The Weekly Clarion.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1869.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Boston has had a wedding at which $10,000 worth of flowers were displayed.

New York claims to have a German Prince who is waiter in a hotel.

New York has a new wrinkle in uppertendom; monogram door-plates.

Miss Susan B. Anthony is in favor of women riding astride on velocipedes.

A man at Staunton, Va., has an invaluable relic, consisting of a brass button cut from a swallow-tailed coat worn by Thomas Jefferson.

The young ladies of Wayne county, Indiana, have solemnly pledged themselves not to receive the attentions of any young man who indulges in the use of liquor, tobacco, profane or obscene language.

Lieut. John C. Baine has been released from custody, by order of the Attorney General.

From 1804 to 1827 North Carolina furnished all the gold produced in the United States. The aggregate of all her gold yield up to 1866 is about $9,300,000.

A fog whistle, to be worked by a ten-horse power engine, is being constructed for Thatcher's Island, off Salem, Mass. It will be ready by the first of June. This will be the largest and most powerful fog whistle in the world.

The Siamese Twins are exhibiting in London, with a "beautiful Circassian."

A new knapsack has been introduced into the British army.—It is in the shape of a gamebag, and is carried on the loins, with supporting straps so arranged as to leave the chest and arms free.

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THE CABINET.—Doubtless the Cabinet appointments were as much a surprise to the Republican leaders who claimed the right to be consulted in their selection, as to the country at large. Some of the names have no connection whatever with political parties; and their choice has no political significance. Three of the members, however, are known to be active Republicans.

COL. GILES M. HILLYER.—We experience real pleasure in welcoming the return of this talented gentleman, late of the Natchez Courier, to the labors of the press in the capacity of editor of a journal so well known and commanding in its position, as the Vicksburg Times. The pride which we feel in the profession of journalism, resulting from an appreciation of its influence for good or evil on the public mind and fortunes of the country, is always gratified by intelligent, able and worthy accessions to its ranks.

Our Republican friends of Jackson, at a recent club meeting, passed a resolution of sympathy and regret at our recent loss—for which we are sincerely obliged. If however, they really wish to offer us substantial consolation, and give us a token of sincere good feeling, let them use their best efforts to defeat all schemes designed to deprive us and many of our countrymen and kindred of political and civil rights which were inherited, and which we value immeasurably more than the materials smouldering over the way, and without which, we will be poor, if as rich as Cræsus.

When so intolerant a Radicjournal as the St Louis Democrat concedes the position of the people of Mississippi who protest against the scheme to fasten upon the State the rejected constitution and candidates, and who claim the right to another election, we are encouraged to hope that their appeal will not be disregarded by the majority of the Republican party in Congress. The St. Louis paper introduces extracts from the argument of Gov. Brown, and compliments Congress for "having wisely deferred action." It warns that body that the "mere possession of offices" as claimed by the Eggleston party, without popular support "will do no good, — and advises it "to afford the people and opportunity to act once more."

The argument of the Democrat would have been stronger, if it had coupled with it the fact that the Convention exceeded the authority vested in it by Congress, by imposing restrictions on suffrage and holding office, not contemplated, and that in disregard of its instruction, it refused to submit the plan of that body for the decision of the people. Are they to be punished for the delinquencies of the Convention?

The Inaugural.

The salient features of this document is a declaration in favor of prompt payment of the public debt on the terms claimed by the bondholders, for which purpose economy and retrenchment are recommended—a pledge to execute the laws passed by Congress, rigidly—to exercise the veto power when deemed proper—and an explicit committal to the proposed 15th amendment prohibiting exclusion from suffrage on account of color, and applying the same rule of voting to all the States. No allusion is made to obligations of a par y nature. On the contrary, the President declares that he assumes the duties of his office "untrammelled."

We do not augur any particular policy in the treatment of the affairs of the South, from this document, further than that the laws in force will be strictly administered; and we must be content to await future developments.

VICKSBURG AND MERIDIAN RAILROAD.—This road is doing well on its new schedule, for the Company and the public. It is now making close connection between Vicksburg (or Jackson,) and Augusta and Charleston, without change of cars from Vicksburg to Selma. A great deal is due to the tact and energy of Col. Raworth, the General Superintendent.

THE ST. LOUIS LUMBER MARKET.—We quote from a late circular of Messrs. Samuel H. Richardson & Co., as follows:

"We note sales from the Levee of yellow pine, Tennessee river, $21 50 to $24; at Iron Mountain railroad depot, $23 to $25, and from yards in rough, 2 stacks at $27 50 per M, and 120 M feet dry in stack p. t.; 10 cars Dimensions, $17 50 to $20 per M, at depot. Week's sales foot up about 300,000 feet."

