Local Matters.

Saturday Morning, : May 28, 1859.

Two Auctions, Rosina Beaves and Louisa Strail, were each fined $5 by the Recorder for fighting.

HARPERS.—Gen. Pillsbury & Son have received, in advance, *Harper's Magazine* for June. It is a fine number, and well illustrated.

☞ We are informed that two "gentlemen of the fancy" have made arrangements to fight for a prize near the Fair Grounds on Sunday morning next.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PIC-NIC.—The pupils of Miss Bowers' school have a pic-nic to-day on the grounds opposite the residence of Jesse Tate, Esq.

BOOT RECONCILED.—We learn that the body found in the suburbs of the city on the Hernando plankroad, on Sunday last, has been regualized as the body of a Mr. Malloy.

RECORDER'S COURT.—The Recorder disposed of nine cases yesterday, and sentenced three delinquents to the chain gang. Fines to the amount of $19 were assessed, $20 of which was paid.

☞ We acknowledge the receipt of twenty subscribers, from our friend P. M. Kelly, Esq., of Oakland, Tenn. We feel grateful for these continued evidences of app reciation.

THANKS.—We thank our most constant of friends, Mr. Boehm, Esq., of Adams Express, for late eastern papers; also Capt. Latimer, Esq., railroad ticket agent on W. A. *Eunice* a Cincinnati paper one day old.

☞ We had the pleasure of a visit yesterday from Col. R. J. Cowell, Indian agent for the Navajoe tribe of Indians in New Mexico. He was on his way to Washington City, intending to remain a short time at his home in Georgia.

SUPERIOR BRANDY.—Our friend, H. S. King, near the Worsham House, has just received some of the best, if not the very best brandy ever brought to Memphis. It is a pure and genuine article, free from all liquorifics, old and mellow.

LAGRANGE (ALA.) MILITARY ACADEMY.—Attention is called to the advertisement of this Academy, to be found in to-day's paper. It is reported to be in a highly flourishing condition. It will be seen that the terms have been reduced to ninety dollars a per session.

HYGEIA HOTEL, OLD POINT COMFORT, VIRGINIA.—We invite the attention of the reader to the advertisement of this old and popular resort during the summer season. It is at present in most excellent repair, and no doubt will have, as it deserves, its usual large share of the public patronage.

INCENDIARISM.—The fire at Mr. Lanzan's, on Thursday night, was undoubtedly the act of an incendiary, it was kindled in an unused room under the roof, from which access could be gained by an external staircase. A neighbor saw a person descend that staircase about time before the fire was discovered.

STEAM FIRE ENGINES.—The use of these engines is rapidly spreading. In New Orleans the underwriters have offered to pay half the cost of three new steam fire engines. The Picayune says, speaking of the performances of the steam fire engine they have for some time had in use there: "The efficiency of this branch of the fire department, though tried under the most unfavorable circumstances, has demonstrated its value."

☞ We are requested by the lady managers of the raspberry supper, announced to be given by them on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday next, for the benefit of the Episcopal Church, to say that they find that their entertainment would conflict with an effort of the same character, to be made by the ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and therefore postpone their call on the liberality of their friends and the public for another time.

A LICK BACK.—We find the following in the spicy *Quid Nunc*: "The temporary overflow of the track of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, between the Memphis and Madison, Ark., is declared by the Helena Journal to be "the voice of Nature denying the right of way" to the great enterprise! The overflow of the town of Helena last year, may, therefore, be regarded as the voice of Nature saying unto the people of that place "Pull up stakes, and begone to the hill country, for here ye shall build no city."

THE JAIL.—Public indignation against the condition of the jail is growing strong, and Council will be compelled to take measures for putting a stop to the cruelty commonly practiced upon the unfortunate inmates of those premises. A member said at a recent meeting that there did not use to be all this fuss about the jail. The inmates of inmates was formerly not so large as now, the miserable construction of the building therefore excited less attention, and what is more the attention of the public had not been called to the state of the building, for, you all know there will be a "fuss" until the necessary improvement is made.

TARGET SHOOTING.—That fine military company, the Memphis Light Guards, and yesterday near the residence of Capt. Sadlerier, on the north part of the city, to contend at target shooting for the prize of a silver cup. The firing was very creditable to the skill of the company, and the trial terminated in the victory being gained by private Murdoch. The cup was presented on behalf of the company by Mrs. Gouette, wife of the first Lieutenant of the company, who very gracefully delivered a pretty and spirited address, which was appropriately replied to by Mr. Murdoch. On the cup was inscribed: "Presented by Capt. J. L. Sadlerier of the Light Guards, May 27, 1859."

