Local Matters.

Thursday Morning, January 19, 1860.

To Our City Subscribers.

Having, from the first of January, dispensed of our city subscription list to Mr. Fisemen, we deem it right to state to our city subscribers who are in arrears, that their accounts will be made out up to that date and presented during the present week and the next. The dues since that date will be collected by Mr. Fisemen in the week. Those who prefer it, and do not care to pay by the week, can settle with Mr. Fisemen, by paying half-yearly or quarterly in advance. We hope this new arrangement will prove advantageous and satisfactory to all concerned.

☞ Capt. John D. Adams, of the Arkansas River Mail line, is at the Gayoso House.

SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT.—This tribunal is at present in session at Raleigh, Judge Humphreys presiding. There is much business of importance on the docket.

STILL ANOTHER.—Our friend A. G. Lane, at Exter, Gibson county, has sent us a club of subscribers from that place. He will please accept our thanks.

PERSONAL.—Our young friend Captain W. J. Gaskill is in the city at present, and we are gratified to learn that there is a prospect that he will engage in business here at an early day.

DIED IN THE HARNESS.—A drayman's horse laid down in the harness, on Union street, beyond the bayou yesterday, and died. He found a muddy death-bed, for he was completely submerged in the muddy element.

OUR RIVER CORRESPONDENCE.—We invite attention to the letter of our river correspondent, in the appropriate column this morning. It contains a vast amount of reliable information interesting to all classes of our readers.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—Saint Hartman, charged with stealing nine dollars in money and some articles of clothing, was examined before Squire Horne yesterday and committed for final trial in default of $1,000 bail.

☞ The members of the Gayoso Debating Club hold their regular meeting to-night, at seven o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will come before the society. The hall is on the corner of Main and Monroe streets.

THE CITY PRISON.—There are at present one hundred and fourteen persons in the city prison, sixty-four of whom are confined for that offense, thirty-nine are attached to the chain-gang, and fourteen are detained as fugitive slaves.

☞ We take pleasure in calling attention to the announcement in another column of our friend, and fellow-citizen, Major Joel W. Rayzor, who appears in the list of candidates for tax collector, at the approaching spring election.

RECORDER'S COURT.—The recorder had another busy session of his court yesterday, as there were no less than fifteen persons arraigned before him for trifling misdemeanors. Eight additions were made to the chain-gang, and one female was sent up for disorderly conduct.

DISTRIBUTED AT THE JAIL.—Two disorderly men, who had been arrested for fighting in the street, were placed in the same cell at the city prison yesterday. Not satisfied with their exploits in the open air, they continued the conflict in jail, and punished each other effectually.

☞ The supper, furnished by the renowned caterer and confectioner, Specht, for the guests at the Franklin festival, on Tuesday night, was one of the most beautiful, tasteful and elegant ever prepared in the city. The viands too were the very best that the market affords and were prepared with all the skill that an epicurian would desire.

PIANOS AT AUCTION.—Our fair readers should not forget the auction sale of Pianos to be made this morning, at 11 o'clock, by Monsarrat, Dupree & Co. The instruments are of rosewood, seven octave and unsurpassed in beauty of tone and finish. The writer, a competent judge of the manufacturers accompanies each instrument. The pianos will be sold regardless of price.

GREAT TRADE SALE OF BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS.—One of the most extensive stocks of boots, shoes and brogans will be sold this morning at ten o'clock at the auction house of B. Whitesides & Co., over offered at trade sale in our city. We advise every person who wish bargains to be on hand. Remember the place is No. 182 Main street. This is a fine chance to shine oneself at a low price, indeed, at your own figures.

SEVEN OFF HIS TIRE.—John Milton, the man who was convicted to the penitentiary at a late term of our criminal court on the charge of stealing a gentlemen's diamond from Messrs. Jones & Tagg, was released from prison yesterday, having served out his time. His punishment was assessed by the jury at one year's confinement in the penitentiary, but commuted to six months' imprisonment in the county jail.

