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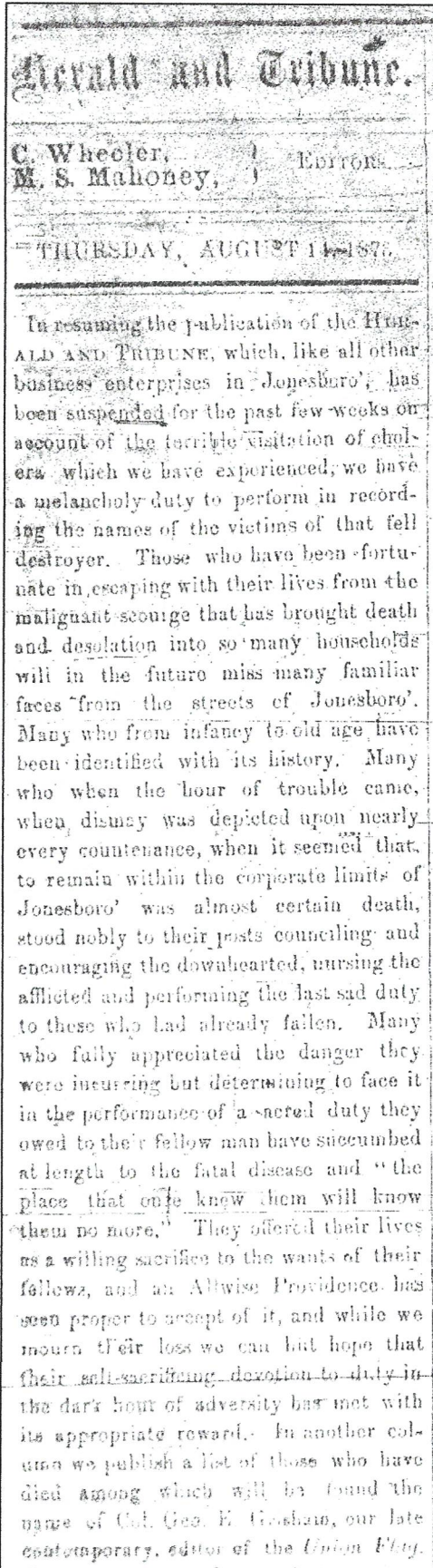
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[Untitled Editorial] (August 14, 1873)

In resuming the publication of the Herald and Tribune, which, like all other business enterprises in Jonesboro', has been suspended for the past few weeks on account of the terrible visitation of cholera which we have experienced, we have a melancholy duty to perform in recording the names of the victims of that fell destroyer. Those who have been fortunate in escaping with their lives from the malignant scourge that has brought death and desolation into so many households will in the future miss many familiar faces from the streets of Jonesboro'. Many who from infancy to old age have been identified with its history. Many who when the hour of trouble came, when dismay was depicted upon nearly every countenance, when it seemed that to remain within the corporate limits of Jonesboro' was almost certain death, stood nobly to their posts counseling and encouraging the downhearted, nursing the afflicted and performing the last sad duty to those who had already fallen. Many who fully appreciated the danger they were incurring but determining to face it in the performance of a sacred duty they owed to their fellow man have succumbed at length to the fatal disease and "the place that once knew them will know them no more." They offered their lives as a willing sacrifice to the wants of their fellows, and an Allwise Providence has seen proper to accept of it, and while we mourn their loss we can but hope that their self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the dark hour of adversity has met with its appropriate reward. In another column we publish a list of those who have died among which will be found the name of Col. Geo. E. Grisham, our late contemporary, editor of the *Union Flag*. When the disease first made its appearance in Jonesboro', Col. Grisham expressed a determination to remain in town and administer to the wants of the destitute and afflicted regardless of consequences. This determination was carried out and the sad result was his death in the discharge of what he considered his duty. We can award no better tribute to his memory than the subjoined extract from the *Memphis Appeal*, which says:

"It is a sad story that comes from Jonesboro and tells of the death of George E. Grisham, editor of the *Flag*. He was forty years of

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age, full of life, vigor and hope, surrounded by a family devoted to him, as he to them, and, as his conduct demonstrated, to his friends and neighbors. He has been stricken down by the hand of death. He devoted himself since the plague came upon Jonesboro, to the watchful care of the sick. He visited alike the homes of the poor and opulent, and wherever deeds of mercy were demanded by human anguish, Grisham went. By day and night he was at the bedside of the sick, discharging from them every menial task. When he himself was sick, he forgot his own danger and sufferings, and died at last from sheer devotion to the well-being of his fellow men. When of perhaps two thousand inhabitants, only forty were left in the ancient capital of Tennessee, Grisham was of the number, and at last he, too, fell a victim to generous devotion to the welfare of his people. A dispatch received yesterday by Captain Jaques says: "You will be grieved to learn that Colonel Grisham, who has been so earnest and efficient in relieving the distresses of the poor and helpless, died yesterday. He had been sick and was almost well, exposed himself for others that he thought more needy than himself, and thus, poor fellow! He lost his life."

