

THE MARKET BASKET.

Fish and Oysters Continue Active at Expense of Meats.

STRAWBERRIES DRIFTING DOWN.

New Garden Stuff Grows Cheaper and Moves More Freely.

SPRING CHICKENS FROM THE SOUTH

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At the fish and oyster stalls a good week's trade is reported. The room fish is now about over. About all of the frozen artichokes now for sale are of the higher price.

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MARKETS BY WIRE.

May Wheat Lower and July Higher—Both Options Active and Unsettled.

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A COSTLY PROJECT.

Objections of Citizens to the Widening of Diamond Street.

HARD FACTS ABOUT MORTGAGES.

A Remote Western Town Brings Superiority Over the Gas City.

STOCKS STRONG AND PETROLEUM WEAK

Concerning the project for widening Diamond street, a gentleman who desired his name omitted said yesterday: "It would be a costly improvement, and has, and will continue to encounter, determined opposition. It would take 25 feet from every lot on the upper side of the street from Smith-

The difference in the mortgage business between Pittsburgh and some of the other cities is not striking and instructive. Here the money obtained is used for the purchase of real estate and is always worth what it costs.

Old citizens still maintain that the flood of 1882 was the greatest ever known in this part of the country, and that a Brevel's machine, a steamer driven up alongside of the old Robinson mansion in Allegheny and took furniture out of the third story window.

Black & Baird, No. 55 Fourth avenue, sold to Mrs. Lottie Holmes lot No. 409 in the Robb & Munson plan of lots at Charities station, Pittsburgh.

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THE PENDING POLICY

Of the Pikers' Binding Rate Upon the Oil Business.

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DOMESTIC MARKETS.

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