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LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION.

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MEMPHIS:

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LEDGER LINES.

But few arrests were made on yesterday by the police.

Several hundreds of Memphians are off Centennializing.

The General Council will assemble at City Hall this afternoon.

At 12 o'clock to-day the thermometer indicated 90° in the shade.

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

A central Democratic club for the city at large is the thing necessary.

The County Circuit Court, Judge Heiskell presiding, adjourned over to court in course this afternoon.

A fashion paper says the most fashionable straws are now about eight inches long and are worn upright in a tumbler.

At Olympic Park on yesterday the Memphis amateur club beat the Riversides in a game of base-ball by a score of 12 to 5.

At the Chancery Court Mary Bartenio filed a petition for divorce against Peter Bartenio on the grounds of cruel treatment, etc.

The Criminal Court has adjourned over to the 27th instant. The grand jury is still in session, investigating the affairs of county officers.

The total number of deaths which occurred in the city during the past week were 29, and of these there were 12 whites and 17 blacks.

That persistent citizen known at newspaper editorial rooms as the exchange fiend, yet makes his grand rounds, to the great terror of editors.

This forenoon the members of the County Quarterly Court adopted a series of resolutions with reference to the death of Esquire Bartlett, an old citizen of the county and member of the court.

We opine there are not many Southern men who would condescend to serve as a soldier under the infamous Phil Sheridan, who now commands this Department and has charge of the Indian war on the plains.

The organization of Democratic Tilden and Hendricks clubs in every city ward and country district is now in order and is absolutely necessary in order to defeat the Frances Thompson Radical party of the county.

The darkies have started up an old corn-field song and have given it a new application in consequence of the killing of Custer by Sitting Bull as follows:

"The great red bull coming down de meadow,
Long time ago;
He shakes his tail and jars de water,
Long time ago."

Street rumors have it that Emmerson Etheridge and Wm. M. Randolph are aspirants for the Radical nomination for Congress in this district, and that Chancellor Morgan will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress against Casey Young.

At the County Court to-day an order was passed to refund \$96.75 county tax, paid as lawyers' license tax by Mr. Wm. M. Randolph, the Supreme Court having decided that lawyers are officers of courts and therefore are not liable to be taxed

al entered Floyd's confectionery, on Main street, on Saturday, and in order to win a bet of five dollars, drank thirteen glasses of soda water in succession. After accomplishing the feat and winning the money, he called for another glass of soda, saying that he felt thirsty. He can regard himself as the champion soda water swigger of the season.

The roughness of the street railroad tracks is becoming a serious inconvenience, as it furnishes rather too much violent exercise during the hot weather. In mid-winter a little jolting does not hurt, because it keeps the blood in circulation, but when the thermometer is 90° in the shade no such bodily exercise is pleasant. There is such a thing as giving a passenger too much for his or her money.

The bluff at the foot of Madison street is now visited nightly by hundreds who go there for the purpose of resting and cooling off. The soft, cool breeze that flows up the river after dark invites sleep from those who sit down, but should the invitation be accepted the sneak-thief destroys the pleasure of the hour by picking up a hat or any other portable article that may drop from the sleeper. Several little larcenies of this character have taken place there of late.

That notorious chain-gang prisoner, Frances Thompson, had to be taken off the chain-gang and placed back in the station-house cell this forenoon, so great was the crowd of both white and black people who surrounded him as he worked on the streets. The side-walks became impeded and blocked with people, all eager to get a look at the villainous negro who has been passing himself off as a negress for many years, and who swore so like a Radical before that Washburn Congressional Investigating Committee which sat on the Memphis riots, and whose testimony was indorsed by leading Memphis Radicals at negro meetings in subsequent campaigns.

The coolest and most methodic policeman that has been heard of lately appeared on one of the street cars yesterday. The car-driver stopped in response to the shouts and frantic gestures of an excited citizen, who came running to the car, saying: "I want you, quick, to make an arrest; come quick!" The guardian of the city did not rise from his seat, but coolly replied: "I haven't time to go—I am going to roll call; get one of the men on the beat to make the arrest." Sometimes it takes an hour to find the men on the beat, as the beats are very large and but one man is on each during the day; yet there's nothing like red tape and method when engaged in public business.

To secure a personal notice in a newspaper is the supreme weakness of many heads and the intense longing of many hearts. The reporter knows this full well and can tell in advance by the grasp of the hand what is coming next from a seemingly overjoyed acquaintance who begins to unfold a tale of absence from the city for a week or two, what he saw and when he returned. Others, less modest, will ask you for a personal notice in the coolest manner, and will not be satisfied with less than a biographical sketch of their lives, although their lives may have been as uninteresting and sluggish as the waters of a bayou. The business way to do such things is to write out your own "personal notice," visit the business office of the Ledger and pay for its insertion.

READ THIS AND BE HAPPY.

This week we offer serpentine braid, 25c dozen; tidies, 25c each, very cheap; black kid gloves, 25c—worth 50c. Inducements in corsets, towels, hosiery, ribbons, flowers, straw goods, fancy goods, etc., at panic prices. For desirable and reasonable goods, at 25 per cent. less than cost, call at the closing sale of