THE CITY POST.

FRIDAY MORNING.....FEBRUARY 2.

☞ TO LEASE FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

[As a dull hour last night we received a mass of uninteresting telegraph matter. We publish what is of any interest.]

HEALTH OFFICE.—Interments in the City of Pittsburgh, from January 25th to January 31st, 1855.

	ADULTS.	CHILDREN.
Consumption	6	0
Criminal Neglect	0	1
Small Pox	2	5
Disease of Heart	1	0
Imperfect Development	0	1
Pneumonia	0	2
Inflammation of Brain	0	1
Paralysis	1	0
Spasms	0	1
Whooping Cough	0	2
Convulsions	0	1
Teething	0	1
Tubercular Meningitis	0	1
Unknown	0	1
Apoplexy	0	1
Total	10	19

OF THE ABOVE THERE WERE:

Under 1 year	7	From 40 to 50	1
From 1 to 2	4	" 50 to 60	3
" 2 to 5	6	" 60 to 70	3
" 5 to 10	1	" 70 to 80	2
" 10 to 15	1	" 80 to 90	1
" 15 to 20	0	" 90 to 100	1
" 20 to 30	1	Age unknown	6
" 30 to 40	2		

Males 18; Females 10; White 28; Colored 0.....Total 28.

By order of the Board of Health.

A. C. MURDOCK,
Physician of Board of Health.

MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Board of Managers met on Wednesday evening, January 31st, at the Court House. Present—Messrs. Snodgrass, McKnight, Reed, Payne, Shankland, Kelly, Murdoch, Jr., McKelvy, Boyd, McCabe, Hall, Miller, Goehring, and the Chairman.

The Board being organized, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. McKnight read a letter from our representative, Mr. Guy, reporting the charter obtained for the Society some two years ago, and gave a verbal statement of his reply to Mr. Guy, asking for certain alterations, which were sanctioned by an unanimous vote. Mr. M'Knight also read a circular received from the Adams County Agricultural Society, containing a petition to the Legislature, asking for the appointment of a State Agricultural Chemist." He then moved that the officers of the Board sign the petition, and that members of the Board be requested to circulate petitions among the people for signing. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Murdoch offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to publish in the *Weekly Gazette* and *Post* notice of the reception of seeds, &c., from the Patent Office and otherwise; and that the same will be distributed among the members of the Society.

Mr. M'Queen submitted his final report as Treasurer, which was accepted. On motion of Mr. M'Knight, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Mr. M'Queen for the faithful and diligent manner in which his duties as Treasurer and member of the Board have been performed. This resolution was passed by a hearty and unanimous vote.

The Chairman reported that he had received a warrant for one hundred dollars, being the amount of the State appropriations to the Society, and that he had placed it in the Treasurer's hands.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Chair be instructed to appoint a committee of nine members to report a list of premiums for the next exhibition.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, M'Knight, Thomson, McCabe, Shankland, Goehring, Snodgrass, Miller and McKelvy, as said committee.

On motion, the Chair was instructed to appoint committees of three each, for printing, for library, and for arrangements; whereupon the chair appointed Messrs. Way, McKnight, and Murdoch, Jr., on printing; Messrs. McCabe, Speer, (city,) and Way, on library; and Messrs. Kelly, Hall and Shiras, on arrangements.

On motion, the Board adjourned to the last Wednesday of February, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN YOUNG, Jr., Chairman.

O. P. SHIRAS, Secretary.

EXHIBITION OF THE PITTSBURGH LITERARY CLUB.—This club give their first public exhibition to-morrow evening, at Temperance Hall, over the Telegraph office, corner of Third and Wood streets. Among its members are many of our most talented young men, who meet one evening in each week to improve themselves in forensic discussions, and in the art that made Demosthenes great among the ancients; and in our own country, Clay and Webster the admiration of every listener. Poets, it is said, are born—not made. It is not thus with orators, and men famous in debate, as every one is aware who knows anything about the history of the Great Athenian, or of the painful perseverance that made Charles James Fox the ablest debater in his day and generation. The seats are free, and ladies and gentlemen are invited to be present. We can assure any one who wishes to spend a couple of hours pleasantly and profitably that they could not do it more so than by attending the exercises of the Pittsburgh Literary Club. The hour of opening is seven o'clock.

