

REAL ESTATE.

A Light Week's Work So Far as the Records Develop.

The sales of real estate during the week just passed is in marked contrast with the preceding weeks of the month of September. While the aggregate sales for September were nearly \$450,000, those of the past week amount to only \$44,324.

This is partly accounted for by the fact that during one day (Monday) all business was suspended on account of the presidential funeral, and by the further fact that the weather has for the most of the time been such that the sun could scarcely be seen to set alone real estate.

Yesterday, however, will bring up the sales of the coming week to a fair average, owing to the heavy auction sales which took place amounting to nearly \$106,000.

There is no evidence of a decline in prices, but on the contrary, the market continues firm. The following are the transfers of the past week:

Wm. Kuglin and wife to Marguerite Schmitt, consideration, \$125. Lot 11, block 8, Arlington Hills. Jas. P. Gribben and wife to Francis Corhill, consideration, \$225. Lot 16, block 4, Marshall's addition to West St. Paul.

M. Akerbach et al. to Thos. W. Riley, consideration, \$225. Lot 19, block 6, Finch's addition. Andrew Johnson and wife to Rudolph Luedke, consideration, \$650. The n/2 of lot 10, block 12, Ashton & Sherburne's addition.

William Goldstein and wife to Helen M. Finch, consideration, \$500. Lots 9 and 10, block 77, Lyman Dayton's addition. S. N. Sanford and wife to James Dillon, consideration, \$1,300. Certain property in Lyman Dayton's addition.

Wm. Grube and wife to John Malloy, consideration \$550. Certain property in block 104, Lyman's Dayton's addition. Hugh Chalmers, by administrator, to W. H. Sanborn, consideration \$865. Lot 4, block 115, West St. Paul.

Thomas L. Grace to the St. Paul & Sioux City railway company, consideration \$25,000. Block 37, and lot 5, block 36, St. Paul Proper.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court, April Term, 1881.

Alfred Wharton and Charles A. Morton, as partners, respondents, vs. Wm. A. Anderson, appellant. A gratuitous parole promise by a lessor to accept for rent from a lessee in possession of the leased premises under a lease for a term of years, a less sum than the lessee covenants by the lease to pay, cannot be enforced, and the lessor may, notwithstanding such promise, insist upon the payment of the amount so covenanted to be paid.

An account stated is only prima facie evidence of the correction of the balance, and not conclusive upon it, unless in arriving at the agreed balance there has been some concession made upon items disputed between the parties, so that the balance is the result of a compromise, or some act has been done, or forbore in consequence of the accounting and relying upon it, which would put the party claiming the benefit of it in a worse position than he thought it had not been had, so as to bring the case within the principles of an estoppel in pais. A stated account not affected by such new consideration or estoppel may be impeached for mistake or error in law or fact, with respect to the items included in it, or for omission of items. Judgment affirmed. CLARK, J.

A. H. Reed, appellant, vs. Edward Samuel, respondent. Syllabus—A deed contained no description of the property intended to be conveyed, except in reference to certain designated lots in plat on file in the office of the register of deeds, which plat lacked the essentials of a statutory plat.

Held, That such plat may, notwithstanding its failure to comply with the statute, be treated as part of the deed for the purpose of identifying the lands intended to be conveyed. But held further, that the deed was void for uncertainty, for the reason that the plat referred to furnished no sufficient data or information by which the lots referred to could be located on the ground. Order appealed from reversed and new trial granted. CLARK, J.

District Court. [Before Judge Brill.] SPECIAL TERM CALENDAR. Assessment for grading Maria avenue. Continued. Assessment for improving University avenue. Same. Miller & Field vs. J. Dupuis and J. McDonald, et al., garnishees. Referred to C. F. Dana to take disclosure.

Assignment of David Ramaley; application for discharge of assignee. Taken under advisement. B. Rex, et al. vs. L. Olson and Jacob Pederson, garnishee. Referred to J. W. Goodwin to take disclosure.

I. Sheldon vs. Allie Hewitt, et al. Judgment ordered for plaintiff. E. F. Drake vs. Same. Same. J. H. Brown vs. L. N. Gallant and the Capital bank of St. Paul, garnishee. Garnishee discharged.

