

Several lengthy communications were received by this morning and which we have not yet had time to read. Several shorter ones received immediate attention.

It takes time to write long communications, and of course some time to read them.

The Vitality of the Whip Party.

We hope that some of our subscribers have carefully read and pondered the able article in last Saturday's issue, upon the "Vitality of the Whip Party." There is much in that article to commend to earnest consideration.

But while every true Whig most promptly recognize the justice and propriety of the very forcible and eloquent remarks of our Correspondent upon this subject, it must, at the same time, occur to every one as very remarkable that the great mass of the people should so suddenly have become so generally insensible to the paramount excellence and vitality of those principles, which exalt and wrapp'd the whole land in a flame of enthusiasm and excitement.

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Miss In Shellyville, Tenn.—On Sunday evening last the residence of Rev. Dr. A. H. Dabney, with its contents, was consumed by fire. Loss \$95,000, insurance \$50,000. One thousand dollars of choice kind of wheat accumulated of years, together with all the mows, lectures, and other valuable manuscripts were consumed.

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The Rev. Joshua Slocum, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been advised and invited a meeting of all the churches of that church to meet at Nashville, Tenn., on the third Monday of April. All are expected to be present. Among the laymen, who will attend the Pacific conference at that time.

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City News.

Council held, Wednesday, March 5. Present, Mr. Pringle, Mr. H. Adams, President, and Messrs. W. H. Wadsworth, A. Parnell, Geo. W. Dr. David Clark, Frank McClannahan, and James F. Whitely.

The City of New York, under the provisions of the act in relation to the City of New York, was transferred to Hugh McCullough, for the balance of the year, to the 17th of May next.

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MORNING NEWS, March 5. Council met. Present.—A. M. January in the chair. Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Willard, Mr. Pringle, Mr. McClannahan and Wm. P. Watkins.

The Washington Fire Co. was allowed \$50 out of money due them, to aid in paying for their Fire Bell.

The bill belonging to the disbanded River Fire Co. was directed to be divided between the Washington and Neptune Companies.

Ordered, that a copy of the act in regard to the sale of real estate of delinquents be published in the City papers.

It is ordered that the City Clerk be returned to the Collector and Clerk to separate the real from the personal estate, and that the Collector publish the same for sale to pay the taxes on real estate.

Mr. Nicholas, was elected State Senator by the vote of 10,000.

W. H. Wadsworth resigned his seat as Councilman, from Ward No. 3, and an election was held on the 29th ult. to fill the vacancy; also, in Ward No. 2, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. John M. Pike.

For order of election, and notice to tax delinquents, see advertising columns.

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