THE CITY POST.

FRIDAY MORNING.....JANUARY 21.

SHORT RAPPINGS.—Those good natured and obliging persons, residing some where between heaven and h—earth, and who favor favored mortals with their company, are creating considerable excitement in Allegheny City, by their visiting to different domicils in that place. The spirits which favor the ceiling. The spirits which have taken up their quarters in Allegheny, possess other qualifications: a pen is placed in the hand of the medium, and paper before him, the spirit takes possession of his right arm, and the penman is off,—sheet after sheet is covered with words of burning eloquence—"parts" that nobody can read them—the medium does not become exhausted, for it is the spirit that does the work; and the writing continues, until the being in the other world runs out of ideas, or the spell is broken. SIMON LAND, who every body thought, was suffering the penalties for horse stealing, in the spirit world, has been dragged into the contest,—there's no rest for the wicked; sub, though Simon possessed rather a devilish spirit, when he appeared on the tables in this city, a year or two ago, his disposition now is ten times worse, and his appearance is the invariable prelude to a row among his more righteous associates in the spirit world.

We regret that the folly does not end here; but it appears that several weak minded persons residing in Allegheny, have become so affected by these spirits, that their intellects have become deranged. We have been informed of the case of a lady residing in Allegheny, whose mind has been utterly destroyed, by the influence these so called "spirits" obtained over her. She is now says our informant, a *mania.* One or two other cases we have heard of, but none so bad as this.

A CLERICAL TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A meeting of ministers of various denominations was held in the Lecture room of the Rev. Dr. Herron's church, Pittsburgh, on the 18th inst. The Rev. A. D. Campbell, D. D. was called to the chair and the Rev. Dr. A. W. Black, chosen secretary.

During a lengthened conversation a strong desire was manifested by all present to avoid collision with other friends of the Maine Law, and to co-operate with them in holding meetings and obtaining subscriptions to petitions addressed to our Legislature, in the best way calculated to give a fair, full and effective expression of the public mind upon the subject. With this view a committee was appointed to correspond with a committee of the Temperance League.

The Rev. Dr. Rodgers and the Rev. Messrs. Paxton and Nevin were appointed a committee on resolutions. They submitted the two following, which were unanimously adopted by the meeting:

Resolved, We hereby express the deep interest which we feel in the present movement on behalf of a law to suppress the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, We strongly recommend to the clergy of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and neighborhood to bring the subject before their congregations, and to endeavor to enlist the co-operation of the people in the promotion of this object.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Riddle the resolutions were returned to Mr. Nevin to secure their publication in papers favorable to a prohibitory liquor law. Editors friendly to the cause will please copy.

STATE REVENUE.—Allegheny county contributes a considerable sum to the State. From the Auditor General's report it appears that the receipts of revenue from this county during the past year, was as follows:

Auction Commissions,	$11,200 00
Auction Duties,	850 75
Tax on Bank Dividends,	17,767 70
Tax on Bank Stock,	9,211 00
Tax on Corporation Stock,	5,775 53
Tax on real and personal estate,	68,776 85
Retailers Licenses,	3,325 08
Eating house Licenses,	35 00
Tax on wills, wills and deeds, &c.,	2,273 61
Tax on certain offices,	1,518 54
Collateral Inheritance tax,	16,811 33
Enrollment of laws,	210 00
Tax on bares,	5,247 45
Escheats,	216 00
	$152,743 54
Canal tolls collected at Pittsburgh,	83,007 87
Total revenue for the county	235,751 71

From this it will be seen that the amount collected in this county, for the State Treasury, is about equal to One Dollar for every inhabitant of the county, taking the enumeration of 1850 as the basis.

