THE PRESS.

Cincinnati, Wednesday, March 9.

General Intelligence.

All passenger trains on the Wabash R. R. have sleeping cars attached.

Every candidate for office in Chicago is, if the Democrat reports truly, a Son of Malta.

The Fejee Islands have been placed under British protection.

Patrick O'Brien, Esq., Treasurer of Dubuque County, Iowa, is a defaulter in the sum of $108,000.

At Orange, N. Y., last week, a woman killed her child, four years old, "because it was not taken from her by the Overseer of the Poor."

At this time Generals Henningsen, Wheat, and some eight or ten others of the filibusters are in Washington city.

Several men have been digging for gold on Crooked Creek, a few miles north-west of Macomb.

A double girl—two heads, four arms, four legs attached to one trunk—was born last week at Huntsville, Ala.

The Battle sword of Gen. Putnam, which he wielded at Bunker Hill, was presented to the Connecticut Historical Society a few days since.

A lady of 33 has entered complaint against a fast lad of 18, at Albany, N. Y., for leading her from the path of rectitude!

About all hope of recovering the $22,000 stolen from the Coshocton Treasury, seems to be given up.

The Philadelphia merchants have commenced a movement for establishing a line of steamers between that city and Liverpool.

The sum paid by Mr. Everett to the Mount Vernon Fund, up to the present time, is $60,893 81.

One of the pioneers of Northern Michigan, the Hon. S. V. R. Trowbridge, died last week in Troy, N. Y.

There are 560,000 books in the British Museum, 30,000 of which were published in the United States.

The last leaf of the first edition of "Hamlet" has been discovered in Dublin, by Mr. W. Rooney, bookseller.

The New York Courier of Saturday says that our neighbor's "hung-by-a-corpse" story is the "latest Western sensation story afloat."

In 1850 Pennsylvania contained about 2,300,000 inhabitants. Ohio contains that number of people at the present time.

Chewers of the weed, listen! Fair white fingers are now employed in Richmond, Va., instead of oily black ones, to put up tobacco. Make a note of it.

A Douglas paper is to be started forthwith, at Nashville, Tenn., by Knox Walker, formerly private secretary of President Polk.

Hon. Murray McConnell, of Illinois, has resigned his late position as Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

Charles Reed, who was picked up on a piece of the wreck of the Central America, after having been on it 12 hours, was burned to death lately in his cabin in California.

The sum of $10,000 was collected for the Foreign Missions Fund, in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, at St. Paul's, N. Y., last Sunday week.

An amateur Theatrical Exhibition was given at Dayton on Saturday last, for the benefit of the poor. The sum realized fell short of the expenses by $7.

Awful News!—A London correspondent of one of the New York papers communicates the melancholy and distressing tidings that Queen Victoria does not look as young now as she did some 26 years ago! Alas!

In 56 counties of Ohio there are 160 distilleries, and in 31 counties there are none. The quantity of corn distilled in 1857–8 was 11,714,985 bushels. Whisky made, 39,029,594 gallons; in barrels 780,591.

Alexander Wentworth, a respectable merchant of Boston, died a few days since from the effects of the poisonous medicines he had been taking, as he supposed, by the dictates of the spirits.

The London Times says that a single message over the Atlantic cable, just on its opening, saved the Government $250,000, by which the embarkation of the Regiments in Canada was countermanded.

The great Indian Mutiny has entailed upon the Government of India a military expenditure of £18,000,000, besides losses amounting to about £5,000,000 more. The Sepoy outbreak has thus cost the enormous sum of £21,000,000.

In England a Mrs. Sergeantson appeared in the witness-box on a divorce case, and testified that she had seen the defendant in company with a person she had been acquainted with in early life. On her cross-examination, she explained, to the great amusement of the court, that this person was her father.

At the Bearded Ball, recently given in Chicago—to which none but hirsute gents were admissable—the following toast was vociferously applauded: "*Man*—Full-grown, bearded. Nature's great master-work: too noble to be barefaced—too perfect to be botched by the bungling of barberism."

Louis Napoleon has been sued in the French courts by an Antwerp firm, for the recovery of the value of several thousand of stock which they invested, some twelve years ago, in the mortgage of his claims upon the property of his mother Hortense, when he was a penniless exile in London. The Imperial respondent repudiates the debt.

The Italian Trovatore, a musical paper published at Turin, is highly tickled with the idea that newspapers can be had in some parts of America for goods instead of cash. In its issue of Jan. 29, it quotes a Hornellsville paper: "There is a newspaper at Kornelsville [Hornellsville], America, the Canister Walleys [Canisteo Valley], which bears the following motto—'We will take in pay for our paper, butter, cheese, potatoes, wheat, or any other eatable, and wood, coal, &c.'"

