Local Matters.

Wednesday Morning, April 6, 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 sale by them is a fraud upon us, and a cheat upon our subscribers.

Shelby County Democratic Association.

The members of the Shelby County Democratic Association are requested to meet at the office of Judge Brown, in Birch's building, corner of Court Square and Second street, on Thursday evening, the 7th of April, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

WM. H. CARROLL, President.

GAIETY THEATRE.—The Metropolitan Minstrels will give another of their popular entertainments at the Gaiety Theatre this evening.

☞ Q. K. Underwood, Esq., author of the Helena Shield, honored us with a call yesterday. He is always a welcome visitor to our sanctum.

☞ The Hon. A. B. Dilworth, Secretary of State, of Mississippi, was on a visit to the city yesterday. He was en route for Jackson, Miss.

PERSONAL.—Hon. Matt. Ward, United States Senator from Texas, has been sojourning at the Gayoso House for a day or two. He is en route homeward, from Washington.

POSTPONEMENT.—Owing to the protracted illness of Judge Gardenier, of the Common Law Court, that tribunal will not resume until Monday next.

☞ Some interesting information in reference to the overflow in the Mississippi bottoms, before this point, will be found in the J-ter of a correspondent, in our river column this morning.

☞ Our friend F. J. Swann, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, after an absence of a week or two, returned to the city yesterday in fine health and spirits.

DISCHARGED.—The charge against John Conway, who was arrested a few days ago for an alleged larceny of lumber, near the mouth of Big creek, on the Hatchie river, was investigated before Esquire Horne yesterday, and the charge was dismissed.

WEEKLY APPEAL.—ONE WEEKLY of this morning is entirely worthy of the patronage of the public which has been so liberally bestowed upon it. It contains a very large amount of reading matter, including editorials upon topics of public interest, financial and market reports, local items, etc., etc. Single copies made up for the mails are sold at our counting room at 10 cents each.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Wm. Evans, charged with larceny, in connection with the theft of a chicken's diamond, was found guilty in this tribunal yesterday, and committed to the penitentiary for the period of six years.

John Milton, indicted under the same charge, will be tried to-day. The stolen diamond was the property of Messrs. Jonas & Tigg.

The Attorney-General on circuit will prosecute in the case of James Williams and John Adams, charged with the robbery of N. C. Mallory.

The grand jury returned an indictment on Monday against Adam Good, charged with stealing from Mr. Lee Aldridge. The report of the testimony against Mr. Aldridge was an error of our part.

INQUEST IN THE CASE OF ANDREW LANIER.—The coroner's jury, which had been empanelled on Saturday, to investigate the circumstances connected with the death of Andrew Lanier, at the residence of Dennis Dora, on Friday night last, met and sat together again at 2 o'clock yesterday, and adjourned to resume the investigation. The proceedings were private, but we are persuaded from the substance of the testimony of the jury, which was to the effect that Andrew Lanier had lost his life at the hands of David Turner or James Hutchinson, no difficulty was elicited which tended to implicate Joseph Williams, Columbus Wright, Wm. Brooks, and Geo. Williams in the murder, although they had been arrested upon that charge. Henry Turner and James Hutchinson are under arrest. The coroner will take leave to the jury, and call upon the public to represent that the testimony before the coroner's jury was so partial, and such that a general opinion be suspended until an opportunity shall offer for them to vindicate their conduct.

RECORDER'S COURT.—The Recorder disposed of thirteen cases yesterday, and assessed fines to the amount of $[illegible] which $20 was paid. There was but a single case that possessed a salient point. A few weeks ago a grocery keeper at the corner of Linden and Causey streets, charged a lad, the son of Mrs. Augustine Clary, for some ice-cream. Angeline could not vouch the count, and, in sturdy contrast, and in company with a male friend, visited the residence of the grocer Monday night, with the evident design of avenging the boy's injuries. But the grocer was too many for the Amazon and her accomplice, and whipped them both. For the part Mr. Clary took in the affair, she was fined five dollars.

FATAL TERMINATION OF AN AFFRAY.—We gave the particulars yesterday morning of an affray at the Metropolitan Bowling Saloon, on Monday night, in which Zebulon Goss was shot and mortally wounded by Joseph Frame, the latter of both of the steamer *Admiral*. The wounded man was conveyed to the residence of his brother, near the old Memphis and Ohio railroad depot, above Overton street, below Main, where he lingered until about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and died. An inquest was held, and the decision of the jury was in accordance with the facts detailed by us heretofore. The physicians held a partial post mortem examination of the body, and ascertained the fact that the liver and perhaps the spine had been penetrated by the ball from Frame's pistol. Frame effected his escape. The deceased had a wife and child in this city, who are left in extreme poverty.

