

THE PACIFIC CALAMITY.

We find in the Owensboro (Ky.) Shield

some interesting details of the Pacific

disaster at Uniontown, which have not

before been made public. Mr. John R.

Sharp, of Owensboro, was present, stand-

ing on the bank at Uniontown, when the

Pacific took fire. He states that the Pa-

cific was undoubtedly set on fire by some

miscreant, and that a gentleman stand-

ing on the bank saw a man thrust a torch

into a loose bale of hay, and remarking at

the time, "See that scoundrel setting that

boat on fire," and rushed down towards

the boat; but immediately consternation

spread over every person, and the incendi-

ary was not discovered. Mr. Sharp

rushed down the bank of the river, in

company with two other persons. He

threw off his coat and vest, and gave his

watch and his pocket book to one of his com-

panions who could not swim. He discov-

ered two ladies, cabin passengers, who

came down to the rear part of the boat.

He called to them to jump overboard when

he and the other gentleman leaped into

the water. The ladies jumped overboard,

and obeying Mr. Sharp's instructions they

were saved, each gentleman swimming

ashore with a lady. Mr. Sharp delivered

the lady, in a fainting condition, into

the arms of her husband, who had rushed

into the water to meet them from the shore.

Mr. Sharp, without going ashore, swam

back and brought a child ashore that was

floating on the water. By this time he

was benumbed with cold and exhausted

from his efforts in the water. Looking

near the burning boat, he discovered

two ladies who had jumped overboard,

struggling in the water, clinging to each

other and screaming for help. He started

to their assistance, when, after a desperate

struggle, they sank, locked in each other's

arms, and he saw no more of them. The

scene around was now truly appalling.

The cables of the boat had burned in two,

and were not cut, as has been stated above,

and the burning boat had drifted out

and passed slowly down the river. Two

gray mares, owned by Mr. Yantz, of Wash-

ington, Indiana, jumped overboard and

were not injured; some ten or twelve more

head of stock reached the shore with all

their hair burnt out, and the flesh and

skin dropping from them in many places.

A son of Mr. Yantz, in his heroic efforts

to save the horses, came near losing his

own life. He rushed among them with a

knife, cutting the ropes and halters which

bound them, and when he had released

the last horse, it rushed over him, knock-

ing him down and injuring him severely.

His clothes were all on fire, and he would

certainly have been burned to death, when

the mate of the boat seized him and threw

him overboard, and he was rescued. Mr.

Sharp says there is no doubt that over for-

ty lives were lost. The books, papers,

and money in the office were all lost.

As the Fairchild moved off some gentleman

who had thrown his trunk, containing \$500

in money, overboard from the Pacific, ex-

plained that his name was on the trunk, and

that he would give a large reward for its

recovery. The next morning the trunk

was found below town broken open and

filled of its valuable contents.—Cincinnati

Journal.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 27.

To the Editor of the Enquirer:

I did not consider the Herald's report

of the resignation of Judge Taney as

worthy of a notice yesterday, but I see

that so many respectable papers give cred-

ence to it that I feel that it should be

pointedly denied. The Judge is now in Bal-

timore City, presiding over the District

Court there, and was never in better health

and I am informed by one who held an in-

terview with him yesterday, that he en-

tertains no thought of resigning. That it

is the desire of the Breckinridge Demo-

cracy, that he should vacate the place he

is well aware; but the old jurist is deter-

mined that the wishes of political wire-

workers shall not displace him from a po-

sition he has so long filled with honor.

While some of the Republican pa-

pers are advocating the repeal of all laws

relating to the fugitive-slave act, the most in-

fluential of them, the New York Tribune,

is denouncing as impolitic any such move-

ment. That paper of to-day contains an

article which asserts that there is no ne-

cessity of the repeal of any of those acts.

It further remarks, that the movement at

the South is only for the purpose of intim-

idating the North and bullying them into

a concession. I fear that many of the

Northern papers will follow in the lead

of Greeley and mislead the people, who will

wake up to the true danger of the Union,

when it is too late to save it.

