

## UNITED STATES.

*Le Courier* is the name of a French paper recently started in Detroit, Michigan.

The Police Commissioners of New York have entered a suit for libel against the *N. Y. Times*, in which damages are laid at \$200,000.

Mr. Robert T. Lincoln, son of President Lincoln, has a claim for \$7,000 against the *Washington Chronicle*, which recently suspended publication.

Mr. W. B. Scott, the editor of the *Marysville (Tenn.) Republican*, the only democratic newspaper edited by colored men in the United States, has been appointed reporter of the Tennessee Senate.

Typographical Union, No. 162, Jacksonville, Florida, celebrated Ben. Franklin's birthday on the 17th ult. by a supper. Appropriate remarks by Col. Ives, ex-Gov. Reed, Hamilton Jay, Chas. H. Berg, S. T. Bates, C. S. Williams, N. K. Sawyer, and others, were made.

The employes at the government printing office, Washington, have raised a sufficient sum by subscription to enable them to distribute one hundred loaves of bread a day from each of the five stations for the next twenty-four days, making a total of eighteen thousand loaves.

At a special meeting of the Boston Franklin Typographical Society, held on the 20th ult., the members, by a ye and nay vote of forty-eight to forty, adopted a resolution to the effect that no distinction of race or color was recognized in the acceptance or rejection of applicants for membership.

One of Mr. Greeley's Colorado friends has sent the original MS. of the famous editorial on "Free Love," published twenty years ago, to the town clerk of Greeley, with the request that it may be framed and hung up in a public place where everybody can read it. This is the editorial in which Mr. Greeley tore in pieces the charge that he was a free-lover.

MASSACHUSETTS PRESS ASSOCIATION.—The executive committee of the Massachusetts Press Association will hold their annual reunion in Boston, on the 21st inst. Messrs. G. S. Merrill, of the *Lawrence American*, Luther L. Holden, of the *Boston Journal*, and Charles W. Slack, of the *Commonwealth*, were appointed a committee to complete the arrangements.

At the annual meeting of the Maine Editors and Publishers Association, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Brown Thurston, Portland; Vice-Presidents, Edwin Sprague, H. W. Richardson, Wm. Noyes; Secretary, Joseph Wood; Treasurer, Charles E. Nash; Corresponding Secretary, Wm. B. Lapham; Executive Committee, Albro E. Chase, Chas. W. Keys, George H. Watkins. E. H. Elwell, of the *Portland Transcript*, was chosen poet, and Wm. B. Lapham, of the *Maine Farmer*, essayist for the ensuing year.

A PRINTER'S SELF-MURDER.—The *New York Sun* gives the following particulars respecting Henry Shannon, a printer who formerly worked at Henry Spear's stationery house, 82 Wall street, in that city, and who was mentioned in last month's *Miscellany* as having committed suicide on the 19th of December. It says: "With the expectation of obtaining work in Texas, he had arranged to be married on the next Saturday, 20th December. He was disappointed, and after having been

turned away from his boarding house in East Broadway he pawned his coat for \$3.75 and bought a pistol and box of cartridges. He entered a boarding house on Frankfort street, formerly kept by his aunt, and shot himself in the head. Before learning his trade he was educated in this state for a Catholic priest, and has always been a contributor to various newspapers. He was a member of Typographical Union No. 6. He has two brothers and a sister living in this city."

A LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTER SHOOT'S HIMSELF.—A melancholy affair took place in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 14th ult. John B. Mullings, an engraver and lithographer by trade, committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple, just above the ear. The deceased who was married, was born in England, and was about thirty-five years of age. Mullings was for several years employed by the National Bank Note Company; but for the past two years, being a consumptive and owing to the general depression in business, he has been out of employment and has relied chiefly for support upon the labors of his wife. He bore the reputation of being a sober and quiet man.

THE MAY-BENNETT FIASCO.—Mr. James Gordon Bennett—whose marriage engagement with Miss Edith May (the young lady barely rescued from Mr. Garner's yacht *Mohawk*, last summer) has been so long talked about—appears to have broken his promise in the peculiarly offensive manner of absenting himself from the very appointment of the marriage on a certain morning. So runs the story, at least; as if he intended to repudiate the young lady in the most humiliating fashion he could then put it. Her brother instantly sought and assaulted the offender with a whip. A medley of contradictory versions followed, from both sides and the middle, ranging all the way from a horse-whipping to a clinch and scuffle. Had it been the elder Bennett, who was cowhided three times—once by the late Capt. R. Gaskin, of Kingston—and as sundry other instances of the same kind in his career assures us, the result would have been an extra *Herald* and an extra occasion of profit and notoriety to the cowhided proprietor. Young Mr. Bennett chose a less dignified and sensible course, and the *Herald* ignored the whole matter. Next came the duel—bloodless of course—somewhere between Delaware and Maryland, and now the Grand Jury is inquiring into the matter with a view to the indictment of all concerned. We are extremely sorry that Mr. Bennett followed the course he did in this matter, for he bears the reputation of being very generous, particularly to his employes. He has given \$500 watches to some of marked enterprise; and to one editor, out of health, he gave \$5,000 for a European trip. It is also said that he sent \$500 to the orphan daughters of the late Mark H. Kellogg, *Herald* correspondent, who was killed with Gen. Custer. They reside at Lacrosse, Wis.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

Dr. Wallace, it is said, gets £2,000 a year as editor of the *Scotsman*.

Over thirty new offices (mostly jobbing) were established in London and its environs in eighteen months.

Messrs. Spottiswood & Co. have obtained the contract for the government printing for the next seven years.

The London Society of Compositors are arranging for the establishment of a superannuation fund for old and infirm members.