THE CITY POST.

TUESDAY MORNING:.....DECEMBER 13.

MEETING OF COUNCILS.

COMMON COUNCIL.—The Common Council met last evening, in their Chamber. Immediately upon the assembling, Council went into Committee of the whole, Mr. Long in the Chair.

Various amendments were offered to the act reported by the Committee, and voted down. The question coming up on the adoption of the second section entire, as reported by the Committee, it was adopted by a vote of 14 ayes to 9 nays.

The third section was called up. Its adoption was moved, when

Mr. Little moved an amendment that the revenue arising from licenses, granted to whisky shops, be applied to a sinking fund, to pay the city debt. Lost.

Mr. Mercer moved an amendment to the fourth section. Lost. This section was finally adopted.

Section fifth was also adopted.

Mr. Marshall presented a substitute to the entire act; on motion the substitute was taken up, and considered section by section.

The first section of the act was taken up. It gave Councils power to select officers to carry out the act; to cause to be graded or paved any street, lane, or alley, in the city; to assess the tax for sinking fund purposes according to the valuation of property, for county purposes—ground rents also to be assessed; the improvements to be at the will of a majority of the property and lease owners residing on the streets.

Mr. M'Auley moved as an amendment to the section, the adoption of the section reported by the committee, with an addition taxing ground rent.

Mr. Hegerly made a motion to lay upon the table the act reported by Mr. Marshall. Carried.

Mr. M'Auley moved the reconsideration of the first section. Carried.

Mr. M'Auley then moved an addition to the first section, taxing ground rents, charged to real estates.

Mr. Stirner moved an amendment, continuing the improvement fund, and devoting it solely to grading and paving. Lost.

An amendment was offered by Gen. Moorhead, but voted down.

The amendment of Mr. M'Auley was carried.

Another amendment was offered providing that the tax should be collected from the "*the property*," striking out the words "*the owners of*" in the section.

A number of motions, amendments, &c, were offered, but voted down.

Mr. M'Auley offered an amendment to the fourth section providing for the more effectual collection of the tax assessed.

Mr. Riddle offered an amendment providing for the redemption of property sold, for the non payment of taxes. Laid upon the table.

The amendment of Mr. M'Auley was adopted, and the section, as amended passed.

On motion, the committee rose, after attempts had been made to introduce amendments upon amendments.

Motions were made to adjourn until Monday and Wednesday evening next. Lost.

Mr. M'Auley moved the previous question on the bill as reported by the committee of the whole. Sustained by a vote of 17 to 11.

A motion to adjourn was again voted down.

Another motion was made, that the Councils adjourn until Thursday evening. Lost.

It was moved that the rules be suspended, and the ordinance be considered as read three times and passed. Lost The yeas and nays were called, and on the third reading and final passage, were as follows:

Ayes—Bissell, Day, Fetterman, Gracey, Getty, Harrison, Kirkpatrick, Long, Slackin, McAuley, Scott, Singerly, Smyth, Spiese, Vernon, Wilcox, Young, President—18.

Nays—Duncan, Irwin, Kennedy, Little, Mercer, Miller, Moorhead, Riddle, Rowley, Wood.

The ordinance as adopted consists of the act as reported by the committee, with amendments mostly taken from Mr. Marshall's substitute.

Throughout the evening, and in fact ever since the act was reported by the committee, it has met with a bitter opposition from the minority, and if they did not defeat it, it was from no lack of zeal. Motions calculated to delay action were multiplied, and successively voted down. The act, as passed, differs materially from that passed by the Select Council a few evenings since.

CORRESPONDENCE OF A SINGULAR NATURE.—On Sunday morning last, Mayor Riddle despatched to Bishop O'Connor, by the hands of Officer Hague, the following note:—

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Pittsburgh, December 11th, 1853.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—My attention has been called to the movement of bands of music in the streets, and to preparations for the firing of cannon within the limits of the city, in connection with a public procession, begun this morning, and to be continued during the day. I am further given to understand that these proceedings are subject to your control, and may be arrested or modified to the bodily decorum and quiet of the Sabbath, if our laws, on application to you. I respectfully appeal to you, therefore, to give such directions as will relieve me of the obligation to interpose, as I am asked to do by a body of citizens.

I have the honor to be your fellow-citizen,
JOHN L. RIDDLE,
Mayor.

To the Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Erie.

Bishop O'Condor replied in the following note:—

PITTSBURGH, December 11.

DEAR SIR:—I have just received your letter stating that your "attention has been called to the movement of bands of music in the streets, and to preparations for firing of cannon, within the limits of the city, in connection with the public procession, begun this morning," and asking me to interfere to stop these proceedings.

