Local Matters.

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The City Jail.

The post says: "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," and sorry we are to say that Memphis, in one of her public institutions, is guilty of a portion of the general inhumanity. We allude to the jail—a place we have frequently called attention to. The city has a standing committee, whose duty it is to attend to this institution; but the members of it have, up to Tuesday night last, proved themselves officials of the great circumlocution office, and most industriously practiced the great official business of "how not to do it." On Tuesday night, Aldermen Dupree—who has but lately been a member of the committee in question—did himself honor by calling the attention of the Board to the state of the jail. In the discharge of his duty, he his been over the building, and his description of what he saw was such as ought to shock every one having the spark of humanity alive in his bosom. We have ourselves frequently gone through the places the Alderman eloquently described, and can bear testimony to the correctness of his delineation. On entering within the grated door, the visitor finds himself in a passage, into which the doors of the cells open right and left. In the gloom that prevails here from the straightness of the openings for the admission of light, but little can at first be perceived, but the stranger has his attention sufficiently and most disagreeably engaged, by a stench so horrible and revolting, that many who enter are obliged immediately to retire, with a sickness that sometimes continues for hours. In an atmosphere so disgusting the prisoners exist day by day. Within those cells a glimpse through the little opening in the heavy door reveals more of misery than we like to trust ourselves to describe. Never, in any other prison or penitentiary we have entered, have we found so literal a transcript of the picture drawn by Sterne in his Sentimental Journey. That author's scene was an imaginary one,—in the jail of Memphis we see demonstrated how nearly imagination can approach to truth—so nearly, that we will transcribe Sterne's description, as the best means of arresting vividly the reader's attention to the condition of our jail.

"I had a single captive," says Sterne, "and having first shut him up in his dungeon, I then looked through the twilight of his grated door to take his picture.

"I believe his body half wasted away with long expectation and confinement, and felt what sickness of the heart it is which arises from hope deferred. I then looking upon him saw him pale and feverish; in thirty years the western breeze had not once fanned his blood—he had not seen to sun, no moon in all that time—nor had the voice of friendship accompanied through his lattice! His children—

"But here my heart began to bleed, and I was forced to go on with another part of the portrait.

"He was sitting upon the ground upon a little straw, in the farthest corner of his dungeon, from where alone, which his chain did admit, he could reach his bread: a little calenger of small sticks were laid at his head, notched all over the dismal account of the days he had passed there—his road one of these little sticks in his hand, and with a rusty nail, he was adding another day of misery to add to the heap. As I looked over the little lights of his face, the rise of hope, like a hopeless fire toward the door, then cast it down—shook his head, and went on with his work of affection. I heard his chains upon the floor clink as he raised his leg to lay his little stick upon the bundle. He gave a deep sigh—I saw the tears enter into his soul—I burst into tears."

Hundreds of readers in Memphis have read these touching words, their hearts have sympathized with the description—will that sympathy be extended to the actual scene now existing at the foot of Exchange street? Any citizen may at once, by a visit to the place, ascertain for himself that we have been guilty of no exaggeration.

There is a moral corruption in the place deeper than the source of the sickening effluvia we have spoken of—the boy arrested for some trifling infraction, in here cooped up for weeks with the hardened veteran in iniquity. The girl who has been led by a passing temptation to appropriate some coveted bauble that belongs to another, is here compelled for long days and nights to be the associate of those whose trade is vice—who laugh at her virtue, and make her purity a mockery. There is no separation of prisoners.

We regret to say that the efforts of Alderman Dupree to awaken Councilto a recognition of their duty upon this point were in vain. The concurrent testimony of his report was supported by the assertions of other aldermen, although, it is under the management of Council that the prison has been existing in the state we have mentioned, the Board concluded that as the management of a portion of the jail is going into the hands of the county, it was unnecessary for them to interfere. Council took up the matter of the good Samaritan, but, like the priest and the levite, it "passed by on the other side." As we have said before, the condition of our jail is especially worthy of the attention of our religious citizens; let them visit "the prisoner," and make themselves acquainted with his condition, and we are sure that they will so loudly and unitedly demand that the dictates of humanity shall be heard, that the authorities will be compelled to listen to their plea, and make such improvement and enlargement of the jail as shall be necessary.