AMUSEMENT FOR THE YOUNG.—By advertisement in another column it will be seen that the proprietors of the Chinese Juggling and Magician will give an entertainment at Masonic Hall for children and their guardians and parents, this and to-morrow afternoon. The idea is well conceived. Much instruction of a truly useful character will thus be afforded our juveniles. There is no people in the world whose history is more instructive and interesting than that of the Chinese, and the opportunity of seeing so many of them together as compose this troupe is therefore exceedingly important, as it furnishes the very best means of observing and studying the most striking peculiarities of their character. Facilities, we learn, will be afforded by the managers for visitors to converse, through their interpreters, with the dwarf and young members of the Celestial company. We shall expect to see crowds of happy little faces at these day exhibitions.

To-morrow night will positively close the performances, in this city, of the Celestial troupe. Let all who desire to see them remember this fact.

TAKEN OVER.—The six Irishmen convicted of riot and sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year and three months, were taken to the Penitentiary yesterday morning, and placed under the charge of Major Backham. Perhaps it is for the best to frown down, with the strong arm of the law, the first attempts at Railroad rioting in this county, but if there is the least truth in the story of the Irishmen, they are not much more to blame than the contractors for whom they worked. By this sentence, six families are deprived of their support, and thrown on the cold charities of the world for subsistence. Perhaps if these unfortunate men had received the benefit of an education, and appeared in fine instead of coarse cloth, their appearance would have called forth successful efforts for a pardon. This is no doubt all right, according to law, but it is a poor rule that won't work both ways—for the benefit of the ignorant, as well as the polished man.

COMMON SCHOOLS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY.—In this county, there are fifty-five school districts, two hundred and thirty-four schools, two hundred and seventy-five male teachers and one hundred and sixty-six female teachers. The number of male scholars in the county is 11,246, and 9,732 female scholars. The average salary paid male teachers is $28,20 per month, and for female teachers, $16,48.

These facts we learn from the report of the Superintendant of common schools. Allegheny county has a very fair proportion of schools, when we consider that the whole number in the State is 9,099; of which number 234 are in this county.

COLLISION.—We learn from the Hollidaysburgh papers, that a collision between two freight trains took place near McVeytown, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, on Friday evening last, by which two locomotives were smashed, and a number of cars injured "past surgery." A number of persons were seriously injured. The accident was one of those unavoidable ones that ever have occurred, and always will occur on a single track road, in spite of telegraphs or any other precaution that may be adopted. The trains were both running out of their allotted time, having been detained by the snow on the track.

THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS adjourned on Wednesday, until Saturday. An immense amount of business has been transacted in this Court since the fourth Monday of October last, since which time it has been in constant session, adjourning only from day to day. A large amount of business is yet to be transacted, which will nearly run the present term into the March term of Court. The labor performed by the Court and its officers is vast, laborious, and appears almost incredible when one looks back.

SUDDEN AND STRANGE DEATH.—A man (whose name we did not learn) was choked to death yesterday in his house, at the Six Mile Ferry, on the Allegheny river. The man was eating dinner with his family, and choked on a crust of stale bread so badly that before relief could be afforded him, he died from suffocation.

Coroner Lowry went up yesterday afternoon, to hold an inquest on the body, but had not came down at a late hour last evening.

MAGAZINES.—Gildenfenny & Co., 76 Fourth street, have received Godey's *Ladies' Book*, and Graham's and Peterson's Magazines, for February. The publishers of the above Magazines are determined not to be left behind in the race for public patronage. The Magazines for February surpass the former numbers, both in engravings and the reading matter. The above firm are still receiving subscriptions for Godey and Graham, at $2,50 a year.

DRAMATIC SPECTACLES.—Manager Foster is about getting up, in magnificent style, a series of dramatic spectacles. Monte Cristo, the first of the series, will be performed on Monday night. This play was dramatized from Dumas' great romance, and the plot of the novel, as carried out by the author, affords great opportunities for a splendid display on the stage, in the getting up of which no one excels Manager Foster.

