

JEFFERSON DAVIS UNDER PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Great Man Descends to a Lower Berth.

A New Illustration of His Fondness for Petticoats.

Penetrate the divinity apposed to hedge about a king, and in all probability human clay of the coarsest mold will be found. In view of a selfish, mediocre man with the attributes of purity and chivalry, and not all the devotion of the male or the idolatry of the female sex will prevent him from making himself odious.

JEFFERSON DAVIS IN THE ROLL OF PROTECTOR TO FEMALE VIRTUE.

On Tuesday evening at 6:30 the venerable Davis, the insurance company president, left the Penobscot Hotel in Memphis, and took a sleeping car on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad for Huntsville, Alabama.

TO PREPARE TWO SLEEPING BERTHS.

"This lady is under my charge," said the distinguished Jefferson, "and you will prepare the lower berth for her. I, myself, will occupy the upper berth."

THE UPPER BERTH.

The train rolled on, carrying the distinguished ex-President from the Memphis and Charleston Railroad for Huntsville, Alabama. The passengers chatted, and the minutes passed rapidly.

WITH THE LADY.

The conductor approached, in solemn silence, the berth of the distinguished ex-President, pulled aside the curtain with a trembling hand and said, "O, horror!

CONDUCTOR BESS.

He retired with deep disgust, and elevated his venerable form (in shirt and drawers) to the upper berth.

ME MILLER.

The conductor of the train was informed of the irregular proceedings of the ex-President, and in company with Mr. Hiss, went to Jefferson and his silent partner, and remarked in a tone that indicated business:

THE DISTINGUISHED EX-PRESIDENT WAS VANQUISHED.

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DURING THE REST OF THE NIGHT.

Jefferson Davis, the ex-President, added to the enormity of breaking the established

rules of the Pullman Car Company, the crime of traveling on a dead-head pass.

The conductors, on their return to Memphis, reported Mr. Davis' incomprehensible conduct to the Assistant Superintendent of the road, Mr. Ryan, who was highly indignant, and reported the matter to the Superintendent Mr. Anderson.

DEAD-HEAD PASS.

Recalling the fact that at the downfall of the Confederacy, Mr. Davis vainly succeeded in the graces of the venerable aunt of his wife, clothed in petticoats, hoop skirt, and shawl, we are not surprised that this amiable weakness of his character should again become prominent in the piping times of peace.

CRIME WILL OUT—STILLING DISCOVERY.

Our readers will remember that some time in the year 1869, the large flouring mill belonging to Dr. Alex. Hawkins, near Henderson, in Granville county, was destroyed by fire.

THE TOMAHAWK AS A VINDICATOR OF WOUNDED HONOR.

In our chapter on duelling, in last Monday's issue, we omitted an amusing incident which occurred a good many years ago between two men in Mississippi, whose names have since become historical in the annals of this country.

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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10, 1871.

GENERAL NEWS.

Wendell Phillips in a recent letter says: "I excuse no workmen who lift a finger to help the Democratic party."

THE MEMPHIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Monday adopted a memorial to Congress praying that the tax collected on cotton during and after the war be refunded.

THE MESSENGER OF THE NATIONAL BANK.

New York was knocked down by two men Saturday evening, at the corner of Broadway and Warren streets, and robbed of \$30,000 in Government securities.

THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS AGENT AT LEBANON.

Tenn., was robbed on Thursday of \$3,000. A. C. Jones, the company's agent, was suspected and arrested. He confessed, surrendered the money, and was committed for trial.

A PRIVATE DISPATCH RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

City on the 24th ult., dated Yorkville, S. C., July 24th, says: "The sub-committee on Southern outrages arrived here yesterday evening. At the supper table at the hotel Hon. J. E. Stevenson, of the committee, and Hon. A. S. Wallace, representative of the district, were assaulted, as they took seats at the table, by Major James Barry, a prominent citizen, and a pitcher of milk was thrown over them.

THE EXPLOSION.

which occurred shortly before 3 o'clock, was attended by a loud report, which awakened many persons in the city. Persons who resided fully three miles from the scene were startled by the explosion.

THE LABORATORY AND MAGAZINE.

The laboratory and magazine are on a level with the main building. The magazine was a large iron safe, and the laboratory was a small room.

THE GENERAL ALARM.

had the effect of bringing on the ground the engines of the fire department. The guards at the Arsenal were roused and went to work with a willing hand.

THE YELLOW FEVER IS MALIGNANT AT PARA.

Brazil. The English Consul is dead and his wife is dying. Nearly every stranger that has arrived within six months is dead.

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says there was a fight over a wagon train, en route for Fort Bowie. Thirteen Indians and one soldier were killed. Nothing from Gen. Crook for three days.

A DISPATCH FROM ST. LOUIS ON THE 35TH ULT.

says that about noon of that day the delivery wagon of the U. S. Express Company in charge of the driver and messenger, stopped at the mouth of the alley between 4th and 5th streets to deliver a package addressed to a party in the alley.

THE VALUABLE MUSEUM.

was destroyed, as was also its contents. Here could be found the arms and ammunition which had been brought into use in former days.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

The Magazine at the Washington Arsenal Blown to Atoms. Great Destruction of Government Property.

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