DREADFUL STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT. The Belle of the West Burnt-One Hundred Fersons Lost-Horrible Suffering of the Emigrants, fre, fre. *

CINCINNATI, April 23. The Ohio river has again been the seene of a most ception of the explosion of the steamer Moselle at this port)

the most fatal that has ever occurred in this section of the country. Annexed are the particulars so far as as evertained:--

This morning the steamboat Belle of the West, while on her way down the Ohio, one mile below Warsaw. Ky. caught fire, and was almost wholly consumed, together with everything on board. All efforts to check the flames

Sho had on board, when she left Cincinnati, a great number of emigrants bound for California, about one hundred of whom are supposed to have been either drowned or burned to death. So sudden and overwhelming were the rish of the flarges, that escape seemed utterly impossible. The officers and crow of the vessel preserved their lives by jumping overboard and swimming ashore.

The scene is described as having been one of the mostruly agonizing ever witnessed. The few who were saved had left here im company with their boyhood and bosom friends-friends whose interests were blended into onefor the land of golden promise. But instead of realizing their bright anticipations they were now called upon to gaze in horror at the burnt and mangled remains of those who were to them as brothers. But what was still more deplorable, if possible, there was a great number of families on board who were emigrating to the luxuriant praries of the West. Of those who had been rescued, were wives and husbands, parents and children, all standing on shore in their night clothes, and bewaiting the loss of their nearest and dearest kindred on earth; while ever and anon, the glare of the fire from the boat, or the flicker of a torch on the land, would reveal the charred corpse of some unfortunate victim as it floated in the stream. The Belle of the West was bound to St. Louis, and was insured at Cincinnati for \$8000.

ANOTHER ÁCCOUNT.

Madison, Indiana, April 23.

From the officers of the steamer Wisconsin and an eye witness of the burning of the Belle of the West, we gather the following:-

About half an hour after midnight, this morning, the steamer was discovered to be on fire in the hold, and was immediately run ashore near Warsaw, and made fast .-Up to this period the flames had not yet burst forth, and the after hatch was opened for the purpose of getting water into the hold; but such was the rapid headway of the flames, that all efforts to beck them proved wholly fruitless, and in a few minutes the entire boat was a mass of

The total number of passengers on board was 400; among whom were two Cal forms companies, and thirty families who were removing to the West. From the register it is ascertained that over sixty have perished, and the probability is that many have been lost whose names were not enrolled thereon. Such was the rapid progress of the fire, that before the passengers could get out of their state rooms, after the first alarm, all communication between the after cabin and the forward part of the boat was cut off, and every one was either compelled to jump into the water, or perish in the flames.

At the time of the deck falling in, a lady and gentleman with a child in his arms, were standing between the chimneys. There were also on board a large number of horses, which were mostly all burned to death, and those that were not, were so badly burnt, that, they were obliged to be killed, to put them out of their misery.

CHANGE IN THE LICENSE LAW.—We learn, with no small degree of satisfaction, that a movement is on foot to place our License Law on an entirely new footing. This is a subject of immense importance to the welfare of society. As the law now stands the Legislature may be said to give its sanction to the creation of crime disease, and victehedness, for the mere consideration of revenue, and for the right to regulate the sale of alcoholic liquors. The proposed new measure will also license under certain popular restrictions, but it will make the vendor responsible for the consequence of his acts in selling the poison, when it results in creating crime, poverty, disease, or insamty. This will be a most equitable rangement. Why should society generally be required to bear the burden of the vast amount of crime and September last, to traverse the indictment to the present wretchedness produced by one demoralizing class of pro- Assizes in this District—the case came on at 3 o'clock, ducers and vendors? There is a proportion which all P. M., on Wednesday last. The parties arraigned for the may, with equ. y, be required to bear, but it is believed upon good evidence, that nine tenths of the crime, poverty Murphy, Pierre Gravel, and Michael Fitzgerald. The and disease which prevails among us, is the fruit of intemperance—the deadly spawn of the still house—and the grog shop. Let the profits realized from the demoralizing business be levied upon to pay for the damages it creates, and we shall find sew that will engage in it.- Examiner.

THE ST. LAWRENCE HALL.-This new publie building, erected on the site of the old City Hall, is fast approaching towards completion. It is a very handsome building, and when completed will supply the want, long felt in this city, of a large public room, for public meetings and other purposes.—Ib.

