## Local Matters.

Thursday Morning, January 20, 1859.

WAUGH & VANPELT.—It will be seen by their cards, in this morning's paper, that these gentlemen have removed their boot and shoe store to Bonkley's new block, on Main street. They are opening a splendid establishment.

COURT SQUARE.—A large number of visitors, among them many ladies, daily visit Court Square to gaze on the features of "Old Hickory," as represented by Frazee's bust. We observe with great pleasure that the planting of magnolia trees is perseveringly carried on.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Morals are amending and the Recorder has an easy time of it. A small attendance graced the Court yesterday morning, and the chain-gang received but two accessions. Esquire East, we regret to state, was sick in the afternoon and was unable to sit.

THE WEATHER.—The Weather yesterday was delightful, the sun shone bright and beautiful, the air was fresh and balmy, and the whole appearance of nature was suggestive of that good time coming, when we shall sing "Spring has come."

PANCOAST THE GREAT.—We mean the great oysterman, for at his store, on Monroe street, he is doing an unparalleled business in oysters, his Baltimoreo being so much better liked than the other kinds; they are small, delicate and delicious.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT.—We begin to have a record still another attempt on the part of some malignant fiend, to burn up the building recently by our cotemporary, the *Avalanche*. At early hour smoke was discovered, and a fire found kindled in the composing room of Hutton & Clarke's Job Office, which is immediately beneath the premises occupied by the *Avalanche*. It was put out, but a considerable quantity of stationery was damaged.

TAX COLLECTOR.—Our much respected tax collector, honest John Newson, declines to be again a candidate for the office he has long filled so satisfactorily. It is not often that a man gets popularity, whose duty it is to drag money from people's pockets for taxes, but John has done so, he could not help it, it came natural to him. Where is another to be found to worthily fill his place? On looking at our list of candidates, it will be seen that his excellent assistant, Bridges, who well understands the city's pecuniary affairs, is up for the place; his opponents are likely to find him, as the blind woman did her boy, "hard to head."

ON SCISSORS!—John Brenner took a friend into Martin Muller's barber shop yesterday morning, and desired him to receive a shave at his expense. While the barber was busy with his cuts and the man's chin, he saw Brenner toying with his scissors. After the two were gone, the scissors were gone, too. Muller had Brenner arrested; Brenner was indignant, he denied having the scissors, and asked if they took him for a thief? The scissors were found upon him, and he soon found himself at Squire Horne's, who found quarters for him in jail while searching twelve of his fellow-citizens shall decide whether or not they think him a thief.

THE LAST EXHIBITION OF THE BUNYAN TABLEAUX.—Our readers will remember that these grand illustrations of Bunyan's Dream, by the celebrated American artists, gives its last exhibition to-night at Odd-Fellows' Hall. During its stay in our city it has received that liberal support from our citizens which speaks well for their just appreciation of everything which is truly meritorious. In addition to the paintings, Professor Morgan, the Elocutionist, will recite in his unequaled style, Poe's celebrated Raven, and other pieces from Hamlet, giving imitations of Murdoch, Forrest and others. Those who have not yet visited the panorama should improve the present opportunity.

HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY.—We publish this morning the statement of the liabilities and assets of the Hartford Insurance Company, to an inspection of which we invite those who have property they wish to insure. It too often happens, that parties insure without having knowledge of the means of the office they do business with, to redeem its engagements; but in the case of the Hartford Company, they can see the statement of the condition of affairs, and judge intelligently for themselves. The agent for the company in this city is J. E. Chadwick, Esq., a gentleman whose probity and responsibility are well known. Insurers will do well to give the claims of this company due consideration, and they will receive all desirable information at the office of Mr. Chadwick, at the corner of Main and Madison streets.

