Pittsburgh Gazette.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—JAN. 13, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette

Shocking Accident in Lawrenceville —Explosion of a Coal Oil Refinery —Two Men Burned to Death.

Last night, between twelve and one o'clock, the refinery of Peacock, Ball & Co., situated at the foot of Borough street, Lawrenceville, exploded and was quickly reduced to ruins.

It appears that the usual number of workmen were engaged in their duties, and in no anticipation of danger, when the still head blew out, with tremendous force, the concussion bringing to the recollection of all who heard it the terrible Arsenal explosion. The works in which the machinery was located was instantaneously in flames, and so sudden and awful was the destruction, that two men engaged in the building were literally burned to cinders. Their names were Chas. S. Woods, who resided in Allegheny, and Joseph Braden, who lives on Bellefontaine street, Lawrenceville. They each leave a wife and five children to bewail their untimely end.

We visited this scene of the disaster, and saw the bodies of the unfortunate employees; they were burnt to shapeless masses, and presented a horrible spectacle to the beholder. The features were entirely gone, and the extremities apparently melted off; the bones of the ankle being bare, and the hands clean gone.

The occurrence of this heart-rending accident in the night is, however, a source of comfort, when we reflect on the great augmentation of disaster, which would have shocked the community, had it occurred in the day-time. There are not less than a dozen of employees engaged there always, and from the swift destruction which overwhelmed the only two in the works, it is fair to infer that none would have escaped had the accident taken place during the day.

J. P. K. Jones Attempts to Commit Suicide in Jail.

Early on Tuesday morning, J. P. K. Jones, an Alderman of the Seventh Ward, who is in jail awaiting sentence upon four convictions, for the several crimes of assault and battery, keeping a disorderly house, adultery and perjury, attempted to commit suicide by opening one of the veins in his left arm. He did not, however, accomplish his purpose, and it is to be hoped that he will yet be made to suffer the punishment he so justly deserves for his life of villainy and crime. Previous to his attempt at self-murder, he wrote two notes of which the following are copies:

No. 22, January 12, 1864.

Mr. Fife, Jailor—Please have the kindness to let my cell returned to Mrs. Miller. Tell my Attorney to save judgment, and a new trial granted, if possible, for the sake of my children. Jones.

I can hear a cannon's mouth but this I cannot. Give my covenant to my Veronica. JONES.

No. 23, January 12, 1864.

Mary M. Jones—You have now consigned me to everlasting infamy, I hope you are now satisfied, and may God protect my little children. I forgive you.

JONES.

Veronica Miller alias Mary Wagner, was his accomplice in crime, and is now under sentence in the county jail.

Jones' poor deserted wife and two little children are residing at No. 22 Vine street, Pittsburgh, and are in a very destitute condition. We trust that some of our charitably disposed citizens will assist her in her time of need and mental suffering, caused by the crimes of a profligate wretch of a husband.

The 28th Regiment in Philadelphia.

The 28th Regiment, P. V., which passed through here on Saturday, arrived in Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock.

Notwithstanding the conflicting statements in regard to the arrival of the train, there was an immense crowd collected at the West Philadelphia Depot, from noon until the train reached the city, and the appearance of the gallant fellows of the 28th was received with the most hearty demonstrations of joy by their numerous friends and relatives. The uncertainty attached to the movements of the regiment prevented a large escort, but the Henry Guards, Capt. Speary with Bigfield's band, paraded at short notice, and made a very creditable display. What was lacking in the way of a formal reception was supplied by a hearty welcome on the part of the citizens. The regiment was furnished with quarters and reported to the Governor, who will have further thoughts provided for them.

