rich, very far from it indeed, though I contrive to keep up appearances, and by an arrangement with Mr. Pescocke, the solicitor of Furnival's Inn, who drew the will, to the effect that I would seek out the widow and child, I obtained an opportunity of soliciting her in marriage before the change in her circumstances could be known. The death of the child, of which, by my hopes of salvation, I am entirely innocent, entirely changes my position, as in that case the property was devised to me, charged with the widow's annuity only. This is all the crime of which I have been guilty."

"A knock at the door interrupted him. It was the unhappy mother, who came to ask if any tidings had been heard of her child. She had not, of course, the slightest idea that he had been murdered. Upon my father answering the question in the negative, she sank into a chair, hid the pale beauty of her face in her hands, and sat there sobbing convulsively, and deadly inattentive to what else was said.

"Even if you have told the truth, and all the truth, Mr. Churston," said my father, in a low voice, "the matter must be judicially sifted, and we had better begin at once."

"But this will be ruin, Mr. Holford," returned Mr. Churston, in the same tone, "ruin to my character, at all events, and this, too, upon the unsupported evidence of a malicious idiot."

"No, no, not unsupported, Mr. Churston," replied Joel, with suppressed, but evident exultation; "the idiot has evidence to bring forth that cannot be contradicted. Here, Master Holford, cut this button off my coat; now let a constable take that and show it to my mother at the gate, and when he returns we shall see what Mr. Churston has to say for himself."

This was done, and several minutes of wondering expectant silence passed, broken only by the moaning of the bereaved mother. The footsteps of the constable were then heard returning along the narrow path, and no other sound that I could hear; but the mysterious instinct of the mother was more keenly appreciative, for at once the sobbing ceased, and she sprang up in an attitude of intense listening attention which seemed to become more absorbed and eager with each passing moment. The door was flung open, and a wild, rapturous scream, almost a maniacal outburst of maternal joy, was simultaneous with the entrance of her son, the rejected drowned or murdered Theodore!

My head seemed to spin round like a teetotum, and so I imagine did those of others, but a glance at Joel's triumphant aspect and uplifted finger, directed towards the chop-fallen, discomfitted Mr. Churston, with the mocking words which followed, explained the whole mystery: "I say, Mr. Churston, the idiot has spoiled your wedding for you, and wormed out your secret over the market. Didn't you know, sir, or had you forgot, that in the long run, the knave is no match even for a fool?"

What thoroughly sane brain could have hit upon and successfully carried through such an audacious ruse? When we had time to look about us a little calmly, Churston, we found, had slunk off; and presently, Joel, sideling up to me, said, in a whisper, as the excited Fanny—the only name I seem to know her by—left the room with her child: "There'll be a chance for you yet, Master Holford, and you won't forget, will you, that kindness may sometimes be repaid even by a poor half-crazy outcast, such as I am?"

There was a chance, a blessed one, leading to a day of which the joy-bells have never ceased to ring out their music gratulations in one of the happiest homes in all broad England.

A CAT EXTRAORDINARY. — The Warrenton, (Va.) Flag says: "A gentleman living at Elk Run, in the lower end of this county, has the good fortune to possess the most remarkable grimalkin yet known of the cat kind. Its body is of unusual length, its legs like those of a bench-legged fice. The fur is of a reddish color, the whole beautified with black spots and streaks of different figures; they are long in the back and round on the belly and jaws. Black stripes run across the ears, which are very long and tipped at the ends with a blue tuft of hair. Its physiognomy is fierce, and its nature savage. Ordinarily it is perfectly docile, and like Wormley's very sensible cat, never says a word; though he answers readily (by the wag of his tail) to the name of 'Billy.'

