



BALTIMORE CLIPPER.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 10, 1841.

STATE DEBTS. We have received a printed address from Joseph W. Ormsbee, Esq. a member of the House of Representatives in Illinois, to his constituents of Scott county. The following is endorsed on this address in writing:—"The talk now seems to be favorable to the idea of the General Government paying the debts of the States. Illinois is inclined to think her bonds are 'bills of credit,' and that, therefore, she is not legally bound to pay them."

It is a principle of law and of justice, that no man shall take advantage of his own wrong, and is just as applicable to the transactions of State, as to those of individuals. But the plea would be futile on the part of Illinois or any other State, for the bonds of a State are not bills of credit within the contemplation of the constitution. But the very suggestion of such a plea denotes a laxity of moral feeling, and we are sure that it will never be formally put forth by any State of the Union.

STEAMSHIP PRESIDENT. An intense interest is felt on both sides of the Atlantic as to the fate of this vessel. She left New York on the 11th March, and we have had accounts of boisterous and stormy weather for some time after her departure. There is a bare possibility of her being safe. The English papers contain many conjectures, none of which are calculated to afford much hope of her safety.

REVOLTING. We are informed, says the Richmond star of the 6th, by a gentleman who came passenger in the steamboat from Norfolk on Tuesday, that there is lying on the shore at the water's edge, about eight and a half miles down the river, the dead body of a white female, apparently a young woman. He was told by some of the officers of the boat that this body has been lying on the same place for three weeks past without any one's appearing to trouble themselves in the least about it.

THE ST. LOUIS TRAGEDY. The Gazette states that the town is again in a state of excitement owing to rumors of discoveries connected with the late burglary and murders. It is proper to say that if anything has been ascertained, the information has been judiciously confined to the breasts of the authorities; and that at any rate such reports as have got wind are not to be implicitly relied upon.

POSTMASTER. The appointment of Thomas Finley, Esq. as Postmaster of Baltimore, is officially announced. A more worthy and deserving gentleman could not have been selected; and we have no doubt that the duties of the office will be promptly and efficiently discharged.

ORATORIO OF DAVID. This exquisite and thrilling performance will be repeated to-morrow evening, at the Musical Saloon of the Assembly Rooms, by the Baltimore Musical Association. There will be of course a crowded audience, and for the gratification of those who may attend, we shall publish in to-morrow's paper the entire words of the Oratorio. Extra numbers of the paper will be published on this occasion, which can be had at the counter of this office.

CRIME. It will be seen by the proceedings of the City Council that an entire suspension of business is recommended on the 14th inst., the day set apart by President Tyler, for humiliation and prayer, in respect to the memory of the late President.

ENGLAND AND CHINA. We laid before our readers on Saturday last, the conclusion of the difficulties between these two Powers, by which it was seen that England has succeeded in compelling China not only to make compensation for the expenses of the war, but to yield a portion of her territory to British control. This is but the commencement, and the Chinese government will find that hereafter the encroachment will be continued upon the slightest offence being given.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NEW YORK. A fire broke out in a four story store, No. 146 Pearl st. New York, on Saturday morning, between 12 and 1 o'clock, A. M., which destroyed five large stores, three on Pearl st. and two on Water st., all of them from four to five stories high. The loss of goods, exclusive of buildings, is estimated at from \$150,000 to 200,000. The following particulars are taken from the Journal of Commerce:

Soon after midnight, the four story store No. 146 Pearl st., East side, fourth building South of Wall st., was discovered to be on fire, and in a few minutes the flames burst furiously from the roof and rear, where was a small open area, which gave them access to the stores No. 114 and 112 Water street, both which, as well as that in which the fire originated, were entirely destroyed, with most of their contents. Also the stores No. 143 and 144 Pearl st., next adjoining 146—the wind being moderate from the North East. Total, five stores, viz: three on Pearl st. and two on Water.

No. 143 belonging to the estate of Zachariah Lewis, and was occupied on the first floor by Messrs. Richards, Bassett & Abora, as a dry goods store, and in the upper part by Samuel Cochran, as a lace store. No. 146 Pearl st. was occupied below by H. B. Howard, as a dry goods store. The upper part was unoccupied. No. 144 Pearl st. was occupied in the upper part by Adhead & Co., dry goods importers, in the lower part by N. W. Sandford, ashoe dealer. No. 142 Pearl st. occupied in the lower part by J. & W. Kelly, dry goods dealers, and in the upper part by Pierpont Phillips, clothier. The building extending through to Water st. being substantially erected, presented a formidable barrier to the raging element, which enabled the firemen to stay the progress of the fire without much damage to the building. The contents of the building were considerably damaged by water.