☞ G. S. Locke & Co's. sale of the Manly lots on yesterday resulted as follows: Lot 1, W. McGuire, $17 per foot; lot 2, same, $16.50 per foot; lot 3, T. M. Hunt, $14.50 per foot; lot 4, C. Miller, $13.50 per foot; lot 5, same, $19 per foot; lot 6, J. Burt, $8 per foot; lot 7, H. G. Fox, $6.25 per foot; lot 8, E. Welch, $7.75 per foot; lot 9, W. S. Dyer, $5.75 per foot; lot 10, F. Welch, $7.75 per foot; lot 11, W. G. Wilkins, $12 per foot; lot 12, A. C. Bettis, $12.25 per foot; lot 13, same, $5.50 per foot. The amount of the sales gives $11,614.17.

THE JAIL.—This valuable property was attended the sale on Friday, perhaps, one of the best sales of the season.

CHATTANOOGA BANK.—The Nashville Banner, of Thursday, in speaking of some forgeries on the Chattanooga Bank that are in circulation, says: "We stated, the other day, that some plates of this bank had been stolen from the bank, the signatures counterfeited and the notes put in circulation. We learn since that the notes were stolen from the engravers, at New York, and that the thief had been arrested, and all the remaining notes in his possession secured. We are also informed by the cashier that the President, Mr. Paul, Mr. Mitchell, the cashier, and the Bank of Chattanooga will receive all the circulation of this bank, including the forged signatures. The public, therefore, need have no fears of their notes."

CENSUS VEGETABLES.—We have been favored with a sample of corn, tobacco, and beans, the gift of a wealthy planter of Panola county, Mississippi. They are said to have been brought over by the Wanderer from Africa, and are of spontaneous growth. The tobacco is one of the finest specimens, never having been cultivated. The corn is the white kind, small ear, full, plump grain, and we understand will yield three crops during the year. The beans are large compacted size, light brown, with a black stack, resembling marble. These who may be fortunate enough to procure seed would profit by giving the corn and beans a trial. The above information is the first of the kind that have come under our notice, and we are of opinion that it could be profitable to try treaty.

MEETING OF EXCHANGE HALL.—In accordance with an announcement made in the papers, a considerable number of respectable citizens assembled at Exchange Hall, on Thursday night, to hear the various candidates for the Mayoralty express their views. Wm. M. Perkins (Esq.) took the stand.

Mr. Perkins (Esq.) in a speech of an hour on Wednesday evening, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Park had agreed to meet him and explain their positions before the meeting. To-night he had learned that they, with Mr. Baugh, had come to the conclusion not to speak at the meeting. This would not deter him, and he would proceed to give his views of public policy. Candidates for Governor of the State did so, and candidates for Mayor might well follow the example. He (Mr. Perkins) stood before the people as an independent candidate, attaching himself to no peculiar political party in connection with his candidacy.

He was aware that his competitors were Highminded, honorable, and clever gentlemen; he wished to ask whether any of them ran as politicians and scoundrels.

Mayor Baugh stated that as far as he was concerned he did not, Col. Robinson, who was present, made no reply.

Mr. Perkins was aware that if elected Mayor it would be his duty to recommend measures and to exercise the veto power. It was for those who aspired to the office of Mayor to foreshadow beforehand what policy they would pursue. He knew each candidate would favor what he considered good and the contrary, of the reverse, but that was not before enough.

It was well known that the city was financially embarrassed. He had heard it stated, he would not say how truly, that there was a large floating debt on which one and a half per cent. a month was paid. Was not that something to be inquired about? The Register had lately put forth an exhibit of the affairs of the city, but he, (the speaker,) could not for his life make anything out of it with respect to the disbursements. The official who made the report promised a full exhibit at the end of the corporate year, but something should be known upon the subject before the election. As it was, he was obliged to confine himself to general statements, no other light was before him.

The question of street-paving was an absorbing one. Thousands had been spent on the streets, and the citizens had been taxed extravagantly. He saw no escape from this taxation, but in a wise husbanding of our resources until our debt was decreased. He wished it to be understood that he did not charge the contracting of the debt on any particular administration. He had opposed the gravel. It had turned out useless, and the improvement of the streets was a work yet to be done. He had a plan to propose upon that subject. The city was in debt. Her bonds were selling low, indicating a poor degree of credit. With these difficulties before us, such streets as Main street, two streets in the Chickasaw depot, one to each of the river depots, and Front street, must be put in good condition before the next cotton season. How was it to be done? In accordance with the provision of the city charter strictly, he would pave these streets with boulders, square blocks of cedar wood, as might be considered best. The expense he would charge on the real estate bordering the streets paved. He would then credit that property with the amount it had paid, and allow it in future taxes. This would be found best to prove beneficial to property. He was not an adjuster for any particular mode of paving, but he believed the cedar logs, well laid down, would answer the purpose well.

