

Editorial Department, March 24.)
The Simplicity of a Newly-Married
Man to an Unpleasant Friend.

Day before yesterday a train of newly-wedded couples from the interior of Kentucky arrived at the Astor House, and took apartments for the night in that well ordered hotel. It was quite evident that the entire party were unfamiliar with meeting-room signs.—The ebony corridor, marble floors, gaudy dressings, and well spread tables of the hotel, drew from them the most ingenuous remarks of surprise. In the evening they visited the opera-house, and were so satisfied by its magnificence, that even Mrs. Waller's wonderful impersonation of "Meg Merrilies" almost failed to interest them.

Nothing was more thought of the verdant till about one o'clock yesterday morning, when hour the boot-black of the Burden House, in making his customary round, opened one of the bundles. He seated in the hall, near the door of his room. He actively sought the publisher of understanding; if he was the clerk. Receiving a negative answer, he informed him that he would like to see that individual. In a few moments one of the attentive office-men was at his side, and politely asked what was needed.

"Couldn't you make me a bed in the parlor?" said the disconsolate-looking individual.

"In the parlor?" echoed the clerk.

"I am afraid not."

"Well, I'd like to have one spread down somewhere."

"Why don't you go into your own room?" asked the clerk.

"I don't like to," said the bashful young man.

"What is the matter?" continued the clerk.

"Has your wife turned you out?"

"No," said he, drawingly; "but, you see, I've never been married before, and I don't much like to go in, particularly in a strange place."

"Oh, go right in," said the clerk, smiling audibly.

"She won't think it wrong."

Here the door of his room opened about an inch, and through the aperture came a creaking voice, saying:

"Do come in, John. I want both you. I know'd they'd think strange of your standin' out there. Come in won't? I've done blow'd out the gas, and it's all dark."

The elder from the room assured the clerk that she had "blow'd" out the gas, so, pushing open the door, he stepped a few yards, raised a window, and returned to the hall, to pursue the verdant husband to retire with his wife.

All argument was fruitless, however, and he was compelled to assign the single individual a separate room for the night.

ARRIVAL EXTRAORDINARY OF
RUNAWAY SLAVES.

(New Orleans Delta, March 22.)

Yesterday at about noon a gang of thirty-four plantation slaves, all men, marched into the City, by way of the Jackson railroad, and came down to Commercial Place to look for a lawyer, as they said, to put them on the way of finding out who their master was. Whilst standing in a group in the alley, the police came along, and finding they were not under anybody's control, arrested them and lodged them in the First District lockup.

These negroes came from the Oak Grove plantation, in St. James parish, fifty miles above the city. Their story is a singular one. The plantation belongs to the estate of James H. Shepherd, deceased, and is held by a number of heirs. The negroes say that for five years they have not known whether they had a master or not; that lately a new overseer was put over them, and treated them cruelly without proper cause, knocking them down with clubs and flaying them till their backs were all raw. They say that they went to a young man on the plantation (one of the heirs) and asked his protection, but obtained no satisfaction; and that on this account they deserted the plantation to come to the city for legal redress. They say that they left the plantation between nine and ten o'clock on Sunday, walked all day and part of the night through the woods, to avoid being intersected, and part of the night walked on the railroad; coming down from Kenner on the track yesterday morning. They say there is another gang who left the plantation with them, and took to the woods, and that this gang will come along soon if not stopped on the way.

They deny positively that any white man ever had anything to do with them in their taking this course; that all they want is to find out who is their right master, that they can complain to him when treated as they have been by their new overseer.

They had not eaten a mouthful since leaving the plantation, and were dreadfully fatigued and hungry. When put into the lock-up they fell down in heaps, and commenced snoring, while some who were not so sleepy, commenced begging for a mouthful to eat.

It is said that ever since the death of their old master they have been a very unruly and lawless gang of negroes, requiring a hard hand to keep them in subjection. Both as it may, their action in coming boldly to the city, instead of seeking for good, entitles their story to some credit. The plantation is to be sold before long, and may be that they will have the gratification of knowing who their master is.

DETROIT, April 2.

At the municipal election at Ann Arbor, to day, the Republicans elected their Mayor and most of their city officers with increased majorities.