A FAUX PAS.—Learning that Mr. Smith O'Brien, Esq., the Irish patriot, was on board the Nebraska yesterday, the mud editor of a city paper rushed incontinently on board, as if he would be the first to welcome the distinguished gent ashore to the Bluff City. Our hero gained the ladies cabin in a trice, after the steamer had landed, and, casting about him, his eye fell upon a staid, dignified old gentleman who had been pointed out to the inquirer as Mr. O'Brien." The bewildered traveler grasped the young gentleman's hand most cordially, but assured him that he was mistaken as to his identity. Capt. Irwin informed the impetuous reporter that the gentleman addressed was Col. Guy. Hancock, the venerable President of the Southern Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Kentucky. The Colonel was embarrassed, the bystanders were amused, the mud editor, to use the language of Mrs. Toodles, was "complished," and a party of five "took sugar in their's" at our hero's expense.

A GOOD BUSINESS HOUSE.—In stating yesterday that the sale of property on Madison street, near the Charleston depot, brought $1900 more by auction than it had been offered for by private sale, we accidentally omitted to say Messrs. Levy & Co., of Madison street, above First Row, next door to Kirland's bank, were the auctioneers. Now we are speaking of them, we may as must add that they are a most enterprising firm, as will be seen by referring to their advertising column in our paper. They sell everything, and their auctions are attended by crowds of substantial buyers. They are prompt and punctual in business, and persons having property of any kind for sale, will find them the right kind of persons to deal with.

OBITUARY.—The death of our late esteemed fellow-citizen, Rice Bond, Esq., is announced. The sad event occurred on his brother's plantation, in the State of Louisiana. The deceased was for many years a useful member of the Shelby County Agricultural Association, and at one time the Secretary of that organization. His remains will be interred at Raleigh to-morrow, under the direction of the Masonic fraternity. A special train of cars will convey the earthly remains of the deceased to their last resting-place, on Sunday morning, and they will be accompanied by delegations from all the Masonic lodges of this city.

WM. SMITH O'BRIEN, Esq.—This distinguished Irish patriot was a passenger to this city yesterday by the steamer *Nebraska*. His approach had not been heralded, and there was therefore no marked demonstration made on the part of his many admirers here. He was visited during the afternoon by our leading Irish citizens, and much attention was shown him in a quiet way. He would not yield to the solicitations of his friends to remain with us for a time, and departed by the train last evening for Huntsville. After paying a visit to Huntsville he will visit Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati and subsequently St. Louis.

☞ Mr. Rogers, late editor of the Dalton (Geo.) Times, paid us a visit yesterday. He was returning from Kansas Territory to his home in Georgia. Mr. Rogers does not seem to attach much confidence to the extravagant reports from the gold mines at Pike's Peak.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—We had the pleasure of visits yesterday from Hon. G. J. Pillow, and the Hon. James E. Matthews, of Mississippi; also, Hon. F. K. Zollicoffer and Hon. H. S. Foote, who are at the Gayoso House.

RECORDER'S COURT.—The Recorder held a very uninteresting session of his court yesterday. There were but three delinquents before him, one of whom was discharged, and the fines amounted to but $10.

HON. H. S. FOOTE.—We are requested to give notice that this gentleman will address the citizens of Memphis to-night, at Odd Fellows' Hall, at 7 o'clock.

☞ G. B. Locke & Co. sell, this morning, at 10 o'clock, a very large lot of new chairs, lounges, sofas, tobacco, etc., etc.

☞ Capt. S. H. Whitsitt, editor of the *Evening Ledger* of this city, was in Louisville Wednesday, en route for the East.

Council Meeting.

Council met last night in extra session, the President, Ald. Douglas, in the Chair.

A MARKET HOUSE SUBMISSION.—

Ald. Dyer presented a petition from the Butchers' Association, asking to lease North Market House for twenty years, at the annual rate of $3000, provided the Board will protect them against hucksters of meats, vegetables, etc. The association will bind itself to put up a market house 200 feet long, commencing on Market street; the balance it will inclose as a sale yard for beef cattle. Referred to special Market Committee.

