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MEMPHIS:

Friday Evening, July 14, 1876.

LEDGER LINES.

Warren, 287 Main street, has received a choice lot of fresh lemons.

The General Council will assemble at the City Hall this afternoon.

The Third ward Democracy will organize a club to-morrow night.

The base ball fever will break out again on next Sunday afternoon.

The German Casino Club indulged in a river excursion on barges last night.

The Olympic Theater on Washington street is being repaired, preparatory for the next variety theatrical season.

The Shelby County Circuit Court, Judge Heiskell presiding, will adjourn on to-morrow to court in course, the 3d Monday in September next.

At a meeting of Bluff City Lodge No. 187 I. O. O. F., held on Tuesday evening last, Mr. W. H. Moyston was elected as Representative to the Grand Lodge.

Mrs. Maria Bibb, formerly of Aberdeen, Miss., died in Chelsea this morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Richard Capers, Deputy Clerk of the Criminal Court.

The members of Memphis Encampment No. 39 I. O. O. F., at their meeting last night, elected Mr. Thomas L. Risk to represent them in the Grand Encampment of the State.

The Nashville American says "the O'Connor Zouaves, of Knoxville, yearn for the scalp of Sitting Bull and have tendered their services to the Secretary of War. And now for the Porter Rifles and Jackson Guards."

How can the debt of Memphis be paid? is the financial conundrum now under investigation. At a rough guess we should think that it could be paid by compromising with the bond-holding creditors, and with either hard or soft money.

Nearly all the silver currency which was in circulation in these parts some weeks since has disappeared, it having been gathered in by the hoarders of coin in exchange for their greenbacks and national bank paper. The speedy resumption business did not work well or long.

The report of the Congressional Investigating Committee on the Memphis riots, and the testimony of Barbour Lewis and other leading Hayes and Wheeler lights contained therein, will form a cheerful centennial campaign document during the present summer and fall.

It has been settled microscopically that both male and female mosquitoes are bitists. Now that that important question has been settled, we would like to know which sex furnish the itinerant musicians or vocalists that disturb the slumbering Memphians; or, are both sexes also involved in this musical nuisance.

Rumor has it that the Secretary of War has accepted the offer of the Chickasaw Guards to fight Sitting Bull's braves. It is reported that the "Chicks" will have to report at St. Louis by the 1st of August, and will at once be sent to the Yellowstone country to engage in the skirmish drill with the painted savages.

Among the prominent nuisances in our city is the horde of negro boot-blacks, many of whom are sneak-thieves, and who carry boot-blackening traps merely as a blind and in order to escape from being arrested as vagrants and sent to the Island Home. The police authorities should look into and regulate this growing nuisance.

The police authorities are to have the notorious Frances Thompson photographed in both styles, as a male and as a female, so that they can be sent to other cities and prevent this hideous criminal from playing the same role again. The possessor of these odd pictures can, like Hamlet, say: "Look upon this picture, then on that—Hyperion to a Satyr," etc.

It has been settled clearly that the raiser of stock, produce and garden truck can bring the products of his or her farm to the city and sell such throughout the city at any hour and without license; and the city can make no ordinance interfering with this legal right. It can regulate hucksters and marketmen, but not the gardener, farmer or tiller of the soil.

For the benefit of the Memphis subscribers to that cheerful journal known as Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly, Miss Tennie Claflin, that pious young woman, writes in explanation as follows: "The Weekly now lies asleep in Christ and will only make its reappearance at the second coming of Christ, which is now near at hand." Subscribers will now govern themselves accordingly.

During the sitting of that famous Congressional Committee, headed by E. B. Washburn, of Illinois, and who turned loose his venom against the South all over his vile report on the Memphis riots, a number of people here certified as to

the good conduct, character and loyalty of the notorious Frances Thompson. Some of these indorsers are here yet, and they should step up and certify again, now that the principal has gone to protest. In the light of present events these indorsers are in an unenviable position.

Frank, or Frances, Thompson now edifies interviewers by telling each one a different story, something that the notorious Congressional Investigating Committee witness is perfectly competent to do. Since the Reds made immense political capital out of Thompson on account of his adventures during the Memphis riots they should, as a matter of justice, elect him an honorary member of the Hayes-Wheeler club, and then the Frances Thompson party should change the name of the club to the "Crutchy club." They should not go back on an old friend and ally now that he has been detected in his Radical rascalities.

The School Board has appointed a committee to investigate the books and papers of Secretary Carnes, whose resignation was accepted by the Board on Wednesday night. The books, it seems, are in a bad fix, full of interlineations and erasures, and the amounts do not add up properly. Mr. Rambaut is chairman of the committee of investigation, and such will be made as thorough as possible. Mr. Carnes is old and infirm and was incompetent to hold the office of secretary, and this fact is no doubt sufficient to account for the irregularities of his books; but as public money is involved, a thorough overhauling and examination is certainly necessary. Public servants must account to the people for their actions with reference to public funds.

Wednesday last, the 12th of July, was the anniversary of the battle of Antrim, fought in Ireland, and in which King James was defeated by King William, Prince of Orange. It is usual on the anniversary of that day for Orangemen all over the world to celebrate the event with a parade and banquet, and this has been the cause of many riots in this country, a deadly enmity having existed for hundreds of years between the Orangemen and Ribbonmen of Ireland. The battle was fought in 1691 and during the engagement the gallant St. Ruth, who commanded the French allies, was killed by a cannon ball carrying off his head. To the philosopher and intelligent American citizen the existence to-day of the bitter memories of nearly two hundred years ago is an amusing study and a source of regret. The anniversary was not celebrated in this city, nor indeed was it generally celebrated this year throughout the United States.

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Owing to the unexpected absence of several members of the Bluff City Minstrels, the benefit of Byron Davis is postponed until Friday, July 21st. [117

Corn and Cotton Crops.

A well-known merchant, who has been on a trip down in Tunica and Coahoma counties, Mississippi, has handed us the following accurate report, made up from reliable and thorough investigations:

To the Editor of the Ledger:

Having returned from a flying trip down the river, I avail myself of your invitation (before leaving) to give you my observations as to the crop prospects. My own observations were limited on account of time, but compared statements of reliable planters with what I saw. Early corn has been greatly neglected, not only in cultivation but in thinning, and as a consequence has materially suffered. Late corn is looking well, and with proper attention and one or two more rains will make a good crop. Some localities have been dry; where this is the case cotton is doing well and promises a fine yield. In other localities where there has been too much rain the cotton is suckering and growing water-jointed and great fears are entertained of serious damage on account of too much wet weather. The blight and rust are more or less in every field, and a great deal depends on the seasons during this and the next month as to the effect on the cotton crop. The crop is now in its most critical state. The average cotton prospect is now favorable.

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The Holly Springs Reporter is anxious to take Sitting Bull by the horns, or even by the Big or Little Horn, and suggests the following plan:

If the government is anxious to make "Sitting Bull" and his four thousand warriors cross the dark river let it authorize General N. B. Forrest to raise a regiment of cavalry in the South and he will do the work. The fearless ex-Confederate chief would do most of the fighting with his escort, but he would want a regiment along to protect his escort from the post-traders.