I beg leave to say in reply, that if such be the case, it is not only without my knowledge or consent, but contrary to my express request to those who had the responsibility of preparing for the procession. I have moreover made such inquiries as I was able, in the short time that has elapsed since I received your note, and I am assured that nothing of the kind is contemplated.

I would beg leave to add that I, myself, would feel it a duty to abstain from anything on such or any similar occasion that could be contrary to the laws of the land, or could in any way justly cause pain or hurt the feelings of our good citizens, and in this course I am sure I am acting in accordance with the sentiments of the illustrious personage, whom the Catholics of this city are anxious to honor.

As to your note you allude to the "firing of cannon and the movements of bands of music" as the only things objectionable which you apprehended. I conclude that the Catholics of this city were right in supposing that they offended against no law in receiving the envoy of the head of their church, in the quiet and solemn manner they have done up to this moment, and that their right to do so will be recognized by every liberal minded man, and to protect by the authorities of the city.

If, however, I am mistaken in this, and you apprehend any disturbance will arise from the course I have taken place, please inform me, and I will communicate it to them. I feel confident they will have no hesitation in complying with what you may request, under an apprehension of any danger to the public quiet.

I remain, dear sir, yours, faithfully,
† M. O'CONNOR.

Hon. R. M. RIDDLE, Mayor of Pittsburgh.

Mayor Riddle, in answer to this letter, states his willingness to interfere, upon the slightest intimation from the Bishop, that he had reason to apprehend interruption in receiving the Nuncio.

RECEPTION OF MONSIGNOR BEDINI.—The Nuncio of the Pope arrived in this city, from the East, on Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock. On his way to this city, during last week he visited several congregation at various towns in the interior of the State. On Sunday morning a procession was formed at the Bishop's residence on Grant street, to escort the Nuncio to St. Philomena's Church, in the Fifth Ward. In the procession were the following religious societies:—The Brotherhood of St. Joseph, St. Michal, St. Aloysius, St. Valentine, St. John, St. Philomena, St. Joseph's German Society, St. Joseph's Society. After service in St. Philomena's, the Nuncio, accompanied by Bishop O'Connor, visited St. Patrick's. They next visited St. Peter's church, (English) Allegheny city, where Rev. R. P. Garland preached, from that they visited St. Mary's (German) in the same city. In the evening Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connor preached in the basement of the Cathedral; the Nuncio was present.

Yesterday the Nuncio, visited the Mercy Hospital, and St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Allegheny city.

At St. Paul's Church, last evening, S. L. D. Fetterman, on behalf of the Catholic laity of this city, presented M. Bedini with a congratulatory address. The Nuncio responded in Italian, but his address was translated into English by his Secretary. The Church was densely crowded.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual anniversary of the Sunday School Association of the Liberty street Methodist Episcopal Church, was celebrated on Sunday evening last, in the Church, on Liberty street. The annual address was delivered by Bishop Simpson. Addresses were also delivered by Rev. Drs. Baird and Leonard. The exercises were of a highly interesting character, and were witnessed by a large assemblage.

Bishop Simpson, and family, leave this city for California on Wednesday next. The Bishop will visit the Methodists of Oregon and California, in pursuance of his duties as a dignitary of the Church. He will be absent about a year.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Hon. Moses Hampton, President Judge.

The jury in the case of Ager vs. Morrison, yesterday returned a verdict of $5,75 for plaintiff.

The first case on the trial list, that of the Commonwealth vs. Franciscus et al, was called up, but owing to the absence of counsel, postponed. No other cases being prepared for trial, the Court adjourned until this morning.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.—Before Hon. Thos. Irwin.

The adjourned court met yesterday, but transacted no business. A number of naturalization cases will be disposed of during the term. An indictment is pending against Randolph.

FIRES.—The alarm of fire on Sunday night was caused by a chimney in Brown's Hotel, on Smithfield street, taking fire. The fire was extinguished before much damage had been done.

Another alarm of fire, on Sunday night, was false. Some of the members of the Shiffler and Washington companies amused themselves by fighting, on St. Clair street, pending this alarm of fire.

SUPPRESSED.—Capt. William Dean, whose operations as a financier created considerable excitement in this city, in the early part of the year, is now in the county jail, suffering severely from convulsions. The Captain was sentenced at the March term of the Quarter Sessions to an imprisonment of several months in the county jail. His term of imprisonment has nearly expired.

HELD TO BAIL.—A tavern keeper of the Fifth Ward, whose name often figures in our police reports, one Frank Wolff, was arrested yesterday, on complaint of Wilhelmina Faeger, and held to bail by Ald. Steel, on a charge of assault and battery with intent to commit a rape. The assault was committed on the 7th of October, in the complainants bed room, in Wolff's house.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS.—The fair for the benefit of the Mercy Hospital commences on Thursday next, at Lafayette Hall, on the corner of Wood and Fourth streets. It will continue several days.