Liturgical Services Extending.—The Rev. Dr. Osgood has been commissioned to compile a liturgical form of worship for general use in the Unitarian Churches of New York. We are told that he has collected all the accessible liturgies of the world—Russian, Greek, Dutch, many German Lutheran, some score of American varieties, beside the established forms of the Protestant Episcopal and Catholic Churches. The task is represented as one of great difficulty, and has been some time in hand.

Hon. Gilbert A. Brush, one of the "Meir prisoners," lost his life by an accidental discharge of a pistol, which was supposed not to be loaded, in Los Angelos County, California, a few days since. At the breaking out of the Mexican War, the deceased joined the Mexican Rangers, under Col. Jack Hayes, and during the whole campaign rendered effective and valuable service to the cause of his country. Mr. Brush went to California in 1849, and in 1856 was elected to the Legislature from Marin County. Mr. Brush was a brave and good citizen.

On Wednesday last the Rev. J. L. Hatch was suspended from his ministerial functions in connection with the Church of the Puritans, (Congregational,) New York, on account of his holding herctical views regarding the Sabbath. The Reverend gentleman has entered a protest against the action of the Church. Mr. Hatch vindicates the right of Christians to all kinds of merriment and amusements on Sunday, and boldly maintains that the Ten Commandments have been abrogated by the Westminster Confession of Faith.

A Rat-trap Patent.—Just before the adjournment of Congress, one of the members of the House received a letter from a constituent, of which the following is a verbatim copy:

"Will you please to inquire in the Patent-office for me for a patent rat-trap that goes by weight like a Clock that will catch from eight to twelve rats at one running down and then has to be wound up before it will catch any more.

"I wish to know if thare is such a patent thare when it was patented and when the time expires also the name of the patentee and his post-office address and thus obliege yours."

Populousness of Japan.—A letter in an exchange says: Every house in Japan seemed to be overrun with children, in some of which I counted ten or a dozen, *and all about the same size!* The birds in a nest, the chickens in a coop, the frogs in a pond, are not more compact and crowded than these human bee-hives seem to be, and I may add, or more happy. The average number of the inmates of each house in Japan is estimated at between thirty and forty! It is a fruitful country in more senses than one, and can support so dense a population only by the simple style of their living. They eat but little meat except fish, which abound in these waters, both in the bays and in the sea, and are easily procured, as well as fine. A gentleman told me that, as he believed, from his most careful observation, not above one in fifty of the people ever eat any other animal food.

There are few sheep; a cow is rarely seen; goats, which might have a fine range and the best pasturage in the mountain tops, now unoccupied and uncultivated, are almost unknown; hogs are seen only in the cities, and these are raised mainly to sell to ships; while wild game is seldom hunted or taken. Poultry and ducks are abundant, and eggs also, which, however, are not obtained at a cheap rate. Fish and rice are the main articles of food, with the garden vegetables I have mentioned, though bread is unknown, a small quantity of wheat, millet and buckwheat being produced in some localities, but which are not liked as well as rice. An ox or a horse would require land enough for its living to support the population of a little village.

Handel's Oratorio of Messiah.—This great work was composed in the year 1741, by Geo. Fred. Handel. This production inspired Haydn with the magnificent conception which pervades the "Creation." Haydn begun the work in 1795, when he was sixty-three years of age, and was constantly engaged upon it for more than two years. When asked by his friends why he did not sooner complete it, he was wont to answer, "Because I intend it to last a long time." It was first performed in 1798, before the Austrian Court, and, while on his way to the theater to hear it, Napoleon, by means of an infernal machine, almost lost his life while First Consul. When he was composing the Oratorio he used to say, "I feel myself so penetrated with religious feeling that, before I sit down to write, I earnestly pray God *He* will enable me *to praise Him worthily.*" It was in such a frame of mind that Handel applied himself to his immortal labors of "Messiah." In this Oratorio the glorious works of God are called to mind, and the most noble ascriptions of praise rendered to Him. No disputed points of theology are here. It is the tribute of the heart and of God's highest talents given us, returned to him in praise. As intemperance can only be checked by substitution of lighter beverages for poisons, so, in music and morality, can vice be banished only by virtuous pleasures occupying its place.—*Exchange.*

A person walking behind a juvenile couple returning from a ball at East Wheeling, a few evenings since, overheard the young gallant say to his fair companion: "Charlotte Angelina, my angel, you must not set your affections upon me, for I am doomed to an early grave! Mother says I am troubled with worms!" And he sighed! The "angel" was about to lisp a melting reply, when, hearing a cough behind, she prudently kept silent. Possibly the young lady has found a remedy for worms ere this.

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4th.—The Assets of the Company are as follows, viz:
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Sixth—Debts otherwise secured—None.
Seventh—Debts for premiums......... 4,229 11
Eighth—All other securities......... 43,227 10
Total Assets of the Company.........$373,229 09
5th.—The Company owes no bank or other creditors.
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