

Another Mississippi River Accident.
MEMPHIS, Jan. 15.
The steamer T. S. McGill, from St. Louis to New Orleans, was burned at Shoo Fly bar, at nine o'clock last night. The fire broke out at, and owing to a gale prevailing such was the rapidity of the flames that the passengers had hardly time to rush to the bow and plunge into the water before the fire was upon them. To add to the horrors of the scene the weather was intensely cold, and many who plunged into the river were chilled and sunk to rise no more.

The survivors gave but imperfect and conflicting reports. The boat had been aground for two days and had unloaded two hundred tons of her freight in order to get over the bar. She was loaded with nine hundred tons of general merchandise, including pork and coal oil. Just as the passengers were being rescued to retire the alarm of fire was raised and a general stampede ensued.

The steamer St. Francis and Ann White, which had passed, were several miles above, but seeing the fire turned back and arrived in time to render valuable assistance. The H. C. Yenger, lying near by, also rendered assistance. The White brought up about thirty persons picked up along the shore. It was hoped that Capt. Tompkins and Wm. McFarland, first clerk, were saved, but the arrival of the St. Francis to-night leaves little hope of either.

So confused are the reports that it is impossible to form an accurate estimate of the number lost, which will probably exceed thirty, including four women and three children. The following is a partial list of those known or supposed to be lost: Capt. William Tompkins; first clerk, Wm. McFarland; a German and wife; Carpenter, of St. Louis, the latter bound for Greenville, Mississippi; two women and three children; the colored chambermaid; Phillip Sock, of Philadelphia; Thos. E. Evans, barber, of St. Louis; the latter died on the St. Francis.

Mr. Everett, of St. Louis, states that a man and wife, cabin passengers, came floating by them, holding on to a stage plank, the lady cried to her husband "I am freezing, let us die together," and let go the plank. The husband loosed his hold, clasped her in his arms, and both sank together.

Engineer Cottrell thinks that at least fifteen were lost.

Pilots Kelly and Murray were saved, the former nearly frozen. Also, Wm. Woodruff, second clerk, John Groanin, steward, and John T. Russell, cook. The latter was saved by the exertions of the officers of the St. Francis, and was badly chilled when found. Mr. Woodruff remained with the freight.

Captain Tompkins and McFarland were last seen on the boat, having used every exertion to save the passengers. It is feared that they were chilled and sank, though hopes are entertained that they may have reached the shore.

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ANN ARBOR.
FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 20, 1871.

THE MOTLEY-FISH HURRICANE.
We notice that the press generally, in discussing the Motley-Fish correspondence, side with the Secretary and pronounce the Minister "used up and done for." This may be, though we confess that it is not so entirely plain to us. Mr. MOTLEY complained that he had been left in ignorance of any dissatisfaction with his official course until his resignation was asked for; while Secretary Fish cites a dispatch mildly dissenting from the version of his instructions and the position in which he placed the administration when first "presented at court." The "reproof" was so mild that Motley "didn't see it," and yet never gave further offense in the same direction. And this slight indiscretion gave GRANT the sulks, implanted distrust in his bosom, and caused a withdrawal of confidence from MOTLEY. In this we think the President acted a very childish part, and that it would have been manly to have recalled MOTLEY at once or condoned as well as overlook the offense.

But there is another feature of the affair which has not been commented upon, and which shows viciousness on the part of the President and his Secretary, or at least a desire to make MOTLEY a scape-goat for their short-comings, and let his devoted head receive the curses which ought to have fallen upon his official superiors. For months MOTLEY has been denounced as being in sympathy with England, as not having the confidence of his Government because of such sympathy, and such sympathy and such lack of confidence has been assigned as the reason for not intrusting the Alabama claims to him. Knowing that these representations were false, Messrs. GRANT and FISH have never whispered a correction, and ever since have courted their favor by repeating them. It now turns out that though MOTLEY was not in exact concord with the President, it was not because he was too tame in asserting our claims, but because the President was waiting the "cooling time," without at the same time having the courage to father the delay. That is, in plain words: the public have been permitted and incited to damn MOTLEY as a do-nothing, while the breaks were put on at Washington. This may be creditable to GRANT and FISH, but we do not so see it.

