

On Saturday morning last, a man was found upon the track of the railway at Mansfield, Mass., entirely dead. He appeared to have been killed by the steamboat train of the last evening, from Boston to Providence. The right arm was severed from the body above the elbow, and the skull was also wounded severely. He was five feet seven inches high, and pricked upon his right arm in India ink, were the initials "M. J. S., 1821." His pocket book contained seventy-one cents in change, and a bill of goods amounting to \$65, headed "Thomas Wilson to Mr. J. Farr." His baggage check to New York was also found upon him. One joint from the middle finger of his right hand had been formerly lost.

A fire broke out on Saturday, in the warehouse of Wm. McGregor, at Bolivia, O. The building—the largest warehouse on the canal—was consumed, together with its contents, including a large dry goods store and a quantity of wheat; loss estimated at \$7,000. The flames spread to the adjoining warehouse of J. V. Smith, and swept it together with its contents, including a stock of goods and 2,000 bushels of wheat; loss estimated \$2,000—insured \$3,200. The wheat was sold the day before to a wheat buyer, to be shipped in a few days. A nice legal question is likely to arise as to which party shall suffer the loss. The fire is supposed to have originated in the I. O. of O. F. Lodge-room, in the third story of the large warehouse.

Last Saturday night, as the *Skiddy* was going up the river, and a short distance above Coymans, she ran into some barges towed by the *Baltic*, but her appearance the next morning indicated that she had rather the worst of the encounter. Every stanchion under the guard, on the larboard side, from the bow to the wheel, was taken off as if by a knife. A part of the wheel-house was carried away, and a hole stove in her side. It is believed that a man missing was knocked off one of the boats and was drowned. The damage to the *Skiddy* was speedily repaired.

The Commissioners appointed to select a site for the new Custom House at Richmond, Va., have agreed to pay \$50,000 for a lot on Main-street, belonging to Mrs. Wickham, situated immediately opposite the Farmers' and Virginia Banking Houses. It fronts one hundred and forty feet on Main-street, extends through to Bank-street, having a depth of one hundred and sixty feet, and fronts a like number of feet on that street.

An interesting little girl, ten years of age, in Nashua, N. H., was so badly frightened recently, by a man disguised in a mask, at a window she was peering, that an affection of the brain ensued, of which she died.

Julius Powell, a lad about seven years of age, son of the proprietor of an axe factory in Ohio City, fell into a steam box containing boiling water, on Friday evening last, and was so badly scalded that he died on the following morning.

What is the difference between seventeen and seventy? The former is *careless and happy*, and the other *hairless and cap-py*. This seems to be a facsimile of the sick-family joke.

Sugar cane, of very good quality, has been produced in South Carolina, and the Charleston *Mercury* calls the attention of the planters of that State to its cultivation.

The Winter Course of Lectures before the Franklin Institute, at Syracuse, opened on Friday with a Lecture by Rev. Orville Dewey, D. D., on "American Freedom; its Nationality and Aspects."

An editor in Mississippi was lately whipped by a man, and kicked out of his own office, for publishing an account of his death. He probably wished to show the editor that he was "alive and kicking."

The Albany *Register* learns that the Governor elect will occupy the Mansion now occupied by Gov. Hunt, from the 1st of January next, until some time in the ensuing summer.