THE NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

Ald. Morgan presented a petition from the building committee of the fire companies occupying the new engine house at the corner of Adams and Second streets, stating that they have finished the outside of that building and a portion of the inside; they have paid by sale of No. 3 house and lot, $3000, and by the two companies, $14,817. They now desire to finish the interior, and require more money, and ask permission to sell a lot in the rear of their house, 37 feet deep, fronting 60 feet on Second street. Referred to Finance Committee.

A petition from the congregation of the Children of Israel, for the right to remove in most days, in which to fill up their lot on Second street, was laid on the table.

COMPLAINT AGAINST A POLICEMAN.

A petition was presented by Ald. Finnie, from Thomas Kinney, complaining of being very shamefully abused by policeman Baker, who arrested him and a lady for trespassing on a partially inclosed lot, and asking an inquiry into the case. The subject was referred to the to the Vigilance Committee.

A petition was received, that the annual appropriation of $300 to the Hook and Ladder Company for 1858, be applied to their credit. Referred to Finance Committee.

A great many motions were made that a great many different lots be fitted up for carriages to pass, but they were not passed.

A resolution was passed that the Tax Collector continue the discount on taxes until 1st of June.

The Tax Collector reported that he had collected, during the past month, $17,197.96.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

The Captains of the night police reported that during the month of March the number of parties arrested and fined was 114; amount of fines, $937.40. Number of night police 23.

The Street Commissioner reported, that during the month of March, he had done work to the following amounts: In the 1st Ward, $63.81; 2nd, $8.50; 3rd, nothing; 4th, $56.25; 5th, $96.46; 6th, $109.60; 7th, $310.04; 8th, $87.65; wharf, $163.89. Total, 1,000.29.

The President said that several of the reports of the city officers were defective; such were directed, by resolution, to be returned for amendment.

CANNONBALL.

Ald. Kortrecht offered a resolution that six pieces of cannon generously donated the city by Ald. Douglass be accepted. Adopted.

A resolution to let to the lowest bidder the embankment of the unfinished street between Market and Jefferson streets, also Gayoso Hotel and McCall streets from Shelby street to the city wells was referred to the Committee on Improvements.

MAYOR'S SALARY.

Ald. Hughes offered a resolution that the future salary of the Mayor be $5000 a year. He said the labor of the Mayor was greatly increased, a clerk was required, without whose aid the business of the office could not be properly done.

Ald. Copeland considered the honor of being Mayor worth $10,000 a year and was opposed to increasing the salary.

Ald. Douglass said a Mayor should not be only a merchant, but a man who could afford to give dignity to the city government; the salary should be given not merely to the labor but to the dignity of the office.

Ald. Finnie feared that the cost of supporting the office as it ought to be supported, for it was the most important office in the State of Tennessee, would not be less than $10000 a month.

Ald. Elder proposed (in view of Ald. Finnie's exposition) that the salary be $25,000 a year. Withdrawn.

Ald. Kortrecht moved that the subject of the salaries of all city officers be referred to the Finance Committee, to report at the next meeting. Adopted.

ELMWOOD AND MORRIS' CEMETERIES.

Ald. Kortrecht offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Board highly approve of the efforts being made by the Elmwood Cemetery Company to discontinue and remove Morris' Cemetery from within the city limits, and that they will assist in the same, believing the best interests of the city will be subserved thereby.

PAVING.

Ald. Kortrecht offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the Ordinance Committee, with the City Attorney, to inquire and report upon the power of the Board to require the owners of real estate to pave the streets in front of their property. If they find the Board has such power, they will report a resolution requiring property holders and claimants on both sides of Main street, from Adams to Union, or further if they think best, to pave to the center of the street in front of their lots on some uniform plan of paving with stone, the city paving the crossings of streets and alleys.

STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Ald. Douglass offered a resolution providing for the appointment of Fire Commissioners from among the members of the fire department, whose business it should be to enforce provisions for building houses so as to prevent the originating and spread of fires, and such other provisions as may be advisable in have in operation. The resolution was passed, and the Chair, Ald. Morgan, (who was at the time Chairman pro tem.,) appointed Messrs. Douglass, Kortrecht and Dyer. The last name, whose duty it will be to confer with the fire department, and report a plan for reorganizing that department, appointing a Board of Commissioners, and preparing a code of ordinances to govern the construction, etc.

