

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A destructive fire occurred in Keokuk, Iowa, on Saturday last, the loss resulting from which, is estimated at \$100,000. It originated in the wholesale grocery of HARCOURT, PAGE & Co., consuming it and the wholesale grocery and flour store of W. H. AUGRAN, together with several other smaller business houses. Among the losses was a German newspaper establishment, the value of which was estimated at \$6,000.

Col. TITUS cannot exist without notoriety.—By the *St. Louis Democrat* of yesterday we learn that he got into a row at the Planter's Hotel, in that city, on Tuesday evening, with a drunken man. TITUS drew his revolver and fired at his assailant, but the bar-keeper seizing his arm, the ball passed through the door near the Colonel's own foot. Both the Colonel and the drunken man were arrested and put in the lock-up.

The tonnage of Milwaukee now amounts to nearly 30,000, and includes all classes of Lake craft. The total value of merchandise imported during the year 1856, was \$28,000,000; and the value of the exports was over \$20,000,000. The dutiable goods entered at this port, will amount for the present year, over, \$1,800,000, and the duties collected will nearly reach \$500,000.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has decided that no lands covered by shallow lakes or ponds, fall under the swamp grant, nor does any right attach thereto under the riparian law, but in all cases of the kind the lines of the public surveys are extended over the former bodies of such lakes, and the lands are disposed of as other public domain.

A dreadful conflagration occurred at St. Louis on the 16th inst. The following were among the sufferers: Mr. Raub's loss is estimated at about \$1,000; Cairns, Block & Co.'s, \$30,000; James Virden's, \$28,000; James Croake's, \$3,000; Wm. Morrison's, \$30,000, and Wright & Maddox's, \$25,000. The total loss is \$127,000; insured, \$30,400.

At Appomattox Court, Va., recently, a negro man was found guilty of murder. The prisoner's counsel moved an arrest of judgment, for reason that the Court had neither the power nor right to cause a person to answer a crime unless presented by a Grand Jury and tried by a Jury. The Court overruled the point.

We learn from the *Danbury Times*, that on Saturday last, a young man named Leach, 17 years of age, killed a man named Boughton, in New-Fairfield, on Saturday. They both lived in the same house, and there had been a dispute in the families about the ownership of some grapes.

Employees on the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad, to the number of eight, have been arrested at Springfield on a charge of stealing large quantities of goods from the freight depot. The men's houses were searched, and much of the property was recovered.

A New-Hampshire correspondent of the *Boston Traveller* tells a story of the discovery of lead, copper and silver mines in that State, near the town of Warren. The lead vein is said to be 800 feet long and 7 feet wide. Copper and silver are said to exist in considerable quantities.

A Virginia planter made, last year, on six acres, sixteen hundred and seventy pounds of tobacco per acre, sold it for \$266 per acre, and has made this year, on the same six acres, twenty-eight bushels of wheat, measured, to the acre.

An attempt was made, a few days ago, to destroy the mail train on the North Carolina Railroad. Logs of wood were placed on the track, but were discovered before injury was done.

A San Antonio paper mentions a rumor that Capt. Pope's expedition was attacked by a large body of Indians, and completely routed. The truth of the rumor is doubted.

The Seaboard Agricultural Society of Virginia and North Carolina will hold its annual exhibition 10th of November. The premiums offered amount to \$4,000.

The Virginia papers state that the tobacco crop of the Kanawha Valley gives excellent promise.