"His master's house being infested with snakes, which had been bred in a neighboring stone fence, he took it into his head to eschew such game as rats and mice, and make war upon the snakes, all of which he soon destroyed. Having acquired a taste for this kind of sport, he extended the field of operations, frequently making excursions more than a mile distant from the house, and returning each and every day with a snake, ranging from two to seven feet in length. He has continued this practice for eight weeks. On one occasion he returned to the house much fatigued, perfectly wet and covered with saliva. It was supposed he had encountered one of those large but rare serpents known as the Goobat. This turned out to be true, for the day thereafter Mr Harvey B. Ralls found the snake dead, and signs of a dreadful conflict on the sand. Most or nearly all the wounds had been inflicted on the back of the neck. The weight of the horrid serpent was fourteen pounds eleven ounces!

"This class of serpents is a native of Eastern Virginia, with a very large head and great jaws, the mouth is armed with cutting crooked teeth, among which are two longer than the rest, placed in the forepart of the upper jaw. All around the mouth there is a broad scaly border; and the eyes so large that they give it a terrible aspect. The forehead is covered with large scales. Each side of the belly is marbled with large square spots of chesnut color, in the middle of which is a spot perfectly round, and like burnished gold. They have been known to swallow small pigs, musk-rats, opossums, etc. They avoid the sight of man and consequently are rarely seen. Indeed the existence of the Goobat has been doubted by many.

"The cat still continues his war upon snakes. These facts may not gain credence at a distance; but they are so well known and attested, that no one in the neighborhood doubts them for a moment."

JEWISH CEREMONY OF MARRIAGE.—The Norfolk Beacon describes the Jewish marriage ceremony, as performed on a recent occasion in that city:

"The ceremony was performed according to the rites of the ancient Jewish Church, in the Hebrew language, which was afterwards translated into English. When the bride and groom had taken their position to be united in the holy bonds of marriage, a veil was thrown over their heads, after which the officiating Rabbi offered up an appropriate prayer to the Father of all Mercies for his presence and blessing on the occasion. Then followed an eloquent and touching address on the nature and duties of the marriage state and the necessity of mutual forbearance, harmony and entire devotion; after which the ceremony proceeded in accordance with their ancient usages. The Rabbi took a glass of wine and after tasting it handed it to the father of the groom, by whom it was tasted and passed to the bride who went through the same ceremony and it was returned to the Rabbi. After this the marriage contract was read in Hebrew, the parties plighted their troth, and agreed to live together as man and wife, according to the laws of God and of Israel. Then another glass of wine, after the usual ceremony of chaunting, was passed to the bride and groom. This was emblematical; the wine as a symbol of joy; the glass, of the uncertainty of human life and hopes. After partaking of the wine, as before, the groom dashed the glass to the floor, the Rabbi pronounced them man and wife, and with a benediction the ceremony was complete. The ceremonies, which we had the pleasure of witnessing, were imposing, affecting and impressive throughout."

FALLING IN LOVE WITH A BONNET.—That was a very singular and amusing circumstance which happened several years ago near the town of Northampton, Massachusetts. It will strike the ladies, we think, as an instance of "popping the question" under difficulties:

As a party of pleasure were ascending Mount Tom a few days ago, a well-dressed man, furnished with a fishing tackle, accosted a lady, one of the party, who had loitered behind her companions to enjoy, without interruption, the beautiful scenery which lay along the rich valley of the Connecticut: "Good morning, madam," said the fisherman, touching his hat.

"Good morning, sir," replied the lady, with a dignity of manner which would have been considered perfect in the Court of Queen Elizabeth.

"It is a fine morning," continued the gentleman. "I saw your bonnet at the foot of the hill, and I thought I should like to marry the lady who wore that bonnet. It struck my fancy, and I walked up here to ask if you would like to enter the blessed state with me."

The lady was somewhat startled at the abruptness of this proposition, and her first impulse was to hurry on to her companions; but her dignity and self-possession prevailed, and she quietly turned to the stranger and said: "This is a very serious proposal to come from one whom I have never seen, and one who has never seen me before."

"But I have seen your bonnet," said he, "and I know you will suit me. I have money and a good house at the foot of yonder hill. My wife and children are dead. I am all alone. If you outlive me, you shall have all my property. I have just got a new grave-stone for the grave of my wife, for which I gave $26! I buy all my things for the house by the quantity. You shall be well provided for in every thing. I don't think you could do better."