AWFUL EXPLOSION. -- Cleveland, Sunday. April-From Mr. Voice Clerk, who arrived here this night, we learn the following particulars of the steamer Anthony Wayne. The Wayne left Toledo on Saturday morning, with 29 bassengers and took some 40 more at Sandusky, leaving there at ten o'clock; these and the crew, made the number on board from 90 to 100. About half past 12 this noon, just below Verraillion and eight miles from shore, the starboard boilers exploded, and were steerage cabin, and steering the hull badly. The yawl was launched, and twelve persons reached shore in it.-She sunk in fifteen minutes after the explosion. The life- no less than fourteen hundred persons interred in the same boat half-filled in launching, and leaked badly, but six per- yard.

sons got ashore in her. After six hours' exertions, Capt. Gore, James Edgecomb, First Mate, and Mr. Vorce Clerk, were saved. J. L. Moore, first, and Edward Burchall, second Engineer are both lost. Mr. D. A. Eddy, of Cleveland was seen after the explosion, but whether he is lost or not is not known. The state room of the Capdreadful and heart-rending catastrophe, and (with the ex- tain next to the steerage cabin was blown to pieces, but the captain was unhart. When the Wayne went down she was on fire, and the flumes were just bursting out -The cause of the accident we cannot state. The boilers were only a year old and in good condition. A firetimn who escaped says he tried the boilers just before the explosion and there was plenty of water in them, the hurricane deck is supposed to have floated and was thought to be sent from shore this forenoon. Two small vessels went out from Vermillion to pick up the survivors.

Monday, 9 o'clock A. M .- One of the vessels which went out took from off the Hurricane deck some 30 passengers, 6 dead. D. A. Eddy is safe. We are informed by Capt. Ddmonds of the St. Louis, that the boness were entirely new last season, and were built and put in under his superintendence, by Wilcot, of Detroit. The Engine is the one which was formerly used in the steamer Columbus. The Wayne exploded off Vermitton on her way from Sandusky to this port. She was owned by Charles Howard & Co., of Detroit, and was running in opposition to the regular Sandusky line.

NEW YORK, April 26, 6 P. M .- The building adjoining Barnum's Museum, in Broadway, and formerly occupied by the Commercial Bank, fell this morning, and buried several persons beneath the ruins. One man has smee been taken out dead. A portion of the Bonded Watchouse fell in this morning, and buried 10 or 11 workmen who were employed in removing the rubbish from the Water street fire. It is not as yet known how many have been killed.

STEAMBOAT ARRANGEMENTS.

We stated a few days ago that a Convention of the steamboat proprietors was about to meet at Kingston, to make arrangements about the business of the season. The convention was in session for two days, and we understand that an arrangement has been made to keep up the fares at the monopoly pitch, and that the public is again to be sacrificed to the mistuken views of the steamboat proprietors. Parties in the convention stood thus ;-Macpherson & Crane and the Hon. John Hamilton had announced a through line from Hamilton to Montreal every alternate day; Mr. Bethune and the company he represents felt themselves aggrieved by the River men coming on the Lake, and threatened an opposition line or the River, as during part of last season. The Americans, who have two vessels on the River, running to Montreal, of Canadian register, were alarmed at the prospect of an opposition which ruined their business last year, and they threatened to join Mr. Bethune in his opposition. Messrs Mepherson & Crane, and Mr. Hamilton did not wish to give up their Lake scheme, and did not like opposition on the River, so they came to a compromise. They promised to pay to the Mail line on the Lake, for every cabin passenger their throughly line carries to Kingston, 2s. 6d. for every deck passenger 1s. 3d.; and to the River Mail line the same sums for passengers carried between Kingston and Montreal. They, further agreed not to start till four hours after the Mail boats. There was also another arrangement of a peculiar nature: Mr. Bethune is to run a boat between Toronto and Lewiston, and the through line agreed to pay him the fare on all passengers that they bring to Toronto on their way to Lewiston, whether they go by that boat or not. This is intended to damage the Chief Justice, now owned entirely by Mr. Hearn, of Niagara; an effort will probably be made to run her off the line; if it does so happen, we hope she may make her appearance as an opposition hoat to Kingston, at fair remunerating rates. The monopoly rates will be the same as those of last year, after the opposition had ceased: from Hamilton to Kingstrn 25s.; from Toronto to Kingston £1; from Kingston to Montreal £1, from Montreal to Kingston £1 5s. Six proprietors signed the agreement which consisted of 26 articles-Messrs. Hooker, Henderson & Co., D. Bethune, Thomas Dick, John Hamilton, James Sutherland, Macpherson & Crane. It continues from the 8th May till 8th November.

·We predict for the monopoly, under this arrangement but a short existence.—Globe.

