

GLEANED FROM THE MAILS.

There is a State normal university about to go into operation at Bloomington, Illinois, with resources amounting to about \$300,000.

The democratic convention for the nomination of a candidate for governor of Maine will be held at Augusta on the 30th of June.

PLAGIARISM.—The Richmond Whig places in parallel columns extracts from the letter of Gov. Wise on know-nothingism in 1854 and from "Lectures on the Dramatic Literature of the Age of Elizabeth," by Wm. Hazlitt.

Leavenworth is represented as being overlooked with laborers. A large number who have arrived there were compelled to hire themselves to Salt Lake and Santa Fe.

The Gleaner tells of a gentleman standing in that village who had an inconvenient quantity of his own autographs in circulation, and who played crazy about the streets for a few days, and then mysteriously disappeared.

In pursuance of a recommendation of Chancellor Deen, the trustees of the Iowa State University, located at Iowa City, have voted to suspend the operation of the hall.

It is stated that within the last twenty-two years the Baptists in the United States have made a clear gain of 5,565 churches, 4,224 ministers, and 193,530 members.

THE INDIANS ON THE SAN DIEGO MAIL ROUTE.—The San Antonio Herald announces the removal of the Indians from that place on the evening of the 18th ultimo.

TRUNKS, TRUNKS.—Our large and spacious trunk sales room contains, at the present time, the greatest assortment of trunk goods, in which we are daily making additions of all qualities of best.

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PROPOSALS FOR TREASURY NOTES.

Yesterday, at 12 o'clock, the Secretary of the Treasury opened the bids for taking five millions of dollars in Treasury notes in exchange for gold, in accordance with the notice issued from the department on the 10th ult.

The following is a list of the bidders, the amount offered, and the premium demanded:

Table with columns: Bidder, Amt offered, Premium. Includes entries for U.S. Trust Co., York Bank, Farmers and Mechanics Bank, etc.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—A communication was received from the mayor, announcing his having signed a joint resolution providing for ascertaining the sense of the people at the coming annual election as to the propriety of increasing the funded debt of the city, for the specific purpose of paying the expense of introducing the water from the Washington Aqueduct into the city for the use of the citizens.

Also, one nominating Wm. D. Serrin for police constable in the first district, in place of David Talca, resigned, confirmed.

From the improvements committee the following bills were reported by Mr. MILLAN, the chairman:

A bill to grade and gravel Massachusetts avenue between 9th and 10th streets; passed.

A bill to re-lay the gutters on a portion of G street north and 6th street west; passed.

A joint resolution instructing the two committees of the city council to attend to the interests of the corporation before Congress, to call the attention of that body to the necessity of some enactment giving the corporation power to condemn property when necessary in carrying out a complete system of sewerage; passed.

Also, a resolution as follows: Resolved, That the mayor be, and he is hereby, required to call the attention of the President of the United States to the necessity of an enactment...

Discussed and withdrawn.

The vote on the former resolution, by which it had been passed, was then, on motion of Mr. Rogers, reconsidered, and the resolution passed.

From the claims committee Mr. DOVA reported a bill for the relief of George R. Adams; passed.

Also, a bill for the relief of James McCoolgan; laid on the table.

Also, a bill for the relief of William M. Crisp, assignee of George G. Coleman; laid on the table.

Mr. PARSON, on leave, introduced a concurrent resolution authorizing the publication of sufficient copies of the act authorizing the people to vote upon the increase of the funded debt, for distribution; passed.

After the transaction of some business of an unimportant character, it was moved to go into joint meeting for the purpose of electing commissioners to be judges of the coming election. The proposition was carried; and the lower board having been notified of the fact, the two boards met in the room of the upper board, and Mr. ANNE, president of the lower board, was called to the chair.

The following commissioners were then duly balloted and elected, the anti-nothings having two commissioners in each precinct of the several wards, and the know-nothings one commissioner:

First Ward.—First precinct, Theodore Drury, Daniel Serrin, and George Emmons; second precinct, A. W. Denham, W. H. Perkins, and Chas. E. Davis.

Second Ward.—First precinct, John Brennan, George E. Jillard, and Samuel Owen; second precinct, Samuel Lewis, A. A. Stoughton, and W. P. Shedd.