The contents of No. 140 Pearl street, occupied by W. F. & S. Fanning, dry goods dealers, was partially damaged by water. The contents of No. 161 Pearl-st., occupied in the lower part by Booth & Tuttle, dry goods dealers, were considerably damaged by water. The fire communicated to the rear of the five story brick building No. 112 Water-st., owned by E. Coles, and occupied by Wm. Rust, as a drug store, and by S. Durand & Co., who had an office in the second story; building and most of its contents entirely destroyed. The four story brick building, No. 114 Water-st., occupied by Rufus Chase & Co., in the lower part, and Foster & Easton, in the upper part.

Mr. S. Cochran's loss is estimated at about \$60,000, said to be insured. Richards, Bassett & Aborn's loss estimated at about \$40,000—insured. Wm. Rust's loss about \$5,000; S. Durand & Co's loss in notes and valuable papers is estimated from \$15,000 to \$20,000—no insurance; the loss on the buildings about \$20,000. We have not heard any estimate made of the other losses.

THE BOSTON TRANSCRIPT states that the Britannia brought about 11,000 letters in her mail. The same paper also observes—"A gentleman who came home in her informs us that passengers in the mail steamships should be cautious not to take letters to be delivered in England, for by doing so they render themselves liable to a heavy penalty. The fine for a person who carries the letter is £5, and for the person who receives it £20. An English gentleman who recently went out as passenger, took a considerable number of letters, and after he had delivered them he was so incautious as to boast of having eluded the officers and escaped detection. This got to the ears of the government agents, and he was arrested and fined £50 for his evasion of the Post Office laws. All the letters must be put into the mail bags.

THE GLENTWORTH CASE. The New York Signal says: In the case of the demurrer of the Counsel of the accused to the seven indictments against James Glentworth, for misdemeanor, for frauds at the elections, in November, 1839, and April, 1839, in this city—in bringing or causing persons from other States to be brought hither to vote illegally at those elections—the Recorder delivered at length the opinion of the Court, giving judgment in favor of the people, and against the demurrer, to the indictment at Common Law, and sustaining that indictment; and also giving judgment in favor of the demurrer to the other six indictments, under the statute, against those indictments, which were declared to be bad.

JUDGE LYNCH also read a long and able opinion concurring with that delivered by the Recorder, declaring the demurrer to the six indictments under the statute, to be well taken, and those indictments to be bad; and declaring the indictment at Common Law to be good; and that the demurrer to this indictment was not well taken, and could not be sustained.

THE MORMONS. The steamer Marmion, arrived day before yesterday, and brought a large number of Mormons on their way to Nauvoo.—We learn that this fanatic tribe are growing to an unparalleled extent, and that they are sending out missionaries and establishing J. Smith Bible Societies. The credulity and gullibility of human nature are enough to turn the heart sick, and lead an intelligent man to inquire of himself whether it be possible that he really belongs to the same race of beings as these wretched creatures.—St. Louis Pennant

CONNECTION. The Phila. Gazette says their informant was in error in regard to several shot having been deposited in the guns at the Navy Yard. It appears that it was a single stone, supposed to have been deposited there by a young lad not more than 12 years of age.

CRIME. One hundred and nine deaths occurred in Philadelphia last week.

PLANETS. Three of the finest planets of our system are now visible every clear night, namely: Venus, Mars, and Jupiter. Venus, which has been visible in the West, as the glorious "Evening Star" for several months, now sets soon after the Sun. Mars, which may be known by his large size and reddish color, is on the meridian ("south") at a quarter past ten. Jupiter, of a large size and very white in lustre, presents a magnificent appearance in the South East between 11 and 12 o'clock; but is not on the meridian until 2 in the morning.

THE GRAIN CROPS. The Germantown Telegraph speaks of the fine appearance of the wheat and rye in that neighborhood and the adjoining counties. Farming operations generally are, however, delayed by the inclemency of the weather. Not more than one half the oats which is frequently sown in March, is yet in the ground, and the ground has not yet been commenced to be prepared for the corn. Very few potatoes are yet planted. The Telegraph thinks the coming season will be a great one for fruit especially the apple.

A MERITED COMPLIMENT. The British Consul at New York has complimented a French sea captain, named Delor, with a nautical telescope, as a testimonial of his meritorious, humane, and successful efforts, in rescuing from awful suffering and death, the master, mate, and one seaman, the only survivors from the wreck of the Belvidere, of Yarmouth, N. S., bound to Antigua.—The telescope was presented to him through the French Consul, who replied in a very polite letter. These international courtesies are praiseworthy.

GREAT FRESHET IN MISSISSIPPI. By the Columbus Democrat of the 3d inst. we learn that immense damage has been sustained in Northern Mississippi by the heavy rains which have fallen there. All the low lands on the Yallobusha were entirely submerged, and at Columbus the river was about two miles wide. There has been no estimate of the extent of the losses sustained, but they were supposed to be very great on the plantations on that river and on all the other large water courses.

