THE CITY POST.

FRIDAY MORNING.....JANUARY 20.

THE ERIE RIOTS.—*United States Circuit Court.*—Before Hon. Thomas Irwin.

United States vs. Merrow B. Lowry and Alfred King, attachments for contempt.

Mr. Stanton moved that Alfred King and Mr. Lowry be committed for contempt. Witnesses were called.

Isaac G. Sproul, Deputy United States Marshal, stated that on the 6th January, he went to Erie, with attachments for the arrest of Kitpatrick, Jacks, Sherwin and Kirkpatrick. Notified them, but there was a general feeling in Erie against their being taken by way of Cleveland to Pittsburgh. The witness, who was on the stand for several hours, stated an agreement was made that they should come by way of Meadville; Lowry and King both said they did not intend to resist the Court, but the people would not allow them to be taken through Cleveland, and would not let them go that night. On the 5th; Mr. Sproul went to Erie with a special train which was furnished him by the Railroad Company.

Four deputies, who accompanied Sproul to Erie, testified that they could have taken the defendants that night, or brought them by way of Cleveland.

Other witnesses were examined for the prosecution. For the defence, affidavits were presented signed by a large number of men, stating that there was no resistance on the part of Lowry and King to the summons of the Court. The testimony for the defence was very voluminous.

The testimony, taken as a whole, shows that the conduct of Mr. Lowry and Mayor King has been far from any thing like contempt of the power of the Court.

No decision has yet been given in the case. It will be argued by counsel to-day.

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

Richard Morgan vs. James Davis, Evans Jones, Jno. Lewis, and John Walters.

Action of ejectment for two acres of ground in Robinson township; No. 752, November term, 1853. Plaintiff takes a non-suit. Stowe and Jones for plaintiff, and O. P. Hamilton for defence.

Henry Brown, administrator of H. A. Dawe vs. C. M. Wolff, inclosed with C. D. and J. B. Wolff. No. 100, July term, 1853. Courtney and Leslie for plaintiff, Cochran for defence.

Action on a promissory note for $200. In defence it was alleged that the plaintiff had not taken out letters of administration, and was therefore not entitled to receive the money. On trial.

In the case of Bowdys vs. Wolff, tried Wednesday, the jury were charged yesterday morning, and verdict for plaintiff of $222.50 rendered.

Wm. Boyd vs. M. McNamar; on motion of Mr. Miller, judgment for plaintiff for $181.27, and bond approved and filed; execution awarded.

Wm. Wilson vs. A. McClure; death of plaintiff suggested, and his administrator, N. C. Wilson, substituted.

Adjourned—no other cause being ready.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before Hon. William B. McClure, President Judge, and Gabriel Adams and Wm. Boggs, Esq'rs., Associates.

Commonwealth vs. Goliath Colston; indictment, nuisance. Not guilty, and the prosecutor, John S. Wolf, ordered to pay the costs.

Catharine Banks, indicted for assault and battery, was found not guilty; and the prosecutor, Jane Banks, sentenced to pay the costs.

John Ferguson plead guilty to a charge of larceny, and was sentenced to the county jail for three months.

Commonwealth vs. Barbara Ann Green; indictment, larceny, of a pair of shoes from Louis Osborne. The jury found the defendant not guilty.

The first case taken up yesterday afternoon, was that of Commonwealth vs. Margaret McClelland, Jane Davis, Joseph Hughes et al. indicted for keeping a house of ill-fame. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the Court sentenced each of the defendants to pay a fine of $100 and the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Dr. Brown; indictment for nuisance. The Doctor was indicted for causing bills to be posted on the street corners, describing the particular part of the medical profession to which he devoted attention. On trial.

SEAMEN ARRIVED.—Yesterday evening, one of the walls of Dyott' soap factory, on the Fourth street road, fell in, burying under it three or four workmen, who were engaged in removing the wall, cleaning brick, &c. The supports of the wall, which was detached from the building, had been removed, and the workmen were making preparations to pull the wall down. One of them, was on the top of a ladder placed against the wall, and another was underneath the lower part of it, when it fell, injuring four men. William Bene, a middle aged man who was engaged in cleaning brick, was very badly injured; he was removed to his boarding-house, on Church alley; where he lingered until this morning, when he died.

