

According to the *Mobile Advertiser* forty tenements were burned at the late fire in Mobile. According to the *Tribune*, twenty. Something of a difference, but such is life.

The corner-stone of a new Catholic Church to be erected by German citizens of St. Louis, was laid last Sunday by the Archbishop of St. Louis.

The wealthy admirers of Henry Ward Beecher in New York city, have invited him to come to that city, and will raise \$180,000 to set up a tabernacle and parsonage.

A restaurant keeper in Blairsville, Ind., cut his throat because of the liquor law.

There has been a severe tornado in Perry county, Ala., leveling to the ground houses, trees and fences. The Plagah Church was destroyed, also causing great destruction and injury to young crops. There has also been a great freshet in the Alabama river. All the low lands were covered with water, and the river still rising, thus doing much damage to the crops.

Lovely weather is no rarity now-a-days, but we should not forget to be thankful for common blessings.

There was a large fire in Erie, Pa., on the 29th ult., destroying a large furniture manufactory. Loss, \$35,000.

The *Cairo (Ill.) Democrat* asserts that during a late violent storm a dog belonging to Mr. Norman, near Commerce, Mo., was blown entirely across the Mississippi river.

A National Cemetery is to be established at Winchester, Va., for the remains of Federal soldiers who fell in the Shenandoah Valley. The remains of four hundred have already been gathered.

A St. Petersburg letter says:

On the 28th of next month the Emperor and Empress will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, on which occasion a number of German princes, relatives of the imperial family, are expected to be present, including the King and Queen of Wurtemberg, the Grand Dukes of Hesse and Oldenburg, Prince Charles of Prussia, etc. On that day, too, it is believed the engagement of the Grand Duke Cesarevitch Alexander Alexandrovitch with the Princess Maria Dagmar of Denmark will be formally declared. Besides this marriage two other matrimonial alliances are on the tapis—that of the Emperor's second son, Vladimir, with the Princess Mary, second daughter of the King of Hanover, and of the Grand Duchess Olga, eldest daughter of Grand Duke Constantine, with the youthful King George of Greece. The contemplated match between the Princess Eugenie of Leuchtenberg with the Prince Royal Humbert of Italy seems to be definitely broken off.

The widow of Joseph Smith is still alive at Nauvoo, Ill., and is represented as a stubbornly taciturn and a devout believer in the Mormon faith. She is now 62 years of age, and has been remarried.

The *Columbus (Miss.) Index* complains that recently in that city "several freedwomen, dressed in the latest fashion, drew up in their carriages before some of our principal stores, and called the clerks to bring out certain goods for their inspection."

The *London Times* has a statement that in one year from this time the annual cost of the public debt of Great Britain will be lightened by more than half a million sterling. This is in consequence of the approaching termination of the annuity of £585,740 contracted in 1823 to be paid to the Bank of England for forty-four years, the last half-yearly portion of which will fall due in April, 1867. The expiring of this annuity, commonly known as the "Dead Weight," will not in any way affect the accounts of the bank, the requisite reserves having always been made to reimburse the principal amount.

The Hon. Anson Burlingame, American Minister to China, had a narrow escape from death at the late glycerine explosion in San Francisco.

Mr. Silvanus Packard, an old and highly esteemed merchant of Boston, died recently at the age of 77 years. He has been one of the most liberal benefactors of Tufts College since its establishment.

The late D. S. Dickinson had an insurance upon his life of \$25,000.

A traveler reports that he saw Gen. McClellan at Dresden, a few weeks ago, and that it was thought he would "break up his winter quarters, and advance in the spring, as soon as the roads were dry."

Rev. Merrill Allen, who was settled over the First Unitarian Parish, in Pembroke, Mass., in 1861, preached in that place on the first Sabbath in April, on the text, Acts xxvi, 22.

The *Montgomery Ledger* has been suspended for a few days, owing to the illness of the editor. T. J. Tinsley has withdrawn from the paper.

Mr. A. D. Richardson, the correspondent and lecturer, is going on a tour round the world, sailing for Europe in a few weeks, and returning by way of California.

The late rains in Alabama did much damage to the young corn and cotton.

Rev. Dr. Dana, of Fort Gibson, has accepted the rectorship of Trinity Church, Natchez.

The *Mobile papers* are loud in their praise of Hon. Geo. W. Bond, the present Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Mobile, for withdrawing himself as a candidate for re-election against Raphael Semmes.

Capt. Frank Garley, who was condemned some time since to be hung by a Military Commission, for the killing of Gen. McCook during the late war, has been released from prison by order of the President.