The House has unanimously passed a bill providing for a compilation of the general laws of the State, and it is thought the Senate will concur in the same, though it has a bill of its own pending. It provides for a compiler (to be elected in joint convention); for two commissioners to examine his work; for the printing of 10,000 volumes, half to be completed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State on or before the first day of November next, and the other half on or before the first of January next—the whole of two months later; and against the printing of a private edition from the same forms. The compiler is to receive \$2,000 for collating, compiling, and superintending the printing and binding, and the commissioners each \$850, unnecessarily large pay if the compiler is competent and he must be to complete the work in the time given him.

Report says that a number of candidates are being pressed upon the Legislature for the position of compiler. Perhaps suggestions from us are not wanted, but we venture just one, and that is that the best interests of the State would be subserved by electing Judge COOLY compiler. He has once compiled the laws, knows how to go to work, and can complete the job quicker and better than an inexperienced man.

Since the above paragraph was put in type the Judiciary Committee of the Senate has reported adversely to the House bill. It prefers the Senate bill which provides for the present binding of only half the edition, and other wise differs slightly.

That President GRANT is a model of frankness, ingenuousness and honest simplicity is no longer to be doubted. Witness his declaration to Commissioner WHITE that "he was earnestly anxious to have everything (touching the San Domingo affair) probed to the bottom," and his further remark ("Truthful Mans") (like) to the same gentleman, and with a broad smile, "that he wanted all villainy exposed, if they could find any, and special care to be made for those lots on Samana Bay, said to be marked, GRANT, BARCOCK & Co." Such candor as that must disarm suspicion and silence clamor, notwithstanding the malicious reports of suppressed documents which possibly might give the public some light in advance of the report of the junketing commission.

OSCAR P. STEARNS has been elected to the United States Senate, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator NORTON of Minnesota, and whose term of office would have expired the 4th of March next. Senator STEARNS graduated in the Literary Department of the University in 1858, with the degree of B. S., and in the Law Department in 1860. His wife is a sister of Mrs. J. B. GORT, of this city. We are pleased to chronicle his success.

FERRY IS ELECTED.
The Legislature has ratified the nomination made by the Republican caucus, and THOS. W. FERRY is to be a member of the United States Senate for six years from the Fourth of March next. Each house balloted on Tuesday, with the following result:

Senate.
For Thomas W. Ferry, 24
" Henry N. Walker, 5
Absent three members, all Republicans.

House.
For Thomas W. Ferry, 70
" Henry N. Walker, 29
Absent one member—a Democrat.

The two bodies met in joint convention on Wednesday, compared nominations, and FERRY was declared elected. "Tall oaks from little acorns grow."

WITHIN the present week United States Senators have been elected from several States, as follows, each for the full term of six years from the 4th of March next:

From Delaware, LEVI SAUBERTY, Dem., to succeed his brother. The BAYARDS and SAYLESBURYS have forced a mortgage on Delaware.

From Illinois, Gen. JOHN A. LOGAN, Rep., to succeed DICK YATES. Hon. THOMAS J. TURNER was the Democratic candidate, and figuring the vote of the two houses together, it stood: LOGAN, 122; TURNER, 89.

From New Jersey, Hon. T. F. FRELINGHUYSEN, Rep., to succeed CATTELL, also Republican.

From Maine, Hon. LOT M. MORRILL, Rep., to succeed HENRY. ABRAHAM SANBORN was the Democratic candidate, receiving 1 vote in the Senate and 27 in the House. Gov. CHAMBERLAIN, Rep., also had 6 votes in the House. MORRILL's vote aggregated 125.

From Massachusetts, Hon. HENRY WILSON, Rep., as his own successor. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS received the Democratic vote, 4 in the Senate and 32 in the House. WENDELL PHILLIPS, as the Labor candidate, had one vote in the Senate and 10 in the House; DAWES had 2 votes in the House, and JOHN WELLS BROWN, 1. WILSON's vote aggregated 222.

From Minnesota, Hon. WM. WINDOM, Rep., to succeed Hon. O. P. STEARNS, just elected as successor of NORTON deceased.

From Missouri, Gen. FRANK P. BLAIR, Democrat. The Senate having nominated HENDERSON, Rep., by a vote of 17 to 13, with two absentees; and the House BLAIR, by a vote of 87 to 43, the election took place in joint convention, BLAIR receiving 102; HENDERSON, 50; and BENJAMIN, 5.