The lady had seen much of the world—had held command in the fashionable circles of the South—and "the chivalry" had bended the knee to her beauty and accomplishments, and she learned to the intelligence and cultivation of her mind. She had sailed triumphant and unconquered every where, and to be thus waylaid and as it were entrapped into matrimony, was a thing not to be thought of for a moment; and so she raised her form to more than its usual height, and giving additional dignity to her head, she bowed "good-by" to the fishing widower, she left him to bestow himself and his grave-stones upon some one else!

DAILY CRESCENT.

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Commander Hollins.

Any one who dispassionately considers the history of the Greytown affair and the connection of Commander Hollins therewith, must, we think, conclude that not only is that officer free from any responsibility in the matter of the destruction of that town of huts, but should be acquitted of all blame in the premises. But, with a stupidity altogether unaccountable, and, because it inflicts personal wrong, altogether inexcusable, many papers claiming respectability seem to find it impossible to separate Commander Hollins from any obloquy they may choose to attach to this act, in which he was but the executive instrument. It is unnecessary to refer to the published documents touching the origin and progress of this affair to show that the instructions of Commander Hollins fully authorized his course; the very fact that the Administration does not disavow the act but shoulders the responsibility itself, is sufficient to convince any one that the abuse and ridicule so freely poured upon him are entirely undeserved. It is hard indeed that, because he happened to be selected to perform this, no doubt to him disagreeable task, and performed it in strict compliance with the orders he had received, he should now be assailed by his countrymen as if he alone were responsible for an act with the origin and merits of which he had nothing whatever to do. It seems very hard too that the very first time an experienced, and no doubt valuable officer, should be brought directly into public notice, it should be to receive severe and unjust censure for performing a task which he could not avoid without incurring whatever dishonor attaches to disobedience of orders.

The latest attack upon him is of a sort the most novel and unexpected. The New York Times, in alluding to the correspondence between Commander Hollins and the commander of the British vessel Bermuda, in effect styles the former a braggart and a bully, while the latter is made to appear a most discreet and polished officer and gentleman. Lieut. Jolley certainly did upon that occasion act the part of a discreet officer, and we have no doubt he is a polished gentleman; we have searched in vain through the note of Commander Hollins for any expression or sentiment that should stamp him as any thing less. His reply was gentle though firm, mild but determined, and was unquestionably a very proper reply, whether Lieut. Jolley and the New York Times think so or not.

The Times is wonderfully oblivious to the thousand examples of arrogance and assumption with which British naval and military gentlemen have favored our own, and takes the ground that because the British commander had the weaker force, Commander Hollins committed an unpardonable breach of courtesy in not making a meek and submissive reply to the protest, whether he intended to respect it or not.

We are of opinion, however, that Commander Hollins and his reputation will survive all the reproaches, taunts and ridicule that may be directed against him in consequence of his connection with the quarrel between the free city of Greytown and the Republic of the United States. The writers who have abused him most severely cannot show that he has done any thing more or less than his duty, unless they contend that he had a higher duty than to obey orders.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—We noticed yesterday, in passing along Camp street, that the Delta makes use of the sign "DRY GOODS," in large letters across the front of its new and extensive building. Inasmuch as we are bound to confess that the Delta is any thing but a dry sheet (see Brette highfalutin) we don't see how this announcement is applicable or proper, suggesting, as it does, a sort of commercial panorama of box, hale, cask and package.

NEW ORLEANS CUSTOM-HOUSE OFFICERS.—The President has appointed Thomas C. Porter, Esq., of this city, (the present Surveyor) Collector of the port of New Orleans; and W. L. Starke, (now Appraiser in the Customs,) Surveyor of the port.

We have intelligence from North Carolina, conveying the death of Col. Sillington, one of the newly elected State Senators.

PUBLIC SOUP.—At the usual hour to-day an immense turtle will be served up in soup at the Shades, on Perdido street.

The health of Mobile continues good.

Mr. Burt has not yet notified the President of his acceptance of the Governorship of Nebraska. It is believed he will decline the appointment.