Municipal Court. [Before Judge Burr.] CRIMINAL. City vs. Kitty France et al.; keeping houses of ill fame. Fines of \$50 each paid. Wm. Somers and Wm. Donahue; larceny. Consideration \$250. Discharged. Frank Murray; same. Discharged. J. B. Schuller; drunk and disorderly. Sent to jail for ten days.

W. Notving; assault. Continued to the 3d inst. James Collins; abusive language. Discharged. Women in Syria. A correspondent of the London Globe writes from Damascus: "A really civilized wife would be rather a white elephant for a Syrian husband. But with all this, no one can doubt that the sex is struggling hard for itself, and a sort of fashion has now set in for the following of European modes of dress and life.

A few of the foreign gentlemen long resident encourage this by visiting houses where the ladies will receive without their husbands, if the latter happen to be out, where a piano can be heard, and actual conversation can be carried on. We maintain that is the reserve of European society which is at the root of the civilization seemingly offered to civilization in the Ottoman empire.

STILLWATER.

Sunshine once more.

The Netta Durant left yesterday with a draft. Wheat No. 1, \$1.28; No. 2, \$1.25; No. 3, \$1.17. Mr. Staples is sending men and teams into the woods. Mr. A. Eldridge is selling out his book store to St. Paul party.

Excavating for a basement to the new car shops has commenced. The shower Thursday night carried away the bridge over Brown's creek. The Florence mill received three cars of wheat yesterday, and the Stillwater mill one car.

Gregory & Lee will in a few days paper and whitewash their office and put on style generally. A washout on the main line delayed the papers to the city, Friday morning, some four hours.

Willis Prince has left Wheeler Bros. & Co., and will rusticate for a while before accepting another position. Mr. Peete, of Duluth, takes charge of the Stillwater end of the Minneapolis Tribune. Mr. Hood having resigned to take a position with a firm at Duluth as book keeper.

The railroad from the Duluth depot to the bridge is ready for the rails, and the pile driver is working down as far as the west end. It is expected that as soon as the filling is finished, that the road will all be ready for the rails.

Myron Shepard received a telegram from the superintendent of the Chicago, Portage & Superior railroad calling him to Duluth immediately to make arrangements to take charge of a surveying party for six months. Mr. Shepard has not as yet decided to go.

The County Ticket. As the time is near at hand for the county convention our citizens begin to warm up on the prospects of coming election. Of the five county offices to be elected this fall we do not hear of any names suggested, only possibly for treasurer, county attorney and clerk of the court.

The name of William Richardson has been spoken of for treasurer, and the name of Ira W. Castle and C. P. Gregory for county attorney. For the past few days the name of Mr. A. Fredericks has been talked of in connection with the office of clerk of the court. We do not find that there is any fault to be found with the present incumbent, only each party feels like electing all of their own party that they can. Mr. Fredericks would make a first class clerk as he is thoroughly competent for the place, and if he should allow his name to be used, he would be likely to be elected, as he is very popular with the German element of this county.

The sheriff and register of deeds will be re-elected as they give entire satisfaction. The register of deeds is the most important office in this county and it is one that requires accuracy to a certainty. Mr. Lehman has filled this office for two terms and is so popular throughout the county that to suggest a name for that office would be to hazard one's reputation. He will be supported by both parties.

City Caucuses. The Democratic ward caucuses for the election of delegates to attend the county convention, to be held October 4, 1881, will be held Monday evening, October 3, at 7:30 p. m. First ward at the court house.

SUNDAY GLOBELETS.

Proceedings of Board of Commissioners.

A thief charged with stealing a bible plead he had been led away by his pious propensities. Sunday, October 16, and Monday, the 17th, have been set apart as days of prayer for Sunday-schools in the Church of England.

The American board closes its year with a deficiency of only about \$3,000, the total receipts being about the same as they were last year. The Presbyterian church (northern) has 16,501 elders and 4,596 deacons. The numbers of these officers have never been reported before this year.

Mr. Sit Moon, the pastor of the Chinese church at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, reports that 248 of his countrymen in those islands are Christians. Paul Benson, a French Baptist evangelist, has just left France to return to the Argentine Republic, where he has for several years conducted successful labors among French settlers.

The southern Baptists are building a church at Torre Pellice, Italy, all of stone. It is nearly roofed, and already begins to attract attention and advertise the principles of the church. Even unto coplity: "What a splendid speaker Elder Longhairs is," remarked Mrs. Pringle. "Don't you think he is a very pious man, Mr. Fogg?" "Yes," replied Fogg, "very pious—copious, in fact."