We should not forget the names and deeds and virtues of Grisham, and while rearing a worthy monument to his fame and heroism more honorable than of soldiers on battlefields, we should not forget the wants of those who owed him home and bread and watchful care."

We heartily endorse the above. Over his faults let us draw the mantle of charity and forgiveness, laying aside all past grievances and remembering only his virtues and those deeds of kindness of which so many in this place have been the recipients.

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served. We trust the time is not far distant when his valuable services will meet with their appropriate reward. There are also many others who deserve the highest meed(sic) of praise for their noble efforts in behalf of the afflicted. First and foremost, we would mention Drs. W. Sevier and E. L. Deaderick, in behalf of whose courage, skill and professional ability too much praise can not be awarded. To them, in a high degree, is due the credit of alleviating the suffering of those stricken down with the disease, and of arresting its further progress in this community. There are others who have also rendered important service in behalf of the suffering, who should always be remembered with grateful hearts by the people of Jonesboro'. Below we give a partial list of those who remained to look after the interests of the sick:

Rev. E.M. Lockwood, Rev. W.W. Morrison, Rev. P.D. Cowan, Arch Hoss, J. D. Cox, Newton Hacker, A.E. Jackson, Fred Devault, John S. Mathes, James A. Dillworth, O. F. Dillworth, W. G. Mathes, Robert Fink, Thomas D. Collins, Daniel Crowley, Michael L. Crowley, Samuel Nave, C.T.C. Deake, J.W. C. Deake, Silas C. Shipley, W. M. Fleming, J.W. Bowyer, James Grimes (col.), Alfred Ervin (col.), Samuel Luckey (col.), Ham Carmichael, (col.), Jerry Edwards, (col.), Joseph Marshall, (col.), Henry Mosey [Burson] (col.), John Cunningham, (col.)

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

EDITORS HERALD AND TRIBUNE:

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From Capt. Joseph Jaques, Knoxville, Tenn., \$50 00.

From Cowan, McClung & Co., Knoxville, Tenn., \$100 00.

From citizens of Knoxville, through Charles Daws, \$178 00.

Additional from Knoxville, through Charles Daws, \$18 00.

From Col. C. M. McGhee, Knoxville, Tenn., \$50 00.

From personal friends, through Rev. P. D. Cowan, Knoxville, \$30 00.

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In addition to this, an examination of our list of contributors to the relief fund will show the names of Capt. Jaques and C. M. McGhee, Vice-Presidents of the Road who gave fifty dollars each, and a number of other Railroad employees who contributed liberally for our benefit. It is to be hoped that the habitual grumblers against all kinds of public improvements will at least give the Railroad officials credit for that liberality which their own narrow minded souls have never been able to approximate, and cease their croaking until they have shown something of the spirit which has actuated these benevolent gentlemen in their noble efforts to succor the unfortunate.

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In addition to this, an examination of our list of contributors to the relief fund will show the names of Capt. Jaques and C. M. McGhee, Vice-Presidents of the Road who gave fifty dollars each, and a number of other Railroad employees who contributed liberally for our benefit. It is to be hoped that the habitual grumblers against all kinds of public improvements will at least give the Railroad officials credit for that liberality which their own narrow minded souls have never been able to approximate, and cease their croaking until they have shown something of the spirit which has actuated these benevolent gentlemen in their middle efforts to succor the unfortunate.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1873

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Time: Hotels are again opened, and any one who wishes it can get a good square meal at either the Washington or Eutaw House.

A list of the School Directors will be published as soon as we get a full return from the county.

Threshers report that our wheat crop will not be more than one-half the usual quantity raised in the county.

We call attention to the advertisement of Miss C. A. Wood, who proposes to teach a music class at her residence near Masonic Hall.

Twenty Dollars in gold or silver coin is offered by the Society for the fastest horse once around the track at the Fair in October.

The County Superintendent we understand contemplates calling a meeting of the School Directors of the county in a few days.

The funeral services of Jas. E. May will be preached at Mt. Lebanon church near Nolachucky river, by Rev. Joseph P. Milburn, on the 2d Sunday in September next.

Capt. Howren, our efficient Town Marshal, is having the houses where cholera patients have died thoroughly disinfected and cleansed. "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety," is his motto.

Dr. Wheeler has in his possession a beautiful specimen of opague garnet with truncated edges, taken from the North Carolina mines. It is worth an examination by those interested in mineralogy.

Religious.
Rev. Mr. Morrison will preach at Clark's Spring next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock A. M., and Rev. Mr. Rankin will preach at the same place at 4 o'clock P. M.

Personal.
Mr. William Campbell, of Mexico, Mo., who was formerly a citizen of Leesburg, and who has been absent for seventeen years, called on us last week.

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Business Resumed.
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