NEGRO BALLS.

Ald Elder offered an ordinance, which was passed a first time and read a third, providing that hereafter it shall not be lawful for any officer of the city to give a permit for negro balls and parties, and that the police disperse all such collections of negroes.

Ald. Robinson offered a resolution to refer the claims of Dr. Frame to old City Hospital to the Committee on Finance of the Committee and the City Attorney. Adopted.

The same offered a resolution which was referred, directing the City Engineer to give the grade on Butler street between Tennessee and Shelby streets.

THIRD STREET EXTENSION.

The same offered a resolution that the Mayor and Finance Committee proceed to require the Memphis and Ohio railroad to extend Third street in accordance with the agreement made with the city.

Ald. Copeland said there was no evidence that the company had made such an agreement. The Mayor said Mr. Topp told him he had never made such an agreement, but that he would immediately remove all obstructions to the street.

Ald. Douglass and Ald. Hughes said they knew that the agreement was made.

Ald. Drew addressed the Board eloquently upon the subject. He said some of his constituents were kept waiste deep in water by the railroad obstruction, and could get out of their houses only in dug-outs. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Douglass offered a resolution to light the oil lamps in the Navy Yard, and that the street from Main to Market, lapel there to Market street be repaired. Adopted.

The same proposed to gutter the south side of Adams street six hundred feet west of its eastern termination. Adopted.

WHARF PAVEMENT.

The same announced that the Wharf Committee had contracted with John Lowden, of Cincinnati, to pave this wharf; he would pave with nine inch stone at $2.20 per foot square, and with twelve inch at $2.50 per foot, the choice the committee left to the Board. Postponed until next meeting.

Adjourned until Tuesday night next.

DON'T LIKE BLACK-REPUBLICANISM.—An intelligent gentleman—an old steamboat captain, and long a citizen of St. Louis, who was in this city when he heard that the municipal election in St. Louis had resulted in favor of the Black-Republicans, was so mortified by the intelligence that he determined at once to break up old associations, and locate permanently in Memphis. In furtherance of that design, he purchased a handsome residence yesterday on Beal street, and has telegraphed his family to come to Memphis at once. He says he will make Memphis his home until there is a prospect that she will become Abolitionized; that he will then remove to New Orleans; and when the soil of Louisiana shall have become free dirt, he will shake the dust from his feet and emigrate to Cuba. Our old friend is evidently averse to Black-Republicanism.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTING.—A party of gentlemen, including our efficient wharfmaster, Mr. Jobias Wolf, formed a hunting party on Thursday, and scoured the denseness of Wolf river within an area of six or seven miles at that distance from the city. They returned home the same evening—having bagged two deer and a wild turkey. A pretty successful day's hunting in sight of the smoke of a great metropolis.

AN EXPENSIVE SHOT.—One Jeff. Lowry, a smart citizen of Louisville, invested all his surplus money in a pistol on Thursday, and, wishing to try its merits, fired it off a couple of times in the vicinity of the city wharfboat. Such an exploit would not be censurable in Louisville, we presume, where shooting seems to be the order of the day of late. Jeff was taken before the Recorder yesterday, which officer, so inc that he was a Louisvillian, excused the fire shot, but fined him five dollars for the second fire.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Nothing was done in this tribunal yesterday beyond the effort to obtain a jury for the trial of Hiram Brooks, charged with larceny. Another member was added to the panel, which makes the ninth jurryman that has been obtained. A new panel was ordered for to-day, when the court adjourned.

Port of Memphis.

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

River News.

STEAMBOATS LEAVING TO-DAY

[For Particulars for Advertisements.]

For Louisville.....SOUTHERNER.....Reynolds
For St. Louis.....J. R. DICKEY.....Aide.
For Vicksburg.....CHOCTAW.....Weldon.
For New Orleans.....IMPERIAL.....Rogers
For White River.....REVENUE.....Jones
For Louisville.....ECLIPSE.....Spencer.