He was of opinion that the removal of the market from Market Square was an unwise measure; it would cause a loss of a hundred thousand dollars to the city. The ground was left to the city for a market, and a law passed and been bought out of the hands of the people at a expense of $80,000, entailing other heavy expenses, fencing, etc. It was proposed to make Market Square a park; it was too small at present, and to make it large enough, additional ground would have to be bought, a portion of which was covered with buildings, this would cost $90,000. Removing the buildings would cost $25,000 more. He advocated opening streets, and had always done so, but he did not think the large expenditure required for the new market and park were necessary; the total cost of these changes would be $217,000, including $40,000 for opening streets that must be opened, market or no market. Fifty $100,000 would be unnecessarily spent.

He believed we ought to have market houses, one on Market Square, and one in South Memphis. He was of opinion, too, that equitable expenditures ought to be made in the different portions of the city that was just. He honestly believed that the people had a right to a remedy for the evil of Market Square. Where there was a cow tethered they might to pull up stakes at the present location; they had pulled them up from several others already, and had them down to stop it. Market Square they they could not be pulled up. He thought South Memphis was justly disposed in the matter and no fault was to be found with the state of thoroughfares, but such clamour ought to be elected at the approaching election as would move north market back to Market Square. In time a third and central market would be required.

The question of water works had to say that he had seen it stated that $170,000 had been expended on public cisterns and other water improvements. Less than half that sum would pay for good water works, and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen ought to derive a revenue of supplying the city plentifully with water. In conclusion, he thanked the meeting for the attention they had given, he hoped at least they had learned to appreciate what they had heard.

Col. Robinson, being called upon, made a similar explanation and added that at any future time if his fellow-citizens wished, he would be happy to address them, and as he proposed would Mayor Baugh.

PRESENTATION.—Greatly to the surprise of Capt. Dan. Able, of the steamer *J. H. Dickey* a party of friends "stormed" his boat as she lay at the port last evening, and, during the evening received him with a magnificent gold chain and chronometer watch. The chain was presented by Mr. Frank M. Paul, in a neat address, which was responded to by Capt. Able. The exercises were witnessed by a large party of ladies and gentlemen. The present was a most beautiful one, and what an appropriate testimony to one of the cleverest gentlemen and most efficient boatmen on the western waters.

DISCHARGED.—Robert Casey, the free negro charged with stabbing Robert W. Boyd, another free negro, and causing his death, on the steamer *Daniel Boone* on Monday, the 16th inst., was examined before Esquire Horton yesterday and discharged, the testimony going to show that the stabbing was done in self defence. Boyd died from the effects of the wound on Tuesday last.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. E. Rendrys, the contracting agent for the Great Western, Michigan Central, Illinois Central, Galena and Chicago Union, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Hannibal and St. Joseph, and Burlington and Missouri Railroads, is in the city.

Business Notices.

AS COOL! AS COOL!—To close out my entire stock of clothing, I will from this date sell my large and well selected stock of Men's and Boys Clothing and Gents Furnishing goods at cost.

A. SEESSEL,
363 Main street.

Watches, clocks, jewelry, silver and plated ware, fancy goods, etc. See advertisement of A. J. Warren & Co, 293 Main street.

Refer to Stevens, Lehman & Co's column on fourth page.

Lands for sale—see Hopkins & Kirby's card on the first page.

Refer to Speed, Dunlap & Stanley's column.

See F. H. Clark & Co's column.

In another column, see the advertisement of George Pattison & Co., Bookseller and Stationers, 253 Main street, near Madison street.

HARDWARE AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, etc., if you are in want of such goods, read advertisement of Lowrey, Orgill & Co., on fourth page.

An Election for School Visitors for the City of Memphis for the 33d Corporate Year.