Stitches in a Shirt.—The following is a singular calculation of the number of stitches in a shirt: Stitching the collar, four rows, 3,000; sewing the ends, 500; button holes and sewing on buttons, 156; sewing the collar and gathering the neck, 1204; stitching wristbands, 1228; sewing the cuffs, 63; button holes, 148; hemming the slits, 264; gathering the sleeves, 940; setting on wristbands, 1468; stitching on shoulder straps, three rows each, 1680; hemming the bosom, 395; sewing the sleeves, 2532; setting in sleeves and gussets, 3059; topping the sleeves, 1596; sewing the gussets, 424; hemming the bottom, 1104. Total number of stitches, 20,620. And for this work many women receive only 62½ cents.

A Painter Dead.—John Fitzgerald, of Co. E, 77th Pennsylvania Regiment, died at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 24 ult., of wounds received in the battle of Chickamauga, aged twenty years. Young Fitzgerald was a Pittsburgher, and enlisted in Col. Stiwell's regiment, and fought in all the hard fought battles in which it had been engaged. He had learned the art of printing in the office of the *Post*, where he enjoyed the confidence of his employers and the respect of his fellow-workmen. He was a brave and gallant soldier, and received special commendation from Gen. Rosecrans.

Sentenced to be Shot.—The Court Martial which assembled in Philadelphia for the purpose of investigating the charge of desertion and conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline against Sergeant Devlin, private of Co. E, 31st Regiment, P. V., have completed their labors, and the charges having been sustained, the Court has sentenced the accused to be shot to death, by musketry, on Friday, February 5th, at Fort Mifflin. The accused, it is alleged, enlisted in the 31st Regiment, afterwards deserted, and in August last was sworn in as a substitute in the 5th District.

Drowned Himself.—On New Year's morning, Mr. Michael Mortbland, of Warrington township, York county, Pa., being delirious from the effects of fever, jumped from his bed and rushed to a creek on the premises, into which, before he could be stopped, he precipitated himself and was drowned.

Railways in Pennsylvania.—The number of miles of railroads in operation on the 1st of January, 1864, was in these lengths in the States named: Pennsylvania, 3,545 miles; New York, 3,302 miles; Ohio, 2,356 miles; Illinois, 2,669 miles.

State Agricultural Society.—The annual election of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society will be held at Harrisburg on Tuesday, January 19th, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, P. M.

Sudden Death.—Mrs. E. McCool, of West Pennsboro' township, Cumberland county, was found dead in her bed, on Sunday morning last.

Witches.—Our readers will remember that the Panorama of the Bible will be exhibited to-morrow (Wednesday), at 3 o'clock, at Mozart Hall, for the accommodation of ladies and children.

Mechanics Bank.—There will be added to the list of stock to be sold by Davis & McClurg this evening, at 12½ o'clock, 20 shares of the Mechanics Bank.

UNIVERSAL CLOTHES WRINGER.—Read the following opinion by Orange Judd, of the *American Agriculturist*, who says of the First Premium Universal Clothes Wringer: "We have had years' experience with it in our own family; from the testimony of members who have used it, and from the construction of the implement itself, we feel certain that it is worthy a place in every family where the washing is done at home. A child can readily work the wringer, and clothes in a few minutes. It is in reality a Clothes Saver, a Time Saver, and a Strength Saver. The labor of cranking will amount to a large percentage on its cost. We think the machine stands more than any of itself every year in the saving of garments. Where several friends, neighbors or members of a family are owners, it will be found a great convenience, but we consider it important that the wringer be fitted with a pair of cogwheels, as most of the wringers in market have, otherwise a man of ordinary strength may clog the rollers, and the rollers upon separate and lay the cloth between. Our Co. has the exclusive right to sell and use the above machine in one of the first rank, and it is to be found on sale, after about four days' notice, at No. 57 Fourth street, by

For sale only at No. 57 and 59 Fourth street, by
J. M. PHILLIPS.

Sole agents for this county.

DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO'S Night Bills on the Union Bank, London, and Sight Bills on every important town in Germany, Holland, Belgium and Italy, for sale in sums to suit purchasers, by
WM. M. WILLIAMS & CO.,
Bankers, corner of Third and Wood streets.