FRIGATE SAN JACINTO.—Letters have been received at the Navy Department from the United States frigate San Jacinto, which speak in terms of great satisfaction of the performance of the vessel.

AN INCENDIARY.—A young man by the name of Claiborne Wilson, was arrested in Washington, who confessed that he had set fire to a dozen houses in that city lately, and he also implicated several others as accomplices.

Wm. H. Vaught, a lad of 13 years, was run over and killed in New York on the 14th by an omnibus.

GREAT WHEAT COUNTY.—The Burr Oak says that 1,000,000 bushels wheat will be raised in Dodge county, Wisconsin, this year. It is also certain that there are thousands of acres that will yield from fifty to sixty bushels to the acre.

What men want is not talent, it is purpose; in other words, not the power to achieve, but the will to labor.

Wanted to know the velocity of a "running account."

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.—Mr. Chas. W. Welsh, Chief Clerk of the Navy Department, has been appointed Acting Secretary of the Navy in the present absence of Mr. Dobbin, who is on a visit to North Carolina.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

TO THE NEW ORLEANS DAILY CRESCENT.

By the National Line.

Suspension of Sheldon & Co.

NEW YORK, August 18.—It is believed that the suspension of H. Sheldon & Co. will be only temporary.

Exports of Specie.

NEW YORK, August 18.—The steamer Arctic, which sails for Liverpool to-morrow, will take out nearly a million of dollars in coin.

New York Races.

NEW YORK, August 18.—The race over the Union Course yesterday was won by *Eddy* in three straight heats.

Cincinnati Markets—River.

CINCINNATI, August 18.—There is a good demand for Flour here, and prices have advanced with sales at $7 50 per bbl. Provision market extremely dull. Whisky is firm with sales at 26c per gallon. The river is stationary.

Potatoe Blight.

NEW YORK, August 18.—The late advices from Europe state that a letter from Dublin report that the blight had destroyed the potatoe crop in many districts of Ireland.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, August 18.—Corn is in good demand with sales of mixed Western at 78 to 80c per bushel. Sales of Mess Pork at $13 56 and of Prime at $10 87½ per bbl.

Steamboats Passing.

VICKSBURG, August 21. — The steamboat Lexington passed here last evening at 7 o'clock and the Charles Belcher this morning at 8 o'clock, both bound for New Orleans.

FROM MADEIRA. — By the schooner Sarah Maria, thirty-two days from Madeira at New York, we learn that there was an entire failure of the wine crop, owing to the blight having again appeared on the vine and grape.

The 4th of July was celebrated on board the United States ship Marion, in the port of Madeira, and in the town at the house of Mr. Welsh, an American.

Mr. Benton, who has been quite ill for some time at Washington, and, says the telegraph, much out of humor since his defeat in Missouri, declares that he intends going home to stump the entire State and secure his election to the U. S. Senate.

NORTH CAROLINA ELECTIONS. — The returns from the entire State of the vote for Governor have been received, and foot up as follows: Bragg, Democrat, 48,500; Dockery, Whig, 46,000. It is the largest vote ever polled in the State.

ACCIDENT TO MR. BRAGG.—We regret to learn through the Asheville (N. C.) News, that Mr. Bragg, on his return from the canvass of the Western counties, when within a few miles of Asheville, met with an accident by which his life was placed in imminent peril. His horse became frightened and ran away, and in his efforts to stop him, Mr. Bragg was thrown upon the ground and run over by the buggy. He received some severe bruises, but was able to go on his way home.

SUICIDE BY JUMPING OUT OF A WINDOW.—John Kennedy, a poor inebriate, while suffering from an attack of delirium tremens, committed suicide on Monday night, the 14th, in New York, by jumping out of a third story window of his residence.