Third Ward.—First precinct, W. B. Butt, W. Ferguson, and R. H. Hyde; second precinct, B. E. Gittings, W. P. Howell, and James Crandell.

Fourth Ward.—First precinct, John Dowling, Benedict Milburn, and E. C. Eckold; second precinct, Charles B. Maury, Francis Mohun, and Alex. McD. Davis.

Fifth Ward.—First precinct, W. B. Todd, S. Y. McNeil, and Wm. Buss; second precinct, John Van Hook, Thos. Hutchison, and Joseph M. Adams.

Sixth Ward.—First precinct, Nathan Lewis, H. N. Ober, and George Brown; second precinct, Lawrence Tuell, Lemuel Giddis, and John H. Peck.

Seventh Ward.—First precinct, J. C. Cook, S. Y. At Lee, and B. S. Kinney; second precinct, W. Latham, H. A. Clarke, and J. D. Stewart.

The meeting then adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.—A communication was received from the mayor, announcing that he had signed one or two street improvement bills.

Mr. TIBBON, from the committee on improvements, reported adversely to several petitions.

Mr. KENNEDY, from the committee on claims, reported adversely on a bill from the alderman for the relief of Dr. Eliot; the bill was rejected.

Also, a similar bill for relief of Dr. Richards; which was rejected.

Also, a bill for the relief of Bateman & Lowndes; not ordered to a third reading.

Also, a bill for the relief of Thomas Turner; which was passed.

Also, a bill for the relief of A. F. and A. L. Yerby, trustees of M. S. Yerby; which was passed.

Also, a bill for the relief of J. W. Barker; which was passed.

Mr. CLARKE, from the committee on police, reported an amendment to the police act. The bill provides for the substitute of a red stripe, of one uniform color, for the white stripe on the pantaloons of the new uniform for the police.

Also, requesting the chief of police to wear a uniform of the same as other officers. The bill was then passed.

Mr. CLARKE, from the same committee, also reported a bill in relation to "brick-kills, potteries, slaughter-houses," &c.; which was passed.

Also, a supplemental bill in relation to hackney carriages. The first section of the bill provides for prohibiting hackmen from carrying their whips away from their carriages. It was passed.

[Citizens and strangers will indeed feel grateful for the passage of this law. Its want is felt hourly every day in front of our principal hotels.]

After which the council went into convention, as above stated.

CRIMINAL COURT.—The trial of George Cressler, alias George Williams, charged with the murder of William Farrell, on the 22d day of February last, was commenced yesterday. District Attorney Key appeared for the United States, and J. H. Bradley, jr., and Hon. James Hughes, (M. C.) of Indiana, for the defence.

After some difficulty, and an exhaustion of the regular panel, the jury was made up by talesmen, and sworn. An unsuccessful attempt was then made to postpone the case until to-day, on account of the unavoidable absence of a witness.

District Attorney Key opened the case in behalf of the government, laying down the law as it respectively defines murder, manslaughter, and homicide. The prisoner, he expected to prove, had committed murder.

Mr. Bradley replied, and cautioned the jury not to be influenced by the prevailing tone of public sentiment; for he believed that there was no man in the community who was not more or less prejudiced in favor of the public peace. Such a feeling was too natural to the human heart not to be prevalent. He then narrated the facts of the case, as he understood them.

Patrick Farrell was the first witness sworn: I am the brother of the deceased: I know the prisoner at the bar; I was present at the time this affray occurred, which was in front of the Vinson House, on the avenue, (between 4th and 6th streets,) on the 22d day of February, 1858, between 2 and 4 o'clock, p. m. I came from the street, and commenced to talk about betting; the stranger asked them to drink, which they did; we all drank together. My brother then called this man (the stranger) to witness out, and they went out; when my brother returned the man was not with him—he had left the man did not return at all; Knight and myself were going out, when we met my brother at the door, and we went out—six of us; there were my brother, William Farrell, William Kinsey, John Kelly, Fitzgerald, Knight, and myself; when we all got out we stopped at the front door; some one was encouraging Knight to go home; he had some money; the prisoner was then in the house; he soon came out and said something, and asked Kinsey "if he was a democrat;" Kinsey said "he was your business what I am;" the prisoner then struck Kinsey in the face; my brother then struck the prisoner, and he (the prisoner) then stepped back one or two steps and drew a knife; previous to this my brother stepped towards the man in the door, one of whom had a pistol in his hand; the prisoner then had a

