

MURDER ON SHIPBOARD.—A cold blooded murder took place on Saturday night, on board the new ship *Lady Suffolk*, Capt. Snow, which left this port on Saturday afternoon, bound for Mobile. She anchored in Nantasket Roads, and while lying there a drunken row occurred among the sailors, which was settled, however, without any person being injured. Everything went on smoothly after that, until after the crew had turned in, when one of the sailors named James McCoy, got out of his berth to light his pipe. While doing this, another of the sailors, named Tobias Johnson, got up, and without any provocation whatever, plunged a sheath knife into McCoy's right side, inflicting a mortal wound. McCoy expired in twenty minutes after. Captain Tarleton, with officer Moore and Coroner Smith, went down and arrested Johnson, and had him conveyed to Jail. They also brought up the other seamen for witnesses. The body was taken to the House of Reception, in Grove street. Coroner Smith will hold an inquest. McCoy was a very powerful man, about 6 feet 4 or 5 inches high, and lived in Battery street.

VESSELS SOLD.—The fine barque *Sabah H. Snow*, of about 450 tons, was purchased a few days since by John E. Lodge, Esq., for \$16,000.

The Messrs. Briggs of South Boston, have sold their beautiful new ship of 1200 tons, now nearly ready for launching, to an eminent firm in this city.

NEW FIVE ACT PLAY.—A new five act play, from an American pen, has been undertaken, during the past fortnight, on the bills of the Boston Theatre. We learn that it is a tragedy by Mr. Essex Sargent, founded upon the story of Norma, the Druid Priestess. The manager has for some time been making arrangements for the effective production of this piece. Some new and beautiful scenes have been painted for it by those accomplished artists, Lehr and Bartholomew. The play is entitled "The Priestess." Mrs. Hayne (late Miss Doan,) who has been engaged for the heroine, is expected in town early next week, to be present at rehearsals. The play will be produced on Monday, the 19th inst.

AMUSEMENTS.—Our readers should take particular notice of the bill offered at the Boston Theatre for this evening, the performances being for the benefit of Mr. Geo. Pauncefort, the favorite light comedian of the theatre. Shakspeare's play of "King John" will be produced for the first time in this city for many years, with a powerful cast, and also the farce of "Used Up," in both of which Mr. P. will appear.

The "Magic Mirror" will be performed only three evenings more at the Museum, and our citizens will, therefore, see the need of improving the time. Mr. Warren appears both in the farce and the spectacle this evening.

A large audience will no doubt be attracted to the Howard this evening, to witness the appearance of the popular actress, Mrs. Frost, in the character of Parthenia. "Ingomar" and the "Bell Ringer of Boston" are announced for the entertainment, and Mr. Eddy will appear in both plays.

The "Roman Slave" is the title of a new tragedy in which Mr. Proctor commences a five night engagement this evening, at the National Theatre. He will be supported by Mrs. Wilkins, from the Southern and Western theatres, who comes to us with some reputation as an actress of much ability; she will perform the character of Florina in the first play, and *Black Eyed Susan* in the second. A succession of novelties will be rapidly produced during Mr. Proctor's engagement. Messrs. Rowe and Goodwin have a benefit at this house tomorrow evening.

It will be seen that the manager of Ferham's Burlesque Opera Troupe, offers for this evening a new and pleasing change of programme. No negro minstrels who have ever visited our city, have met with greater success than this talented company.

No one can pay a visit to Harvard's Panorama of the Holy Land, without receiving full as much instruction as amusement. It is a valuable means of conveying a knowledge of the scenery and country trodden and hallowed by the footsteps of the Savior.

MORE PRESENTATIONS.—Dr. H. G. Barrows, clerk of the Police department, has been presented by the officers of the fourth station, with a watchman's rattle, silver plated and appropriately inscribed.

John G. Webster, Esq., President of the Malden Bank, has received a beautiful silver tea service from the Directors. It was manufactured by H. B. Standwood & Co., and will be on exhibition for a short time at their store, No. 253 Washington street.

Several hundred dollars have been collected from the residents upon the Dedham Branch Railroad, to be presented to the widow of Mr. Richardson, the brakeman killed by the late accident upon that road.

The Franklin Library Association, of Cambridge, have presented a double barrelled fowling piece and equipments to Mr. Samuel C. Smith, who is about to emigrate to Kansas.