From Nebraska, P. W. HITCHCOCK, Rep., to succeed Senator THAYER.

The Legislature is actively at work, receiving petitions, introducing and maturing bills. So far the legislation has been mostly local and special, the important bills not having come in. We notice too great a disposition to amend every law on the statute books, perhaps we should say alter, for they may be altered without being bettered, which is presumed by amendment.

Petitions are numerous for a chair of Homeopathy in the University; and Supervisors' resolutions also, for a repeal of the law establishing a County Superintendent of Schools.

PORTER has come out ahead at last, and a full-placed Admiral. He was confirmed by the Senate on Friday last, and can now utter with good reason that we remember reading in Webster's old "Elementary Spelling Book": "Friday is just as lucky a day as any other." There were twenty absentees—

as Senators get only \$5,000 a year they can scarcely be expected to be present in their seats when measures are pending not specially and financially interesting them—which has caused some sour scribbles to intimate that it might have been different with PORTER with a full Senate, but what does he care for that. All hail "Admiral PORTER."

THE three Commissioners appointed "to do" San Domingo, are: BEN. WARD, of Ohio, who has been out of office and government employ an uncomfortably long while for him; President WHITE, of Cornell; and Dr. S. G. HOWE, better known as "the husband of JULIA WARD HOWE." SURE having declined the Secretaryship, because some one had intimated that he was not sufficiently versed in Spanish, ALLEN G. BURTON, of Ky., once Minister to Bogota, was appointed in his stead. Now, we shall see what we shall see.

Washington County Bible Society.
The annual meeting of the Washington County Bible Society will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, the 25th inst., in the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place, and a large attendance of the friends of the cause in this city and throughout the county is desired.

It is requested that each branch Society be represented on that occasion by its officers or delegates, and the afternoon will be devoted to reports from them as to the work in their locality, and also to a general discussion of the Bible cause in the county. In the evening addresses will be made by the Hon. C. I. WALKER, of Detroit, Prof. DANIEL PUTNAM, of Ypsilanti, the Rev. L. R. FISK, Mr. KNAPP, of Saline, Rev. JOHN HINTON, State Agent for the Bible Society, and others.

All clergymen are especially invited to be present and report what may have been done by them in connection with their churches during the past year in the Bible cause, and to contribute otherwise to the interest of the meeting.

Entertainment will be provided to those from abroad.

Afternoon service to commence at 2 o'clock; evening service at 7.

The February Magazines.
Scraper's Monthly for February comes laden with a table of contents noticeable for its range, variety, value and interest, and is probably as entertaining as any number yet published of this young but enterprising magazine. The leading article, by Mr. HASSARD, is a pleasantly written and well illustrated account of the New York Mercantile Library, followed by what Prof. BAIRD thinks of "The French Conquest of Lorraine and Alsace," "Weather Telegrams and Storm-forecasts," by Prof. T. B. MAURY, is undoubtedly the most important of the illustrated articles, while "Something About Balloons," by J. R. THOMPSON; "The Bondage of the Pulpit," by W. C. WILKINSON; and the racy sketch by Gail Hamilton, "Conference Wrong Side Out," will be widely read. Other articles, stories, poems, etc., swell the list, all of which are readable. \$3 a year. Address SCHUBERT & Co., 654 Broadway, New York.

The *Galaxy* is embellished with a portrait of Mrs. Edwards, author of "Ought We to Visit Her," a serial now running through its pages, but not a very flattering one we should say. The contents include three more chapters—XIII, XIV, and XV—of Lady Judith, Justin McCarthy's Tale of Two Continents; The Nether Side of New York—Private Detective—by Edward Craspey; Madame Vigee Le Brun, by J. Durand; Overland, chaps. XXV—XXVII—by J. W. DeForest; Successful People, by Titus Munson Coan; Sonnet of Imperial Sovereigns, by Donn Platt; Mr. Lincoln and Three Friends in Council, another of Thurloe Weed's garrulous and egotistic autobiographical chapters; Mr. Black to Mr. Wilson, trenchant and caustic; Philip Quibb's Drift-wood, Mark Twain's Memoranda, Scientific Miscellany, Current Literature, Nebula, &c. A very tempting bill of fare it must be conceded. \$4 a year. Address SHELTON & Co., N. Y.