During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock last evening, there had been a decline in the river barely perceptible at this point—say from one-quarter to one-half an inch. The water last evening was within 4½ inches of the high water mark of 1858, having fallen but about one inch since it became stationary—on Monday evening last, at which time the water was within six inches of the greatest height of the flood of 1858.

We learned by telegraph from St. Louis last evening that the Mississippi was falling slowly at that point.

At Louisville last evening the Ohio was stationary with six feet nine inches on the falls.

During the forty-eight hours ending Thursday evening, the river had fallen two feet at Cairo.

We learn from the officers of the J. H. Dickey, that at Fulton on Mississippi last fall the river had fallen so far that, since it had commenced declining.

The officers of the Nebraska reported to us last evening that the Mississippi was rising all the way down from Vicksburg to New Orleans, and was fourteen inches higher than during the flood of 1858. The river was falling at all the points above Vicksburg at the Nebraska came up.

The White and Little Red rivers were both falling rapidly when the Return left their waters. The Return arrived at this port Thursday night.

We have some additional information from the under-Tensas Bayou and Lake Providence, which we received in old letter, near the head of the bend, which had stood for several years. The Sentinel of Wednesday, says that the levee completed last year under the supervision of the Swamp Land Commissioners stands firm as Gibraltar.

We learn from the Lake Providence (La.) Herald, of Saturday last, that the Board of Levee Commissioners held a meeting there on the 28th ult., and resolved to appropriate six thousand dollars to levee Mr. Augustus's invention for closing crevasses, the experiment to be made at Whitney's crevasse, above that city.

The bids wanted have become a source of trouble at Vicksburg. It has risen so rapidly and high that the merchants on Levee street have had to erect plank sidewalks to enable customers to visit them dry-shod.

The weather yesterday was very pleasant and springlike, and our levees presented an unusually brisk appearance.

The new levee at Vidalia, La., was gone day and that town is in danger of an inundation. The clerks of Issaquena and Bolivar counties, Mississippi, have given notice that, in consequence of the high water, the spring term of the county courts will be held.

The Delmarrice No. 6 has gone to the wreck of the Red Rapids and David Gibson, near Liberty.

The Local Inspectors at Cincinnati are investigating the collision between the Natl. Robinson and David Gibson.

The total amount of cotton shipped from this port yesterday was 2187 bales, of which the Belfast took 1700 bales for New Orleans, and the H. Pinkston 487 bales to Cincinnati.

The exact amount of cotton taken by the Grapeshot for the Ohio river Thursday night was 296 bales.

RATES OF FREIGHT ON COTTON.—The following are the ruling rates of freight on cotton to the leading points to which cotton is shipped from this port: To New Orleans 75 cents per bale. To Pittsburg, $1.75. To Cincinnati $1.20. To Louisville $1. To New York, by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from Parkersburg, $4. To Philadelphia, by the same route, $4.20. To Baltimore, by same route, $4.25. To St. Louis, 75 cents.

A personal difficulty occurred between Captain Hooper of the Madison, and a passenger, on board that boat at our landing, Thursday. The Captain's fist and the plank of the wharf demolished, but the surgeon and dancer repaired the damage.

The Henry Pittsburgh arrived from the Arkansas river yesterday morning. Her officers report the Arkansas river falling all the way down to the mouth. The Pittsburgh brought a large lot of lumber and hoop poles, and some articles for consignment for St. Louis, including a number of buffalo skins, deer skins, peltries, etc. She had also a large consignment of peaches, pecans and dried apples, for Cincinnati and Louisville.

The Belfast had a good trip yesterday for New Orleans, including fifty cabin passengers, forty-nine mules and a jackass—the property of Dr. J. W. Lefevre, of this city. The mules were medical, and in order to get them on board, they were first hoisted outside of the Hospital ferryboat, and then transferred to the Belfast.

When the Belfast attempted to back out last evening, she was found to be aground at her landing. Her forward, however, worried her off after a half hour's severe struggle.