COOPER OPERA TROUPE.—This great troupe opens to-night at the theater on Washington street, and we are warranted, by the high encomiums lavished upon its members by the Cincinnati and Louisville papers—which places they have just performed at—in saying that a high and uncommon musical treat may be confidently expected. The scale of prices is very low, and desirable seats can be had without extra expense. The opera to-night is the beautiful one of *Lucia di Lammermoor*, one of the standard musical efforts that is always a favorite. The part of "Lucie" will be sustained by Miss Annie Milner, pronounced by many to be the greatest English prima donna on the stage. The musical critic of the Louisville Journal, speaking of Mr. Cooper and the company, says, emphatically: "We have never been more pleased with any company than the one he has under his direction, and we hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing them again." This is high praise.

FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday afternoon on the premises opposite the commencement of the Pigeon Roost road, near the Charleston railroad depot, occupied by Jas. Armour, Esq., as a dwelling house. The house was a frame, standing on an eminence exposed to the gentle wind that was blowing. A new addition, which the workmen completed painting only two weeks ago, and which cost fifteen hundred dollars, had been made to the tenement. The flames spread with rapidity, astonishing to all who saw the conflagration, and the whole place was entirely destroyed. No doubt exists about the building having been set on fire, as the first flames burst from the hall in front from the floor beneath which the fire had been kindled. As the fire spread with such unusual rapidity, it is suspected that the villains who did the infamous act set fire in more than one place. A considerable portion of the furniture was got out, but so hurriedly that it was greatly injured and broken. A valuable library of seven hundred volumes, valued by Mr. Armour at a thousand dollars, was wholly consumed, together with all the private and valuable papers in the house. The entire loss will amount to five thousand dollars, against which there was an insurance of two thousand five hundred dollars.

MAN SHOT.—At half-past eight o'clock last night, one of those deplorable occurrences which are certain to result where the objectionable habit of carrying concealed weapons is indulged in, took place on Gayoso street, a little east of Main street. The victim was Wm. Stewart, a young man who has respectable connections living in Allegheny city, from which place he had come in a flatboat. He landed here last evening in a skiff, and went to see his wife, who is living in this city. It is stated that the couple formerly resided in Louisville, but to lose his health, and being unable to keep house he went to his friends, and she returned to her father and mother, who reside on Gayoso street. On the return from calling upon his wife, Stewart was accompanied towards the boat by her brother, Cyrus S. Oberly, a printer working in the job office of the Bulletin Company. The two were heard in sharp dispute, when Oberly fired and Stewart fell. Oberly immediately fled, and had not been arrested at the time we write. Stewart was taken into a store near by, and medical attendance called in. The ball, it was found, had passed into the body above the left hip, entering the spleen. Stewart never spoke after he was wounded, and in ten minutes he ceased to live. Oberly is a youth of nineteen or twenty; he was raised in this city, and has been a person of orderly and quiet habits.

The jury of inquest rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

THE GAIETY.—On Tuesday night Mrs. Howard made a brilliant hit in the romantic and attractive character of the *Patriot Daughter*. So much interest was excited, that, we learn, the public will be gratified, in the course of a few week, with a second representation of the piece. We must observe, however, that Mrs. Howard's success is by no means confined to the representation of this, or any narrow range of characters, spirited and performed to the exclusion of all else. The lady has brilliant natural powers, and uses them powerfully, a judgment and discrimination which make her successes rank what she undertakes. To-night the audience that may assemble, will have a rich treat, as Mrs. Howard and Mr. Watkins give their celebrated performances on "The Somnambulist," and "The Quaker Maiden," thrilling pieces that are bound to take the house. The present engagement is a most successful one; the audiences evince the utmost enthusiasm.

CITY TAX SALE.—A very large list of lots and parts of lots will be sold to-day in front of the Court House door, for the non-payment of the City Tax, for the past corporate year. Those interested will please bear it in mind.

## Port of Memphis.

*No advertisements of Steamboats inserted except through Agents in this city, who will be held responsible for advertising fees.*

**River News.**

The river is falling at the rate of five inches a day. The weather yesterday was of the most agreeable description, and business could be transacted with comfort, the streets and landing being in their best condition—neither dust nor mud.