We unintentionally omitted last week to notice the January number of *The Manufacturer and Builder*. It opens the new year and volume with promise of rare excellence, both in illustrations and text. The illustrated papers are: Transmitting Portraits, Drawings, and Hand-writing by Telegraph, Dyeing and Variety Moulding Machines, Tube Expander, Paper Water Pipes, How Gold Pens and Pencils are made. Worcester Free Institute and its Manuscripts, The Mutual Adhesion of Liquids and Gases, The History of Art and Aesthetics, Improved Tanning Machine, A New Bibliography, Cooking Ranges, Working Details of the Suburban Home. The articles are not illustrated as on subjects of equal interest. This monthly ought to be a favorite of the mechanic and artisan of whatever branch. \$1.50 a year; four copies, \$5. Address WESTERS & COMPANY, 37 Park Row, N. Y.

OLIVER AUES having resigned his position as President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mr. BLISS, of the firm of MONTGOMERY, BLISS & Co., N. Y., has been elected his successor.

GEN. SCHENCK having been dined, wine, and instructed, is to sail for England and the Court of St. James on the first prox., in the Russia.

South Carolina.
CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 17.
Gov. SCOTT yesterday sent a message to the Legislature in reply to a concurrent resolution asking why a military force for the protection of life, liberty and property had not been sent into the riotous, refractory counties of the State, and why the outlaws in those counties have not been brought to punishment.

The Governor says: "While I deeply deplore the disturbances to which your resolution refers, I can scarcely venture, as the Executive of this State, to pronounce any counties riotous and refractory upon reported cases of individual outrage, and while no information has been received at this office indicating anything like an organization to defy or defeat the law. I cannot say with truth upon any information in my possession that in any section of the State the laws have not been executed, but there was any portion of the State in which violence and disorder are so general as to disarm the power of the civil courts I must say frankly that I have no such military force as would be competent to suppress them, and that I have no means to place and maintain such a force in the field. It is my opinion that the civil laws of the State ought to be sufficient, and it is my determination that they shall be sufficient to protect the person and property of every and any citizen of the State, however humble, friendless or obnoxious."

THE TILTON MYSTERY.—A Brooklyn correspondent writes the Cincinnati Commercial as follows: "You may be assured that it is not worth while for the papers to make any Grant martyr of Mr. Theodore Tilton, who has been dismissed from the Independent and Union—Mr. Bowen's papers. The feeble attack upon Grant recently published in the Independent has as much to do with the dismissal as his opinions concerning the Man in the Moon. The cause was of a totally different nature, and had nothing whatever to do with politics, but involves transactions of which enough may yet be heard in Court."

COMMERCIAL.
New York, Jan. 17, 1871.
Gold having advanced above 1.11 for a day or two quietly and with a dull but steady market went back to 1.10½ where it has remained with slight variations for some days. The highest reached yesterday was 1.10½, going back again to the ½ figure. The money market is a little closer with rates at 7 per cent. currency, to the same figure in gold. This results from the anxiety with respect to the proposed legislation of Congress on financial affairs. The bank accounts on Saturday were very satisfactory, a large increase being shown over the preceding week in currency, legal tenders, loans, etc. Having been inquired of frequently with regard to the prospect for the year, the answer most appropriate to the times seems to be contained in the statement of two or three leading banks. Last year was one of more ease in making expenses than in laying up incomes; many business men were obliged to borrow to carry them through, others began the year under debts, while one or two here and there succeeded or failed entirely. From these "standpoints" a pretty safe calculation of the "outlook" may be made by any person for himself. Some will take a rosy view in any event, and spend money freely, if they have it, but the true course will be to curtail expenses, cut off unnecessary outlay, and keep financial affairs well in hand. Flour has advanced, common to choice extra 15¢@20¢ per bbl. The Liverpool market is also strong at an advance of 6d generally for wheat. New spring here is 4¢@6¢ better than last week, making a total of 5¢@6¢ for two weeks on such grades. White State has reached \$1.70. Corn is active, at an advance of 1¢@3¢ ranging now at \$1.08 for No. 1, yellow Michigan. Oats unchanged. Last week's activity in the wool market and the reduction of stock by the heavy purchases made by manufacturers, has stiffened prices for all grades, some being 1½¢ higher than on Dec. 1. Holders are firm from two causes, the recent easing up of the money market and the prospect of a new crop. Jobs are quiet and looking for better prices. Live hogs at 7½¢. Dressed hogs 8½¢@8½¢.

