Local Matters.

Saturday Morning, 11 o'clock, March 26, 1859.

☞ All persons are requested not to purchase papers from our regular carriers. The papers do not belong to them; they have no authority to sell, and every one by them is a thief upon us, and a cheat upon our subscribers.

NOTICE THIS.—Desiring to purchase a lot in the city upon which to erect a printing establishment, we will give a bargain in our suburban property, if application be made during the present week.

McCLANAHAN, THOMPSON & DILL.

City Improvements.

The trend of improvement is more busy to-this than in any former year of her existence. Is stranger, the place of progress on the city of Memphis. As the summer advances a great city will be rapidly building up before our eyes. Spots where the forest now yet shows their shade, where the birds now sweet their song, and flowers yield their perfume, will be covered by handsome stores and splendid residences. All that architectural skill can devise, and the decorative artist imagine, is to be called into action. In modern times it seems as that the beautiful shall be combined with the useful; then in Memphis we do not merely raising a city, but a handsome city, a place that shall be the pride and boast of its inhabitants. In every street, at the present time, the pedestrian has to step out of his way, on account of being impeded by soil thrown from foundations in the course of excavation, or of scaffolding raised in the front of new tenements. Everywhere, amid the hum of business, and in the midst of, where the stumps of the old forests stand yet undecayed, is heard the clanging of the trowel and the hoarse calls of busy laborers. We hear it on every day, in conversation among some architects and builders who happened to meet, that during the present season the number of stores and houses that will be built will amount to several hundred.

We are glad to state that both the business districts, that now designate a portion of Front Row and of Main street, will soon have first class buildings upon them. On Main street, below Monroe, John M. Lee, Esq., is about to commence the erection of a uniform block of three stores, of which Mr. Hammerslah is the architect and Chas. Jones the builder. The whole is to be finished by the first of September next. We have seen a plan of the front elevation, and it is admirable. The fronts of the stores will be all of glass, with the exception of the strong but slender pillars that serve as frameworks for the doors and windows, and as supports to the superstructure. Each window and door way will be of one pane of glass, and each pane will be ten feet high by three and a half feet broad. The glass in the fronts of the three stores will cost one thousand eight hundred dollars. The front elevations of the three upper stories will be each ten feet high, and the frames will be tastily ornamented. On the completion of this block, the same gentleman will commence another of three stores, of the handsomest style, on the empty lot above Speed's Drug Store, and will carry it up as rapidly as possible.

On Front Row, above Adams street, the foundations are now being dug for five handsome stores, that the proprietor of the ground, John Tigg, Esq., is commencing. Mr. Hammerslah has drawn the plans. They will be four stories in high, and rich in decoration.

Opposite the above, where the fire occurred in the rear of the Bazaar House, A. J. Walt & Co. are commencing the building of two large and handsome stores for Dan Frow, Esq. The fronts will be beautifully ornamented and finished with stucco. Mr. Hammerslah is the architect.

Not only is the hand of improvement at work within the city limits, but it is stamping such a new value the lands in the suburbs. At Fort Pickering, yesterday, Messrs. Wallace & Wakeman sold by auction a number of lots of ground. The attendance was very large, and the competition was extremely lively. Mr. Wallace has sold land at Fort Pickering, at intervals, for the last two years, but, he informs us, on this occasion prices were fully double those realized on any former occasion. One of the lots is of very irregular figure and surface, and fronts on the river. This lot is valuable for the sand that can be obtained from it, it nearly half an acre in extent, and brought $2300. The remaining lots average twenty-five feet front by one hundred and twenty feet deep; they vary from ninety to one hundred and seventy feet deep, and some lots are only twenty-five feet front; the greater portion are twenty-five feet front by one hundred and twenty-five feet. Forty lots were sold altogether, as follows: One lot, $160; four, $170; one, $180; two, $190; four, $200; one, $210; six, $275; one, $225; two, $230; two, $250; two, $270; two, $275; four, $280; two, $285; one, $290; one, $300; one, $320; three, $370; two, $420; one, $280.

THANKS.—We are greatly obliged to our friend Borden, of Adams' Express, and to M. M. Temple, of the Memphis, for late papers.

LITERARY.—Blue, at the Worsham House, has the New York Ledger for this week, and back numbers since the commencement.

LAW.—The Common Law Court adjourned over last evening until Monday morning. To-day the Chancery Court will be in session.

WEEKLY CITY AT RIPLEY, TENNESSEE.—The club of subscribers which was credited in our issue of yesterday to Ripley, Mississippi, was due to Ripley, Tennessee.

☞ After a brief absence, Dr. Irwin has returned to the city, and is prepared to give his time and attention to the practice of his profession.