The lowest Cincinnati City packet Louisville Tribune, with a large fleet of barges taken with coal for this port, passed down by us the bottom of Wednesday well supplied with coal and ice on Monday. We have no doubt of her cargo out, and a plentiful supply of ice for the business. Henry Bryce, Alsop & Co. have on board that boat the largest lot in the simple item of ice, and are fully prepared to meet the demand for ice.

One item of the Nebraska's freight from New Orleans consisted 104 kits, mackerel for Moore Todd & Co.

Captain Harbison has bought the Atlantic from Capt. Willard, for $6,000, and will run her, regularly to Cairo and return.

The steamer A. T. Lacy and St. Pittsburgh passed up, on Monday night last, and John J. Jan passed down. The latter couldn't afford to pay wharfage, and passed by on the other side without landing.

The Pittsburg, being in need of a consignee, has been laid up in ordinary at Louisville.

FOR VICKSBURG.—The splendid new steamer Tennessee, Capt. A. A. Wilson, is now receiving freight and passengers for Vicksburg and all intermediate points at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Capt. Wilson will take freights and passengers for all the way landings on the water. The fallen influence in order to render it pleasant to be land along shore. The Victoria is a fast craft, with fine accommodations and efficient officers. Messrs. Davidson and Waddell, the attentive clerks, are agreeable companions. Messrs. Thos. B. Williams & Co., are the agents.

FOR NEW ORLEANS.—The palatial steamer Imperial, Capt. Rogers, will arrive at Wharf-boat this morning, and leave for New Orleans at 4 o'clock. She is a magnificent craft, large and well adapted to the business. The officers are gentlemanly worthy of such a princely habitation. Capt. E. H. Ellis, at the wharf-boat, is the agent.

FOR CINCINNATI.—The favorite of the western waters, the Eclipse, Capt. Harry Spencer, will arrive from New Orleans at 5 o'clock, this morning, and have immediate dispatch for Louisville. Aside from her splendid accommodations, she is a source of gratification to the curious to make a trip on the Eclipse. From Capt Spencer to our young friend Clark, of the "good apothecary," the officers of the Eclipse are gentlemen of experience, courtesy and worth. Allen & Co., are the agents.

River news heretofore has been so particularly excessive of late as to the relative time of rise of our leading packets hence to Cairo. The fact, we believe, that has been made during the general season by either of the steamers, with loads of freight, from Cairo to this city, is far behind the record, if we remember correctly. About two years ago the steamer J. G. Cline and Wm. Garvin had a friendly run to Cairo, and we do not remember that the time of Cline was less than forty-eight hours loaded, since that memorable race. The Garvin made eighteen landings for freight, wood and passengers, and made the run to Cairo in nineteen hours. We do not remember the time made by the Cline. One St. Louis and Louisville packet must try again, or stand the horse to the Garvin.

The Memphis and New Orleans packet Nebraska, Capt. Irwin, arrived from New Orleans at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and made an unusually quick trip. She made the run from Helena in this port in eight hours. We are indebted to Capt. Temple for New Orleans papers of Thursday.

We learn that trip the Nebraska pulled into Vicksburg for the river at Henderson's. The Vicksburg had removed her freight, and was preparing to discharge her cleriness and water wheels when the Nebraska arrived.

The Nebraska had 150 cabin passengers on, including Mrs. Smith O'Brien, besides a large number of deckers, and did an immense way business.

FOR WHITE RIVER.—The popular steamer Return, Capt. Riley Jones, will leave for all points on White river at the usual hour this afternoon. The Return comes auxiliary with perfect regularity, and has become a pride of Memphis and the White river valley. Travelers prefer that her attentive clerk, Mr. J. P. Seeley, so agreeable gentlemen and efficient officer. Messrs. Priest & Bowen, No. 7 Monroe street, are the agents.

The safe and fleet steamer Potomac will leave this port for Pittsburg direct, on Monday. Messrs. Hammond & Nayman will receive consignments of cotton for her.

FOR ST. LOUIS.—The fast and popular steamer J. H. Dickey, Capt. Ben Able, is the regular mail and passenger packet for Cairo, St. Louis, and all intermediate points at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Dickey is as good as new, having been recently refitted throughout, and she makes all the landings, in high as well as low water. Passengers will find in Mr. McDonald, the clerk, an accomodating officer and agreeable travelling companion. Messrs. Thos. H. Williams & Co., represent the line in this city.