A melancholy fact: A tombstone in a graveyard not far from Washington Hollow reads: Here lies a little nigger. If he'd lived a little longer, He had been a little bigger.

At a recent provincial school board examination one boy stated that "ale" was one of the "plagues of Egypt," and another that "the ark in which Moses hid himself was pitched inside and out to keep the crocodiles out."

"You are now one," said the minister to the happy pair he had just joined together in a knot that they could never undo. "Which one?" asked the bride. "You will have to settle that to suit yourselves," said the clergyman.

The Universities mission on the Zanzibar coast of Central Africa, under Bishop Steere, has thirty-one missionaries, seven of whom are women, and has a center at Zanzibar and two other centers on the main land, to the north and south, respectively, of Zanzibar.

The Society of Friends have formed a small congregation at Constantinople, having at present twenty-five members. One of the number, an American youth, having pursued a course of studies in London, is about to return to Constantinople as a physician and evangelist.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (Church of England) has consecrated a cathedral, which cost \$25,000, at Norfolk Island, where a colony of Pitcairn islanders was established a few years ago, and where Bishop Patterson used to take his Milanesian boys to school.

OFFICIAL.

County Auditor's Office.

The Board of County Commissioners of Ramsey County met at 10 o'clock a. m. Present—Grace, McIntosh, Wagner, Fink, O'Connor, Chairman Rice. The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

Petition of M. R. Clark, asking that he be refunded the money he paid on certain lots in Sixthward at the tax sale of 1879, which lots were not in existence. Petition granted unanimously. The County Auditor to ascertain amount.

Communication from County Attorney Egan, asking that \$100 be appropriated for the purpose of aiding the County Attorney in procuring witnesses in State cases. On motion the above amount was ordered placed in his hands for the purpose named. Motion adopted unanimously.

With the monthly report of the Board of Control for the month of August, came a communication from the County Physician, in reference to the condition of the County Hospital buildings, stating that more room was required, and on motion, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with power to act in connection with the like committee from the City Council.

Communication of Auditor, Anoka county, in reference to assistance given a destitute family said to have been lately from Ramsey county. Resolved, That the Board of Control and County Auditor be and they are authorized to make a communication to the Board of Control and County Auditor.

Communication from H. S. Fairchild, in reference to the extension of Seventh street east, was referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges. Petition of Thos. Cochran and R. P. Lewis for abatement of taxes, referred to Board of Abatement.

The Committee on Taxes reported upon the application of Hillman and Ludwick for the abatement of taxes for year 1880, on the valuation of \$903, recommending the granting of the petition. Report adopted.

The County Auditor called the attention of the Board to a fund that the county claimed to be owned by the county, and which was being used as court house square, dated 1876, had not been recorded, and was instructed by a resolution to that effect that he cause the same to be recorded.

Notice of service of summons in a suit of H. P. Hall vs. the Board of Commissioners of Ramsey county, in an amount of \$700, was laid before the Board and referred to the County Auditor. The County Auditor called the attention of the Board to the fact that he had been sued by Mary J. Ashton for \$500 damages, the County Auditor having in his official capacity compelled the payment of certain taxes on property owned by the plaintiff.

Petition of Thos. Cochran, Jr., August 6, 1881, abstract, lot 5, block 1, Whitney's sub., \$6.65. August 8, from P. Lente, August 8, 1881, abstract lots in Marshall's, 80 cents.

FEES COLLECTED.

August 2, from David Day, August 3, 1881, abstract n/2 of 9 & 10, b. 9, St. Paul, \$4.70. August 3, from John Walsh, May 28, 1881, abstract n/2 of n/2 section 17, town 29, range 23, \$2.75.

August 3, from John Walsh, July 28, 1881, abstract n/2 of n/2 section 17 town 29, range 23, \$1.40. August 4, from C. J. Johnson, August 1, 1881, abstract w/2 lot 8, block 15, A & B, \$1.40.

August 4, from M. R. Siebold, August 3, abstract lot 7, block 15, St. Paul, \$4.25. August 4, from C. N. Bell, August 3, abstract lots in Holcombe's \$1.50.

August 4, from P. Pusey, August 3, 1881, abstract lot 2, block 5, R. & L., \$3.20. August 4, from J. W. Willis, July 11, 1881, abstract lot 8, block 8, Leussell, \$4.30.

