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MEMPHIS:

Tuesday Evening, July 18, 1876.

LEDGER LINES.

The river at this point has taken another little rise.

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

The mercury in the thermometer made a raid in among the nineties on yesterday.

The intense heat last night made sleeping a disagreeable task instead of a pleasure.

The General Council has adjourned over to the next regular meeting, the first Wednesday in August.

A new engine house is to be built on the corner of Main and Trezevant streets, at a cost of about five thousand dollars.

Local poetasters can find cheering words in the following truism: "More poetry comes from a disordered liver than from inspiration."

The new trans-Mississippi cable is being reeled out across the river between Fort Pickering and the Arkansas shore, near the foot of Hopefield lake.

The thermometer ranged at 93° at 12 o'clock to-day in the shade, while out in the sun it ran up to 110° and was still going upward when our reporter left.

Barbour, the small fruit man, is always the first in the market with delicious fruits of every variety. His grapes are just ripening and will be for sale at the principal dealers this week.

Unmuzzled dogs running at large are to be killed after five days notice has been given. Thank heaven! the curs of low degree and all-night barkers will have their scalps taken at last.

The "can't-get-aways" of this city have the pleasure of knowing that further north people are being killed by sunstroke, while such strokes of misfortune are unknown in this latitude.

The Quarterly Court stands adjourned to court in course. It was too hot for our rural magistrates to stay in town, when they could bask beneath the shade of the forest trees out at their homesteads.

The Second Ward Tilden-Hendricks Club will meet at the City Hall to-night at 8 o'clock. The Little Democrat gun and cannoneers will be in attendance to shake up the earth in that locality and sing the death song of Radicalism in Memphis.

The notorious Frances Thompson proclaims himself a Radical in politics, and will join the Hayes-Wheeler club when he gets out, as in that organization all are received regardless of sex, color, previous condition of servitude or present condition of moral turpitude.

The General Council awarded the city printing to the lowest bidder, and the same rule should be carried out with reference to contractors and street improvements. Contractors are no better than newspaper men, we opine, when the lowest bid comes up for consideration.

At the station-house hangs a small but conspicuous sign bearing the cabalistic words—"Madam Thompson, Fortune Teller." The sign was removed by the police authorities from in front of the house of infamy kept near the jail by that negro Caliban, "Crutchy" Thompson.

At Nashville and Knoxville the citizen soldiers have given military picnics which have been largely attended. The Chickasaw Guards should follow the example and give a select social picnic out in the woods. It would be a charming fete and would be attended by the elite of the city.

paratory to holding an inquest of lunacy. The dual photograph of Frances Thompson as a male and then as a female are in circulation throughout the city as curiosities. Both pictures present the hideous and revolting features of the vile criminal in a life-like manner. Thompson, after his experience as a witness before the Congressional Investigating Committee, should be permitted to put in a double vote for Hayes and Wheeler.

In front of Lindeman's saloon on Washington street, last night, J. M. McCormack, while passing by, was attacked by R. M. Crittenden, who cut him in the back with a knife. Crittenden was slightly intoxicated at the time, but sobered up when he was arrested. It seemed that he was out on the sidewalk waiting for somebody to come along and get scalped, and McCormack happened to be the unfortunate man who made an appearance. It is supposed that he had been reading an account of Sitting Bull's fight and imagined himself to be the great Sioux chief.

The fast-driving ordinance should be enforced. The spasmodic efforts to enforce ordinances should be kept up and officers should never grow weary in well doing, as they are paid by the public for nothing else. Yesterday afternoon an old lady, Mrs. Elzie Watts, was run over and severely injured by a horse and buggy. The ordinance provides that vehicles shall not be driven around street corners faster than a walk. The police know this, yet Jehus drive around corners and graze the curbing at the rate of ten miles an hour. Enforce the ordinance, Messrs. Peelers!

At a meeting of the General Council held yesterday, the Main street paving was awarded to Loudon & Co., their bid being the lowest by nearly ten thousand dollars. The contract is to pave the west side of Main street at \$1.60 per square yard, to be paid in city scrip, and the stone to be used to be procured from the quarries on the Charleston road. The price in scrip would be about \$1.15 per square yard. The city has been paying from three to four dollars per square yard for the same kind of pavement; and this shows what competition and calling for bids will do.

General Sturgis, of Chicago, severely criticizes and censures General Custer's course in the Big Horn expedition. Sturgis is well known in this city. He is the chap who was routed and licked at Gantown by General Forrest during the last civil war. His military knowledge caused him to generally put his hospital in advance, then an immense wagon and pack train, next the infantry and last the cavalry, and Sturgis always remained with the cavalry. This movement enabled Sturgis to retreat by making an "about face;" then Sturgis and the cavalry moved to the van of the column. He is a nice chap to criticize a soldier like Custer.

Last night Mike Cooney, who resides on Main near Overton, reported at the station-house that his little daughter, aged fourteen years, had been enticed away from home by a girl named Mary Foley for purposes of prostitution. Both the girls were arrested by the police, and this morning the Recorder discharged Mary Foley from custody, nothing appearing to substantiate the charge. The little girl testified that she had been beaten and badly treated by her father and step-mother and ran away from home to escape their persecutions, and Mary Foley being a friend of hers, she took refuge with her and her mother. The child will be sent out to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, where she can find a home different from that furnished by the father and step-mother.

Some months since Councilman Donovan called the attention of the General Council to the city property occupied by private persons free of rent. The proposition to collect such rents was laughed at by several Solomons in the Council, but it now turns out that those now occupying such property are ready to pay rent, which amount foots up the nice sum of \$4472. Other property throughout the city and occupied in like manner will run up the city's rental to nearly seven thousand dollars per annum. No rents have been collected on this property for twenty years, and at last those occupying it almost believed that they owned it and that the city had forfeited it by ignoring its existence. Councilman Donovan deserves credit for this practical work of reform in city affairs.