



St. Johnsbury, Vt., Friday, Feb. 14, 1873.
FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.
N. P. CRANER.
Listing Bank Stocks.

There are towns in the state, where we have been informed in years past, stocks in dividend paying banks, are set in the grand list below their par value. If there is any stock that should be listed at par, it is bank stock. It is quick of sale, and so readily converted into cash, there is not a shadow of excuse for discount from its par value in the grand list. To do it, is against law, justice and reason. There are stocks, that fluctuate so much in value, they exist a propriety in fixing upon a medium or average standard of value in listing them. The same remark holds good of certain other classes of property, but not of bank stocks.

There should be an end to this grievance—this plain disregard of the law. If listers fail to observe the law in this respect, how can a reform be secured? It is the plain duty of the court grand jurors in the several counties of the state, to institute the inquiry. Caledonia county is clear in this matter, and we wish we could say as much of all the counties contiguous to ours. If the judges of our county courts, would call the attention of grand jurors to the matter, perhaps a reform may be brought about. Let them in their charges, make this a speciality for a year or two, and the evil will be remedied. A few examples of punishment of guilty listers will secure the end desired.

Towns should elect honest men for listers, and grand jurors should take care of such as may be elected, who prove themselves to be otherwise. We have sat in boards of county listers, where schedules of appraisals of certain classes of personal property have been unanimously adopted, and known members of the same sitting aside such schedules and appraising such property much lower, in the towns they represented. We know their names. We would not trust them to carry to a mill any grain of ours. The practical result is, such towns may escape paying their share of state and county taxes, and the citizens of such towns who happen not to own such kind of property, are compelled to pay the taxes of their neighbors.

THE NORTH-FLEET DISASTER.
THE DETAILS OF THE TERRIBLE DISASTER TO THE ship Northfleet is published, from which it appears that at half past ten at night the Captain and others were alarmed by a cry from the officers of the vessel, to which they ran in haste. The captain and pilot rushed on deck, but before they got there the steamer had run into the vessel, striking her midships and cutting her below the water mark. The carpenter reported her nearly half full of water.

The pumps were started promptly and the crew worked hard at them for some minutes, but when it was found the water was rapidly gaining, a panic seized the crew, and many of the passengers, and the officers could not keep the latter in check. A crowd of men and women had rushed up from their berths, many only half clothed. The passengers had miserably retired, but a few were undressing.

The noise of the collision is likened by one of them to a peal of thunder, and such was the violence of the shock that those standing were knocked down, and appeared to have been hurled and came a second time in collision with the Northfleet. Water began to pour in, and in a very short time the passengers' quarters were swamped. The commander ordered to rush on deck that the men, and many were in condition to go until the water rose threateningly around them. None on board the steamer was heard to speak, although the loud and eager shouts were heard from the lifeboats.

THE LOSS OF THE INSURANCE BUILDING. The insurance building, which was of brick with brown stone front, and about 200,000 several years old, but could not be replaced to-day for less than \$150,000. It was insured for \$75,000. The company saved all its books and valuable papers involved. Josiah Cummings, saddle and harness maker, on North street, worth \$20,000; insured for \$15,000. All valuable packages were removed from the express office before the fire reached that portion of the building, and the loss of the express company will not be very heavy. A large portion of the rear of the building was occupied by Charles Van Vlack, electrotypist and stentor, whose loss is \$10,000; partially insured.

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LATER—A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. Secretary Fish this evening received the following dispatch from Minister Siskles: At 9 o'clock to-night the Cortes adopted a Republican form of government by a vote of 229 in the affirmative and 32 in the negative.

THE CARLIST MOVEMENT.
PARIS, Feb. 11. Le Temps has advices from Spain showing that the government is operating against the Carlists in the north, with twenty thousand men, and that the regular army and artillery are 6000 or 7000 volunteers and gendarmes.

THE CARLIST MOVEMENT. The Carlist leaders are beginning to act in concert, and are rapidly perfecting their organization.

ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY. BOSTON, Feb. 12. A. M. No further news from the attempted robbery last night by P. P. Marvin, editor of the "Vox," after leaving his wife at Music Hall, at about a quarter of seven o'clock started from the Tremont street entrance for Washington street via Bromfield, to do his duty at a school of instruction at the Hall. On leaving Tremont street and going down Bromfield, which was nearly deserted at that hour, and when about twenty feet from Tremont street, a light looking well built young man and woman, who were dressed in a dark coat and light skirt, were seen to approach from behind him, took hold of his shoulder and turned him round so that the light shone full in his face, which fact may lead to his detection, as he was holding a pistol in his right hand, which was thrust with drink, and not easily to be forgotten. In a hurried, suppressed, yet earnest voice, he said "See here, I want your money."

A CRISIS IN SPAIN.
King Amadeus to Abdicate.

THE TRIAL OF ALLEX FOR THE MURDER OF EDIS HAS BEEN GOING ON THROUGH the week, and has been the Boston sensation. The possession have put in their testimony, and the defense had come in. Their main reliance is on an alibi. But the chain of circumstantial evidence is nearly complete. As the trial draws toward its close, the interest in it increases by the unexpected strength of the defense. The scene of the crime is a stable and upon the prisoner's clothes is sought to be accounted for.

ANOTHER EFFORT TO SAVE FOSTER. A petition was sent to Gov. Drew, Tuesday night praying for executive clemency in behalf of Foster, the condemned car-knock murderer. It was signed by several of the leading members of the Episcopal church and other leading business men. The petition asks that Foster's death sentence be commuted to imprisonment for life.

THE NEW POSTAGE LAWS. The Postal Law Revision bill was taken up and passed, after some debate, and somewhat amended. The rate of letter postage is fixed at two cents after the first day of July next, and daily mails will be sent through the post office at an annual postage of sixty cents payable in advance.

ONE-HALF OF GRAYSVILLE, N. Y. IS IN ruins. A terrible conflagration occurred at Graysville, N. Y. on Monday morning. One-half of the business portion of the village is in ruins. The stores of S. B. Norton, Gross & Geller, Jones & Fish, Joseph Schiff and A. H. Green were burned to a cinder, and \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MURDERER. CONVICTION AND SENTENCE OF EVANS. The trial of Franklin B. Evans for the murder of his niece, Georgina Lovering, at Northwood, N. H., last October, was concluded at Exeter, Feb. 11. The circumstances of the murder will be remembered as brutal and fiendish; with scarcely a parallel in the annals of crime. Evans who is 64 years of age, has led a vagabond and wandering life from his youth up.

THE SENATE. SENATE, Feb. 5. The President of the Senate appointed as a committee to investigate Mr. Patterson's connection with the Credit Mobilier, Messrs. Morrill (Maine), Scott, Stockton, Wright and Stevenson.

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CREDIT MOBILIER INVESTIGATION. ACTIVE MEASURES ARE IN PREPARATION for the enlargement of the Whitehall Canal. It will be made large enough to pass as much as fifty thousand tons of lumber for years to come.

A BOY IN THE LOCK TOWER OF THE NEW-ENGLAND CANAL IN TOPEKA, KAN., had been discharged; so was the boy. The foreman thinks he will ultimately recover the sight of one eye.

THE NATIONAL PAPER MILL AT BOSTON, situated in the village of North Attle, South Attle, accidentally fell on Saturday night in rapid motion on Saturday afternoon, the saw striking him near the chain, and entering his right shoulder, passing diagonally across his body, and cutting into his chest, him in a fatal manner.

A NEW YORK PAPER SAYS THAT THE body of the American man, who was recently killed in Paris was found by a Baptist clergyman in his state, and preserved in Boston and New York. It was finally returned to Mr. Dillon, the editor of the Sergeant-at-Arms, who testified that he had strong impressions that he had paid the twelve hundred dollars check to Mr. Ames, &c.

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