There seems to be a little misunderstanding between the post office department, or the postmaster in this city, and the Memphis and Louisville packet line in regard to the mail contract between this city and the Ohio river. The department, or post postmaster, insists that the above mentioned boats are not entitled to the contract to carry the mail, and the packet company over that they are entitled to the mail under a contract made between the Department and a party at Smithland, Ky. The boats receive a mail regularly at Smithland and deliver at the various offices thereof in this city, and made formal application here three times a week for a return mail; but our Postmaster refuses to deliver it to the boats. As he in other one stands there is evidently a fair opening for a bit of litigation between the Memphis and Louisville packet company and the general post office department.

FOR LOUISVILLE.—The splendid and fast low-pressure steamer Southerner, Capt. Ben. W. Triplett, is the regular packet for Louisville and way places, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Southerner makes close connections at Cairo, Evansville and Louisville, with trains for all points East and West, and at Louisville with the line of splendid mail packets for Cincinnati. There is no more thorough office than Capt. Triplett, and no more attentive and competent clerks than Capt. Arthur and Messrs. McMichael and Prather. Messrs. Price & Bowen are the agents of the line.

The J. H. Dickey arrived from St. Louis about three o'clock last evening, with another good trip of freight and a fair passenger list. We are indebted to Mr. McDonald, the attentive clerk, for papers.

The Jennie Whipple, Capt. Harmstad, will arrive from the Arkansas river to-day and return on Monday.

ARREST OF A SUSPECTED FELON.—Officer Rose arrested a man yesterday, at the western extremity of Howard's Row, who is suspected as the robber of Mr. Dooley, a boarder at Mrs. Griffin's boarding house, on Front Row, near Washington street. The articles stolen were one hundred dollars in money, a sixty dollar check on the Gayoso Saving's Institution, and a silver watch. The officer found it difficult to make the arrest. It is supposed that two other persons were engaged in the robbery, and the police are in pursuit.

ARREST.—Officer Baker arrested a man by the name of Scott, alias Smith, yesterday, who is supposed to be an accomplice of Richard Smith in a robbery at Mrs. Griffin's boarding house, the particulars of which, we have given elsewhere this morning. Scott has the marks of fearful wounds on his person, which have healed.

THE GAIETY THEATRE.—This popular place of amusement will be opened on Tuesday evening next, with an attractive company for a short season.

Latest News by Telegraph.

TO ASSOCIATED PRESS OF MEMPHIS

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER CANADA.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The steamship Canada arrived at Halifax to-day, bringing Liverpool dates of the 26th ult.

COMMERCIAL.

COTTON.—The sales of the week were 70,000 bales; sales to exporters 5000; estimated sales on day of sailing 10,000; all qualities advanced ¼; the market generally closed firm and active; Fair Orleans 7¾; Middling Orleans 7¼.

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—There is an advance in cotton to-day in the more peaceful aspect of political affairs. Fair Mobile 8 11-16; Middling 7¾; Fair Uplands 7¾; Middling Uplands 7 1-16; Stock at Liverpool 344,000, of which 308,000 is American. The 3 steers from Manchester are forwarded to Havre. The market closed with an advancing tendency.

LIVERPOOL, April 26.—The cotton market closed firm with sales of 10,000 bales. Richmond, Spence & Co., quote Broadstuffs steady. Yellow corn 10s.; white 7s.3d.; 4d. The Brokers circular quotes beef closed firm. Bacon closed dull and nominally lower. Pork closed dull. Lard closed dull at a decline of 1d. Sugar closed steady. Rice (Carolina) closed firm at 21s. 22s. Spirits Turpentine 5s., holders demanding 6s. in advance.

The market generally closed dull. Provisions generally closed dull. Canada 10s@50s. Rosin 2s. Pitch 2s. Linseed tres 4s@5s. Rosin 2s. Pitch 2s. Linseed tres 4s@5s. Rosin 2s. Pitch 2s. Linseed tres 4s@5