Dr. M. L. Embree was shot last week, at his own house, in the neighborhood of Rock-House Prairie, Buchanan county, Mo., by Dr. J. P. Blanks, of the same neighborhood. Dr. Embree died in about one hour after the fatal blow. Dr. Blanks left immediately, and had not been heard of since. We learn that the citizens have offered a reward of fifteen hundred dollars, and Mrs. Embree five hundred dollars, making a reward of two thousand dollars, for the apprehension of Blanks, and his delivery to the jailor of Buchanan county jail.

A great drought is felt throughout the State of Maine. Very little rain has fallen for several weeks, and vegetation is suffering, particularly potatoes. The Bangor Mercury says that the streams are very low, and many mills have been hung up on the Penobscot. The up-river steamboats from Oldtown to Mattawankeag have discontinued their trips. Paper mills are all dry.

The cholera has broken out with such malignity among the Irish laborers on the western side of the Blue Ridge tunnel, in Virginia, as to compel them to cease operations. All work at both ends of the tunnel has, therefore, been suspended. Twenty-one deaths had occurred on the western side up to Tuesday, the 15th.

The Oshosk (Wis.) Daily Courier says that on the morning of the 7th inst., just as the steamer Barlow was leaving the dock, one of her boilers exploded with terrible effect, instantly killing two men, one a deck hand named Frederick Goor, the other a fireman named Baltzer Geiger. Goor was blown overboard, badly scalded, and sunk immediately. Geiger was in the firehold at the time of the accident, and the force of the explosion drove his body to the extreme bow of the boat, under the main deck, scalded and mangled in the most shocking manner. Another person, a passenger, it is said, was blown into the river and drowned. Two or three others were blown overboard, but were rescued with but little injury. The cause of the explosion is not yet given.

The Paez party numbering about three hundred men, were defeated after an engagement of several hours against 1300 Government troops, who occupied the city of Coro. The insurgents retreated with the loss of about two hundred men, together with Gen. Garaches and the son of the Consul General of Holland, resident at Laguayra. Gen. Paez was hourly expected from New York.

NORTHERN MORALS.—The Lynchburg (Va.) Republican, referring to the late gross outrage of a dentist in Philadelphia, named Beale, upon the person of a respectable and beautiful young girl, the daughter of respectable parents residing near that city, says:

Outrages of this nature deserve but one punishment—and that is death. In this case the criminal was held to bail in the sum of five thousand dollars. We rejoice in the belief that had such a deed been done in a Southern State, the fiend who perpetrated it would not have been allowed to live a minute after the relatives of his victim had been able to reach him. There are some wrongs for which human laws can afford no adequate redress, and wrongs like this, belong peculiarly to that class. The true public sentiment in reference to them is that which hands over the criminal to the relentless doom of those he has injured. We are for leaving the punishment of ordinary crimes to the laws of the land, but crimes like this should be punished promptly and sternly. The perpetrator of them forfeits all claim to the protection of the laws. He becomes an outlaw, and the relatives of those he has wronged should have the legal right to wreak upon him the Indian justice.

We are opposed to mob law, yet we are free to confess that there are crimes for which the laws of the land provide no adequate punishment. The protection of our homes and our fire-sides—the safety and security of our wives and daughters, and the well being of society demand in some cases a resort to a mode of punishment not yet provided for by legal enactments; and the case before us is particularly one of the class to which we allude.

HAIL STORM.—Daviess county, Illinois, was visited by a severe hail-storm on Monday last. Its track was about four miles wide. It destroyed nearly all the tobacco and corn. Some of the hail stones were as large as a hen's egg.

SINGULAR.—The Paterson (N. J.) Intelligencer gives a curious incident of the late thunder storm. A young girl was standing at a window before which was a young maple tree. After a brilliant flash, a complete image of the tree was found imprinted on her body. This is not the first instance of the kind, but it is a singular phenomenon.

Mr. William Marshall Mask, one of the gallant band who defended the city of Baltimore, during the war of 1814, died recently on his farm in Cecil county, Md.

The English flotilla in the Baltic consists of from eighty to eighty-nine armed boats, one-half carrying howitzers. They are divided into three squadrons, and each squadron into three divisions. A reserve squadron will be formed, consisting of the boats of the paddle and screw steam sloops.