SUICIDE.—Coroner Lowry, late on Wednesday night, held an inquest on the body of a German woman named Margaret Holmstetter, residing on Pike street, Allegheny, who committed suicide the same evening, by cutting her throat. The deceased was engaged reading the Bible, when all of a sudden she laid the book down, and commenced praying in a loud voice. After praying for some time, she requested her husband to go out and procure a bag of Flour. When he returned, he found his wife lying dead on the floor, she having her throat cut from ear to ear. The fatal cut was inflicted so vigorously, that the head was nearly severed from the body. After a careful investigation, the Jury returned a verdict of "suicide, while laboring under a temporary aberration of mind."

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PITTSBURGH AND STEUBENVILLE RAILROAD.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad, held on yesterday, the resignation of Reuben Miller, Jr., President, was accepted, and James S. Craft, Esq., elected in his stead.

FIRE.—The *Chronicle* states that the tavern of Peter Mosser, situated on the Zelienople Plank Road, twelve miles from Pittsburgh, was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday evening last. The property was partially covered by insurance.

The house of Mr. Mininne, of Salem township, Westmoreland county, was entirely destroyed by fire, on Friday last, together with all the clothes of the family.

AUCTION SALES.

Auction—Daily Sales.

AT the Commercial Sales Rooms, corner of Wood and Fifth streets, at 10 o'clock, A. M., a general assortment of Seasonable, Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, &c.

Groceries, Queensware, Glassware, Table Cutlery, Looking Glasses, New and Second Hand Household and Kitchen Furniture, &c.

AT 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Books, Stationery, Fancy Articles, Musical Instruments, Hardware and Cutlery, Clothing, Variety Goods, Gold and Silver watches, &c. P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer. [Jan31tf

P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AT AUCTION. ON SATURDAY EVENING, February 3d, at 7 o'clock, at the commercial Sales Rooms, corner of Wood and Fifth street, will be sold by Catalogue, a valuable collection of new Books; among them will be found, World of Science, Art and Industry, 600 plates; Bulwer's Novels; Pictorial Museum of Animated Nature, 4,000 engravings, 2 vols. folio; Illustrated London News, 2 vols; Landseche's Life of Napoleon, 500 engravings; Pictorial Half Hours, 2 vols. 400 plates; Gallery of Scripture Engravings, colored; Pictorial Gallery of Fine, Useful and Ornamental Art, 2 vols. folio; Fisher on the Varioloid and Small Pox, cold plates; London Lancet, 2 vols; Modern Stair Builder's Guide; Lardner; Greek and Roman Classic Poets, 3 vols; Library of Natural History, 400 engravings; Cyclopædia of Useful and Entertaining Knowledge, plates; Upham's Life of Washington, 2 vols; Dictionary of Arts, Sciences and Manufactures, illustrated; Knight's Cyclopædia of Industry of all Nations, numerous plates; Life of Duke of Wellington, 2 vols; Bachelor of Salamanca, by Lesage, 2 vols; &c.

Full particulars in Catalogues, which can be obtained at the Auction Store.

feb2 P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer.

BRICK DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT, IN MANCHESTER, AT AUCTION.—On SATURDAY AFTERNOON, February 3d, at 2 o'clock, on the premises, will be sold that large and valuable Lot of Ground, situate on Sheffield, near Chartiers street, having a front on Sheffield street of 51 feet 9 inches, and extending back 138 feet to an alley; on which is erected a substantial, well finished two story Brick Dwelling House, with back buildings, a pump of good water, fruit and ornamental trees, &c. Terms at sale.

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GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, JEWELRY, FANCY GOODS, &c., AT AUCTION.—On FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, February 2d and 3d, at 7 o'clock, at the Jewelry Store of H. O. Hood, No 61 Market street, will be sold without reserve, to close the concern, the balance of the extensive stock of Gold and Silver Watches, Fashionable Gold Jewelry, Silverware, Clocks, Fancy Goods, &c.

P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer.

☞ THE BEST TIME TO BUY WATCHES.—I have received a large assortment of very superior Watches direct from the manufacturers in Europe expressly to my Auction Sales. Citizens and strangers will find it to their advantage to call at my store, where I keep constantly on hand a stock of Watches as extensive as any house in the eastern cities; and in consideration of my lower prices than ever before offered in this city. Those having money to invest in this way should not hesitate to do so now, as times will shortly be better and prices will advance.

☞ Watches and Jewelry repaired in the best manner.

