Local Matters

Friday Morning.....December 9, 1859.

☞ Of the eight delinquents arraigned before the recorder yesterday, six were sent to the chaingang.

☞ Hon. Bullie Peyton has returned to his farm near Gallatin, in this State, after an absence of six years in California.

PERSONAL.—Col. Shackleford, the late Southern author of "Old reliable" Little Miami railroad, is at the Gayoso House.

RAILROAD IRON.—The steamer *Belfast* discharged one thousand bars railroad iron at this port yesterday for the Mississippi Central railroad.

☞ Three sets of car wheels for the Memphis and Charleston railroad, were received from the North yesterday by way of New-Orleans.

FINED.—Fines were numerous among the laundry men in recorder's court, yesterday morning—the matter, city authority and the unfortunate were put through at ten dollars a-piece.

STRAYED.—An advertisement of a pair of strayed mules will be found in another column. The finder will receive a liberal reward by delivering them to John Morrison, in Fort Pickering.

GAS COMPANY CENSURED.—In the report of the committee of the Memphis City Council, a copy of heavy censure passed by council on the gas company for refusing gas to one gentleman because another had not paid his bill.

RAILROAD TO THE RIVER.—A company applied to council last night for the privilege of laying a street railroad along Washington street to the river. They offer to put down our most of their profits. This will lead to no little excitement in council.

MARKET HOURS.—The butchers last night petitioned council to change the market hours so that they may sell meat in the evening instead of the morning. If the petition is granted, we suppose citizens will have to go to market at night for their bee-steaks and to the morning for their pickles.

☞ We take pleasure in recommending to our readers the experiment room of Wade & Co., at No. 262 Main street, as the place to obtain the very best likenesses. These celebrated artists adhere to the rule of giving every person full satisfaction or the charge. Prices from fifty cents upward.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—The November number of this republication, by Leonard Scott & Co., of New York, has come to hand, it is an especially good number. The article upon the discovery of the source of the Nile is of profound interest; the number is fully up to Blackwood's established mark.

DEBOW'S REVIEW.—The December number of this review has reached us; among other articles, one on Popular Sovereignty, being a review of Mr. Douglas' autobiography, will be read with great interest. The articles on the Cotton Lands, Modern Agriculture, Improvement of the Mississippi river, and the Neutrality Laws are of special excellence.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—A little girl about three years of age, daughter of Mr. Dunn, who resides on Adams street, was so badly burned yesterday that there is no hope for her recovery. She in some clothing caught from the fire in the room while her attendant was absent from the room, and when the child was discovered, she was horribly burned.

ARRESTED.—It will be remembered that Patrick Leonard, of North Memphis, made a severe assault upon his wife a few days ago, inflicting such severe injuries upon her that she was compelled to be carried to bed her to the hospital. Leonard eluded the vigilance of the police for some time, but was arrested yesterday, and is now in jail awaiting examination.

OUR NEW PRESS.—In the list of freights received by the steamer Ben New Orleans yesterday, was our new mammoth steam printing machine, manufactured expressly for us by Messrs. R. Hoe & Co., of New York. We will have the splendid new apparatus in operation in a short time, and will then have additional facilities to meet the wants of our growing patronage.

THE NEW MEMPHIS THEATRE.—The attendance at the new theater last evening was rather scanty, a result, doubtless, of a repetition of Comedies in a place that seems little fitted with any pleasure. The entertainment this evening will be for the benefit of Miss Davenport, in which scenes she will appear as "Lucy Arnaud" in the popular play of Miscellanea. The house, we doubt not, will be overflowing.

FUEL.—It is fortunate that the present "cold snap" has not caused a rise in the supply of fuel, though prices are a little unsettled. Two steamers arrived from the Ohio river yesterday with heavy lots of wood, and there are yet two more up the river that our citizens anxious to see safely in port. Wood is in good quality and in such quantities as they may desire, at rates below the present ruling price—seventy-five cents per barrel.

CAPT. TRAVIS' PISTOL GALLERY.—The problem of establishing a pistol gallery in Memphis has been solved. Capt. Travis' saloon has been open for a few nights, and has attracted quite a crowd of heavy marksmen. Indeed, he has met with such success that he has decided to establish another gallery, in a more central locality, on Adams street. The Captain will then be able to every one who desires to practice in the art of war, may at his option choose from targets the tables, of course.

CRIMINAL COURT.—In this tribunal yesterday Charles Gentry, charged with stealing jewelry from a dead body in Will river, was acquitted.

Dennis Carney, charged with larceny, had his punishment assessed at one year in the penitentiary, but was given the benefit of the court by the jury. The latter commuted the punishment to two months imprisonment in the county jail, the accused to pay a fine of $20.

The case of Richard Lambert and Gustav Thompson, charged with larceny, will be called this morning.