The news from the South received to-

day is discouraging. That South Carolina

is determined to go out of the Union, and

HOW AN HONEST OLD NEGRO OBTAINED A PARTY OF ABOLITIONISTS.

A short time ago a widow living near

the northern line of Missouri, sent her ne-

gro man with a load of wheat to a mill in

lowa to have it manufactured into flour.

The mill was much crowded on his arrival

there, and the prospect was that he would

wait several days for "his turn."

While waiting, some of the "freedom

shriekers" in that latitude got around the

darky and proposed aiding him in secur-

ing his freedom. The negro seemed to be

struck with the idea, but did not have any

money to pay his expenses. "Well," said

they, "sell your mules." "Don't know

about dat," missus couldn't get along with-

out them," said Cuff. "Well, then," re-

joined they, "you can sell the wagon—that

will bring the money." "Well, I believe

missus needs de wagon, too," answered the

black. "But if I had de wheat ground, I

could sell de flour—that would fetch the

money." "Oh, well," said the negro

equally, "I will swap you flour for the

wheat to accommodate you." So the trade

was made. The wheat was exchanged for

the proper portion of flour. But when he

was ready to start he said: "Massa, I ben

studying bout freedom, but I don't be-

lieve missus can spare de flour either,"

and drove off with a broad grin display-

ing two rows of ivory, much to the mortifi-

cation and vexation of our negro-loving lo-

wians.

THE RESULT IN ILLINOIS.

The Republican State and electoral

ticket are elected by considerable majori-

ties. The Legislature will probably stand

thus: Senate—Democrats 12, Republicans

13; House—Democrats 36, Republicans

39. The Representatives will stand the

same as in the last Congress, Democrats

6, Republicans 4. The following are the

successful candidates: Republicans—

Washington, Arnold, Lovejoy and Kellogg;

Democrats—Richardson, McClelland, Rob-

inson, Fouke and Logan.

RARITY OF CRIME IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

A correspondent of the New York Times,

writes as follows from South Carolina:

The peculiar criminal laws of the State

render crime of rare occurrence. Where

the penalty of death is either the whipping

post or hanging, there will be of course

but few thieves. There is no penitentiary

or State Prison of any kind; and while

every district has its jail, the most of them

are said to be untenanted. The sessions

of the criminal courts generally last but

a few days, and on sentence day the cul-

prits, whites as well as blacks are taken to

the whipping post, and if the sentence is a

severe one, only a portion of the stripes

administered, the balance being kept in

store for a future day.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken by Christopher Boyd of Sugar

Creek Township, Montgomery county,

Indiana, on the 1st day of November,

1860, one stray white heifer, marked

with one small fork in the right ear,

supposed to be two years old, appraised

by Jonathan Roger and Martin Campbell

at \$12.00, before Allen C. Irwin Justice

of the Peace.

Attest, W. C. VANCE, Clerk.

December 1, 1860.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by Thomas Larman of Sugar

Creek Township, Montgomery county,

Indiana, on the 9th day of November,

1860, one stray horse, color gray or

white, supposed to be seven or eight years

old, short all around, roman nose, near

seventeen hands high, appraised by Cor-

nelius Wilson and Asa Boote at \$11.00 before

Allen C. Irwin, Justice of the Peace.

Attest, W. C. VANCE, Clerk.

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CELESTIAL PALMISTRY

Mrs. NOLAN

RESPECTFULLY ANNOUNCES to the public that

she has taken Room No. 22, at the Taylor House

in Louisville, where she will, with the aid of

the Celestial Palm, give to all who consult

her, a full and complete exposure of their

past, present and future. Her charges are

as follows: Ladies, 50 cents. Married Ladies will learn something

of their husbands' hearts, and of the true

state of their domestic affairs. Single Ladies

will learn the true state of their hearts,

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANALOGY OF LANGUAGES.—There is a

growing tendency in the English language

to use words of foreign origin, and to

use them in a way which is not only

unnecessary, but which is also

misleading. The word "Cephalic," which

is now becoming popular in connection

with the treatment of the head, is a

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