W. W. WILSON,
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75 Fourth street.

COMMERCIAL POST.

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WEEKLY REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY MORNING POST,
Friday, February 2, 1855.

The business of the week has been light. Some days previous to our last report the weather became exceeding cold, which has continued ever since, causing the river to fall and running ice so as almost entirely to suspend navigation. The inconvenience fall is not very great, as freights are very far from being abundant.

In money matters, the improvement, if any, is very slight, although confidence is beginning to revive. People cannot be too much on their guard against all kind of rumors with regard to failing houses. These are often maliciously started from a remark made in mere thoughtlessness, but in passing from one to another they soon magnify into a Three Black Crows' story of the largest class. At least one sush was put into currency the latter part of last week but when sifted they turned out to be a fabrication from whole cloth.

In the East the signs seem to indicate an improvement which cannot be delayed much longer. The export of specie is almost nothing; the import of Dry Goods show a decrease last week over the same year in 1854, of over sixty per cent, while gold in large quantities continues steadily to arrive. The New York Banks as a consequence are able to make a better specie showing each week. Last week although the improvement was not so marked as the previous one was still encouraging.

The New York *Evening Post*, of Tuesday, says:

A sudden turn in this market for sterling exchange took place about noon. A telegraphic despatch was received from New Orleans announcing a decline in the market. Sale being reported there as low as 105 per cent, with a plentiful supply of bills. The banking houses here, who of late have been constant buyers, suddenly ceased buying and sell at 109¾, which is the closing price of the morning, the market being heavy at that. The advices from the South state there will soon be a very large supply of bills. Francs are rather scarce in market, and closed at 5.12½@5.10.

The banks last week, with only a quarter's quarter from the California remittances of last week, show yet an increase of $325,000 in the amount of specie held by them, now reaching $16,097,300. Next week's return will show a larger sum. This amount is the highest ever held by the banks. The banks have further expanded twelve hundred thousand dollars in their loans and discounts, and are continuing in the same course of expansion, impelled thereto by the necessity of using their increase of specie nearest and deposits. The increase in the deposits is much larger than appears by the statement, from the incorrect mode adopted from the beginning to get at them.

The loans and discounts amount to $86,654,647. On the 28th January, 1854, they were $80,759,465, or three millions more, with six millions less specie. Further than the liability of losing specie at present, the tendency is very strong to a great enlargement of discounts, and loans, at least to the extent wanted, but the contraction of business is very great that the demand for money is not likely to increase in proportion to the supply. The circulation continues to diminish.

The same paper, of Wednesday, says:

The "Star of the West" brings only $640 300 in gold, of which two-thirds are from Panama. Of this amount $100 go to Bank of America to the credit of Mr. David Headley, who pays the checks of the San Francisco firm of Page, Bacon & Co.

The Africa's advices from Europe to the 20th instant are commercially favorable.

The demand for money continues to contract with a constantly increasing supply on the market. The banks discount all the paper offered that is approved, and the discount brokers change only bank rates for bankable paper, while long dates and second class range from 8 to 12 ⅌ cent; and good single names or paper 12@18.

Foreign exchange is dull and heavy at 108¼@109¼, the latter for bankers' bills. A few leading houses, who only sell at high rates, ask 109½. France are firm at 5 francs to 15 18¾.

In most Western cities business has been very quiet for a week or two. At St. Louis navigation was closed by the ice, and at Chicago a tremendous snow storm closed nearly all the avenues of trade. At Cincinnati business is also exceedingly quiet on account of navigation being pretty much suspended from running ice and low water. There is no new feature in trade at that point. The *Price Current* gives the following statement of Hog Slaughtering during the season:

From Kentucky	
By River and Railroads	4,721
Through Toll Gates	670
Slaughtered at Madisonville and Plainville	520
Total	5,921
Previously reported	332,476
Grand Total	338,397
To same date last season	397,020

ASHES—Pearls are dull at 6¼@6½; Pots firm at 6¼@6¾. Regular sales of Sods at 3¾@3¾; Salesmen, 3¾@3¾, by the quantity; and in the small way at 4¼@4½.

APPLES—Are only arriving in small lots. Small parcels are selling at $2 50@3 00.

BESWAX—Sales on arrival at 24@25c; and from store at 26@28c.