POCKET AND TABLE CUTLERY, a fine assortment, for sale by
JAMES BOWN, 126 Wood street.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

TUESDAY, January 12, 1864.

PROVISIONS—The demand for Bacon continues active, and the market is firm, with small sales of Shoulders at 9½@9¾c and Sides at 12½c. Lard is steady with a good demand, and prime city rendered is held at 14c. New York is firm and higher, but in the absence of sales, we omit quotations. We hold some few small sales of Mess Beef at former quotations.

GRAIN—Wheat is dull, with a fair demand and but little in market; we continue to quote from first hands at $1.37 for Red, and $1.45 for White. Corn is firm and wanted, sales of Ear from depot at $1.30, and from store at $1.35. Barley is unchanged at $1.35 for Spring, and $1.50 for Fall. Oats may be quoted quiet but firm with small sales from store at 86@90c.

GROCERIES—The market is quiet very but firm, and prices are fully sustained. We note small sales at 13½ to 13½c for Raw Sugar, 17½@18½c for Refined Cr, 23@30c for Coffee, and 65@68c for Molasses.

FLOUR—is quiet but firm, with a regular jobbing demand at former quotations. Small sales from store at $6.75@6.87 for Spring Wheat Extra Family, and $7.25@7.50 for White Wheat. Sale of 600 lbs Buckwheat flour from store at $4.25 per cwt.

HAY—is steady but without quotable change; sale of 12 loads from scales at from $40 to $45 per ton, and these may be considered the extreme rates of the market.

BUTTER & EGGS—Roll Butter is steady, and may be quoted firm at from 25 to 28c. Eggs—last sales at 25c.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

JAN. 13—The market for both Crude and Refined Petroleum continue to rule very quiet and inactive, while quotations have undergone no change whatever. For crude, there is only a moderate demand, and quotations may be given at 12½@13c in bulk, and 24@25c in bbls; a sale of 1000 bbls in bulk was made on Monday at 12½. Refined is quiet and dull, and the nominal quotations are 40c in bond, and 60c free.

The receipts and shipments during the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day were as follows: Shipments by New York, 378 bbls Crude, 11 bbls refined; to Philadelphia, 272 bbls refined, 100 bbls naphtha; to Baltimore, 223 bbls crude; to Boston, 180 bbls refined. Receipts per Allegheny Valley Railroad, 213 bbls refined. 378 bbls crude.

New York Petroleum Market.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, JAN. 12—Crude is dull with small sales at 31c on the spot, and 27½c for February delivery, seller option. Refined is unchanged at 45@46c on the spot, for bonded, and 45@45½c for January delivery; buyers option. Free oil ranges from 50 to 53c, and Naphtha at 32@36c.

Boston Cotton Goods Market.

The *Shipping List* of the 9th says: There is an increased demand for Cotton Goods, and the market continues firm for leading styles. The stock of heavy Sheetings is gradually growing less, and the present price will not pay the manufacturer. The sales have been at 42@43c, now held mostly at the latter figure. Medium and light Sheetings and Shirtings are quite firm at previous prices. Mill 4-4 Bleached Goods are selling at 33½c; Pepperell, 8 at 42c; Newmarket, 4-4, at 31½c. Drills are quiet, but are scarce and held firm. There is some inquiry for Corsets, Jeans, Ticklings, Stripes, Denims and Goldens, and se el cloths are very small in first hands and but few of these goods are being produced, holders are quite firm. Plaids and Print Cloths are also nearly sold at fall prices. Ginghams are in good request at 24@25c. It is rather early yet to open the spring trade in Dress Goods, but it is thought the trade will probably commence, and a good season is anticipated. Manufacturers are making considerable preparation, and we look for a fine assortment.

In Woolen Goods there is a moderate business doing, but, at the same time, the production of the various prominent mills are engaged ahead on such goods as Seakings, Hawks, Cassimeres, &c. These goods would all command an advance on the current rates two or three months since. In fact, as we approach the opening of the season, we think all goods will command better prices, as coal is getting to be a serious demand, and are selling freely at the recent advance in prices.