Stephen Dobbins and a man named McCartney had their arms broken by falling material. A dorman was also badly injured; he was engaged in undermining the wall.

Coroner Lowry held an inquest on the body of Bene, at 12 M. today. The jury returned a verdict that he came to his death from the accidental falling of a wall in Davis' soap factory, on the Fourth street road.

THE MINSTRELS.—The Campbell Minstrels, now performing at Masonic Hall, is one of the best bands in the country there's no doubt of it. The troupe is unusually large and powerful, comprising members of ability and celebrity as artists. Their programmes presents attractions every night, that are new and original with this band.

To particularize the good performers in the band, we would have to commence and go through with all the members of the band. We will not do that, but at the same time cannot help saying the trio, Murphy, West and Peel cannot be excelled—the former for good singing and the two latter for good dancing and side splitting jokes. They perform but two nights longer.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—The two toll gate keepers on the Hand Street Bridge, Boyd and McCullough, were informed against before Mayor Adams, of Allegheny City, yesterday, for assault and battery upon a negro man named Henry Thornton, and were held to bail in $300. They then made information against him for the same offence before Esq. Hays, and he was held to bail in the same sum. It arose out of the man attempting to cross the bridge without paying toll.

MATHEW.—A man named Clemens Klein made an information yesterday, before his honor, Mayor Volz, in which he charged Gottlieb Diegel with mayhem, in biting a piece from his (Klein's) ear. The multinous book gives the sight in a larger beer hall. Diegel was arrested and held to bail.

The prosecutor in the above suit also made an information before his honor, in which he charged Diegel with assault and battery. On this charge he was also held to bail.

AN ARDENT THIEF.—John Kinsloe, a notorious vagrant, was arrested yesterday, and sent to jail by Mayor Volz, for larceny. Kinsloe entered the Mayor's office and picked out Ben Boughner's pocket, while that officer was napping on a bench. Boughner, being awakened by John, jumped up and arrested him in the act of stealing his watch.

CROSS SUITS.—Moses Murray and Wm. Blaney, two negroes, instituted cross suits against each other, yesterday, before Mayor Volz, for assault and battery and surety of the peace. Murray could not procure bail, and was sent to the Hill. Blaney, more fortunate, gave bail for his appearance.

HELD TO BAIL.—McCleary, noticed in the *Post*, of yesterday morning, as having perpetrated an assault, on a boy named Ashwright, was held to bail yesterday for assault and battery, by Alderman Major.

THE WATCH HOUSE contained, yesterday morning, five persons, who were sent to the Hill for vagrancy, and one for drunkenness.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY met at their rooms yesterday—H. Wood, President, W. H. Williams, James McKain, A. Hershberger, W. W. Wilson, R. R. Shaeffard, James S. Negley, J. Kennedy, John Gilmore, and James Warden, present—when the following business was transacted:

That the Library Committee report on the propriety of subscribing for periodicals and books for the society.

On motion of W. H. Williams, the President of the Agricultural Society was instructed to confer with the City Councils, for the saving of the street cleanings for Agricultural purposes.

On motion of Jas. McKain, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Society be paid $25 a year for his services.

On motion of W. H. Williams, Alexis J. Bonnet, U. S. Consul at Bordeaux, France, was elected a Corresponding Member of the Society.

On motion, resolved that A. Hershberger, Jas. S. Negley and Jas. Wardrop serve as the Printing Committee for this year.

The Flower Committee award the First Premium to Jas McKain for the best Hand Bouquet, and Kennedy & Co. the first Premium for 2 large Table Boquets, these three Bouquets being the richest and most beautiful that ever graced the tables of the Society.