A festival for the benefit of Passavant's Infirmary, will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings next, at Masonic Hall.

THE NEW ENGLAND SUPPER.—The annual supper of the New England Society will come off on the 23d of December next. The supper will be prepared by that well known caterer, Morgan Jenkins, of Allegheny city. It is thought, if the proper arrangements can be made, that the supper will take place at Masonic Hall.

THE GIPSIES.—The Sheriff of Columbiana county, Ohio, arrived in the city yesterday, from New Lisbon, and left again last evening for Chambersburg, to take charge of the Gipsey accused of the recent robbery near New Lisbon, and arrested in Chambersburg, on Saturday, by High Constable Gross.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—James and Eli Neal were held to bail by Ald. Steel, yesterday, on a charge of assault and battery preferred against them, by Wm. J. Heastings. The assault complained of was committed on the 26th of last month.

ARRIVED IN THE CITY.—Wilson, the Canal boat robber, whose arrest in Cleveland, we noticed the other day, was brought to the city from Cleveland last evening, and lodged in the prison. Both of the robbers of the canal boat, Wilson and Clark, are now in jail.

DARKNESS.—Yesterday morning was so dark that it was found necessary to light the gas in most of the business offices in the city. Many more such days as yesterday would make a material difference in the quarterly gas bills—plain enough now, certainly—if many of our citizens.

THEATRE.—Mr. and Mrs. Florence appear again this evening at the Theatre, in a new comedy, entitled Irish Assurance in the farce of the Limerick Boy, and in the extravaganza of Mischievous Anne.

BURGLARY.—The house of Eliza Brown, on Pennsylvania Avenue, near Logan street, was entered on Sunday night, and the sum of one hundred dollars stolen. The money belonged to Eliza.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Before Hon. Thomas Irwin, Associate Judge.

Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad Company vs. the city of Erie, the Select and Common Councils, and the citizens of Erie. Messrs. Shafer, A. W. Lochin and Stanton appeared for the plaintiff, and Hon. James Thompson, Elisha Babbitt, Esq., of Erie, and Col. S. W. Black, appeared for the defendants.

This is a petition on the part of the Cleveland, Painesville, and Ashtabula railroad company for an injunction against the citizens and municipal authorities of the city of Erie, to restrain them from tearing up the rails, destroying the bridges and other works of the railroad company.

The morning session of the Court was occupied in discussing a motion made by the counsel for this defence, to adjourn the hearing of the case until this morning. The Court decided against the motion to postpone, after which the Court adjourned until 3 o'clock.

Mr. Stanton, on the opening of the Court, read the petition of the Railroad Company, for an injunction. It was very lengthy document, and sets forth the grievances of the company. With the petition, were read documents bearing upon the case. Acts of the Assemblies of Ohio and Pennsylvania, and city ordinances of Erie, mail contracts on the part of the Company with the post office department, &c., &c. There were offered in evidence, the affidavits of a number of persons, in regard to the riots in Erie, the proceedings of the Councils, speeches of the Mayor, the resolve of the multitude and citizens, and the lawless acts of the mob in burning down the bridges, destroying the property of the Company, and maltreating the agents. A map of Erie was exhibited, showing the situation of the railroad Company.

There was a great amount of documentary evidence offered, and the arguments had not commenced at a late hour yesterday afternoon.

SCURRY OF THE PEACE.—Ald. Major yesterday held to bail John Kuhn, on a charge of surety of the peace, preferred by Nicholas Irwin.

PASSENGER CARS.—Four new passenger cars, intended for the Springfield and Mount Vernon railroad, were brought to the city yesterday, and shipped to their destination.

THE SALE of a retail country dry goods store will be continued at McKenna's Auction House, this day, at 10 o'clock.

THE CANAL was frozen over yesterday morning. Navigation for this season is certainly suspended.

COMMERCIAL POST.

DAILY REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY MORNING POST,
Tuesday, December 13, 1853.

The weather yesterday was very pleasant, but business on our streets was still and dull in every department of trade.

BUTTER—We have sales of 10 firkins prime at 14.

ASHES—Sales of 10 tons domestic at 2½.

CIDER—25 barrels sold from store at $4.25.

WHISKY—Sales of 146 bbls at 20; 23 do at 25; 93 do in lots at 25@27.

HAY—13 loads sold at $16@17.

SALT—Sales of 350 bbls at $2 for common, and $2,06 for extra; 110 bbls extra at $2.05.

COD OIL—Sales of 200 lbs at 4½.

APPLES—Sales of 149 bbls at $1.50.