At Adrian the republicans elected their Mayor by 90 majority.

At Grand Rapids Sweet, republican, was elected by 16 majority.

At Jackson a republican mayor was elected by 20 majority.

At Owosso, Fullert, democrat, was elected by 100 majority.

At Niles the democrats elected their entire ticket by 50 majority.

At Pontiac the entire democratic ticket was elected by 10 to 70 majority.

At Flint, Coldwater, and Hillsdale the republicans elected their entire ticket by the usual majorities.

The republicans of Springfield, Ill., elected their municipal ticket on the 4th last by 50 majority.

The democrats of Sioux City elected their entire ticket on the 2d inst.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, April 5.

The Democratic National Committee met this morning. Twenty-seven States were represented. Geo. A. Caldwell, of Kentucky, was chosen Chairman pro tem., in the absence of Judge Smalley, and C. L. Vallandigham Secretary.

The Committee adjourned to meet at Charleston on the 1st, at 10 o'clock, in the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Hall, which had been engaged and prepared for the use of the Committee.

It was unanimously resolved, that it is inexpedient under existing circumstances to change the place for holding the Democratic Convention from Charleston to another place.

Prayers to action on resolution Mr. Vallandigham stated the reasons for the call, which grew out mainly of the complaints of impositions in Charleston.

Death from a fall.

About 7 o'clock Monday evening Thomas A. Root, an operator of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, fell over the baluster of the steps of the Rotunda of the Court House, from the third to the second story, a distance of about 18 feet. He was picked up insensible, and after some delay concealed in the Sisters' Hospital. He had suffered a frightful contusion above one of the temples, producing unconsciousness of the brain, from which he died about five o'clock yesterday morning. The friends of the deceased reside in Bardstown, Ky.—St. Louis Rep.

Laws of the Provisional Government of Jefferson.

We received on Tuesday last by the Express from Denver, the Laws enacted by the Provisional Government of Jefferson Territory.—They embrace about 700 pages of manuscript. We shall commence the publication of the same in book form on Monday next.—Nebraska.

DAMAGES TO THE CAPITOL.

The heavy wind on Tuesday last, caused considerable damage to the Capitol building. About forty feet square of the roofing on the north-west corner was blown entirely off; thus leaving the building in a very critical and exposed condition. Three windows upon the west side, second story, were blown in and demolished upon the floor. This damage is a very material one, and should be immediately repaired, and the building placed in safe condition. It is fast going to decay for want of money to complete it. Shall we have an appropriation for the present session of Congress, to finish up the much needed work upon this building.—Nebraska.

THE PONY EXPRESS.

St. Joseph, April 4.
The departure of the California Pony Express, last evening, was delayed two hours by the detention of the New York Messenger—In one mean hour, an incoming crowd had gathered round the express office to witness the inauguration of this of great and novel enterprise.

Half of the day the assembly was ad-

vised by Major Thompson, and Messrs.

McLean, head of the Express Company,

in a brief and appropriate remarks, set forth the benefit to be derived by the country from that undertaking and the prospect of its future and undoubted success, which were re-

ceived with unanimous applause.

The messenger from New York lost a con-

nection by the withdrawal of a train between Detroit and Chicago, which would have de-

layed the express twenty-four hours, but through the courtesy of General Superintendent Gen. Haywood, of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, who brought him here by a special train from Palmyra, 122 in 4 hours and 51 minutes, making six stops of five minutes each, he arrived so as to only delay the express two hours and fifteen minutes.

At a quarter past seven o'clock the bag con-

taining valuable telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the country for the Sacramento Union and San Francisco Bulletin and Alts, forty-nine letters, nine private telegrams and some papers for San Francisco and intermediate points, was by request of W. H. Russell, placed upon the pony, a spirited bay mare, by Major Thompson, amid great enthusiasm, when the driver mounted and the little boy dashed off at a full gallop, bearing her burden towards the Golden State.

The return courier should arrive here on Friday next, the 13th, when his services will be promptly forwarded.

All telegraphic dispatches for this route

are duplicated on paper, besides a triplicate

being taken on film, prepared for the pur-

pose, in indelible ink, and carefully sealed waterproof. Copies are thus forwarded to different points in order to guard against any

chance of delay or miscarriage.

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