J. WARDROP, Secretary Pro tem.

SUNDRIES—
40 half chests Y. H. Teas;
25 " " Black do
20 " " Y. H. do
10 boxes W. H. Grant's 5's Tobacco;
20 " Grant & Bennett's 5's;
10 " Howard & Fulton's 5's;
3 cases Baum's ½ lb lump;
20 boxes Clothes Pins;
50 " Chlitocine Soap;
10 dozen Buckets;
10 " Tubs. On hand and for sale by
KIRKPATRICK & HERRONS,
dec17 No. 243 Liberty street.

SUNDRIES—1 crate Kags;
1 bbl Lard;
1 " Roll Butter;
1 " Dry Apples;
1 box Beeswax;
1 rack Hops;
1 bbl Chestnuts;
100 dos Brooms.
Received this day and for sale by
dec21 KIRKPATRICK & HERRONS.

SOAP—30 boxes Palm;
10 do Castile,
5 do Almond,
2 do Olive,
2 do Candle,
50 do Toilet and Fancy; for sale by
nov24 J. D. WILLIAMS, 122 Wood street.

100 HALF BOXES RAISINS;
100 qr do do
20 kegs Sun do
20 hf kegs Sun do
10 hf kegs Malaga Grapes;
10 boxes Messina Lemons.
Received this day and for sale by
dec23 JOSHUA RHODES & CO., 39 Wood st.

600 DRUMS FIGS;
300 boxes M. R. Raisins;
150 half boxes M. R. Raisins;
200 qr. " " "
200 boxes Fancy Toys;
100 " Motto Lozenges.
Receiving and for sale by
dec5 J. C. ANDERSON & CO., No. 6 Wood st.

NEW CROP
Layer Raisins,
M. R. Raisins,
Sultana Raisins,
Drum Figs,
Zante Currants,
Received and for sale by
dec2 Moss Mackerel.

SPICED SALMON;
Moss Mackerel;
No. 1 Mackerel, in kets;
Salmon, in bbls.
For sale by [nov15] BAILEY & RENSHAW.

CODFISH—7 drums prime Codfish received and for sale
by (dec9) BAILEY & RENSHAW.

FLOUR—100 bbls extra received by river and for sale low
by (dec9) BAILEY & RENSHAW.

FLINT HOMONY—3 bbls just received, a prime article,
for sale by [nov23] BAILEY & RENSHAW.

400 LBS. FRESH CORN MEAL;
600 lbs Extra Rolled Buckwheat Meal.
Rec'd and for sale by BAILEY & RENSHAW,
oct28 233 Liberty street.

COMMERCIAL POST.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY MORNING POST,
Friday, January 20, 1854.

Since the date of our last weekly notice we have had a general thaw, followed with a general breaking up of our rivers, and we now enjoy uninterrupted navigation on our rivers. Business since Monday has been quite active, particularly in the shipping department. In our markets we find no important change to note, except in Rice and Oyster Seed.

The news received by the Europa on Monday evening, of the excited state of the European breadstuff market caused Flour to advance from $6, 6,25@6,50, and has ruled firm since then at this advance. In Clover seed there has been quite a speculative demand, and considerable lots have changed hands at an advance over last week's sales. The following European Grain Circular, we copy from the London *Mark Lane Gazette*, which we commend to our readers, which will prove more satisfactory than any speculation of our own with regard to the grain prospect:

"The opinion we ventured to express a month ago when prices of wheat were beginning to fall parts of the Kingdoms, viz: that any decline which might take place would probably be of a temporary nature, appears likely to prove tolerably correct, a fully half of the decline taken place, and a greater portion of the reduction has been recovered; whether any material advance on present rates will take place, will depend in a great measure on the character of the winter, and other circumstances which cannot at present be determined; but the probability is strongly in favor of an advance.

