

Motions are being heard to-day in the Circuit Court.

The Smith murder case is still on trial in the Criminal Court.

The weather continues to improve, and we may say it is considerably convalescent.

Led Astray rehearsal for the benefit of Mrs. Rose P. Thompson will be held at the Memphis Theater to-night.

Mosquitoes have already made their appearance, and are preparing for a great feast during Mardi-Gras.

The city council meets to-night and will possibly finish the career of many an aspirant for municipal office.

Judge Baxter, of the United States Court, has overruled the motion to remand the water works case to the State court.

Why should we weep because the fond dreams of official distinction have quietly dissolved like the baseless fabrics of a dream.

Justice Fleming yesterday committed to jail Henderson Clark, (col.), charged with an attempt to stab Lucy White, also colored.

Adler, alias Koch, was discharged by the recorder this morning. Being rearrested he was committed to jail by Justice Spellman.

Professor Winkler has kindly postponed the rehearsal of Fra Diavolo Monday night so that some of the members can assist Mrs. Thompson at her benefit.

Lawrence Barrett is playing a successful engagement in New Orleans. He will appear at the Memphis Theater Monday, the 25th, supported by his own company.

Judge Trigg, of the United States Court, was to-day engaged in hearing the case of the Home Insurance Company vs. the Merchants National Bank of Memphis.

But little game is coming to market. The prices on fish and oysters, however, rule as follows: Red snappers, 15 cents per lb; shad, 40 to 60 cts. each; oysters, 35, 40 and 50 cents per can.

Captain Wm. Maingault gave a valentine party last night at his residence on Promenade street. There was a large attendance, the occasion being unexceptionably agreeable to every one.

Praise a man and you will receive the honor of hypocritical smiles, equally disgusting as the sycophancy of credulous bitterness. Once write a disagreeable truth about this man and he is forever your enemy.

The steamer Little Joker, built by Colonel Roberts, of Pennsylvania, for his own pleasure and travel, makes an excursion this afternoon. About thirty ladies and gentlemen will participate in the excursion.

Colonel Jo Tribunilus, a large Front street merchant, is reported to be studying "McDuff" for the stage. He will perform his part sitting in a revolving chair, and will go back to get his boots blacked between each act.

Ed Winston, arrested near Brownsville by Deputy Marshal Bob Smith, on an indictment by the United States Court for dealing in tobacco without license, was committed to jail in default of \$1000 bail this morning.

Justice Winters yesterday committed Austin Branch, (colored), to jail, on the charge of stealing a mule from Stewart & Wiley, at Morning Sun, in this county. The case will be heard next Monday, by which time the witnesses are to be here.

A colored man, giving his name as Jenny Smith, was arrested last night and fined fifty dollars this morning for wearing female apparel. A doctor and Tim Hope examined the accused and pronounce it another Frances Thompson case.

Last night's achievement at the theater, as "Dr. Coates," added another feather to the cap of General Peter Tracy. It was discovered that we have in our midst a most wonderful actor. Victor Hugo's "Man Who Laughs" is completely shadowed.

Jack Manly, by James Grant; Pilgrims of the Rhine, by Bulwer; Cecil Castleman's Gage, by Ouida; Peg Woffington, by Chas. Reade; Twenty Years After, by Dumas; and Martin Chuzzlewit, by Chas. Dickens, are the latest arrivals in the 10c and 20c series at R. H. Spangler's.

The approaching Mardi-Gras will be the grandest ever witnessed in America. The Memphi and the Ulks will give magnificent pageants and grand balls. All the steamboats and railroads will issue reduced rates, the tickets being good for nine or ten days. The attendance of strangers will be unusually large.

Recorder Duff this morning married A. M. Henderson (colored) and Miss Jennie Kelly (colored), Tim Hope procuring the marriage license and going the groom's security. Henderson was arrested on a grave charge, but he gracefully surrendered to legal circumstances and the fascinating witcheries of the fair Jennie.

Mayor Tarrant, of Ripley, who killed young Scott, had his trial a few days ago and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The interest of the trial was embellished by a trio of Memphis lawyers, but their efforts seem to have been a kind of set-off, as the case was in no way affected by their wit. The Ripley jurists evidently believe in encouraging home talent.

All the latest dailies, illustrated weeklies, monthlies, etc., can be found at the news stand of Billy Lieben, 236½ Main street. Call and get Sunday reading matter.