The Supreme Court of New York has adopted a rule providing that a lawyer examining a witness shall stand up. This standing rule is a capital one for the saving of time and the protection of witnesses from the impertinence of lawyers, who, lolling comfortably in a chair, care not how long they may detain a witness with impertinent and irrelevant questions.

Charles L. Lewis, the Democratic candidate, who is said to be elected to Congress from the Kanawha district of Virginia, is the son of a tailor, and worked at the trade in his father's shop until he was eighteen years of age, when he left home, and by dint of hard toil succeeded in procuring a college education and studying law. When admitted to practice he returned to his native village, where he has been elected to the Virginia Legislature, and served a term quite creditably.

MACKEREL.—The Picton Chronicle of the 3d inst. says the immense quantities of mackerel have, within the past few weeks, swarmed around the shores of Cape Breton. In Arichat Harbor, in a single week, "two thousand barrels were hauled, and twenty thousand barrels might have been taken with ease, had there been salt to cure them. Large quantities were also being taken at St. Peters and other places along the coast. These mackerel are small, being about the size of summer herring, but are very fat, and are considered more valuable than the large No. 3 spring fish."

WADING ACROSS THE OHIO.—It is said that boys are wading across the Ohio river at the mouth of the Kanawha. It is thought the river has not been so low since 1838.

ARRAIGNMENT OF DR. GRAHAM.—The New York Tribune of the 15th says:

"Robt M. Graham, indicted for the murder of Col. Chas. Loring, of California, at the St. Nicholas Hotel, on the 3d inst., was yesterday arraigned at the Court of General Sessions and pleaded not guilty. His trial will probably take place at the next term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer. After pleading the prisoner was committed to his cell in the City Prison.

MURDER AT CUERO.—From the Gonzales (Texas) Enquirer, we learn that Major Houston was shot last week by M. G. Jacobs with a revolver. Jacobs escaped; but a reward of $500 is offered for him in the Gonzales Enquirer. It is supposed that Major Houston was laboring under a deranged state of mind, and has been for some time; this adds to the horror of the crime. The difficulty was about a negro belonging to the deceased, who was in Jacob's hire, and whom Houston attempted to take away.

SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH.—The Mediterranean Submarine Telegraph is now nearly complete. The first part of the line, connecting the Islands of Corsica and Sardinia with this continent is already done, and the chief manager of the enterprise (Mr. John W. Brett,) assures me, and in fact he has so reported to the Governments concerned that the line across the Island will be in order within a few days, so that telegraphic communications may be opened by the first of August. The second part, that between the Island of Sardinia and Cape Bon on the French coast of Africa, is rapidly progressing towards a termination, and, it is confidently believed, will be completed by the middle of the next month. In all probability, therefore, Paris will have telegraphic communication with the French African possessions by the first of September.

The company is now in treaty with the British Government, to run the line from Cape Bon to the Island of Malta, whence it is proposed to carry it to Alexandria, and thence on across Asia to Calcutta, and the British possessions in India. The company engages to extend the line to Malta within six months, on the terms made with France and Sardinia for the other line, viz: exclusive privileges for fifty years, and an annual subsidy of £10,000—for which Government correspondence is always to have precedence. Much credit is accorded to Mr. Tupper and his associate engineers for their zeal and energy in executing the great undertaking which is now so near completion. The telegraphic cords were all made in England. [Genoa correspondence of Newark Advertiser.

A SINGULAR SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATION.—It's a well related anecdote, and though perfectly original, the substance of it, we fancy, has been more than once experienced, in every night, if not in every day life, by those who have had any experience in Gaulic manifestations:

A lady-friend, who was inclined to believe in spiritual manifestations, was awakened one night by her husband coming in, and when he spoke, distinctly heard three raps, apparently upon the wall of the chamber. She asked, "Is there a spirit present?" No answer. She then insisted that her husband should question the mysterious visitor, and to gratify her he did so, although an unbeliever. "Is there a spirit present?" Tap, tap, tap! "Does it wish to communicate with me?" Tap, tap, tap! Is it a matter of importance?" Tap, tap, tap!" A host of inquires of a like nature were made, all of which were responded to by the three mysterious taps; Mrs. J——— at interval putting questions, but receiving no replies. At last, her husband's curiosity became aroused, and he arose, struck a light, and commenced a thorough examination of the apartment, the "mysterious knockings" whenever he opened his lips, but remaining obstinately silent when Mrs J. interrogated "the spirits." At last on approaching the bed, the taps waxed furious and faster, and, upon raising the valance, the "spirit was discovered bodily," in the shape of J———'s favorite bob-tailed terrier "Sam," who had escoused himself under the bed before his master came home, and whenever spoken to would make a "waggin" of his stump tail; and this appendage, striking the floor, produced the "spiritual manifestations!" Sam was forthwith obliged to "vamos the ranch," and gave no more manifestations that night. Mrs. J——— is one of the most amiable of her sex, and is a great admirer of "Old Knick;" but, if you should ever come to the Mound City, and be introduced, as you value your eyes, don't mention "spirits" where she is!

THE WOMEN OF SPAIN.—A young woman of Madrid, on her way home on the morning of the 18th, during the late insurrection, disarmed one of the Civic Guard, in the Plaza de la Constitution, after a strong contest with him. She seized the musket, with the greatest coolness, and, on reaching her house in Polania street, said to her husband, with the greatest enthusiasm, "Now you have arms, go to a barricade."

THE BELL BUOY.—This is an iron vessel, recently sent out by the Government, to be anchored on the bar at Mobile Point. She is now afloat, with her mast and bell up, and will be taken to her station within six or eight days. In the meantime she will be thoroughly painted and otherwise fitted for the service for which she was constructed. [Mobile Tribune, 19th.

A BLOODY AFFRAY.—The Marshall (Texas) Republican of the 12th inst. states that on the Monday previous, at the election precinct, one of the most sanguinary affrays occurred which had been known in that county for many years. It appears that there was a misunderstanding existing between a Mr. Walls and the Star family, in which threats of violence had been used by the latter. On the day of the election, the parties met and shortly afterwards the difficulty commenced. One of the Stars shot Walls, with a revolver, some three or four times. Walls advanced upon him after the first fire, and pursued him some two or three hundred yards, and overtaking him, stabbed him several times with a bowie knife, from the effects of which he died that night. While this was being enacted, a difficulty was going on between the brothers of Star and the Covins. Young Covin shot one of them and killed him, while L. S. Covin, the father, received a severe wound on the shoulder from a knife, besides cutting his own hand nearly off.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—The schooner Emma Hotchkiss, which arrived at New York on the 14th from Philadelphia was struck by lightning on the previous day at 2 o'clock in the morning, during a thunder storm off Barnegat. The fluid struck the foretopmast, shivering it to pieces, and passed down the foremast. Capt. Elsworth and three of his crew were prostrated by the shock, but they escaped without serious injury. The schooner is bound to New Haven, with a cargo of coal.

DECENT UPON A DANCE HOUSE.—The Philadelphia police made a decent upon a dance house, the other night, and arrested 63 men and women engaged in "chasing the glowing house with flying feet." They were all held to bail in $30 a piece, and a goodly number, who "had'n any friends," had to apply to Black Maria to go security for their forthwith "appearance" at Moyamensing jail.

BURNED TO DEATH.—MRS. Dodge, wife of Peter Dodge, proprietor of the Mansion House, at Centreville, Bergen Point, died at her residence at 7 o'clock, yesterday morning, of injuries received from burns the evening previous. It seems that Mrs. D. was in the act of ascending a flight of stairs to her sleeping apartment, on Sunday evening, with a lighted camphene lamp in her hand. She made a mis-step and fell down, spilling the fluid over her clothes which were almost instantly in a sheet of flame and, before they could be extinguished, she was so badly burned that she lingered in great agony through the night, and died at 7 in the morning. Deceased was 28 years of age.

