Local Matters.

Friday Morning, March 30, 1860.

☞ NOTICE. ☜

The Appeal Counting Room has been removed to No. 3 Howard's Row, up stairs, where all persons having business with the office are hereafter requested to call.

LOST.—A lost girl of three or four years old, who says her name is Alice, was taken to the station-house yesterday.

THANKS.—We thank our good friends, Borden and his assistant O'Brien, for late papers. We remember continual obligations to them.

NOT GOING.—We heard rumored last night that the mayor's projected visit to Charleston, to borrow money, was for some reason abandoned.

SHOOTING.—Andy Moran, a little fellow of ten or eleven years of age, was yesterday sent to the calabouse for fifteen weeks, for getting drunk.

BURNT BLOCK BURNED.—Yesterday morning the Williamson House, on Adams street, was on fire, but the conflagration was subdued with the loss of a couple of bedsteads and their contents.

FIRE.—A frame house on the corner of Adams and Fourth, owned by David Powell, Esq., was set on fire yesterday by some villain. The flames were extinguished before more than forty dollars damage was done.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—Mr. N. Holmes, a stranger in the city, was set on by some villain about ten o'clock on Wednesday night, as he was walking on the bluff, and robbed of what money he had about him, which was not a very large sum.

ARRESTED.—Two brothers named Lewis and David Castleman were placed in custody in Vicksburg, on Monday, on the charge of murdering A. B. Wesson, of Memphis. One of them was recognized by the wife of the murdered man. They are residents of Warrenton.

BURGLARY.—A burglar entered one of the sleeping rooms of the Redford House on Wednesday night and made off undiscovered, with some twenty dollars in cash and other gray articles that took his fancy—he would have been welcomed to a rope with a noose in it for his own use.

DEATH AMONG THE METHODISTS.—The Memphis *Advocate* of this week says that either more of the Methodist people die, or their talent are more disposed to have obituaries, for that paper has more of those articles than usually falls to the share of its cotemporaries.

THE WEATHER.—The weather yesterday was beautiful; spring kissed earth with her warm and soft embraces, and the bright sun gently caressed the green leaves to unfold and the flowers to unveil their lovely blushes—all nature whispered in grateful accents, "spring has come."

LADIES' MEETING.—We are requested to state that there will be a meeting of the ladies of Memphis at the dwelling of Mr. Grensham, on this street, next Monday at ten o'clock A. M., to put on foot some plan for the relief of the poor and destitute. Every lady who feels an interest in the movement is not only invited but urgently requested to attend.

COURAGEOUS.—Among the parties whose lofty deeds entitled them to the honors of the recorder's court yesterday, was John Bowles, who had drawn a pistol on a woman because she laughed at him. In order that such surprising heroism should not go without public recognition, Bowles was permitted to add twenty-one dollars to the city's receipts.

H. M. WRIGHAM, Esq.—We copy the following from the St. Louis *Democrat*: "Mr. H. M. Wrigham has commenced business in the office of McCloy & Greene, as a steamboat freight collector. This gentleman is well calculated for the business, having been long a citizen of St. Louis, and favorably known to merchants and steamboatmen. His numerous friends will warmly wish him success."

WENT DOWN.—An unknown man, whose eyes were the worse for wear, walked to the edge of the bluffs (yesterday, by way of the bluff, between Monroe and Court street; the stepping of place being rather steep, he lay down at the bottom to recruit. On being asked if he was not hurt, he got up, gave a yawn as if he was tired, and walked off. That fellow had been used to going down in the world.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The next meeting of the Memphis chamber of commerce will be held on Thursday next. The vice-presidents, Messrs. Street, Speed, Stratton, Miller, and Cook, are engaged as a committee in procuring a suitable hall for the chamber. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Smith, Pickel, and Gates, are engaged in drawing up rules and by-laws to submit to the coming meeting.

FRANK M. PAUL, Esq.—This gentleman, well-known and highly respected as an attache of the city press, and who has acted as clerk of the senate during the session, did not return from Nashville with our senators and representatives, as he will be detained some time in indexing the journals and performing other important business. We learn with pleasure that he has obtained universal encomiums from the senate, for the business-like and intelligent manner in which his important duties have been performed.