ILLUMINATORY.—We have for two or three weeks been burning one of Andrew & Co.'s large-sized lamps at our office, and find it the most beautiful, steady, powerful and agreeable light we have ever used—it is incomparable. Their store is on Monroe street, between Main and Second, and they have on hand a most splendid article of Gardwood, or camphene, equal only in its superior color, and burning almost equal. Andrew & Co. have put up their shelves a large number of elegant new chandeliers and other lights, of all sizes and patterns; they have glass chimneys, burners and a full and elegant stock of lamps, many of them unequaled in finish and workmanship.

IRON TIES.—Alluding to an attempt made by some merchants in New Orleans to use the iron ties for cotton instead of the old fashioned Gerlinghs, says: Those who seek to secure the pattern has never been carried into effect to our knowledge. The planters it should be remembered, is master, and it is he around to accept the bargain offered him. Cotton is a staple of New Orleans and it cannot only have cause to tremble under the frown and displeasure. If the planter thinks the iron or any other be answers his purpose no one has a right to say he shall not use it, except in a proper manner. Commerce should be adapted to the best, and prudent always where manifested.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZATION.—The Memphis Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church has established a missionary church in South Memphis, which has been located on Elliott street, near the corner of Shiloh. The new church is under the ministerial charge of Rev. R. F. Griffin, and regular service is held each Sabbath at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening. Meetings are held also, for prayer every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. This new church organization has been commenced under the most favorable auspices, and we wish the pioneers in the enterprise abundant success.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Messrs. Kirk & Williams, the jewelers, have replenished their stock of elegant gift books. Nothing is more appropriate as a present than a valuable book, and everything desirable in that line may be found upon their shelves. The silver ware which Messrs. Kirk & Williams have recently made to their stock in trade, however, are not confined to books appropriate for holiday presents, as their supply of standard works, fifth literature, stationery, pocket cutlery, and numerous other articles, are equally attractive and rare. It will be remembered that they have recently reduced their prices to a trifling advance upon cost, and it will therefore be to the interest of those purchasing articles in their line to apply to them.

THE BOCKLEY TROUPE.—This popular troupe commenced a series of entertainments at Odd Fellows Hall last evening, and the attendance was good. Mr. Bockley, our friend Johnson, was conducted in enthusiastic welcome. The hall was crowded in every part, but the admirable decorum of the audience was the unusual pressure of ladies. The entertainments are in a style entirely peculiar to themselves, and the numerous songs, duets, etc., of a character (the humor of which never is indecorous) their musical burlesques are triumphs of arts. The members of the company all possess great musical talent and considerable cultivation, and their entertainments may be enjoyed by amateurs for the sake of the musical gems alone. Their entertainment will be entirely new, and will embrace the burlesques upon *Il Trovatore*.

Council Meeting.

Council met last night in extra session, Ald. Street in the chair.

Ald. Pryor moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the permission of this Board is hereby given to the citizens who have been awarded the contract for city street sprinkling, to use the water secured by the Board, to have themselves incorporated by the legislature of Tennessee, and incorporation to be in no way to change the conditions of the propositions accepted by said contractors, and that the Board will be ready to meet the requests of similar another such citizen respectively in case of any subsidy of it to be intended of any nature.

To this Ald. Kortrecht offered an amendment, that the charter should not prevent the formation of other railroad companies or the making of any street improvement.

OPPOSITION TO STREET RAILROADS.

Ald. Perkins offered the following preamble:

Resolved, That all ordinances and resolutions now hereafter be before the consideration of street railroads in the city of Memphis, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Perkins also offered a petition from merchants of citizens in Main street, complaining of a street railroad on that street. He stated that it had been prevented to our knowledge, only three times within Madison and adjoin Madison streets. Nearly every individual had caused it, only one property holder had expressed himself in favor of having the road on Main street. The petition was received and filed. It reads as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen: The undersigned citizens and property holders of the city of Memphis, would respectfully represent to your honorable body, that the construction of a street railroad on Main street, in Memphis, now proposed by some citizens, is a measure of the company of the property adjacent to establish and run through Main street, a double track street railroad on and through Main street, as well as on and through other streets in the city, take this mode of respectfully and earnestly protesting against the grant of the said ordinance being passed and enacted, as we believe it would be a great injury to the property adjacent to Main street, and to the general interest of the city, and respectfully submit to your honorable consideration and decision.

Ald. Kortrecht moved to refer the petition to the committee on Streets.

Ald. Hamilton offered a resolution, adding of our representative in the Legislature to the Memphis Marine Hospital. Adopted.

An ordinance was passed finally to widen the sidewalk on Market Square.

The ordinance was passed to have the gaslight on the wharf removed. Adjourned.

Common Law Court Calendar.

FRIDAY, December 9—20 M Gardner vs Scruggs; 27 Schmidt vs Mills; 28 Mills vs Mills; 29 Mills vs Mills; 30 Mills vs Mills; 31 Mills vs Mills; 32 Mills vs Mills; 33 Mills vs Mills; 34 Mills vs Mills; 35 Mills vs Mills; 36 Mills vs Mills; 37 Mills vs Mills;