FIRST ARRIVAL FROM SEA AT QUEBEC. On the 29th of April, the ship Vere arrived at Quebec from Ponce, and the next day the barque Great Britain from London. The captains of those vessels report they met large quantities of ice on the Banks, and never saw the gulf so full of ice.

EXTENSIVE RAISE. We learn says the Picayune that some thief robbed a passenger on board the Sultana on her last trip up, of a large package of money, containing \$15,015, which, unfortunately for the rascal, turned out to be, with the exception of \$15, all in notes of the Brandon Bank.

THE WEATHER IN NEW ORLEANS has been extremely backward. An exchange paper says, never have we seen a winter and spring pass off with just such weather as we have had in New Orleans for the last five months.

STEAM BOAT COLLISION. The steam boats Oregon and Tennessee came in contact on Monday evening, 26th ult., 10 miles above St. Louis. The boilers of the latter were knocked down, and her Engineer and two or three other persons scalded. The Oregon took her in tow to St. Louis.

ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL. We learn by the papers in that quarter, that an effort is making by the Contractors to continue the work on the Canal. Meetings of the Contractors have been held, and resolutions passed to go on and trust to future legislation to repay them.

MARRIAGES IN THE WEST. Between August 23, 1836, and March 15th, 1841, there have been within the county of Cook, Illinois, containing about ten thousand inhabitants, not less than six hundred and five marriages, besides an immense number of citizens who have married out of the county.

LITERARY PIRACY. A life of Mahomed, written by an American clergyman, and published about twelve years ago, has lately appeared in London as the production of a clergyman of the Church of England.

MELANCHOLY. The New Bedford Register states that the smack Wave of New-London, went ashore on the south end of Nantucket in the gale on the night of the 29th ult., and the crew all perished.

FOUR NEW STATES. During the next congress, the Territories of Iowa, Wisconsin, and the two Floridas, will probably ask for admission to the family of the American Union.

CRIME. We learn via New Orleans, that the yellow fever is making dreadful ravages in the island of Martinique.

CRIME. The large dwelling of Mr. P. L. Mitchell, Esq. Natchez, was lately consumed by fire.—Loss \$15,000. Fifteen hundred shares of United States Bank Stock sold in New York on Thursday, at prices varying from 16 1/2 to 17.

CRIME. It is stated that Charles Kean has already realized by his professional exertions a sum exceeding £20,000.

CRIME. Two horses were instantly killed in Boston on the 4th inst. by running off with a wagon and being dashed against a tree.

PROGRESS OF TEMPERANCE. Twenty-six thousand persons signed the temperance pledge in the city of New York during the last year.

EXPENSIVE. The entire cost of the Florida war, so far, is said to have been \$30,000,000.

More Smash Work among the Prizes. In the Virginia, of E. HEISLER & CO. treated their friends handsomely, the following is the cheering result:

21 27 42—prize of \$1,000	
27 42 58 do 200	
11 38 68 do 200	
13 49 64 do 200	

This looks like treating our patrons with the cash. Although the prizes were not large, they are enough for family use, and another ticket purchased before the next drawing may secure a fortune. No. 1 Virginia State Lottery, class E, draws May 20, Lowest Prize \$10.

Another handsome scheme in Baltimore, draws T. DAY, May 10th, 65 numbers, 11 drawn balls, which makes 11 prizes in every 23 tickets. Capitals—12,000 DOLLARS! 19,000 do. 3,500 do. 2,000 do. &c. &c. Tickets \$5—Shares in proportion. Risk on a package in this handsome scheme only \$15.75 for 23 tickets. For a splendid prize purchase before the next drawing from HEISLER & Co. No. 1 N. Calvert-st. first office from Market-st. Orders, from any part of the Union, will meet prompt and confidential attention. m10-11

LOOK OUT FOR AUGUSTUS ROBERTS. We warn our friends and the public against the impositions of a colored man, who has been known by the name of GUS. ROBERTS, and who some time since got up exhibitions, which were held in the basement room of a church in St. Paul's street. He was assisted in his performances by himself and several others, all of whom he has cheated in the meanest kind of a way. Each of us were at an expense of six dollars a piece to furnish suitable dresses for the occasion, and the proceeds of the second exhibition, which amounted to \$25.50, Roberts gave us an excuse for not paying us, that he did not receive enough of money since got up exhibitions to meet his expenses. This we know to be a palpable untruth. His whole outfit for both exhibitions was, in all, only \$36. The full receipts for the same were \$51.50. Here it is conclusively shown that he had a balance of \$25.50 clear profit, which, through his unmanly and ungentlemanly conduct, he was enabled to get into his pocket at the expense of those to whom it properly belonged.