THEATRE.—To-night one of those comedies which delight and instruct every one will be performed at the Theatre.—The School for Scandal, one of the best of English comedies will be performed with a powerful cast. Messrs. Brelsford, Foster, Ellsler, Mrs. Ellsler and other members of the stock company appear. Mr. M'Vicker also appears in a Yankee character.

MAGAZINES FOR FEBRUARY.—We have received from H. Miner's Co., 32 Smithfield street, Godey's, Graham's and Peterson's Magazines, for February. This class of Magazines are the most welcome periodicals we have. Any of our readers wishing to subscribe for any, or all of the above Magazines, can be accommodated with the January number, which commences the new volume.

CHANGE.—Rev. Mr. Quick has resigned the Rectorship of St. Andrews (Episcopal) Church, of this city. We understand that Rev. W. E. Cornwell, of Connecticut, has accepted of the charge made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Quick. The new rector will enter upon his duties after Easter.

DISMISS CASE.—The case of Craig vs. Boles et al., was continued in this Court yesterday. Speeches were made during the day by counsel. Judge Shaler and Mr. Stanton appeared for the plaintiff, and Burke and Woods for defendants.

BENEFIT.—Mr. M'Vicker takes a benefit to-morrow night, when an entirely new play, called Filial Love, will be performed.

DEATHS.—Eighteen in number last week; eleven of the number were children, and seven adults.

TELEGRAPHIC.

By the O'Reilly Lines for the Morning Post.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 20.

SENATE.—The report of the Secretary of the Treasury was received and referred.

Mr. Seward presented a petition of the New York legislature relative to the distribution of the Public Lands to several States for Internal Improvements.

The report of the Boundary Commissioners to run the Mexican boundary was presented and referred.

The House bill to suppress the circulation of small notes in the District of Columbia was referred.

Mr. Pearce urged taking up the bill for the payment of the Texas debt which was referred.

The Pacific railroad bill was taken up, and after a short debate the Senate went into Executive session and afterwards adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Speaker announced as the first business, the question of the rejection of the New York Branch Mint. It was debated until the expiration of the morning hour.

The President sent in a message in answer to a resolution calling for information touching the confiscation and capture by the Spanish authorities of the bark Georgiana and brig Susan Loud, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Polk moved to reconsider the motion to print. He wanted the documents to go to the Committee that it might be determined whether it was prudent to publish them.

Mr. Stanley demanded their publication in justice to the President. Pending the debate, the House adjourned.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, January 20.

SENATE.—Mr. Darsie read a bill in place, requiring Supervisor's and Overseer's of the Poor to give bonds.

On motion of Mr. Carothers, the House took up and passed a bill incorporating the Board of Colportage of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

HOUSE.—Mr. Gillmore read in place a bill relative to reports of dissenting opinions of the Supreme Court.

The Governor has signed bills relative to Little Saw Mill Run Railroad Company, and Birmingham and Elizabeth Turnpike Company.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported, as committed, a bill authorizing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to run their cars on the Columbia Railroad. Mr. Chase moved a re-commitment of the bill to the committee, which was lost—yeas 54, nays 56.

Mr. Flanigan's amendment only authorises the American Telegraph Company to extend their line between Harrisburg and Baltimore. It has been signed by the Governor.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The mail is through from New Orleans.

A correspondent of the Nueces Valley Gazette, writing from Brownsville on the 23d ult., says: A resolution has been proclaimed at Monterey, and it is rumored that Carvajal was there. Col. Monroe, of the regular Mexican army, has captured him. Canales escaped, when Cardenas was arrested, but it is since reported that he was murdered by some rancheros.

Gen. Morelos had got up a pronunciamiento and was marching on Zacatecas. The regular forces were again defeated by the revolted National Guards and had returned to Matamoras badly cut up.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company invite proposals for $1,250,000 of six per cent coupon bonds, redeemable, 1885.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 20.

The difference of opinion between Cass on the one side and Mason and Hunter on the other, as to the proper interpretation of the Sub-Treasury Section, has caused considerable talk and various speculations are afloat as to the effect in arranging foreign questions and forming a cabinet. It is understood Mr. Soulé will speak on Tuesday and it is said he will sustain Cass.