"The present position of affairs in the East is such as to give rise to great doubts whether the Western countries of Europe will be enabled to derive the aid from the Black Sea, which they might have obtained in more peaceful terms. England will, at all events, encounter great difficulties in securing any large quantity in that quarter, so long as the Italian and Marseilles markets afford relatively higher prices, to say nothing of the difference in freights, &c. In looking over the lists of shipments from Odessa for the last three months, it is really astonishing to see how small a portion of vessels, cleared out from thence with grain cargoes, have been for the United Kingdom. The great bulk has gone to Marseilles, without producing any marked or lasting impressions on the prices there. And it would appear from the best sources of information within our reach, that the South of France will need to import on quite as large a scale as hitherto, up to the time of next harvest. We must therefore be prepared to expect a great deal of the falling off in the supplies from the East—the quarter from whence Great Britain has of late years drawn the major portion of her foreign supply—from the United States and Canada. There can be no doubt, but the decrease in the Black Sea supply can scarcely, we think, be correct by the increase in needful quarters. Holland, Belgium and the Rhine provinces, &c, appear to require aid; and from thence must not reckon on any assistance. In Poland and part of Prussia, the last crop has given an indifferent return. Feeling fully convinced that the deficiency of our last wheat crop has not been in any way exaggerated, we strive at the following conclusion, that making full allowance for the quantity of corn in granary, and estimating the probable yield of spring crop, that the deficiency will be larger than we have hitherto felt justified in doing, all we have, and all we are likely to receive, will be needed.

ASHES.—We continue our quotations of last week for all sorts; small sales were made at 5¼@5½ for pots, for domestic and imported; soda pearls 6½c; pots 4@4½c.

APPLES.—The market is quite bare, and the demand is very active. We quote at $2,50@3 ⅌ bbl.

BEESWAX.—There is but little offered, and the demand limited; we quote at 20@24 for bright.

BUTTER.—We have no change reported in this article, but quote at 18@20 for fresh.

CANDLES.—We have no change reported in this article, but quote at 9@9½c for Mould, and 8@8½c for Dip.

CHEESE.—The supply continues fair, and the demand moderate; we quote sheady sales at 6@6½c for common to prime.

DRIED BEEF.—We notice sales by the three at 9.

DRIED FRUIT.—There is a moderate demand for Peaches at $1,50@1,62, first hands. Apples are in limited demand at $1@$1,12.

FEATHERS.—Are ready sale at 44@45, for fresh; picked are selling at 32@33.

FISH.—We continue our quotations at $4@5,3, according to quantity and quality.

FISH.—We quote Lake Salmon at $10@10,50; white Lake at $10; Trout at $9; No. 3 Mackerel at $9,50@10,75; Herring $5,50@6.

FEED.—We continue to quote City mills bran at 9@10; shorts 10@11; middlings 22@23c.

FREIGHTS.—The following are the tariff rates on the Pennsylvania Railroad:

On Flour to Philadelphia or Baltimore... 90 cts. ⅌ bbl.
First class freight ..... 90 cts. ⅌ 100 lbs.
Second " " ..... 60 do. do.
Third " " ..... 50 do. do.
Fourth " " ..... 40 do. do.

FRUITS.—The following is the list of current prices for foreign fruit:

Raisins.....	$3,62@3,75	⅌ box.
Currants.....	16@17	⅌ lb.
Prunes.....	18@20	⅌ box.
Figs	20	⅌ lb.
Lemons.....	6,00	⅌ box.
Oranges.....	4,50	⅌ box.

FLOUR.—At the date of our last weekly report, we left the market nominally at $6@6,12½; and prices continued so up to Monday evening. When the steamship Europa's news was made known, the market advanced full 50c ⅌ bbl, and closed firm at $6,25@6,50 for superfine and extra. On Thursday the market was firm, with rather a close inquiry for superfine and extra, and prices tending upward. The *New York Economist*, of Saturday last, quotes the market as follows: "Since our last weekly summary the market has steadily improved, and we learn from very reliable authority that quite as much appreciation has taken place in the value of food in Europe, which will tend to keep them ore next harvest, as it did in relation to the eastern question. Our Mobile advices, dated the 4th inst, state