Now, if this boasted tragedian, Roberts, is so mean (which we fully believe he is) as to keep the money he has swindled us out of, he can do so; but we must beg the privilege of warning all our friends, and every honest man, from having anything to do with him in future. He is a despicable and contemptible fellow, and which will disgrace him so long as a button is on his coat. We would advise him to gather up his rags and make tracks out of Baltimore. He may, perhaps, have some of our money left, which will enable him to "beat stick." Shoulder arms, sagger, and "strut it!" His barber, No. 4 Light street. Oh! you white-eyed hoboos, be off! [m10-11] TWO OF THE SPEAKERS.

UNITED STATES' CALCULATOR. The following testimony in favor of this publication, has been received from D. Rine, Esq. Principal of the East Baltimore Female Institute. J. M. RINE, Esq.

Sir—I have examined your "United States Calculator," and do not hesitate to say, that I consider it the most truly practical system of Arithmetic now before the public. As a Mercantile Assistant, it is greatly superior to any other work with which I am acquainted, and, as applicable to common school instruction, I believe it equal cannot be found. In the revision of the work which you propose, with a view to publishing another edition, you will, I am satisfied, add greatly to its value; and I have little doubt that it will supersede, as it deserves to do, the work of the ill-arranged and imperfect works on the science, which are so extensively in use. Yours, respectfully, m10-11 D. RINE.

BALTIMORE MUSICAL ASSOCIATION. The public is respectfully informed that the Association has arranged to give the splendid ORATORIO OF DAVID ON TUESDAY EVENING, 11th inst., with a full choir and efficient orchestra. Performance to commence at 8 o'clock. Members will please bear in mind the necessity of punctuality. Tickets Fifty Cents each, to be had at the Music Store, and also at the counter on the night of performance. m10-2 T. G. PEACHEY, Sec'y.

TEMPERANCE NOTICE. There will be a Public Meeting of the "North Baltimore Total Abstinence Society," held on THURSDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, in Eretor street Church. The Rev. Robert J. Breckenridge and the Rev. Robert Sewell, will address the meeting. m10-11

NOTICE. By request of the Ladies who attended Mrs. M. S. GOVER'S Lectures on the "Union of the Blood," on Friday last, at Broderick's Hall, the same Lecture will be repeated THIS EVENING, to Ladies and Gentlemen, at EIGHT o'clock, at the Saloon of the Law Buildings. Admittance free. m10-11

\$500 REWARD. The Store of the subscribers was entered through the trap door on the roof on Sunday Morning, 9th inst., their vaults broken open, and the following money stolen, as near as can be recollected. One half of a \$50 U. S. Bank note. The right halves of three one hundred dollar South Carolina Bank notes, payable at Charleston, thought to be on the R. R. Bank. About \$200 in Virginia Bank notes. One \$20 Delaware note. One \$5 new style Philadelphia note. One Gold Eagle. About \$20 in specie change, and some \$200 in various counterfeit bank notes. Also out of another Vault. 170 Sovereigns. 40 Half Eagles. \$80 in Silver Quarters. \$132.50 in other gold. For the arrest and conviction of the thieves and recovery of the money the above reward will be given. THOMAS & CO. No. 186 Baltimore street. m10-3

MATTING! MATTING! MATTING! WHITE CANTON MATTING, for quarter White Nankin do. quarter and 4p White yard wide do. three clove White yard & half wide do. three and 4p ALBO—Red CHEQUE, on the 1/2 yard wide 2 0 real Lin Cambric HDKFS. 15 cts. each 800 yards dark lead color LINEN, for Jackets and Pantaloon, 14 cts. yard 300 yard—superfine—Linen DRILLING, quarter butts, from quarter. Large size Silk pocket HDKFS. quarter Wide Thread—Lace, at three cents. CHARLES JOHN HART'S, m10 [AP] No. 57 LEXINGTON STREET.

SELLING OUT. SELLING OUT. THERE is a large and desirable stock of DRY GOODS at No. 47 Baltimore street, 5 doors west of Gay street, Yellow House, bought for the express purpose of selling it off. Persons in want would do well to call, as I am determined to sell. m10-2 JNO. F. MOFFETT.

MOUSELINE DE LAINE & SHALLYS. WE have just received a large assortment of MOUSELINE DE LAINE, plain and figured; satin stripe do. Also, satin stripe SHALLYS; French Lawns, Painted Muslins; English and French Gingham, with many other scarce and desirable goods, all of which will be sold at reduced prices by ROBERT HILL & CO. No. 73 Baltimore-st. m10-3m

ACTION CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES. The subscribers have on hand fine and superfine broad blue, black, invisible green, grass green, blue, citron, olive, brown, drab, and grey mixed CLOTHS, with a handsome assortment of CASSIMERES, which they intend selling at very reduced prices. Persons wishing to purchase would do well to give them a call. DORSEY NELSON, m10-2w No. 13 Baltimore street.