcome (?) book agent, the patentee of some indispensable machine, the officer with property under levy for sale, the managers of a church fund with a donor for the benefit of the cause, the auctioneer with his stock, the applicants for the post-office, the early candidates and last but not least the beautiful peanut vendors, all here, making the day one of unusual importance. I could not, in this list of professionals, leave out the ever present and always to be despised, dead beat. On such occasions he realizes he has a fresh field and gets in some of his best work. And as long as we are cursed with loafers we will hear the old, monotonous cry of "hard times."

The numerous sales made last Monday give considerable encouragement to all conservative men and puts to silence the croakings of those who have nothing to loan or to give but their doubts and evil predictions and enables us to predict that better times are close at hand.

This first Monday meeting serves to give more strength to all kinds of business connected with the farm and in a great measure keeps all posted as to the prices of the stock or stuff they wish to dispose of.

The long article could be written on the happenings of the day, also a long list of names of visitors from outside the county and the State could be gathered together that would probably be of interest to our readers, but enough this time. RICHARD.

**THE WORLD'S FAIR.**  
How Tennesseans Might Have Their Own Property Represented.  
EDITOR HERALD.—The Legislature has refused to make any appropriation for an exhibit of Tennessee products at the World's Fair. Knowing that there are manufacturers, inventors, farmers, stock men, miners, poultry, bee and fruit growers, etc., that are desirous of making an exhibit of their products without incurring any expense to the State, I would suggest that the expense of one man be paid to the World's Fair to make proper arrangements for securing space and taking care of all articles sent, and to remain in charge of any and all exhibits from Tennessee that may be introduced to him. The cost and tax to each exhibitor would be far less than for the exhibitor to pay for his own space and time and bear all his own expenses and to make his own exhibit. I am endeavoring to formulate such a plan and to save expense to the exhibitor and to have Tennessee represented at the World's Fair. My address is Columbia, Tenn., and I would be pleased to open correspondence with any one desiring to make exhibits. Respectfully, SAM B. WATKINS. State papers please copy.

**Some Foolish People**  
Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam—which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 50 cents and \$1. Trial size free. At all druggists. feb 10-cov-ly.

**Secret Societies.**  
Royal Arcanum 460. Regular meetings on 2nd and 4th Monday nights, J. T. L. Cochran, Regent, A. S. James, Sec'y.

Knights of Honor 253. Regular meetings on 2nd and 4th Thursday nights, W. A. Rutledge, Dictator, A. S. James, Reporter.

National Union 500. Regular meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights, F. B. Webb, President, A. S. James, Sec'y.

**The Way That Pays Best.**  
The statement attributed to John Wauwaker that he considered a one-inch advertisement in a small country newspaper more effective than one hundred thousand circulars, recently when Secretary McDonald, of the Portland, Me., Young Men's Christian Association stood up at a meeting of the organization, and stated that he was curious to know what method of advertising reached the most people. He had circulated several thousand little dodgers giving notice of the meeting, and he requested those who had seen them and been moved to come by that means, to rise. The hall was packed with people, and of the entire number only fifteen arose. Then Mr. McDonald received a remarkable illustration of the Portland, Me., Young Men's Christian Association stood up at a meeting of the organization, and stated that he was curious to know what method of advertising reached the most people. 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