knife in his hand; my brother took the pistol out of the man's hand, and started to step forward to go away, when the prisoner followed and stabbed him in the back. I told my brother he was cut badly, and that we must go somewhere; and we all started over to Dr. Gilman's drug-store on the avenue, near Seventh street; I went for Dr. Boyle, who retained word that he could not come; I saw the blood on the knife; I then got a carriage and put my brother in it, and took him to Dr. Boyle's office; I saw the wound; the knife that made it is about seven or eight inches long; my brother is dead; he died the next night about half-past twelve o'clock; his body was examined by Dr. Boyle, Dr. Hagner, and some one else; I was not present at the examination; I don't know who was the principal physician; my brother and myself were entire strangers before this time referred to; we had no weapons with us—none of us.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hughes: When my brother called the man out, he called him by name, and he immediately went out to the restaurant; I don't know what name he called out; my brother is about five feet ten inches high; of larger build than myself, and is a powerful man; he is much larger than the prisoner at the bar; when the prisoner struck Kinsey, the latter did not stagger back, for it did not appear to be a heavy blow, although it made no noise; the prisoner was sober; Direct examination: I have not the knife; I gave it to Justice Dixon.

William Kinsey sworn: I was with witness and deceased at the affray referred to; we were coming from work; there were in the party the two Farrells, myself, Kelly, and another man; a laboring man. We met Perry Knight and another man; the latter asked us if we would have a drink; a reply was made, "yes;" the young man coming along with Knight said that he would like to go where there were no know-nothings; and we then went up to Donahut's room; we were about to drink when two young men came in—they were the prisoner and another person; don't know who it was; one of them spoke to Knight's friend, but don't know which one it was; the latter said, "come, drink;" they came up to (to the bar) and drank; the deceased said, "let's talk to him; he is a republican;" they were both went out; I went out and sat on the window, and saw Knight's friend hand an omnibus and get in; I said to some one, "they are going," and we went out; when at the door, we met William Farrell, the deceased; Knight asked him if he was going home; he replied that he was, and said to me that I had better go with him; the prisoner then came up and asked Knight if he was a democrat; I told the prisoner that Knight was in liquor, and said, "What's the use of talking to him; he is a democrat;" the prisoner was a democrat; I told him that "it was none of his business whatever;" he turned as if to go in Donahut's as I thought, and I did not see him for a second, when he came out and struck me; Wm. Farrell then struck the prisoner, and was about to go away, when Cressler (the prisoner) drew a knife and asked me to get him; Patrick Farrell then jumped on Cressler, and I went to the latter's assistance; Mr. Farrell, police officer, then arrested him; I saw P. Farrell with the knife in his hand, and William Farrell with a pistol.

Chas. F. Wallace testified to arresting one of the parties.

Justice Dixon testified to taking the dying deposition of William Farrell.

The court here adjourned until to-day.

A NEW HOTEL.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Express, writing from here, says that the projected hotel to be built here will cost, including furniture, \$400,000. Mr. James Stetson has examined the ground and states that for this sum a hotel, capable of accommodating 450 persons, when crowded, can be erected. If \$150,000 shall be subscribed here, the Stetsons will make the balance in New York, and guaranty a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum to the stockholders. The main front of the hotel will be on Lafayette square, and extend from the avenue to the residence of Mr. Benjamin Ogil Taylor.

We cannot endorse the wholesale denunciations of the hotels now in operation which generally accompany the notices of this new undertaking. At times, when Willard's, the Kirkwood, Brown's, and the National are filled to overflowing, transient guests may not be able to have every wish gratified, but generally speaking, they are excellently kept. Willard's is now being enlarged and otherwise improved.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS.—The bill recently reported by Senator Bright, from the Committee on Public Buildings, proposes to extend the enclosure to the two Second streets east and west, and to the two C streets north and south, and condemn all the property necessary for such enlargement within the space designated. The bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to make application to the Court of Claims, and requires that court, upon such application, and in such mode as it shall adopt, to make a just and equitable appraisement of the cash value of the interest of each owner of property to be condemned. It also provides for the payment of the appraised value of the same, reserving in all cases of dispute of title the amount awarded until the title shall be established. It likewise makes provision as to the manner and time of taking possession of the property.