CLOVER SEED—From store sales were made of 500 bush at $5.50.

HOGS—20 head sold at 4½.

LARD OIL—Sales of 6 bbls No. 1 at 80.

FLOUR—We have reported a sale of 200 tons canal, on terms withheld.

PORT OF PITTSBURGH.

3 FEET 8 INCHES WATER IN THE CHANNEL.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Jefferson, Parkinson, Brownsville.
" Luzerne, Bennett, Brownsville.
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" Gen. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth.
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" Altoona, Greenlee, Cincinnati.
" Complanter, Reynolds, Wheeling.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

By the O'Reilly Lines for the Morning Post

FROM CALIFORNIA

NEW YORK, December 12.

The steamer George Law, from Aspinwall, has arrived with $88,000 on freight, and 467 passengers. She brings the California mails to the 16th.

Among her passengers are Maj. G. T. Andrew, of the army, and Don Navarro, formerly a member of the Mexican Cabinet, who has been sentenced to twenty years banishment by Santa Anna.

There is no exciting news from California. Intelligence has reached there of intense excitement created at Sonora by the report of the sailing of a fillibustering expedition. Troops were sent to Sonora from Guaymas, and it was reported that Gen. Tacon was on the march with 2000 men.

A colony of Germans are about to settle at Sonora.

A line of steamers is talked of between San Francisco and Guaymas.

A company of U. S. Dragoons had an engagement near Rogue river, with the Indians. Ten Indians were killed, and two Americans.

The squatters had a large meeting, and passed exciting resolutions. Among other things, they declare that Capt. Sutter's claims are invalid; that the land upon which Sacramento is built belongs to the United States, as overflowed lands.

The mining news is generally favorable. The miners on the river bed are preparing to leave, on account of the near approach of the winter season.

A new fillibustering expedition is talked of; it is said that a party is to follow the invaders to Sonora; another is to go to the Amazon.

It is reported that a joint stock company is forming with a capital of two and a half millions, to establish steam navigation on the Gila. The intention of this company is looked at by some with suspicion.

A cargo of coals arrived at San Francisco from Vancouver's Island.

Dates from Oregon to the 28th are received. Overland arrivals continue to be large. Many parties have suffered severely on the route, some having been reduced to eating their horses.

Dr. Evans, of Gov. Stevens' surveying expedition arrived at Portland, on the 28th. He reports favorably on the railroad route from the head of the Mississippi to Puget's Sound.

General Lane is pledged to a division of Oregon territory.

The schooner Capacity, with government stores, was wrecked at Guymas.

James C. Hackett, the founder of Renfont's Express, was killed on the 14th, by being thrown from a buggy.

The proceedings against the brig Arrow connected with the Sonora expedition have been abandoned.

The magnetic telegraph line between San Francisco and Marysville is in operation.

Two expeditions are fitting out at San Francisco, one for Peru, and the other for Ecuador, the former being organized under the auspices of the Peruvian consul for mining purposes, the latter is said to be connected with another Gloree expedition.

A private company, with a capital of ten millions has been formed at San Francisco for a steam communication with China.

The steamer Fremont is to be pioneer in the new line to Panama. A second line is also to commence on the first of December between San Francisco, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.

Mayor Garrison sent in a message to Common Council, stating that the funded and floating debt of San Francisco was but little short of $2,000,000. It is estimated that the expenditures of the ensuing year will be $894,000. The city is to be lighted with gas on the 1st of January.

San Francisco, November 15, evening.—Business is not so lively as usual this season, owing chiefly to the excessive rains in the east. Today a light jobbing business was done in Gallego & Haxell's Flour, at rates current for some time past; outside brands at $7,00@$8. Large sales Mess Beef today at $13@14.50: New York $25; clear Bacon $16.25: Hams $15.25. Butter 25@27. Coffee market bare of Rio, and prices considerably advanced; the last sales were at 15 cents. The new route for Isthmus is unimportant. The British steamer Bogota arrived at Panama on the 20th, with Valparaiso dates to the middle of October. It is estimated that the expenditures of the ensuing year will be $894,000. The city is to be lighted with gas on the 1st of January.

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Sew Francisco, November 15.—Flour steady; quoted at $9; stock increasing. Fresh Corn Meal $4.50. Wheat steady; the last sales were at 1½ cents. Barley steady; quoted at $2; stock increasing. Fresh Oats $2.50. Potatoes in good demand; the last sales were at 75 cents. Beans $4. Onions $4. Cheese 16@18. Pork steady; quoted at $25; stock increasing. Fresh Beef $12@13. Hams $15.25. Butter 25@27. Coffee market bare of Rio, and prices considerably advanced; the last sales were at 15 cents. Rice steady; quoted at $9