Permission having been granted to certain ersons indicted for murder at the Bytown offence were Michael Slaver, Michael O'Kelly, Terence party whose death was laid to their charge, was that of David Borthwick, who was killed with a gun-shot wound on the day of the riot. The case occupied about 16 hours in disposing of it, the Court sitting all night until seven o'clock yesterday morning, when the Jury after being out about twenty minute, returned into Court with a verdict of not guilty. We have taken notes of the trial, but it was impossible to transcribe them in time for to-day's Courier. His Lordship stated when the Jury returned into Court with the verdict that perhaps "they had exercised a correct judgement" in the verdict rendered. Messrs Radenhurst and Lees conducted the defence very creditably; and the Solicitor General we are sure, whatever his other sins may be, cannot. in this case, be accused of partiality or overleniency in the prosecution.-Bathurst

GOLD AND GRAVES .- The New Orleans C.cs. cent says :-- A gentleman who has just returned from California, having been absent from the States about fourteen months, states that when he reached California, curiosity led him to visit a grave-yard, where he found only 11 thrown into a perperdicular position, tearing away the graves; nine months from that time he followed the last remains of a friend to the same grave-yard, and during the time intervening between the two visits there had been

son answering to the description given of Patrick Doyle one of the three misercants who committed a diabolical murder in the township of Mariposa, in January last, was arrested at St. Thomas, on the 25th instant, and conveyed to London Gaol, where he now is.

It is stated that a gigantic steam hammer. weighing 6 tons, is in process of manufacture at Liverpool for an establishment in this city. It is said to be the largest ever made in England. The machinery by which it will be worked is brought to such perfection, that a thick bar of iron can be sundered by one blow of the hammer, or an egg placed in a wine glass can be chipped at the top, without breaking the glass.

The new ocean steamer Atlantic has no wood en boats, but five galvanized iron ones. She is also to have one of those invaluable "Lite Cars," so as to be able to communicate with the shore under all circumstances.-The Journal of Commerce says she is the first ship to carry the Car." They have been stationed on the coast by Government to send off to wrecks, but never before now have they been taken on simp-board to be sent ashore .--Oswego Times.

It is stated that a species of vegetable has recently been discovered, which points to the pole with the same unerring certainty as the magnetic needle.

A sum of £56,324 was expended in the construction of eight new, and maintenance of other lighthouses, on the coast of Ireland, during the year 1819.

The agricultural commission of the Times have recently visited the Duke of Wellington's Strathfieldaye estate, and report his Grace a truly liberal and model

A gentleman who has kept a record of the weather, says that the present month, thus far, has been the coldest April we have had in some twenty years Rochester paper.

Father Matthew was presented with seven hundred and fifty dollars, by a number of gentlemen of temperance in New Orleans, on the 15th inst., in token of their respect for the man and his cause.

ABUNDANCE OF NEWS .- Six steamships are on their way from Europe, namely, the "British Queen." from Hamburg, the 2d; the" Cambria," from Liverpool the 13th; the "City of Glasgow," from Glasgow, the 16th; the "Helena Sloman," from Hamburg, the 15th; the "Canada," from Liverpool, and the "Washington," from Southampton, the 20th instant.—N. Y. Herald, 26th

At Liverpool Assizes on Wednesday, Rev Moorhouse James was found guilty of a misdemeanour in having refused to solemnize a marriage because the intended bridegroom was unconfirmed. He was bound over in his recognizance to appear at the next assizes to receive

RETRENCHMENT - The British Whig states that reductions are about being made in the Customs Department at Kingston—the salary of the chief efficer at that port is to be \$2400 instead of \$4,000, as laretofore.

THE FIRST BOAT OF THE THROUGH LINE .-The Comet Capt. Taylor, leaves Kingston for Toronto and Hamilton, at 12 o'clock noon, to-day. This is the first boat of the new line, and will be followed in due succession by the New Era and Passport, as fast as they can be got ready .- Kingston Whig, April 22.

The Duectors of the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain Railroad have raised the fare to St. Johns 25 per cent. This has excited so much dissatisfaction that a large majority of the passengers go by second class cars, though it sometimes occasions them no small inconveni-

DEFALCATION.—It would appear by the Pilot. that Mr. Glackmeyer, the Secretary or Treasurer of the Quebec Fire Loan," has recently absquatulated with a portion-amount not yet ascertained-of the funds entrusted to him. Our cotemporary appears to think Mr. Glackmeyer's securities will make the defalcation good.

FIRST ARRIVALS FROM CANADA WEST -The eamer Butown, and barges Oxford and Wellington, to McPherson, Crane, & Co., arrived in port on Tuesday evening. They brought 1950 barrels of flour, 4,140 bushels of wheat, and 9 barrels of pork .- Montreal Herald.

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