The fine boat Evansville, Captain Baird, leaves this evening at six o'clock for her regular destination—White river. This boat has gained considerable reputation in this trade, from her excellent qualities, and from punctuality of the officers and their attention to the requirements of their passengers and business connections.

The J. H. Lucas, the favorite St. Louis packet, leaves at six o'clock this evening on her usual trip. Passengers bound up stream will be pleased with this elegant boat and her courteous officers.

The Kate Frisbee is the regular packet carrying the United States mail to Napoleon. This makes her a favorite packet with passengers down stream, as she is always swift, safe and reliable.

At four o'clock this afternoon the elegant and swift packet boat, Moses McLellan, starts for Louisville and ports on the Ohio river, Captain Erwin is kind to his passengers, and indefatigable in his attention to his responsible duties.

The Belle Peoria, the well known and popular White River packet, leaves as usual on Saturday next. From the long experience of Capt. Riley Jogles in the trade, and from the excellent qualities of the boat, travelers in that direction will find her to suit them exactly.

The Louisville *Journal* says:

Mr. Hamlin of the Telegraph, reports: "The Madison, recently sunk at Aurora by collision with the Iowa, has been raised and went up to Cincinnati Saturday evening, to go on the ways for repairs. The Madison was found to be badly "cut in" on her starboard, but will be repaired within three weeks to take her place in the Cincinnati and New Orleans Express Line. A large quantity of mud and sediment had accumulated in her hold, so that the inside of her hull when raised presented a very sorrowful spectacle. The molasses was not much damaged, the actual loss being that of the sugar only."

The St. Louis *Republican*, of January 18th, reports:

The river at this point was rising again yesterday. It rose six about 17 inches in the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock last evening, and continued rising at dark. The rise is chiefly from the Missouri.

The Missouri river is open to St. Joseph, and rising all the way down.

The Upper Mississippi is falling at Keokuk, with five feet in the channel. There is a great deal of heavy ice between Keokuk and Hannibal, and a small quantity below Hannibal. Navigation is reported open to Keokuk.

The Illinois river is open to Peoria, and there is very little ice in it. Since our last report, the American arrived from Havana, with a light cargo. She was able to get higher, but the river is doubtless open above Havana by this time.

There is eight feet in the channel of the Mississippi hence to Cairo, and no ice. The river here is perfectly clear of ice.

THE ITALIAN OPERA.—While those incomparable opera singers Sarodi, Amodio, De Wilhorst, &c., were here, the amateurs of music in the city were very desirous that they should be gratified with a full opera performance. As the chorus and other adjuncts were wanting, this could not be done, but on the last night of the stay of these artists, the nearest possible approach, under the circumstances, was made to an operatic performance, and with marked success. Still the desire for the opera was not fully gratified, on the contrary it was more vividly aroused by the glorious music given on that occasion. Desirous of meeting the strongly expressed wish of the citizens of Memphis, the manager of the troupe, M. Strakosch, wrote a letter to Mr. Crisp, expressing the gratification of himself and troupe with the kindness they had met with during the engagement, and with the order and precision which existed among the employees of the Theater. Mr. Strakosch proposes to bring a complete opera troupe to this city, as he has here found "more musical taste and refinement" than is usually met with. He says: "If you with your business tact and energy, would take it (the proposed engagement) into your hands, I am confident we should be able to present the distinguished community with the refined and beautiful amusements of the Italian Opera." This proposition Mr. Crisp is desirous of entertaining, but it will involve a very heavy expenditure, of course, and we learn that our leading citizens, who take an interest in musical matters, will be waited upon for their subscriptions, and if a sufficient number of names are obtained to justify the engagement it will be made, and Memphis, as well as St. Louis, Louisville, and Cincinnati, will have the gratification of enjoying the genuine Italian Opera. The subject is, therefore, now in the hands of the citizens themselves.

