

Late American Miscellany.

The Chicago river tunnel is now complete open and is largely used.

A Louisiana planter raises all the tea he needs for the use of his family.

The General Dix \$20,000 a year beyond salary to live in Paris.

The South Carolina Legislature promises to grant lands on easy terms to settlers, in order to attract immigration.

More than 4,000,000 of Germans reside in United States.

Gambling houses in New Orleans pay a year license of \$5,000.

During the week ending May 27, more than 6,000 Scandinavian immigrants arrived at Chicago.

Sn spots may now be seen through small glasses.

Grant has made a thousand appointments. 700 number of disappointments is set down at the

hundred thousand dollars. The new Masonic Temple in Baltimore is nearly completed, at an expense of about \$500,000, and will be occupied at once.

Eastern capitalists have sent to San Francisco four million dollars, and propose soon following with another million.

A sugar and corn plantation of one hundred and seventy acres, in Louisiana, nearly equal divided between the two crops, returned a profit of \$100,000.

A lady suggested a vote into the ballot box at a recent election in Newton, Iowa, and as the jury could not tell what kind of a vote she cast it could not be counted.

Law libraries in Kentucky do not last long. One county it is frequently found necessary to place a new one, owing to the attorneys who take it in, burning each other's books.

In the case of Miss Amanda Craig, of Cincinnati, vs. E. P. Sprague, of Chicago, for breach of promise, the jury returned a verdict of \$100,000, for several days past, the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff awarding her a sum of \$100,000, the amount claimed by her defendant.

A contrivance by which the true magnetic

will be indicated in every latitude, uninfinitely by local causes, and prevent or obviate the various inconveniences attending the use of the Reimnet, South Africa. The inventor will go to England to secure the patent.

A bright-eyed little fellow in one of the private schools in Brooklyn administered a sharp rebuke to a classmate yesterday. He said, "I know your word," his instructor said: "Are you looking up before you right, Bonnie?" "The little boy looked up with surprise, and replied: "I know if it's right."

Mrs. M. B. Smith.

Vast ruins have been discovered in the Zaire valley in South Africa—obelisks with colossal carvings, terraces, and balls of hewn stone, or columns of the solid rock.

The natives are afraid to keep strangers from coming, for fear that if they are approached no ruin will fall for three years. Who'll tell us of the builders?

More than a hundred miles from a large city

conflagration, and water being scarce, barrels of whiskey and other liquors were used to extinguish the flames; and much to the discredit of the liquor trade, the barrels were broken up and the liquor consumed.

A Norfolk, Virginia, inventor has built what he calls a "recuperating velocipede," which he confidently expects will supersede all others.

It is stated that the New York clairvoyants and fortune tellers have among their best patrons the members of the New York Stock Exchange.

A Chicago paper has only one fear on the subject of Chicago's becoming the city of the world, so long as railroads and steamboats are the means of communication it is all right, but the balloon is a dangerous and dangerous danger for Chicago. Hence the balloon trestle is deprecated as unwise and unnatural.

A volcano in active eruption has been observed on one of the islands recently discovered in the Pacific Ocean.

The railroad bridge over the Missouri river is now nearly completed, and the great work of such great magnitude could be expected to progress. But it is hardly probable that it will be finished this season, as there is still a vast amount of work to be performed.

The Harpers have published the second and third volumes of Albert Barnes' *Notes, Criticisms, Explanatory and Practical, on the Book of Psalms*, completing the work. The last volume ends with the psalm of David, "The Lord is my strength," and is a commentary which have occupied him daily for forty years, and which his failing eyesight now compels him to terminate.

Attorney General Cass has rendered a decision in favor of the trial of citizens of Texas by military commissions. He holds that such trial is authorized by the constitution.

ized by the Reconstruction acts of Congress, which has power, not only to declare war, but to declare peace. The State of Texas is declared to be in a state of war, and the trial, which resulted in the conviction of a white man named Weaver, for the murder of a freedman, is in full accordance with the spirit of the war. There is no obstacle to the execution of the sentence.

Mr. H. E. Medbury, living near San Francisco, after having accumulated about \$20,000 worth of property, and having married a white woman, Captain Peppay an acquaintance of Medbury, took him out of the house and brought about a marriage between him and a colored woman, the wife of the captain. Three weeks afterwards Medbury was recommitted for insanity—his wife and her husband being in the enjoyment of his property.

He was afterwards tried for bigamy, and his appearance, and has instituted a suit to dissolve his marriage.

President Grant made a mistake in appointing Mr. Brierley of Philadelphia, Secretary of the Navy. He is not a naval officer, but a retired merchant, a wealthy citizen, and a pleasant and infirm old gentleman. He has turned over the management of the navy to a few of his friends, and to his arbitrary rulings and orders, in the name of the Secretary, is producing the greatest dissatisfaction among naval officers. Mr. Brierley has neither the knowledge, the experience, nor the peculiar knowledge fit him for the place he has unwisely accepted.

Several private meetings of influential people have recently been held here for the purpose of considering the question of annexation. The general dissatisfaction with the present state of things is more openly expressed. The newspapers are at last beginning to meet the public face to face, and are giving forth the sentiments which have long been widely diffused among the people, although few have hitherto expressed it publicly. There is a powerful movement in favor of independence, and the elements of the separatist movement are in alliance with the annexation with the United States and will soon make itself prominent.

The acquisition of the Hudson Bay Territory has been the subject of much discussion among the separatists, and it is felt that such a magnificent domain as the New Dominion now promises to be ought no longer to be dwarfed and kept down by the smallness of the present Dominion of Manitoba.

The proposal that Great Britain shall surrender

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A black and white photograph showing the lower portion of a ship's hull, including the waterline and a small boat in the distance. The image is oriented horizontally.