THE EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF WASHINGTON.—A correspondent suggests, as a suitable site for Clark Mill's nearly finished equestrian statue of Washington, "the centre of Pennsylvania avenue, in front of the Perserverance engine-house." We beg leave to differ with him, and to express a hope that the broad vista, reaching from the Capitol to the Executive Mansion, will never be interrupted by any stationary object, however beautiful. As the works of art and public buildings are now all east of the Executive Mansion, it strikes us as an appropriate site for the equestrian statue would be in the centre of the chéle, in Pennsylvania avenue, at the West End. This would ornament that rapidly-increasing portion of the metropolis, and would enable the Georgetown people to enjoy this fine work of art.

A FIRE broke out about half-past ten o'clock on Sunday night from the small row of frame buildings at the northeast corner of F and Fourth streets. It spread rapidly, and the houses being of a combustible material, they were soon entirely destroyed. They were occupied as a cigar store, lottery office, and a fancy store. The families who occupied the back part of two of the houses lost all their household furniture. The fire spread so rapidly that the engines were of no use. Mr. Smith's law office, adjoining these buildings, was also burnt; but he was fortunate enough to save his law books.

SABBATH SCHOOL EXERCISES.—We learn that the Sabbath school belonging to St. Matthew's (Roman Catholic) church will make an excursion to the White House, on board the steamer George Page and Thomas Collier, on Monday next, 17th instant. There will be a procession to the White House, and an entire new company council, which I hope we may be permitted to do without any interference on the part of bullies and blackguards from a neighboring city, as was the case at our last municipal election.

After mature reflection and a careful examination of the candidates, I have concluded to support the following: Messrs. Baldwin, Payne, Bishayer, Gordon, Hutchison, Lloyd, McQueen, Towles, Walker, and Waterston—1000 know-nothings.

Thus they refused the mayor that assistance which was found to be necessary on the day of the election, leaving him no other means available to allow the riot which was brought upon us. I am well satisfied, by men who stood behind the curtain, and who, I believe, contributed to bring from Baltimore the ruffians who infested our city that day.

Looking at all the facts in the case—among other things the placing the third and Fourth ward polls in such close proximity (which was never done before) that a signal of any kind would bring together this hired army, and the fact of a know-nothing council refusing to give the mayor the power to employ a civil force to preserve order if necessary—I have come to the conclusion that the whole thing was arranged and well understood; and, until the party who would act this is buried so deep (politically) that the hand of the reconstruction

party in behalf of ex-President Manly, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, for a writ of mandamus to compel the present Board of directors to accept Mr. M. as president. Messrs. Carlele and Maury appear for the application, and Messrs. Cox and Marlbury against it.

PARISHING FOR FRIENDS.—The Metropolitan Book and Ladder Company have generously tendered the use of their hall to the Rev. Mr. Crothers, for religious meetings every Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock. Services were held for the first time on Sunday last.

THE NORTHERN MAIL was closed yesterday at two o'clock, p. m., greatly to the disappointment of people "who don't read the papers," and were not aware of the change. The southern mail by this new arrangement arrives an hour earlier, and we suppose will be distributed earlier.

REMARKS that the exhibition of the mission schools of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held this evening at the Wesley chapel.

SULLIVAN'S has all the New York papers, including the Sunday Atlas, which has a deal to say about private life in Washington.

THE MAYORALTY.—The democratic papers, far and near, are endorsing the nomination of their party for the mayoralty of this city, and in many of them find scathing denunciations of those seeking, by fair means and foul, to defile his election. The Cincinnati Daily Enquirer of the 8th inst. says:

"Never has a greater interest manifested itself in our municipal affairs than is now exhibited. This is in part attributable to the fact that the know-nothings are industriously seeking to repair their known weakness by the oft-exploited and transparent trick of professing to run an independent candidate. Never was a greater humbug sought to be practiced. It is perfectly notorious that no one can be elected without the positive support of the know-nothing party, unless he falls in with their full communion and fellowship with them. Their candidate, though seeking to delude all the initiated with the idea that he is not their representative, is notoriously their secretly-concocted candidate of more than a year's growth. 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