HOME MATTERS.

RIVER ITEMS.—The river is falling slowly, the channel depth on Saturday evening being 5½ feet.

Quite a number of boats, in anticipation of low water, have laid up; the *Washington City*, on Saturday, dropped down among the number.

The Young Buckeye, Capt. Belthoover's new boat, was launched on Saturday.

The arrivals were confined to the packets; the *Exchange* came up from Bridgeport, with a load of flour and grain; she will leave again to-day.

The *Kentucky*, for New Orleans, and the *Quaker City*, for Louisville, went out with full loads.

The morning packet for Wheeling is the *Diversal*.

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.—On Saturday morning a little before daylight, a burglar attempted to enter the residence of Mrs. Metcalf, on the corner of Cliff and Fulton streets. The daughter of Mrs. Metcalf, who occupied the room which the burglar was attempting to enter, became alarmed and went into her mother's room. They both came back with a large house dog, and opening the window and window shutters which opened into the room, allowed the dog to spring out upon thief. The man however, was too quick, and unfortunately escaped.

PERJURY.—There was a good deal of talk on Saturday, about entering a criminal suit against Henry B. Chiles, who swore so positively to Jones being the runaway slave of Jacob F. Farrington on Friday, but we understand it amounted to nothing, as he and Troines, the agent, left on Saturday morning for Memphis. The agent declared that this was his first, and would be his last visit to a free State.

RUN OVER.—A team and wagon loaded with hay, ran over a little girl named Cecilia Easton, on Saturday afternoon, on High street near Wylie, breaking her hip bone, and bruising her severely. Maria McCollison, who saw the occurrence, immediately made oath against the driver, James Glenn, before Alderman Major, for careless driving, alleging that he was sitting on top of the hay and so far from the front as to be unable to see who was his horses. He was arrested and held to bail. After the accident, he drove on without stopping to see whether the child was killed or not.

MEETING OF SYNODS.—On Wednesday, the Synods of the Associate and Associate Reformed Churches will meet in this city—the former in the 1st Reformed Church, on Seventh street, and the latter in the 1st Associate Reformed Church, on Sixth street.

The sessions of both will prove very interesting on the question of union between the two branches, the consideration of which was laid over for one year, will be acted on.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Catharine Tevis, on Saturday, made a deposition before Alderman Parkinson, stating, that several nights before, while returning home from the Theatre, where she had been at work, she was stopped by two watchmen, and assaulted. They dragged her the length of a square. John McClure and Arthur Toner, the watchmen, were arrested and held to bail for trial at Court.

FOUND DEAD.—A man named Cavely was found lying on a door step on Wayne street, dead, opposite Clarke & Thaw's Transportation Warehouse. His disease, it is supposed, resulted from dissipation. His family live at the Point.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—Before Judges Grier and Irwin.

Motions, arguments and rules occupied the attention of this Court on Saturday. Among the latter was one naming Monday for the trial of the very important suit of Rogers vs. M'Candless—a heavy ejectment case. The case will probably occupy the whole week.

TAKEN OVER.—Mary Delaney, sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for manslaughter, was taken over on Saturday, by Jailor Crawford.

PARDONED.—James Kain, who was convicted of purchasing stolen goods, knowing them to be such, received a pardon on Saturday from Governor Bigler, and was discharged.

LARGE SAFE.—A very large safe from the manufactory of Messrs. Lippincott & Barr, was shipped on Friday afternoon, to Beloit, for the use of the famous Rock River Bank.

Alderman Parkinson, yesterday, committed three persons for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

The excavation for the foundation of the new First Presbyterian Church, on Wood street, is nearly completed.

In the case of Carson vs. Chambers, et al, July term, 1852, Judge Shannon granted a new trial, provided the defendant pays into Court the sum and interest admitted to be due, and provided that the question at issue shall be whether plaintiff was entitled to more than five dollars a week for his services.

OPINION.—In the case of Seth Matthews vs. James Park et al, No. 704, April term, 1852, the District Court gave judgment for plaintiff on the point reserved for the decision of the Court—The opinion was filed.

A CLERGYMAN.—An old and valuable subscriber has sent a certificate from one of his Parishioners, which he wishes published for the benefit of his neighbors, and the community at large. It states on authority that needs no confirmation, the particulars of a remarkable cure by Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, an article we have already taken occasion to notice, and which we have reason to believe is worth notice. This sufferer had been reduced very low from the effects of a Cold and Cough, caused by over exertion at a fire, nearly three years since, and from which it was evident to his friends that he was fast hastening to a premature grave. Many of the remedies of the day and the advice of eminent Physicians had all failed to afford him relief, when he was induced to try the Cherry Pectoral, which soon cured him. The crowded state of our columns will not admit the full particulars, but we earnestly invite the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another part of our paper.—*Christian Chronicle.*

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in our columns, in relation to the new Periodical, *The Popular Educator*, the first number of which is to be issued on the First day of May. Such a Periodical is imperatively demanded by the American people. As every man is his own instructor to a great extent, he should be furnished with the facilities for it—This, The Popular Educator proposes to do. In England, a Magazine on this basis of two or three years' standing has attained the enormous circulation of over 130,000 copies monthly.—There is no doubt that The Popular Educator will be cordially received by our whole people.

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