WILL'S LIFE-PRESERVER.—It is generally known to your readers that the locality immediately outside of the present city wharfboat is one of the most fatal on the river. Hundreds of lives have been lost there; and it is said, indeed, that no one who has been so unfortunate as to fall overboard there has ever been rescued alive. At the suggestion of our efficient Wharfmaster, Mr. Will, a novel kind of life-preserver has been attached to the hull of the wharfboat, which will render the chances to escape from drowning in that vicinity much greater than heretofore. Ropes have been attached to the guards of the wharfboat at convenient distances from each other, the lower ends of which hang in the water, with Boats attached. If the unfortunate fall overboard in that vicinity he should exercise a little presence of mind, they may avail themselves of these ropes, and keep above water until assistance can be rendered. We are decidedly in favor of the "Will life-preserver."

COUNTERFEIT.—We warned our readers some ten days ago against a very dangerous counterfeit ten dollar note on the Citizens' Bank of New Orleans. We have been treated by C. W. Fleming, Esq., with a description of it which we give below. It will be well for shopkeepers and others to read it and for preservation. It is best, we think, to refer all bad dollar notes on this book, for a stranger has little chance to distinguish the genuine when an experienced banker like Mr. Cherry writes that the counterfeit is "I think better calculated to deceive than any I ever saw."

1st. The counterfeits are all, so far as seen, on letter C, and we are quite confident on no other letter at all.

2d. The signature of the Cashier in the counterfeit is written Eug. Rodiguez, or Eug. Rodiguez, while in the genuine then, Eug. Rodiguez, the r, in Rodiguez being plain and distinct.

3d. The lathe work at the left end of the note, on which the word "Ten," is engraved, in the counterfeit, projects to the eye, as it were, six white lines running across the bill. On the genuine they appear like small scars or diamond dots.

The red engraving on the back of the note, does not cover the whole ground, but leaves on the right extreme end of the note a blank space from a quarter to three-eighths of an inch wide, which cannot be cut off without cutting the engraving on the face of the note, by measuring the backs of the genuine and counterfeit together, the engraving on the counterfeit will be found from one-eighth to one-quarter of an inch shorter than the genuine.

The following respecting these bills we copy from the New Orleans Courier:

The counterfeit tens on the Citizens' Bank was a great topic of talk and excitement yesterday. All over town, in doors, on the streets and at the race course, the business of comparing the true bills with the false was in progress, everybody taking special means of the positive distinctness. Half a dozen times—for be it known, the counterfeits, by their excellence, have to be scrutinized by parties in detail—we saw a gentleman and a lady (well dressed) put into the hands of a man used to paper money, and that man perfectly incompetent to tell which are the good bills and which the bad. So excellent are the counterfeits, that a genuine one to the Citizens' Bank was possible at now, seriously. We hear that the Bank issued nothing in ten dollars as soon as possible, and sending forth a new issue from new plates.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Council met last night in regular session, the President, Alderman Douglass in the chair.

REPORTS.

Reports of city officers were called for, the City Treasurer had no report, the jailor, captains of day and night police, and several other officers had no report. The Chair gave them notice that unless their reports were for the future rendered to Council according to law, they must pay the penalty.

The City Solicitor reported that Mr. Wickersham's title to certain ground on Old Union street was good, but if that street was closed without the consent of property holders, the city would have to pay the damages. The subject was referred back to the City Attorney to make further inquiries.

The same report: that a lot of ground sixteen feet on Beal street by one hundred and fifty feet on Second street was now in the legal possession of Dr. White, in consequence of a judgment of the Common Law and Chancery court at the November term of 1857.

Alderman Finnie said the ground had been legally purchased and paid for by the city for the purpose of widening the street.

Alderman Copeland offered a resolution referring the settlement of this matter to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Copeland, Morgan, and Hamilton.

The City Inspector reported certain accounts which he had paid, the Chair said that officer had no right to audit and pay accounts for the city.

CITY FEES.

Alderman Elder offered a report in favor of building seven cisterns in various parts of the city, as follows: At the crossing of Main and Union, Second and Jefferson, Court and Third, Second and Madison, Second and Monroe, Third and Poplar, and near Auction Square. Adopted.

Alderman Robinson, from the Committee on Accounts, reported accounts to be paid to the amount of $18,522. Passed.

GAS LEADS.

Alderman Copeland from the Committee of Improvements, offered a resolution that gas lamps be placed on Jefferson street to the Memphis and Charleston depot, at proper distances; to which was added, also, at the corner of Poplar and Third streets, near the Presbyterian Church, and on the east side of Third street, at the alley, between Poplar and Exchange. Adopted.

The same reported in favor of appointing a committee of three to negotiate with Mr. Brinkley for an extension of Jefferson street to Lauderdale. Adopted.

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