NOT ALL A DREAM.—LAST NIGHT OF THE TABLEAUX.—Our readers, and particularly the ladies, will remember that with to-night closes the beautiful exhibition of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, which has attracted so large a crowd of Odd Fellows' Hall during its stay in our city. All who have seen this panorama unite in saying that it is a work of rare merit, as displaying the great imagination and power of the Artist, Prof. Morgan, whose powers as an accomplished elocutionist are probably unequaled, will, upon this occasion, read Poe's celebrated "Raven," "The Maniac," and other thrilling productions, giving imitations of Murdoch, Forrest, etc. We feel sure that, upon this last exhibition of the panorama, the house will be graced by a large and fashionable audience.

Banner of Agent.

The certificate which I published yesterday morning in your paper, under my advertisement for the treatment of corns, bunions, &c., from John M. Carnack, Esq. was published without his knowledge or consent, and the same is withdrawn at his request. He never wrote or signed any such certificate.

jn20-1t* DR. J. F. MILLER.

**Cameos Set for Trial Thursday, 20th January.**

No. 12. Washington vs. Bolton, Dickens & Co.
14. Sloan, by his guardian, vs. Robins.
15. Adams & Co. vs. Rily, capt.
17. McNeil vs. Bolton, Dickens & Co.
20. Petit vs. Fritz.
22. Bond, use &c., vs. Sanderlin.
28. Williams vs. Markham.
29. Brooks vs. Yates, administrator.
30. Williams vs. Dowell, et. al.
31. Williams vs. Dedalles, et. al.
35. Manning vs. Baquett.
36. Smith, extr., vs. McLean.
39. Carroll & Hines vs. Garner.
41. Drysdale vs. Wetbrook.
42. Callehan vs. Clark & Richardson.
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48. King vs. McCombs.
49. McKeon vs. Rice.
56. Davis et. al. vs. Brooks.

By order of the Court, Jan. 19, 1859.
M. D. L. Stewart, Clerk.

☞ The Gaiety theater was well attended last evening. The *Child of the Regiment* and the *Fairies of the Lake* were very well presented, with the exception that Mrs. Howard was suffering from a severe cold, and was unable to sing the beautiful ballads interspersed through the pieces. We trust she will sufficiently recover before this evening to add the entertainment of her charming vocalism.

RUN OVER.—A boy who was driving a dray on Madison street, between Front and Main, yesterday morning, had the misfortune to fall, when the vehicle passed over his body, breaking his thighs. His name was Michael Smith. His mother is a widow woman, living in North Memphis.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.—The firm of Ingraham & Lee have removed from their old quarters on Monroe to No. 315 Main street, instead of 216, as we reported a day or two since. They have opened a splendid stock of all kinds of willow and wooden ware, and housekeepers will consult their interest by calling upon them at their new place of business, opposite Speed, Donaho & Strange's.

RHEUMATISM.—Any person afflicted with acute or chronic rheumatism, neuralgia, pains of the face, jaw aches, back aches and similar pains, will find a never failing remedy in the use of Wadsworth's Rheumatic Liniment, to be had of Ward & Jones, 229 Main street. Try it, the result will be satisfactory. n30-3m.

**Sheriff's Sale.**

BY virtue of an order of sale to me directed from the Law side of the Common Law and Chancery Court of the city of Memphis, in favor of George Dupin vs. H. E. Clark and E. T. Richardson, now of Clark & Richardson, Wm. Farris and S. Parks, on judgment rendered January 2, Horse, Sen. April 2, 1858, for $633 87 and costs, I will on SATURDAY, the 29th February next, before the Court House in the city of Memphis, sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the interest which the said defendants, Clark & Richardson have in and to the following real estate, a certain tract of land lying and being in Shelby county, Tennessee, in Range 8, Section 1, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the south-west corner of an overplus claim in the name of William Gaston, thence south 1 chain, thence north 19 chains to a cross-tie, thence west 1 chain, thence south 19 chains to a cross-tie, thence west 1 chain, thence south 19 chains to a cross-tie, thence west 1 chain, thence south