THE EX PARTE TESTIMONY Relating to the Mississippi Election.

DESOTO COUNTY.

(Personal.)

HERNANDO, MISS., June 27, 1868.

SIR: I have just received a letter from the Hon. Mr. A. T. Morgan, of Yazoo, and he informed me my report of June 24 was received. Kindly send to every precinct to notify all those who did not vote to come to Hernando next Wednesday and Thursday to vote. The whites are not voting as they were expected; only a two-thirds white vote has been cast in the precincts where elections have been held, and it surprises the leaders of the democratic party. There has not been over half of the blacks voted, and from all I can learn the blacks will mostly come to Hernando to vote, but this will not be the case with the whites; the county will poll probably 3,000 votes out of 4,710 registered. Many honest men who would have voted the democratic ticket have not voted, becoming disgusted with the conduct of their leaders and their minions. I hope that the district commander, General McDowell, will do something to inquire into the outrages committed upon loyal men in this State, and inflict severe punishment upon them. I have heard from freedmen that several murd rs have been committed upon blacks for voting the republican ticket at Loaxabama. I have learned nothing definite as yet, but am making inquiries, and if the report is true, I shall try and get a clue and have the offenders brought to justice. While I am not going from precinct to precinct with the officers of the election, in consequence of the great danger my life was in, I am being called on by a great many black voters from all over the county and distributing tickets freely.

Your most obedient servant,
THEO. WISEMAN.

Hon. JAMES WIER,
Chairman Com., &c., Jackson, Miss.

HERNANDO, MISS., June 28, 1868.

SIR: In consequence of the constant danger and jeopardy my life is in, and in justice to my family, I shall leave here to-morrow, for my former home in Brooklyn, N. Y. I have every evidence that I shall be murdered if I remain here. I have therefore to look to the interests of my family, as I have done all that any one man could do, of my limited ability, to insure De Soto county for the constitution, and by remaining here would only result to injury to myself and family. I have distributed our tickets, so that every black voter, or white one either, can vote the republican ticket. Being a boy in England playfully dropped an empty pistol at his grandmother, and the old lady fell dead, killed by imagination.

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E. J. LIPSEY.

W. H GIBBS,
Chairman of Committee of Five.

OLLIVE BRANCH, MISS., October 5, 1868.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 23d ult. just received and contents noted. It would be simply impossible, in my opinion, to get the evidence you desire in affidavits. Parties who had knowledge of facts and expected to live in country, would be very loth to make such affidavits; nor do I know of any proper person here who would probably take one. I do not feel myself safe now, and it would be far otherwise if I were to engage in getting up these affidavits. I have been repeatedly notified to leave this country; "that my days were numbered," etc., and my best friends have earnestly advised me to go to save my life; parties in whose families I have been the regular physician for fourteen years, do not speak to me, or only to speak in insult, and subject me to every possible annoyance and inconvenience. And yet, you will recollect that in the Convention I was in favor of keeping strictly to the reconstruction acts, and opposed all distranchisement. Here we have had no meetings, public or secret; no speeches; all this has happened simply because I favored reconstruction, and dared and still dare to call myself a republican.

There was no violence at the polls at this box. I have heard of it at other boxes, but was not present at any other voting place.

"Threats," "Intimidation," &c.—It was often publicly declared that they would hire no negroes who voted the d—d radical ticket; that they were their enemies; and this was urged with such force and vehemence previous to the election, that it was the main cause why the colored men did not vote. This is the universal doctrine of to-day, and will, I apprehend, by the time the crops are out, be the cause of much suffering among the colored people who voted for the constitution, unless something is done for their relief.

"Fraud."—I hear of it, but know of none practiced at this place. The polls were not opened so soon as the law required by an hour, in consequence of the non-appearance of Capt. Rodgers, sheriff and retained registrar, and were closed an hour sooner at this box, though I do not suppose that it made much difference in the result. Neither at this place was there any notice set up publicly, that I ever heard of, of the time the registrars would give registration papers to those entitled to them. I asked the sheriff about it. He said he gave them to a man who promised to set them up; but he certainly was not the policy of the clubs to keep this from the negroes, and the club at Olive Branch certainly had the proper notices in their possession but were never set up. The trick succeeded very well. The negroes were kept pretty ignorant in regard to this matter.

I send you an extract from my last Memphis Post. Such things come to our ears nearly every day, and have been perpetrated within a mile or two of us.

You see I have sent you a very worthless letter, the reason in part has been explained, beside I have not the time to gather up the facts, as you desire them, at once. If I do not write you this very hour, I may not be able to write you