☞ The Sunday edition of the APPEAL now reaches seventeen hundred copies. We mention the fact for the benefit of advertisers who may desire to avail themselves of our columns to-morrow.

VISITORS TO MEMPHIS.—Among the gentlemen of distinction who have paid us a visit during the Hons. Frederick P. Stanton, Joseph W. Matthews and J. M. Howry. They are all in the enjoyment of good health.

LOUIS XIV PIANO.—The piano of Louis XIV style, now on exhibition at Clark's jewelry store, is worth the attention of all who admire a perfect instrument. It is manufactured by Newman, of Baltimore. An agency is about to be established in this city.

MOBILE RACES.—By a dispatch from a friend, a Memphian at present in Mobile, we learn that Capt. Moore's mare, "Rosalie Fagrow, beat Nicholas, in the race at three mile heats, on Thursday last. No particulars as to time.

☞ Elder W. E. Pendleton, of Bethany college, will preach in the Christian Church, corner of Linden and St. Patrick streets, tonight at half-past seven o'clock. Elder A. Campbell will preach at Old Fellow's Hall Sunday at eleven o'clock a. m.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES.—The magnificent paintings now on exhibition at G. R. Locke & Co's will be sold this afternoon at three o'clock. Any gentleman who wishes to purchase a picture, can find a cash, should not fail to be present. They are pronounced by the best judges to be superior works of art.

SOUTH MARKET HOUSE.—The grading of the market lot on Beal street is rapidly progressing. Workmen are already building up the piers on which the roof of the market house is to rest. A considerable quantity of brick has already been delivered, and the work will go rapidly on.

RAILROAD TAXES.—As many persons have been paying taxes on their Railroad stock for the past five or six years, and as the question has been affirmatively, recently, whether railroad stock is taxable or not, we are enabled to say that the charters of the Memphis and Ohio and Memphis and Charleston Railroad Companies forever exempts the stock in these roads from taxation.

ACCIDENT.—As a young son of Officer Wilson's, a child of three years old, was yesterday morning playing near his father's residence on Market street, near Third, a ladder which stood by the wall was thrown down by the high wind which prevailed at the time, and fell upon the child, so seriously injuring the head that serious fears are entertained for the little sufferer's life.

EDITORIAL VISIT.—We had the pleasure, yesterday, of meeting with W. H. Smith, Esq., for some years connected with the Banner, and more recently and at present one of the editors and publishers of the Nashville Daily Patriot. We recognize the Patriot as one of the soundest, most dignified and reliable of Southern Opposition journals, and its editorial and accomplished senior editor as among the most genial and worthy member of the profession. We intend the freedom of our sanctum to our Nashville confrere during his sojourn in the city.

FIRE AGAIN THE BELFRY.—As the steamer J. G. Cline was leaving our wharf yesterday afternoon, sparks from her fires were communicated to the cotton on board the Belfast, which ignited, come near destroying that fine packet. By the prompt action of her officers and crew the fire was with much difficulty extinguished. Some thirty bales of cotton were thrown overboard, to which circumstance may be attributed the extinction of the remainder of the cargo. Only about forty bales were injured, and those thrown overboard were afterward recovered.

A SPLENDID STORE.—Everybody that passes down Main street by Fronie's Block, have their attention arrested by the front of the new store of Fennessee & Co., which has scarcely a rival in this city. It reflects greatly on the enterprise of Messrs. Fennessee & Co., which has selected of the door, with which it forms an elegant recess in the rear of the columns, whose elegantly decorated capitals add to the beauty of the exterior. The windows are elegantly set out, and on entering the store mirrors of great size and elegance are in occupy places right and left. Splendid mirror tables are ranged on each side right and left, behind which are elegant cases filled with fashionable hats, caps, etc. Upstairs is the wholesale salesroom, and over that the manufacturing room, where the business of hat-making is carried on. The firm is an enterprising one, and will secure a large share of the hat business of Memphis.

FALL FROM A SCAFFOLD.—As two workmen, Thomas Ayres and Thomas Mackey, were yesterday at work at the corner of Monroe and Main streets, repairing the wood work at the top of the house, above the fourth story, which was burned in the late fire, the platform upon which they were standing gave way, and they were precipitated to the ground. At the first sound of the breaking wood, the men sunk down, and held on to the wall, and came to the pavement together—Ayres being under the other. Mackey, to the surprise of all, escaped with a few contusions and bruises, from which he will soon recover. His companion was not so fortunate; he sustained severe injuries of the skull, and his right arm suffered a slight fracture. From the injury done to the brain, it is feared that the result may be fatal.

