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TRI-WEEKLY WHIG.

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VICKSBURG:

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☞ No paper will be issued from this office on Thursday next. The New Year holydays came just in time to give us an opportunity to put an entirely new dress on the "Whig," in which it will appear on Saturday morning.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.

The Eastern Railroad Meeting appointed for last Monday evening, has been postponed until Saturday evening next; when it will be held at the Theatre, to hear the addresses of the able gentlemen who were to have spoken on Monday night. It is probable, also, that several distinguished strangers will be present and make themselves heard on the occasion. We earnestly invoke a large attendance of the people, without whose encouragement the great enterprise, for the benefit of which the meeting is called, must inevitably fall to the ground.

The Message.—We have not space to comment at length upon the message this morning; nor is comment necessary; it speaks for itself; and—in the language of a neutral cotemporary—"shows that its author possesses a sound head, fit for any emergency that may befall him during his term of office, and a heart thoroughly American in all its impulses." As will be seen, the message is very brief; the President does not travel out of his way to get up a war of words over matters with which he has properly nothing to do; he does not, however, omit a single topic of interest, but treats all with a rare condensation of style, presenting their prominent points in the strongest and shortest possible manner. In a word, we greatly err in our estimation of it, if the people do not generally rise from the perusal of the message, with the impression that it is one of the most sensible and appropriate papers of the kind which ever emanated from any Executive. All we ask for the hazard of this opinion, is an attentive and unprejudiced reading of the document; and its brevity, as well as its interest, will make this an exceedingly easy task.

Railroad Documents.—We are pleased to state that the able speech of Judge Bodley, delivered before the Railroad meeting in this city on the 22d inst., will shortly be published in pamphlet form and extensively circulated. A knowledge of this fact has prevented us from attempting to give a synopsis of the effort in our columns. The Judge is remarkably well informed on the subject of railroads, and his address will be found to contain a large amount of practical information.

We have on hand a number of copies of the reports made by Messrs. Bodley and Arthur, the committee appointed in 1848 to obtain charters, etc., for the Vicksburg and Atlantic railroad. The report is exceedingly well prepared, and embodies many facts in regard to railroads generally, which should be known to every man in this community. Copies can be obtained by calling at this office.

☞ In his explanatory card, Brown, of Indiana, says—"I was interrogated by a number of Southern men, to all of whom I said that I had always been *opposed* to the Wilmot Proviso." In his letter to Wilmot he says that he has "always been opposed to the extension of slavery"—and that he thinks that the Government should abolish it wherever it has the power to do so, evidently alluding to the Federal District, and intending to convince the Free Soilers that he was in favor of the abolition of slavery there. Thus, out of his own mouth, is he convicted of the foulest species of treachery and duplicity.

Cholera at Vicksburg.—We learn that there is a rumor in the country of the prevalence of Cholera at Vicksburg. We are satisfied that there is not the least foundation for it. Vicksburg is and has been for some time entirely free from all epidemics.—*Mississippian, 31st*

The Mississippian is entirely correct. Our city is blessed with excellent health; we have no Cholera, no prevailing disease of any kind in our midst.

During a short spell of cold weather about three weeks since, a family removing from the eastern part of the State, became sick from exposure and stopped beyond the city on the Jackson road, in an old building destitute of doors and windows and minus a part of the roof, where they remained for some time destitute of every comfort and without making their condition known to the dwellers in the vicinity. Four of them died with a disease manifesting decided Cholera symptoms. The survivors have since been taken care of and are getting well. Two children in a condition which presaged death in a few hours, were taken by Mr. Vanzile, the Sexton, to his comfortable house, where they received assiduous attention, and where they are now rapidly recovering.

☞ On the election of speaker we cannot remark much further this morning than to say that Mr. Cobb will, if what we have heard of him be true—make an effective presiding officer. He is a Locofoco and a thorough partizan, but we have no doubt that he will strive to be as impartial as possible. Probably when the organization of the committees is received it may explain the reason why the Whigs acquiesced in Cobb's plurality election. He received only two votes more than Winthrop on the last ballot, and was declared speaker on motion of a Whig (Stanley, of N. C.) although he had not, according to the usual requirement, a majority of the votes—quite a number of members, and among them about half a dozen Whigs, having thrown away their votes on persons who were not considered candidates.

The River.—The Louisville Courier of Dec. 25, says, the river is receding tolerably fast, with plenty of water on the falls for the passage of steamers. The weather has become clear and quite frosty.

Nashville, Dec. 22.—A fire broke out this morning in the house on the corner of Square and Deddrick streets which was consumed. Loss $10,000—insurance $5,000. The building was occupied by A. Morrison & Co., drygoods dealers. The stock was greatly damaged by removing, but was fully insured. Owing to the damage to the water-works no water was in the city, and the arresting of the fire was quite providential. A heavy rain was falling at the time.

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