BRAVE.—It takes a brave man to whip his wife. Ordinary people would shrink at such a deed of prowess. Jas. Mahan, a gentleman from "across the way," had the courage to prove his manhood on his wife in a striking manner on Wednesday, for which honorable action two persons of efficient standing yesterday led him before the acting recorder, by whom he was courteously invited—in terms that would admit of no denial—to partake of the city's hospitality at their city mansion, at the foot of Exchange street, for the next forty days.

METHODIST BOOK DEPOSITORY.—We learn from the Memphis Christian *Advocate*, of this week, that the Methodists have determined to locate a book and tract depository in this city, for the distribution of religious literature. An association is to be established to carry out this object with a capital of fifty thousand dollars. Members are to subscribe one hundred dollars, the membership is to be perpetual descending to heirs, and a dividend of five dollars per annum per share will be paid for ever to books and tracts at the catalogue price. The association will be published in the Christian *Advocate*, the organ of the Methodists in this neighborhood.

STREET RAILROADS.—As a matter of useful information, these changeable times, we copy the following from the report of the proceedings of the council, held on the 4th of last August: "Ald. Street, from the improvement committee, offered a resolution that the mayor and improvement committee be authorized to make a contract with reliable parties, on the best terms possible, and with proper restrictions, to build and run horse railroads, to wit: One from the Memphis and Charleston depot to Main street or Front Row, on either Madison or Adams streets; also, on Main street or Front Row from the Mississippi or Tennessee depots to Poplar street, from Main to center landing, or such part thereof as may be found advisable, and report the same to the board for their action. Yeas—Drew, Street, Potter, Elder, Hamilton, Beagle, and Farris. Nays—Lofland, Barnett, Griffin, and Parkins; Ald. Lofland to give permission to the Charleston railroad to run its track from their depot to center landing."

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TO MISS RICHINGS.—The contemplated complimentary benefit to Miss Richings will, we are pleased to learn, take place this evening. The following is the correspondence:

MEMPHIS, March 28, 1860.

MISS C. M. RICHINGS: We, with many others, your friends in Memphis, having witnessed with much interest and delight your faultless personations of the varied characters in which you have appeared at the new Memphis theatre during your first professional visit to our city.

In the representation and expression of all the better passions and sentiments of the human heart and mind, as well as in the very soul and eloquence of music and song, you have acquired a perfection rarely reached by any one, and permit us to say that your character as a lady adds luster to your professional fame; and as a slight testimonial of our admiration and regard for your merits, and your character as a lady, we beg to tender you a complimentary benefit at the new Memphis theater, at such time as may suit your convenience during your stay in the city.

We are very respectfully, your friends.

S. J. Wareham, J. C. Fowlkes, J. Winterham, M. C. Gallaway, C. H. Campbell, J. W. Morrison, F. T. Bedford, Charles Jones, J. M. Gaut, J. M. Gaut, Jas. Trezevant, J. B. McClanahan, Wm. B. Chandler, H. L. Stephens, J. W. Wright, C. D. Carroll, S. P. Walker, S. M. Yerger.

MEMPHIS, March 29, 1860.

GENTLEMEN: Your flattering compliment has this moment been placed in my hands, and it is with emotions of joy and gratitude that I address myself to the pleasing task of replying. Would I to embrace the whole vocabulary of our language, I could not express my deep sense of gratitude for the many favors bestowed upon me by the public of Memphis, which with the crowning one of all will be enrolled on the tablet of my memory among the brightest souvenirs of my career.

Permit me to name Friday evening as a fitting time for the consummation of your kind intentions toward me, and to subscribe myself,

Ever your grateful servant,

CAROLINE M. RICHINGS.

The Funding Question.

Now the board of mayor and aldermen have appealed to the people to vote them authority to fund $250,000 of the floating debt of the city, it is necessary that the citizens should have the means of judging intelligently respecting the question submitted to them. As at present circumstanced, they have no information before them. The condition of the city finances is a "State secret," and it is impossible for the people to judge whether the $250,000 named in the resolution of council is one-half, one-third, or all of the floating debt. So far as we can obtain a glimpse into the darkness, we believe the floating debt of the city to amount to no less than $400,000. If such is the case, and we think this statement is not far from true, why is $250,000 of the entire debt to be left unfunded? If economy makes it advisable to fund a little over one half the debt, would not the same reason make it desirable to fund the whole? Was it thought best to conceal the facts from the people the real amount of floating debt existing, lest, knowing that, they should ask what is the amount of interest paid for the debt, and, by insisting on the demand, discover how the vitals of Memphis are being eaten up by the payment of extravagant and outrageous interest?