THE NEW MEMPHIS THEATRE.—Mr. Collins appeared last evening in his great character of "McHenry," in the play of the *Nervous Man*, to the delight of a large audience. His songs, too, were inimitable. There is one peculiarity about his song of *Widow McCree*—the ballad is inexhaustible, and his audience are favored with a new edition of the piece each evening. The programme this evening will embrace.

CORRECTION.—In "J. P. P.'s" article on "The Rivals," which appeared in yesterday's *Avalanche*, in the last paragraph but two, an error occurred by which Burr's name was substituted for Hamilton's. The clause in which the error appears should read thus:

"So far as Hamilton was concerned his (Burr's) conduct was blameless, while Hamilton's was marked by the basest treachery."

CLOSING OUT SALE.—B. Whitesides & Co., 182 Main street, will close out the balance of their superb Gilbert pianos at private sale, and those of our friends wishing to purchase may be assured of getting a No. 1 instrument at the lowest wholesale price, which is one hundred dollars or more less than the same quality of instrument can be purchased at ordinary sales. Our musical friends will do well to call at 182 and give the pianos an inspection.

JOURNAL OF PROGRESS.—We have received the first number of the above serial which will be published every two weeks by E. Longley, Cincinnati, Ohio, at dollar a year. It is well printed, has sixteen pages of matter and is especially devoted to the reform of our vicious system of spelling. It is the etymon of the phonetic and phonetic style is used, and all who wish to understand those improvements will find the *Journal* an interesting and well conducted paper. One half is printed in phonetic characters.

☞ Planters, strangers and citizens will find the advantages now offered by Sproule & McConn for the purchase of few clothing superior to any in our midst. See this of the fact that an extensive and varied stock is necessary to make a selection from, they have laid in a supply which cannot fail to please even the most fastidious.

If you are in want of coats, pants, vests, etc., of any description call at Sproule & McConn's, under the Worsham House.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a late meeting of Washington Fire Company No. 6, held at their hall on Main street, the following officers were for the ensuing year, viz: President, Thomas Stokes; Vice President, James Barnett; Secretary, Francis Reilly; Treasurer, Samuel Tighe; 1st Engineer, David Velsor; 2d Engineer, Andrew Kirby; Captain Hose, P. Grady; 1st Fire Director, Daniel O'Mara; 2d Fire Director, John Geaves, Standing Committee, Dennis Ryan, M. Glen and T. O'Conner.

MUSICAL.—Our musical privileges have been unusually abridged this winter, our amateur singers having caused their notes. The Italian opera troupe could not get a place to perform in, and Squires on his way here got "stuck" on the road by ice. Yesterday J. D. Fox, the agent of the Park Family Bell Ringers, whose silver tones were so ardently patronized at their last visit, was in the city, the muddy condition of our streets filled him with despair, and the Bell Ringers will pass down to more favored cities below. On their return, however, they intend to stay a few days, and we expect to have the pleasure of hearing their beautiful music about the last of February.

STATE CONVENTION.—The indications are that there will be a large attendance at the Democratic State Convention, to be held in this city to-morrow. Quite a number of the delegates arrived yesterday. We were pleased to meet Hon. Landon C. Haynes, Maj. Wm. Lowry, Gen. J. C. Rainey, Col. John Miller, Messrs. Powell, Riley and Newman, of East Tennessee; Co'. J. K. Howell, of Shelby, and Col. Cat ell, Judge King, Messrs. Walker, Donelson, Logwood, Bowen, Lea, Tightman, Creighton and Keller, of Memphis, with our congressmen of the Memphis district, Messrs. McClanahan and Dill of the Avalanche, and Col. Galloway, of the Scimitar. We tender to the delegates the privilege of our reading room during their stay in the city.—*Nashville Union, 17th inst.*

City Business.

There was a meeting to the board of mayor and aldermen Tuesday evening, at which a large amount of business was transacted.

A message was received from His Honor, Mayor Heath, embracing several important suggestions to the board, but, the rain alone of the thunderings of brick buildings, in order that our readers may understand from the full thunder upon the assembled. We shall publish it in extenso to-morrow. Amongst the topics discussed were the following:

Resolutions were introduced by Mr. Fisemen, in favor of the Gayoso Hotel, and the Mayor and Aldermen