ARRIVED.—The eminent occulist and aurist, Dr. Von Moerchinbroe, has arrived at the Gayoso House, and we learn after a few days rest from his labors of Nashville, where his success was indeed very great, will open rooms for the purpose of seeing those who may need his services either for deafness or blindness. Dr. M. is an European occulist and aurist of great reputation. While on his visit through the United States, he has performed operations that have been looked upon as almost miraculous. Let none who suffer from any affection of the eye or ear lose such a valuable opportunity. They may never have another. We shall say more of him when he is ready to receive patients.

Port of Memphis.

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

River News.

Our measurement showed the river last night at sunset to be 134 inches below high-water mark, precisely the height it was on the previous evening; the river is, therefore, stationary. Last evening when the height was 81 inches below high-water mark. The river will probably be rising to-day. We find experienced parties who are of the opinion we expressed yesterday, that the rise now coming down will not have any very serious effect here and below, as the Missouri, the great father of floods, is low. The weather yesterday was very fine, with a cool, drying wind.

The accounts we have from below are most deplorable, the Victoria and Jenny Whipple, in yesterday, speak of no new breaks, but they represent the citizens in the overflowed districts as being depressed in the extreme by a new calamity following so closely on the disasters of last summer, and there are and wanting crookers to assure them that still worse is coming, and the waiters will yet surpass all that has heretofore been experienced.

The Belfast had a narrow escape from conflagration, we mention the particulars in our local column.

We learn from Capt. Gray, of the Jenny Whipple, that the Arkansas is falling to within seventy miles of the Mississippi, to which distance it is backed up by the high waters of the latter.

The pretty, piquant, popular boat, Jenny Whipple, is at the landing taking freight and passengers for Little Rock and other ports on the Arkansas river. George Hynson, the popular clerk, we have long known as a gentleman over attentive to his business, punctual in his engagements, and polite and assiduous in his attentions to his passengers. "Long may he wave!" "For this trip only," the renowned and extensive Captain Larry Harmstad will be the commander of the boat. Travelers who want a trip where good humor, good cheer and good speed are combined, should not miss this rare opportunity. The Whipple starts at 5 o'clock this evening.

The Return, the favorite White river boat, is the regular packet this day for that stream, leaving at six o'clock this evening. Passengers on their way to ports up the White and Little Red rivers have reason to rejoice that they have the opportunity of running on so excellent a boat and with so experienced a captain.

The Southerner, the magnificent "skimmer of the waves," Captain Triplett in command, and the well known J. B. Archer in the office, is the regular Saturday packet for Louisville, leaving at 3 o'clock this afternoon. We need but sound the praises of this Southerner, on the Ohio and the Mississippi her fame is everywhere. Priest & Co., agents.

The coquettish, dauntless Victoria is at the landing, Capt. Walton in command, and the estimable A. G. Folger in the office. For a fine, swift running, well ordered and well conducted boat, commend us to the Victoria. Passengers for Vicksburg and intervening ports will find her a delightful boat to travel on, and her excellent captain and clerk first such officers as we like to meet with. The Victoria leaves at 3 o'clock.

"Last, but not least" on our list comes the Dickey, one of the most popular boats that comes to our landing, with the popular Capt. Dan Able in command. The new clerk of the Dickey is supremantly a polite and kindly natured gentleman, and so his passengers will find him. The Dickey starts this evening at 4 o'clock. Williams agent.

The New Orleans True Delta of Tuesday last reports:

The river keeps on rising slowly but surely, and parts of the lower landing have for a few days past become transformed into miniature lakes. In view of the threatening state of the levees in the Hagaman and Point Look-out vicinities, a number of the planters of Madison have sent their negroes to assist in repairing the levees.

The St. Louis Democrat of March 24th reports:

The Mississippi is doubtless on a stand here, as it rose only about two inches during daylight yesterday. We have nothing new from the Upper Mississippi and Illinois, but presume they are on a stand. Late intelligence from the Far West, reports the ice broken up in the Missouri, below Sioux City. The tributaries the Upper Missouri are also reported extremely high, and a heavy snow had fallen about the time the ice was breaking up. All these things put together, betoken a considerable rise in the Missouri.

The Concordia Intelligencer of the 19th says: "We have gained eighteen inches during the week. The river at that time had a decidedly threatening appearance. The water was rising two or three inches a day. Attributes a week would suffice to submerge the bank at Vidalia.

At Lake Providence, the Herald reports the river, on the 19th, a little above the highest water mark of last season, although it had fallen some four or five inches within the past days or two. This fall is ascribed to the crevasses which have taken place recently, above and below, at Cammack's, near Tallula, and Shipcliff's Landing, Mississippi.

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MATTRESS MANUFACTORY.