In August last, Ald. Milton asked, from his seat in council, for information respecting the city finances. Such was the opposition he met with for making an attempt to explore this hidden subject, that he at once resigned his place at the board. The reasons for this step he published in a letter to his constituents, from which we extract the following:

"Soon after the organization of the present board I offered a resolution calling on the mayor to furnish, at its next meeting, the amount of notes issued by the city, falling due during the present corporate year, to whom given, on what account, and by what authority they were issued. * * * When this resolution was offered several of the members stated it would never do for the financial condition of the city to go to the public, as it would ruin the credit of the city and prevent any one from loaning to, or indorsing for it. I charge that every note or bond of the city having less than twelve months to run has been issued without authority by the board. During the corporate year, I am informed, there was no order on the books of the proceedings of the board to show the authority for the issues of the city scrip and bonds. * * * The city charter, page 48 sec. 3, makes it the duty of the mayor not only to lay before the aldermen the financial condition of the city at least once in every three months, but to have the same published in one or more of the city papers."

We know that to call attention to the matters pointed out in Ald. Milton's letter is said to be a dangerous proceeding to the city—it appears to us that the danger lies in the acts themselves, not in the mention of them.

SAM. COWELL'S BENEFIT.—To-night, at Odd-Fellows' Hall, preparations are made for a variety of novelties in the comic line, on the occasion of the benefit of the comic genius of the age, the inimitable Sam. Cowell. The volume of a newspaper are entirely inadequate to a synopsis even of the palatable feast Mr. Cowell is concocting, and we can only intimate that a treat is to be given that one participates in but once in a lifetime.

CITY SCHOOLS.—An examination of the private schools of Miss E. Rudisell and Mr. B. T. Sanders will take place on Main street, near Overton, this morning between the hours of 9 and 12. The friends of the schools are particularly requested to attend.

Common Law Calendar.

FRIDAY, March 30—31 Clarke, Watson & Craft vs Hindrance; 35 Sneed vs Dennis; 55 Wilson vs Apperson & Co; 94 Mayes vs Billup; 95 Richardson vs Albright; 96 Robinson vs Tharp; 97 Pike administrator vs Scott; 98 Kohler vs Lott et ux; 99 Williams vs Henry; 100 Nelson, Dickson & Co vs Chenault; 101 Rhodes vs Wm. Garvin; 102 Park use of vs Christmas; 104 M & L R R Co vs Gross; 105 Davidson vs Hume; 106 Wade & Co vs Fields & Co; 108 Newton vs Chenault; 111 Brinker vs Townsend administrator; 112 Wood & Co vs Cobb; 113 Wade vs Sanders; 114 Bradley vs Jones; 115 Lyles vs Tennessee; 116 Thompson vs Mynatt; 117 McConnell vs Wrent et ux; 118 Fletcher & Moor vs Hendrix; 119 Wright executor vs Valentine administrator.

SATURDAY, March 31—120 Mayer and alderman use of vs Ali; 121 Butler use of vs same; 122 French, Richards & Co vs Peyton & Barbin; 123 Montgomery et al vs Lofland; 124 Edwards vs Williams; 125 Gramley vs Forest & Major; 126 Lail vs Douglass; 127 Hawthorne vs Reed; 128 Pittman vs Baird; 129 same vs Warden; 130 Vandervoort & Smith vs Sufferens & Co; 131 Harriett vs Wagoner; 132 Farmers' and Merchants' bank vs same; 133 Jones vs Smith; 134 Taylor vs Warlaris; 136 Ford vs Austin, sheriff; 137 Hadnott vs Brown et al; 138 Pinson vs Mosby et al; 140 Blakemin vs Talley; 141 De Bore vs Reichhardt; 142 Hathaway vs Dyer; 143 Memphis and Hernando plank road company vs Bryant; 144 Bourke vs Tapp.

MARCUS J. WRIGHT, Clerk.