August 4, from H. Habighorst, August 3, 1881, abstract in block 7, W. & S., \$1.40. August 5, from M. D. Clark, August 5, 1881, abstract block 50, R. & L., 95 cents.

August 5, from A. K. Barnum, July 25, 1881, abstract land in section 35, town 29, range 25, \$6.35. August 5, from W. M. Stee, August 5, 1881, abstract lot 12, block 24, St. Paul, 75 cents.

August 6, from E. S. Chittenden, August 6, 1881, abstract, lot 4, block 11, Winlaw's, \$4.00. August 6, from John Dougherty, August 5, 1881, abstract lot 26, block 7, DeBow, etc., \$4.00.

August 8, from E. H. Slater, August 2, 1881, abstract lots 7 and 8, block 33, L. Dayton's, \$1.40. August 8, from P. Lente, August 8, 1881, abstract lots in Marshall's, 80 cents.

August 8, from H. S. Fairchild, Jr., August 6, 1881, abstract, lot 5, block 1, Whitney's sub., \$6.65. August 8, from J. L. Merriam, July 30, 1881, abstract, in block 9, W. & S., \$3.90.

August 9, from H. S. Fairchild, August 5, 1881, abstract, lots in Cruickshank's, \$1.10. August 9, from H. S. Fairchild, July 12, 1881, abstract, lot 15, block 5, W. Park, \$5.75.

FEES COLLECTED.

August 9, from A. K. Barnum, August 9, 1881, abstract, lots in College E. D., 65 cents. August 9, from W. A. Truesdell, August 9, abstract, lot 7, block 22, M. & M., 45 cents.

August 9, from H. S. Fairchild, August 9, abstract, lot 8, block 22, M. & M., 80 cents. August 9, from Dawson & Dean, August 6, 1881, abstract, lot 13, Fuller's subdivision, \$1.50.

August 9, from G. S. Heron, August 8, 1881, abstract, lots 1 and 2, block 17, M. & M., 95 cents. August 9, from G. S. Heron, August 9, 1881, abstract, lots in N. Donnelly's, 80 cents.

August 9, from Henry J. Horn, August 9, 1881, abstract, lots in E. & C. Hutches, \$5. August 9, from W. R. Powell, May 19, 1881, abstract, lot 30, block 5, Holcombe's, 80 cents.

August 9, from Thos. Cochran, Jr., July 29, 1881, abstract, lots in Holcombe's, \$2.75. August 10, from W. B. Powell, August 10, 1881, abstract, lots in Holcombe's, \$1.70.

August 10, from E. J. Hodgson, August 8, 1881, abstract, land in section 3, town 30, range 25, \$1.10. August 10, from E. Webb, August 10, '81, abstract, lots in Holcombe's, 95 cents.

August 10, from W. Westerhagen, August 10, 1881, abstract, lots J. W. Bell's, \$1.55. August 11, from E. R. Hollinshead, July 20, 1881, abstract, lot 3, block 38, Irvine's enlargement, \$1.55.

August 11, from R. R. Nelson, October 5, 1880, abstract, lots in D. & Irvine's, \$7.10. August 11, from R. R. Nelson, August 9, 1881, abstract, lots in D. & Irvine's, \$4.40.

August 11, from H. S. Fairchild, June 23, 1881, abstract, lots in Ninninger's, \$2.28. August 12, from H. S. Fairchild, August 10, 1881, abstract, lot 1, block 2, M. & M., \$1.25.

August 12, from H. S. Fairchild, August 10, 1881, abstract, lot 17, Lee's subdivision, Homes, \$2.45. August 12, from J. B. Bessett, August 10, abstract, lot 1, block 6, W. Park, \$1.10.

FEES COLLECTED.

August 13, from E. E. Scribner, August 6, abstract, lot 2, block 29, R. & V. E., \$1.55. August 13, from A. K. Barnum, August 11, 1881, abstract, lots in E. B. & A., \$1.40.

August 13, from A. K. Barnum, August 11, 1881, abstract, lot 3, block 7, R. & R., \$2.30. August 13, from I. L. Schurmeier, August 13, 1881, abstract, block 12 and strip, W. & S., \$180.

August 13, from P. Reiley, August 13, 1881, abstract, lot 6, block 6, R. & I., 80 cents. August 15, from P. Luty, August 13, 1881, abstract, land in section 4, town 30, range 23, \$1.40.