REDEEMED SLAVES.—"Ida May," the rescued slave girl, and Solomon Northrup, who was kidnapped in Washington and sold to the South, where he served twelve years, visited the two branches of the Legislature while in session on Saturday, and excited much interest among the members. The little girl is quite handsome and intelligent looking, and possesses no feature indicating African blood. Her name is Mary Mildred Botta, but she will probably retain the sobriquet of "Ida May," which has been given her. Her father escaped from Judge Neal of Alexandria, six years ago. Two years ago he bought his own freedom for \$600, and now by the aid of Boston friends, has succeeded in purchasing his wife and three children.

ALARM OF FLGITIVE SLAVES.—A rumor was quite prevalent in this city, on Saturday, that the slave hunters were in town in pursuit of human property, and it is said one or two fugitives were spirited away by the Vigilance Committee, and put on the track for Canada. As near as can be ascertained the alarm was entirely groundless.

APPOINTMENTS.—Elisha Smith, Jr., Chief Engineer of the Boston Fire Department, and Sumner Albee, of Boston, have been appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk.

James S. Lewis, a member of the House of Representatives from Lynn, has been appointed a deputy sheriff for Essex county.

FUNERAL OF MR. GRAY.—The funeral of the late Rev. F. T. Gray will take place from his residence, 34 Mt. Vernon street, at 11 o'clock this forenoon. The religious services will be conducted by the Rev. Drs. Gannett and Ephraim Peabody, in accordance with the express wishes of the deceased. The post mortem examination revealed a cancer in the intestines, on the right side.

FIRE AT EAST BOSTON.—On Saturday morning a two story brick building at the corner of Lexington and Meridian streets, East Boston, occupied in the lower part by E. Higgins & Son for a grocery store, and in the upper part by Mrs. Tibbetts as a dwelling, was badly damaged by fire. No insurance. The store stock was also nearly destroyed—loss about \$500, and insured. Mrs. Tibbetts, who is the owner of the building, barely escaped alive with her children, as the bed was on fire before she awoke.

Hon. Anson Burlingame will deliver a lecture in Tremont Temple, on Wednesday evening, on "The Valley of the Mississippi."

THE TRACY BALL.—The complimentary ball to be given to Henry R. Tracy, Esq., of the Herald, at Union Hall, on Wednesday evening, promises to be one of the finest assemblies of the season. The music will be excellent, and the hall will be beautifully decorated for the occasion. Mr. Tracy has, by his modest deportment, won hosts of friends, who, no doubt, will heartily contribute to the benefit he so well deserves.

The Ravens will commence an engagement at the Howard Athenaeum, on the first of May. As a troupe of pantomimists they are unrivalled.

Of the 83 deaths in Boston last week, 19 were of consumption and three of small pox. Under five years of age 25.

HUMAN BONES.—A party of workmen, while digging in the rear of the old Exchange-Coffee House stable, on Saturday, found a number of human bones, which had evidently been lying in the ground for a number of years. The locality was occupied many years ago by the burying-ground of the persecuted Quakers.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday evening, Timothy Bridgen, while walking up Broadway, South Boston, was shot in the knee by a person who was amusing himself by firing at cats. Not a very serious wound was inflicted.

ARREST.—Another teamster named Daniel Frager, has been arrested, on the supposition that he was one of the gang who attempted to rob Mr. Peck's bacon house in Roxbury.

There are now 507 convicts in the State Prison at Charlestown, being the largest number ever within the walls. There are no female prisoners in the institution.

IDENTIFIED.—The body of the woman found in the water near Chelsea Ferry ship, has been identified as that of Honora Johnson, wife of William Johnson. The inquest on the body resulted in a verdict of accidental drowning.

POCKET PICKED.—Mr. E. Edwards reports that his wife had her pocket picked of a porte-monnaie containing \$14 in bills, on Washington street, Saturday afternoon.

ANOTHER SUBSTANTIAL STORE.—A spacious and commodious house will at once be erected on Friend street, near Hanover, by Mr. James Damon. It is to be five stories in height on the street, and six in the rear, with a front of 25½ feet, and depth 90 feet. It will be built in the most thorough manner, and finished with every modern improvement. The basement will be of granite, supported by stone posts, the upper part being of brick, and the whole fire-proof. The entire building will be occupied by James Damon & Son, extensive dealers in window and mirror glass, and agents for the London and Manchester Plate Glass Company. The building will probably be ready for occupancy about the first of June.—*Real Estate Advertiser.*