The American Colonization Society held a meeting a week day morning, and elected Mr. Latrobe, of Baltimore, President.

Private dispatches from Norfolk say that Mr. King, after touching there, left in the Fulton for Havana on Tuesday evening. A bracing sea air had improved his appetite, health and spirits.

The wife of Senator Douglass died at his residence yesterday afternoon. Her funeral will take place on Saturday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.

At Providence, the Whig caucus, on Tuesday nominated Samuel G. Arnold, U. S. Senator, in place of Hon. Asa Messer, to succeed with the election Sunday, but the Senate adjourned by a party vote after a session of a few minutes. The Senate will probably refuse to proceed to an election to-day.

A large lot of goods belonging to the Clyde Print works, Warwick was burnt up Tuesday night. Loss $25,000, insured here.

HARRISBURGH, Jan. 20.

Thomas S. Rowley, Esq., is appointed Cargo Inspector at Pittsburgh, by the Board of Canal Commissioners.

TELEGRAPH MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.

Cotton—Sales 1500 bales, market firm. Flour—Sales 14,000 bbls State $5,50@5,50; Ohio $5,62@5,81; Southern $5,68@5,75, active. Grain—sales 30,000 bus wheat, western, declined 1c; sales 18,000 bus mixed corn at 74, normal. Rye—sales 150 bbls Kentucky 81½, active. Coffee—sales 400 bags Rio at 9¾@9¼, active and firm. Sugar—Sales 300 hhds Cuba at 5¾@6¼, active. Molasses—sales 100 bbls at 31, firm. Whisky—sales 600 bbls prison at 22½@23, steady. Provisions—Pork, mess, $18,25, prime $16,50. Lard—Sales 150 bbls at 11@11¼. Butter plenty and dull at 15@18.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.

Cotton buoyant and tending upward. Flour—The Pittsburgh Copper Works Ingot 23@24c. ℔ lb. Sheet—for Braziers 26 @27 cts.

COPPERAS—Sells at $2,87@3,12 ½ bbl.

DRIED BEEF—Sales of sugar cured canvassed at 10@11.

BUTTER—There continues quiet and inactive, with but few sales reported; prices seem to be above the views of buyers. We quote at prices ranging from $1,25@1,37 for Ohio, and $1,50@1,62 for Pennsylvania.

EGGS—In moderate request at 15@18.

WHATHIDES—The market is firm, and sales are regularly made at 42c42, as in quality.

FISH—The market continues firm, with sales of No 3 Mackerel at $9 37½@9,50; Herring, $5 50. Lake Salmon $10@ $10 50; Codfish, 5 to 5½.

FLOUR—Receipts during the past week were very light; heavy snow storms prevented the canal boats and railroads from keeping up. The demand is almost exclusively for the city trade. Prices will be found very different to last week's quotations. The sales are to a fair amount, at 5,25@5,50 bbls, ranging from $4,25@4,37 for Superfine, and $4,43@4,50 for Extra.

FREIGHTS—Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The winter rates to Philadelphia and Baltimore are as follows:

Barrels Beer, per. bbl	$6 00
Common per bbl.	6 00
XX do	8 00
XXX do	9 00
Common half barrels	3 50
XX do	4 00
XXX do	4 50
Common quarter bbls	1 75
XX do	2 00
XXX do	2 25

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Sales are made at $1,62½@1,75 100 lbs in bulk, and $100@1,12 in sacks of 5lbs.

BUTTER—There continues a good demandfor choice, and sells readily at quoted rates ; say 18@19 for good Roll, and 12@16 for inferior to choice Log.

BLOOMS—The sales are principally confined to small lots, and are held firm at quoted rates. We quote $72@75.

BRASS—We quote sales at 27,50@28,00 ℔ 100 lbs.

BOLTS—