BUCKETS AND TUBS—Buckets at Factory $2, and from store $2 12½@2 25. Large Tubs, from store, $7@7 50 ⅌ doz.; small do $6.00.

BROOMS—Common Ohio, on arrival, sells at $2 50, and from store at $2 75@3. From store, Eastern at $2 50@3 25.

BEAN—Small white, in demand and selling at $1 75 per bushel for seed. There is more demand for them as cheap article of food.

BACON—Sales are very light and the demand corresponds. Prime shoulders are worth 6½@6¾; Sides do 7½; and ham plain 10c. Sugar cured do 11@11½.

BUTTER AND EGGS—Are in active demand at 20@22c. Butter continues dull with a good supply at 18@20c for prime, generally for former; inferior is not worth more than 12@15c: packed 10@12c.

CRACKERS—The following are manufacturers' prices:

Water Crackers, ⅌ bbl	6.50
Butter do do	7.00
Pilot Bread do do	5.75
Sugar Crackers, ⅌ ⅌	9 c
Soda do do	9 c
Boston do do	9 c
Picnic do do	9 c

COTTON YARNS, &c.—The following are now the ruling rates:

	FOUR YARN.		
No. 5 to 10, inclusive	18c ⅌ lb	No. 16	23 ⅌ lb
" 11 & 12	20 " "	" 17	24 " "
" 13	20 " "	" 18	25 " "
" 14	21 " "	" 19	26 " "
" 15	22 " "	" 20	27 " "
	DOZEN YARN.		
No. 500	5c ⅌ lb	No. 800	5¼ ⅌ lb
" 600	5 " "	" 900	5½ " "
" 700	5½ " "	" 1000	5¾ " "

Carpet Chain: white 19@20, colored 22. Cowsing's 22@23. Candlewick, 18. Twine, 20. Batting, No. 1, 13, No. 2, 12. Family Batting, 15. Caulking, 15.

CORDAGE—The following are the prices established:

Manilla Rope, coil	19 ⅌ lb	Cut rope	20 ⅌ lb.
White "	14 " "	Bale rope	14 " "
Tarred "	13 " "	"	11 " "
Packing Yarn, fine	12 " "	"	11 " "

Bro Cordage—Manilla, $3.25 to 3.75; $5.00 ⅌ doz.

do ⅌ coil 19 cts ⅌ lb.

Hemp, $1.87, 2.75@3.75 ⅌ doz.

do ⅌ coil 14 cts ⅌ lb.

PICKLE LEGS—Manilla, $1.25 ⅌ doz. Hemp, $1 ⅌ doz.

COFFEE—We quote 8¼@8¾, cash and time.

CANDLES—Sales of Star during the week at 24c ⅌ lb. Dipped sorts 12½; and Mould 14½. Soap brings 5c.

CHEESE—The stock is wearing down but prices remain at 10c@10½c.

DRIED FRUIT—There is no change to note. Apples are worth $1 75@1 75, and Peaches $2@2 12.

DRIED BEEF—A few sales of new are reported 9@9½c by the tierce.

FLOUR—The receipts by the river being cut off there is little or none arriving, and consequently there is an upward tendency. The quotations thus far, however, are very little advanced. Superfine sells at $5.37½@5.50 for dealer and store, and extra 22c higher. Of the stock on hand there is little of it liable to be thrown on the market except at a considerable advance on the present ruling rates.

FEED—Sales at mill of Bran and Screening at 90c ⅌ 100 lbs; Shorts, 95; Ship Stuff, $1; Finished Middlings, $1.50. Sales of Country Bran at $1 ⅌ 100 lbs.

FEATHERS—We quote sales in limited lots at 40@43, for best sorts; from store, 45@50; Mixed at 35, and dull.

FISH—Sales are confined to the regular wants of the trade. Quotations remain unchanged, viz: Mackerel No. 3, large, $16@11.50; Shad, $6.00; No. 1, $8@8.50. Baltimore Herring, $6.25@6.50; Halifax do $5.00@5. Lake Fish: Trout, $9; White, $10; half bbls in the usual proportion.

GRAIN—Wheat...The mills are paying $1.70@1.80. Corn is still abundant at 58@60c, but Oats are not plenty, nearly all the avenues of trade. At Cincinnati business is also exceedingly quiet on account of navigation being pretty much suspended from running ice and low water. There is no new feature in trade at that point. The *Price Current* gives the following statement of Hog Slaughtering during the season:

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