August 15, from Bigelow, F. S., August 15, 1881, abstract, in block 12, L. D., \$2.50. August 15, from J. F. O'Brien, August 11, 1881, abstract, in block 64, West St. Paul, \$1.40.

August 15, from Mr. Swanson, July 16, 1881, abstract, lot 14, block 13, Stinson's, \$1.40. August 15, from D. A. Robertson, August 15, 1881, abstract, land in section 11, town 28, range 23, 90 cents.

August 15, from J. B. Fahey, August 15, 1881, abstract, in block 4, R. & I., 95 cents. August 16, from P. Nash, August 15, 1881, abstract, land in sections 28 and 33, town 30, range 23, 95 cents.

August 16, from B. F. Wright, November 3, 1880, abstract, lots in block 7, D. & I., \$1.25. August 16, from B. F. Wright, August 15, 1881, abstract, lots in block 7, D. & I., \$1.10.

August 16, from J. H. O'Fallen, August 13, 1881, abstract, in Highland's addition, \$2.85. August 16, from F. Allis, August 16, 1881, abstract, lot 1, block 5, Brunson's, \$2.50.

August 16, from F. W. Booth, August 16, 1881, abstract, in section 36, town 29, range 23, \$1.25. August 16, from M. Larson, August 16, 1881, abstract, in block 84, D. & I., 95 cents.

August 16, from A. S. Eitelj, August 16, 1881, abstract, in M. & M., \$1.25. August 17, from H. Schwartz, August 9, 1881, abstract, land in town 30, range 23, \$2.80.

FEES COLLECTED.

August 17, from J. W. White, August 17, 1881, abstract, lot 14, block 26, R. & I., \$1.10. August 18, from J. E. Whiteley, August 18, 1881, abstract, island in White Bear, \$4.25.

August 18, from G. S. Heron, August 18, 1881, abstract, lots in M. & M., \$1.40. August 18, from E. H. Ahlgren, August 18, 1881, abstract, lot 5, block 4, Cruickshank's, \$1.00.

August 18, from H. C. Eller, August 17, 1881, abstract, part of block 16, L. Dayton's, \$1.40. August 19, from H. Officer, August 4, 1881, abstract, lot 11, block 4, DeBow, etc., \$1.10.

August 19, from H. Officer, August 16, 1881, abstract, in Dean's subdivision, \$2. August 19, from H. Officer, July 16, 1881, abstract, in Dean's second, \$1.70.

August 19, from H. Officer, July 25, 1881, abstract, in block 9, W. & S., \$2. August 19, from G. W. H. Bell, August 19, 1881, abstract, lots in W. & Case's, \$2.75.

August 19, from John Farrington, August 15, 1881, abstract, in block 24, R. & I., \$4.30. August 19, from W. F. Reynolds's August 8, abstract, in block 29, R. & I., \$1.70.

August 19, from P. Hendrickson, July 15, 1881, abstract, lot 39, block 5, Smith's, \$1.55. August 19, from J. P. Undergrad, August 9, 1881, abstract, lot 2, block 7, W. Park, 95 cents.

August 20, from A. K. Barnum, August 20, 1881, abstract, Shield's enlargement, 60 cents. August 20, from J. P. Gribben, August 19, 1881, abstract, lot 2, Nell's subdivision, 80 cents.

August 20, from J. Kelliber, August 19, 1881, abstract, in Irvine's enlargement, \$4.10. August 20, from Wm. L. Kelly, August 20, 1881, abstract, in block 24, R. & I., \$4.30.

August 22, from Christian Michael, August 20, 1881, abstract, lots in Smith's subdivision, \$1.40. August 22, from H. Officer, August 22, 1881, abstract, lots in College Place, 95 cents.

August 22, from E. Rice, Jr., August 15, 1881, abstract, lot 12, block 3, DeBow, etc., \$1.25. August 23, from Samuel Mayall, August 23, 1881, abstract, in block 34, St. Paul, \$2.75.

August 23, from J. N. Speel, August 20, 1881, abstract, lots in Winslow's, \$7.10. August 23, from T. M. Metcalf, August 22, 1881, abstract, lots in block 121, West St. Paul, \$4.70.