☞ We had hoped to find some of the leading spirits of the school system, such as the President, members of the Board of Visitors, and the Superintendent of Schools, to have taken the initiative in the matter of calling the attention of the public to the approaching election for School Visitors, and to have suggested the propriety of a meeting of such persons, to consider the matter and to prepare a ticket to be presented to the public for their consideration. We regret that no such course has been pursued, and that the time for the election is so near at hand that it will be difficult to make the necessary preparation for it. We hope, however, that our friends will not let the matter slip by them, but will bestir themselves to secure the election of a good ticket. We hope, too, that our friends will not let the matter slip by them, but will bestir themselves to secure the election of a good ticket. We hope, too, that our friends will not let the matter slip by them, but will bestir themselves to secure the election of a good ticket.

Port of Memphis.

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

River News.

For Particulars See Advertisements.

STEAMBOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

For Louisville.....NOTWITHSTANDING.....Tributaw
For St. Louis.....J. H. DICKEY.....Able
For White River.....REVENUE.....Freeman
For Vicksburg.....MAGNOLIA BOUQUET.....Hicks
For St. Francis River.....W. H. LANGLEY.....Smith
For Memphis.....GEN. PIKE.....Jones
For Arkansas River.....JENNIE WHIPPLE.....Gray

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY.

Julia Dorsey....Cuffington | A. T. Fare....St. Louis
L. K. Koused.....St. Louis | Chanterette.....Louisville
J. H. Dickey.....St. Louis

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY.

Judge Dorsey....N. Orleans | A. T. Lacy....N. Orleans
L. K. Koused.....N. Orleans | Chanterette.....N. Orleans
Cuffington.....N. Orleans

The river continues to fall slowly at this point, having declined about inch during the twenty four hours ending at 6 o'clock last evening. The atmosphere was cool yesterday, but the city was clear. Business at the levee was dull.

We provide elsewhere from Cairo last evening, we learn that there is eight feet water in the channel of the Ohio at Louisville.

Cumberland river is falling again, with about 8 feet water on the shoals at Nashville.

The Capitol left for New Orleans last evening, with a light trip both of passengers and freight, including 200 bales of cotton.

We received a dispatch from Capt. J. R. Archer, of the steamer Southerner, at Helena, Ark., informing us that the boat had been detained by fog, and would not strike home until 10 o'clock to-day. She will leave, however, promptly at 4 o'clock for Memphis.

The General Pike has engagements to take about 300 bales cotton for the Ohio river this morning.

Capt. Sol. Stewart, the late popular pilot of the steamer Belfast, will take command of the fine and elegant steamer Messenger, the new Memphis and New Orleans packet.

Owing to the low water, the steamer Glendale has laid from Cincinnati, the Hinkins having taken her place in the Memphis and Cincinnati trade.

The steamer J. H. Dickey arrived from St. Louis yesterday with a good trip. We are indebted to Messrs. McDonald and Hamilton for papers and other favors.

We are indebted to Capt. C. Latimer, the well-known Railroad Agent, for St. Louis and Cincinnati papers of Thursday, received yesterday.

CAPT. MCCLURE, DESTINED FOR MANSLAUGHTER.—The United States Grand Jury, now in session at Tallahassie, Ind., have found a true bill against Capt. Wm. McClure, of the steamer David Gilbert, for manslaughter, arising out of the sinking of the Nat. Holmes and David Gilbert, near Aurora, a short time since, by which accident a number of lives were lost.

BETTY TOWELL, SEARED.—The Galveston (Texas) News of the 21st inst., has received information that the steamer Betty Powell and 425 bales of cotton have been burnt, with 20 bales thrown off at Calhoun's Landing, in a damaged condition, the day previous to the disaster. The steamer was destroyed on Tuesday, the 17th inst., seven miles above Patrick's Ferry. The total amount insured was 300 bales, and all would have been produced by yard pilotes and and the shippers waived claims.

The Commercial river is falling with eight feet water on the shoals.

The Nebraska their Rabbit Deerstand, of the 24th, says 1859, on Thursday evening last, quite a sensation was made in Helena, by the passage down stream of a brave looking screw propeller, of small size, but swift as a bird. The Messenger's slim floated from her lack-staff the Irish black-and-white rebel in vulcanic above her, and awakened of the waters like a thing of life; not a few crowd paid the surface. The crew and war gear, like a romantic dream. No one knew her name or destination.

FOR LOUISVILLE.—The steamer Gen. Pike, Captain Jesse Jones, having been detained with business for Louisville at the Ohio Falls, will leave for that place at 4 o'clock this morning. The boat is exceedingly light draught, and is admirably arranged as a passenger packet. Meaks, Bowers and Farley are the owners.

The steamer Jennie Whipple, Capt. Gray, left yesterday for Arkansas River, with a large and valuable cargo, consisting of Tobacco, Dry Goods, Groceries, etc. The steamer was and residence