J. P. LALLEMAND,
MATTRESS MAKER,
JEFFERSON STREET, BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH, OPPOSITE THE THEATRE,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Springs Hair, Moss, Cotton, Husk and Straw Mattresses on hand, or made to order, wholesale and retail. I respectfully invite Hotel keepers, Steamboat, Saloon and Boarding-house keepers, steamboats, and the citizens in Memphis and the surrounding country, to give me a call and examine my work and prices before buying anywhere else.

☞ Steamboats will find a supply of Lever Mattresses not to be surpassed in quality, and the lowest in price.

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GLASS INKSTANDS, IRON INKSTANDS,
PORCELAIN INKSTANDS, INDIA RUBBER INKSTANDS, BRONZE INKSTANDS,
TIN INKSTANDS, CORK INKSTANDS, METALLIC INKSTANDS,
ROCK'S ROUND HINGE INKSTANDS,
HILLIARD UNIVERSAL INKSTANDS,
COUNTING HOUSE INKSTANDS, SCHOOL INKSTANDS,
CRADDOCK INKSTANDS, PORMP INKSTANDS,
CUT GLASS INKSTANDS, MORSE INKSTANDS,
CODDA POCKET INKSTANDS,
LEATHER POCKET INKSTANDS,
RUBBER POCKET INKSTANDS,
BOCKOW'S TRAVELING KNIFE,

A large variety of Inkstands can be found at

mar23 Geo. Pattison & Co's.

Just Received,

5 CASES of Calvanized Hoops
10 bundles of Patent Steel
20 bundles of Cheese Hoops
10 bundles of Band Steel
15 Ingoted Iron
12 bags Lead,
1000 lbs Gutta Percha
20 rolls best Andrew Rubber
100 rubber Belts
50 brp Wheat, all brands.

ALSO—Latest arrival of White and Brown Sugar, Jellies, Catsups, Gen Pickles, Cotton, Brandies, Whiskies, Champagnes, etc., etc.

mar19 CREWS & BERTOCK.

CLEAVES & VADEN
HAVE RECEIVED

THE American Nonconformist Manual of the Churches of the United States, with Historical and descriptive notices of the Churches, by W. W. Hickox.

Dictionary of the United States Congress, containing the portraits and sketches of its members from the foundation of the Government, with an appendix, compiled by a member connected by the Congressional and civil lists, to Chas. Sumner.

The Old Plantation, and what I gathered there in an African Match, by Francis Recordatis, of Maryland.

Life and Times of Stephen Girard, the Founder of Girard College, by Alan Gates, author of Cincinnati, Maryland, and Mexico, etc.

Hand-book of the Navy, Army and Militia of India, civil and Public, by Wm. Harwood Wood, M.D., L.D., M.R.C.S., late of Bombay, Author of "Medical Sketches of Sindh and Kabul."

Hand-book of Universal Geography of the New Testament, by Rev. Chas. Foster, D.D., LL.D.

Fisher's Report of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Hand-book of Ancient Mythology, containing the Classical and Poetic Mythology, by Wm. Pinkerton.

The Hunter's Feast, or Recollections of Nimrod, by Nimrod, Jr.

Rockwell's Exercises Dickens, cloth and gold, a beautiful book. For sale by

mar24 CLEAVES & VADEN.

Change of Firm.

THE undersigned having sold out his interest in the Clothing Business to M. KAUFMAN & Co., and having purchased the entire interest of the late firm, takes this method of informing those indebted to him, that he is now ready to receive and settle with them, or his successor, who is authorized to receive payment for the little sufferer's life.

A. KAUFMAN.

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DRY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES!

M. KAUFMAN,

HAS just received from the East, with a second assortment of

Spring and Summer Clothing,

Fancy and Domestic Dry Goods,
BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC.

which they are prepared to sell at unprecedented low prices for Cash. No. 11 Court Row.

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General Commission Merchants,
Nos. 23 Levee and 60 Commercial-sts.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

T. S. RUTHERFURD & CO. will give prompt and careful attention to the sale of Cotton, Hemp, Flour, and merchandise in ship to St. Louis, and respectfully solicit orders for the purchase of Bacon, Flour, Corn, Pork, Bacon, Lard, Lard and other Western Produce.

They are known to the Bagging and Cotton Trade of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, Norfolk, Mobile, New Orleans, Liverpool, Havre, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Bremen, Hamburg, Antwerp, Ghent, Genoa, Leghorn, Marseilles, Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Gibraltar, Cette, Cronstadt, St. Petersburg, Odessa, Trieste, Venice, Messina, Palermo, Havana, Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Sagua, Rio Janeiro, Pernambuco, Buenos Ayres, Montevideo, Valparaiso, Lima, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Shanghai, Canton, Hong Kong, Manila, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Mauritius, Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya, Samarang, Macassar, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Pernambuco, Rio Grande, Pernambuco, Pernambuco, Pernambuco