August 23, from H. C. Eller, August 23, 1881, abstract, land in town 30, range 23, \$1.40. August 27, from A. Oppenheim, August 27, 1881, abstract, lots in D. & I., \$13.40.

August 29, from J. H. Davidson, August 29, 1881, abstract, lots 5 and 6, block 21, W. Park, \$1.10. August 29, from J. D. O'Brien, August 29, 1881, abstract, lot 5, block 9, E. & M., 95 cents.

August 30, from Samuel Mayall, August 30, 1881, abstract, in block 34, St. Paul, 80 cents. August 30, from T. M. Metcalf, August 29, 1881, abstract, in block 121, West St. Paul, \$4.70.

August 30, from Sam. Mayall, August 30, abstract, in block 2, St. Paul, etc., \$23.70. August 30, from D. A. J. Baker, August 30, 1881, abstract, in n/2 of section 29, town 29, range 23, 95 cents.

August 31, from Thos. Cochran, Jr., August 31, 1881, abstract, in block 18, M. & M., \$1.40. August 31, from John Haggenmiller, August 31, 1881, abstract, lot 7, Cottage Homes, \$1.25.

August 31, from G. A. Nash, August 31, 1881, abstract, in Selby block, \$5.00. August 31, from Samuel Mayall, August 31, 1881, abstract, lots 1 and 3, block 9, Brunson's, \$6.65.

TOTALS—\$111.40. EXPENDITURES. August 31, H. M. Kuhn, clerk, \$60. August 31, J. O. Vervais, clerk, \$60. August 31, Frank O. Olivier, clerk, \$60.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. COUNTY OF RAMSEY, ss. I hereby certify that the foregoing sheets, No. 1 to 8, inclusive, are a true and correct transcript of the work done in this office, and of all receipts and disbursements for the month of August, A. D. 1881.

THE GRAND JURY.

They Report a Handsome Number of Indictments—The Prisoners Arraigned.

The grand jury are expediting the immense volume of business of their session with unusual industry. They returned into court yesterday morning a large batch of indictments. True bills were returned yesterday against the following unfortunates:

Carrie Morrison, keeping house of ill fame. W. H. Mansfield and R. S. Paine, confidants, obtaining money under false pretenses.

Mike Hopkins and Daniel Meighan, the Connemara pugilists, assault with intent to commit manslaughter. John Leddy, larceny from a dwelling house.

H. W. Nelson, assault with intent to commit rape. Chas. Peterson, larceny. Allen McDonald and Herbert O'Neil, larceny from a shop.

Jennie Lind's Acquaintance at Sixteen.

It will not be an easy matter now-a-days to discover a young lady at sixteen able to play and sing from memory, from the first to the last note, Gluck's "Armidia," Spontini's "Vestale," Cherubini's "Deux Journées," Dalayrac's "Chateau de Montenero," besides the operas of Mozart and Weber, the oratorios of Haydn, and all the melodies of Beethoven, Schubert and Mendelssohn.

It would be still more difficult to find an artist who could understand and enter into the spirit of these grand masters, divine their intentions, preserve their local coloring and appropriate their style. But it would be almost impossible to name a vocalist able to read at sight the most difficult compositions, to remember strains of irregular rhythm and perform them immediately, as if she had herself created them.

Such, however, was Jenny Lind, and in this preparation, in this perseverance, in this early and undivided study, may be seen the germ of her subsequent prodigious popularity. Quite different this from the system now adopted of venturing on the first European stages after a few lessons from a renowned master, some drawing-room success, and without even a sprinkling of the real requirements which alone can justify a public career.

A Yankee Monarch. An American named Pease has quietly taken possession of an island in the Pacific, where he has raised the American flag. The island is one of the Bonin group of which the San Francisco Bulletin says: "They were uninhabited until 1826, when a settlement was made by some sailors. In 1853 Commodore Perry recommended them as an available depot for the steamers which he was re-writing of the work, and was astonished to find how much he owed to his indomitable perseverance.

A Credible Incident.

A good many years ago one of the most notorious thieves in the United States had a confidential conversation with a gentleman who is now one of our most efficient detectives and expressed a strong desire to reform.

"Why do you wish so much to live on the square?" asked the gentleman. "Because," replied the thief, "I have a wife and children to whom I am very much attached; they have no idea of the mode in which I make my living; the children are growing old, and are beginning to wonder why I leave home so often, and what I do, and I am ever to reform