DETROIT, Jan. 18.
There was on hand Monday: Wheat 107,110 bushels, an increase of 9,000 bush. over last week. Corn, 4,670, decrease of nearly 3,000; oats, 8,570, a decrease of over 5,000 bush. The wheat market advances gradually, each day, but without much activity; holders ask 1¢ more than is offered. No. 1 white, \$1.20, an advance of 2¢@4¢; regular, \$1.25; extra, \$1.40; amber, \$1.80. Flour has experienced more activity for higher grades, and holders generally advance their views in response to the eastern market. White has advanced 5¢@15¢ very choice sold at \$6.35; mediums \$5.75. Quotably there is little change throughout the grades. Corn quiet without change from last; oats firm at 1¢ advance for choice sold at \$6.35; mediums \$5.75. Quotably there is little change throughout the grades. Corn quiet without change from last; oats firm at 1¢ advance for choice sold at \$6.35; mediums \$5.75. Quotably there is little change throughout the grades. Corn quiet without change from last; oats firm at 1¢ advance for choice sold at \$6.35; mediums \$5.75.

Crabapples lower, \$10. Buckwheat flour quiet. Corn and good demand at an advance for carloads, 90¢. Dressed hogs have experienced during the week an active demand from shippers, \$7.75 per 100 pounds is the ruling rate, though it is an outside figure. Packers hold off for a rush to come with the cold weather. The cattle market was the duller of the season, and shippers having lost from the fall in eastern markets are doing heavily carrying. Only 15 head were shipped east, and over 100 head were left here unshipped, being a very large aggregate. The stocks of coffee and tea are again made up full and prices are nearly settled. Poultry is full and lower, turkeys, 14¢; chickens, 9¢@10¢.

ANN ARBOR PRODUCE MARKETS.
AN ARBOR OFFICE, JAN. 19, 1871.
We quote this afternoon as follows:
WHEAT—White, 112¢; Red, 108¢.
CORN—Yellow, 52¢@53¢. BEANS—120¢.
BUTTER—54¢. EGGS—30¢. LARD—120¢.
APPLES—20¢. POTATOES—12¢.
CHICKENS—10¢. TURKEYS—15¢.

New Advertisements.
CAPE LOST!
Last Sunday evening between our house and the Episcopal church, a water-proof watch, gold, set with diamonds, and a valuable reward will be paid to any person returning it to us. Address ANN ARBOR, JANUARY 18, 1871.

THEA-NECTAR.
Just call at the CITY ACADEMY, get a package, and have a cup of TEA made such as the Emperor of China sips in his palace. Customers say it can't be better for flavor and richness. Only 4¢ per package. CLARK & CHESNEY.

NOTICE.
A. LAFFREY,
Master Builder!
AND CONTRACTOR,
would inform the citizens of Ann Arbor and vicinity that he is now ready to furnish Plans, Specifications, and give estimates, and make contracts for all kinds of building.

Real Estate for Sale.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss.
In the matter of the estate of Lewis A. Buckman, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned, Executor of the estate of said Lewis A. Buckman, by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Washtenaw, on the twenty-third day of March, A. D. 1870, there will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the dwelling house on the premises herein described, in the County of Washtenaw, in said State, on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1871, at ten o'clock in the afternoon of that day, subject to all encumbrances, the following real estate, to-wit: The west half of the northeast quarter of section seven, in township four south of range four east of said section seven, excepting the part thereof taken from the northeast corner by the Clinton road, in all that part of the east half of the east half of the northeast quarter of said section seven, which lies north of the highway, and containing four acres, more or less, and described as containing in the section line at a point ten chains east of the northeast corner of the east half of the northeast quarter of said section seven, running thence south one degree east thirty-one chains and forty links, thence along the north side of highway north fifty-six degrees and thirty minutes west six chains and five links to a stake, thence south one degree west twenty-seven chains and ninety-five links to a stake in north line of said section seven, thence along said line easterly four chains and ninety-five links to the place of beginning, containing four acres and three-fourths acres; 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