Chicago Provisions Market.

JAN. 9—The Provision market is tolerably firm and active. There was an improved inquiry for Mess Pork to-day, and we note an advance in prices of 25@50c @ 100 lbs. About 1000 bbls of all kinds changed hands at $18.25@18.50 for city packed Mess, $18.20 for Michigan City packed, free of storage and insurance till 1st of May; $18.00 for Mess delivered in Milwaukee; and $17.75@18.00 for outside city and country packed. No Pork was sold at $18.00. At the close of the market round lots of city packed were held at $19.00. There was a good demand for Prime Mess Pork, and the market is firm, with sales to-day of about 1000 bbls, all in small lots, at $14.00 for old and 14.50@14.75 for country packed. The market at present is almost bare of desirable lots of city packed. Bulk Meats are scarce and firm, and we have to report only about 5,000 pcs of shoulders at 6c loose, and a small lot of country sides at 7½c loose. Hams Shoulder are generally held at 8½c loose and Hams at 9@9¼c loose. There was more activity in English Meats to-day, and we notice sales of 700 hds. Short Rib Middles at 9c and small lots of Short Clear at 10c and Cumberlands 9c. Packed Hams continue to rule higher to-day, with sales of 650 tcs at 9½@10c. Beef Hams were sold at $15.00 per bbl. Lard is in active demand at the top rates now holding at 12½ @12½c, and we have to note sales of only about 1500 lbs, all in miscellaneous lots, at 12c.

Pork Packing in the West.

The Cincinnati *Price Current* of the 6th instant gives some interesting facts and figures in relation to Pork Packing in the west this season. It publishes the amount packed in a large number of towns in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and other Western States, but by some accident, probably, it does not give the figures for this point, which although not large, will increase the amount some 30,000, at least.

According to the figures of the Price Current the whole number of hogs packed up to the 5th inst., in the West, is 1,000,000. The estimate is 1,250,000 last year. The estimate amount for this year is 2,254,807. The deficiency will not fall far short, according to these figures, of 700,000 hogs.

It is now clear that the hog crop season will be the lightest ever packed before, and the yield of lard per hog far less than any season upon record. The deficiency so far is about 30 per cent. in the number, and in weight about 10 per cent.

Cleveland Market.

JAN. 11.—Flour—Market firm and good inquiry. Sales 150 bbls, choice XX red at $6.50; 100 bbls, good do at $6.25, and 100 do. at $6.15. Rye Flour—Firm at $6.00. Buckwheat Flour—In good demand at $4.00@4.25 per cwt. Wheat—No sales reported today. The receipts are so light that transactions are restricted. Market may be quoted firm at Saturday's rates. Corn—Sales of 4 cars old shelled from store at 91.1. Oats—No sales. Dull at 75c from store. 76c. from store. Rye—Firm at $1.20 from store. Barley—No sales or offers. Mill Feed—Good demand at the mills at $20@21. Oats and corn ground together, $14@16. Dressed Hogs—No sales reported to-day. We quote a range of $4.25@5.50. Pork City packed mess firm at $19.50; clear $21.50; with light sales. Lard—Sales 20 kegs country rendered at 11½c; city rendered held at 12@12½c. Market is steady local demand at 12½c. for city sugar cured. Shoulders—City sugar cured 8c.

Baltimore Coffee Market.

JAN. 9—The demand for Rio since the date of our last weekly report, has been very unimportant, but prices have been maintained. Common to prime grades we quote at 23@24c. Stocks in first hands confined to 700 bags.

Imports by Railroad.

PITTSBURGH, Fr. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD, Jan 12—24 bbls, J H Kaiser; 1 bx dry goods, Arbuthnot & Shannon; 83 bdls brooms, Muirhead & Connor