By A. J. Wheeler, D. C.

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Administration Notice.

THE undersigned having been qualified as administrator on the estate of Peter Leonard, deceased, hereby notifies all parties owing said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are notified to produce and present the same to me within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred.

DANIEL HUGHES,

mr28-1w Admr of Peter Leonard.

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One-tenth Cash; One-tenth in Ninety Days; balance 1 and 2 years, interest added.

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Call now at my commission house, 47 Front Row, at the law office of H. A. Reeves, Esq., south side of Court Square, and at Dr. W. R. Rogers' office.

—ALSO—

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I pledge my word that every sale shall be bona fide.

SHEPHERD M. ABBE,

mr28-td 47 Front Row.

Port of Memphis.

River and Steamboat Matters.

The weather was fine, warm, and spring-like yesterday. Business at the wharf was very brisk.

The river is falling at the rate of an inch an hour. The Ohio and upper Mississippi are falling. In the Illinois river there is just water enough for navigation. White river has fallen twelve feet since the last flood; it is still decreasing in depth. The St. Francis river is falling rapidly.

The receipts of cotton yesterday were by the Admiral 103 bales, the Laughey 15 bales, and Platte Valley 3 bales. The only shipment was 15 bales to St. Louis The Jenney Boat arrived yesterday with several barges in tow loaded with ice for Messrs. Batchen, Wilson & Co., of this place.

The McClellan from Louisville brought in 300 tons of freight; she left again last night. We thank her clerks, Arthur, Shorter and Taylor, for late exchange papers. The McClellan's freight included 1200 bags of corn, 200 brls., of flour, a large quantity of meat products, leather and sundries. The Platte Valley from St. Louis had a very fine trip, she left on her return trip last night; she brought in 180,000 feet of lumber, 200 sacks of oats, 2000 sacks of corn, and a lot of door, hay and sundries.

The Alock Scott is still aground at Dogtooth Bend. The Platte Valley took on board a portion of her cargo and tried unsuccessfully to pull her off. The New Falls City was aground at the same place. The Kentucky coming down with and for sale at Island 35. The A. O. Taylor aground at Island 40; at the last accounts the Lucas was trying to get her off. The Anglo-Saxon, which was on fire, scuttled and sank below Evansville, as we have already reported, was some chances to be hull and that portion of her will most probably prove a total loss. The hull was filled with dry goods and groceries with water, of course, entirely destroyed. The Dove went into the Ohio on Monday. The Hornet left a barge to be boat with strict directions to bring of the women and children first; three of the deckhands, deaf to the pleadings of family feeling, sprang for Mr. Tharp aimed their object and sent, scuttled, their doubts.

The Cora Anderson and the Roland passed up for St. Louis. The Tecumseh passed up for Cincinnati. The City of Memphis, from St. Louis, went down. The South America went up for Pittsburg. The Wabash and Dubuque passed up for Louisville. The Fairchild and Pacific, from Louisville, went down for New Orleans. The Lady Walton left for Arkansas river with a first rate load of freight and a large number of passengers.

We learn that Capt. Marcus Bowers, late of the Hickman, is on his way down for Arkansas river from Cincinnati, as Captain of the Conewago.....Capt. Riley Jones of the General Pike, it is stated has made a contract in Cincinnati for a new boat.....The Louisville Courier says Capt. Wallace, of the Louis Whitman Capt. Tobin, of the McBain, and Capt. Adams, of the Arkansas mail company, are going to that city to build new boats.

Capt. McFall, of the steamer T. C. Swindell, died suddenly at Cincinnati Monday. He was an old steamboatman, well and favorably known on the Mississippi river as well as the Ohio.

The New Albany Ledger says that P. S. O'Riley's boat at Evansville is in the hands of the sheriff, subject to attachment.

The New Orleans Delta says: Quite a little fleet of steamers were perceptible on the levee on Sunday when the Lizzy was brought in by a gun from the revenue cutter lying in the harbor. There was something wrong with her papers, and Little Sam's officials kept the boat for a couple of hours, till everything was straightened out. The J. C. Swon was also visited by the gentlemen in blue buttons and brass buttons, and Capt. Jones placed five hundred dollars in the collector's strong box for lack of proper documents. Capt. John