A YOUNG MURDERER.—In Prussia, a little boy aged ten years, has been sentenced to four months imprisonment for the murder of his brother, aged four weeks. It appeared that, vexed at being left at home to take care of the infant he administered to it some chemical preparation which he had heard his father say was poisonous.

A RELIC.—There was brought up from the bottom of the lake at Plattsburg, the other day, the wheel of an old cannon carriage, and it has been ascertained that the gun, a French one, still lies there. This relic must date back to the time of the French occupation of the country, and will be very interesting to antiquaries.

SAD FATE.—Capt. Woodeson, of the ship Townsend, destroyed by fire on her passage from Boston to San Francisco, discovered on the barren Island of Massafuero a whale boat and the skeletons of two human beings. They had apparently been there some time, and from appearances had evidently starved to death. They were probably a couple of unfortunate deserters from some whale ship.

DEATH OF AN ASTRONOMER AND MECHANICIAN. The English papers announce the death of Mr. John Fulton, a self-taught astronomer and skillful mechanician. He was a native of Fenwick, and first made himself known by constructing a orrery, which elicited much admiration wherever it was exhibited. He was a working shoemaker in his native village, of scanty means and education; he went to London and was employed as a mathematical instrument maker, and exhibited great ingenuity and skill in making the adolites for the Pacha Egypt, and balances for her Majesty's mint.

ANOTHER PLEASURE BOAT UPSET.—On the 13th a pleasure boat containing five persons was run into by a steamer on the North River opposite Hoboken and capsized. The life-preserving chairs on the steamer were immediately thrown overboard, and all succeeded in obtaining them except two of the ladies. Miss Jacobsohn, one of the pleasure party, was drowned, and another was caught by one of the hands of the Hoboken ferry boat John Fitch, as she was going down for the last time. Miss Sarah Jacobsohn, the young lady who was drowned, was seventeen years of age.

DREADFUL EXPLOSION OF A POWDER MAGAZINE.—The powder magazine at Maysville, Ky., was fired on the morning of the 13th instant, when eight hundred kegs of powder exploded, and burnt thirteen houses. The explosion took place at two o'clock on Sunday morning, carrying destruction in every direction. The light produced was most brilliant, and, singular to say, not a life was lost, and but few persons injured. The citizens were so much alarmed that some minutes elapsed before any one would go into the streets. The general impression was that the day of judgment had come. When the citizens sallied out they found the side-walks covered with fragments of demolished houses. The property damaged is estimated at fifty to one hundred thousand dollars. Only two persons were seriously injured. One lady died from the effects of fright. The Mayor offered one thousand dollars for information that would lead to the conviction of the rascal that set fire to the magazine.

RIGHT.—Mayor Conrad, of Philadelphia, is trying very hard to break up the disorderly dance houses which disgrace some parts of that city. We would be very glad to see our worthy Mayor imitate this very proper movement, and bend every effort to suppress such nuisances here. These nurseries of vice and crime should not be tolerated in any part of our city.

TWO BROTHERS DROWNED.—On Sunday evening, says the Petersburg (Va.) Express of 16th inst., two brothers named Billin, proprietors of the Franklin Printing Office and Stereotype Foundry on William street, having been bathing, they ventured beyond their depth, were carried out by the current and sunk simultaneously.

A MAIL GIRL.—The Alexandria (Va.) Gazette states that the mail between Alexandria and Dumfries: is now carried regularly and punctually, on horse back, by a young lady, who acts in the place of her father who is sick. She has now been engaged for several weeks, and has never missed a day or been out of time, riding twenty-five miles every day. Her industry and courage are worthy of honorable mention.

A NEW WATERMELON.—Mr. Peabody, of the Soil of the South, has recently presented the Columbus Times with a specimen of the Orange Watermelon. The rind peals off like the orange, and leaves the whole of the rich luscious pulp in a lobate mass, which also divides into parts, and is most delightfully flavored. This watermelon is a native of China.

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(Signed for numerous passengers.)

MARY O'BRIEN, PETER MURPHY,
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And several others.

New Orleans, May. 1854. au15 1mis

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