THE CITY POST.

THURSDAY MORNING.....MARCH 29.

LARGE MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC LAITY.—In pursuance of the following call, numerously signed, published in the various papers and posted on the corners of the streets, a large number of the Catholic laity of this diocese assembled at the place designated, on Tuesday night:

"The lay members of the various Catholic congregations of Pittsburgh and vicinity, are respectfully requested to attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, the 27th of March, at seven o'clock, in the basement of the Cathedral, for the purpose of expressing their views and adopting proper measures in regard to a bill recently reported in the Senate of Pennsylvania, which proposes a change in the title and management of Catholic church property."

Hon. P. C. Shannon called the meeting to order, and moved that HENRY M'CULLOUGH, Esq., act as chairman. This motion was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was then organized by the selection of the following gentlemen as Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

Vice Presidents—C. Ihmson, James Blakely, John Tiernan, John D. Scully, John J. Mitchell, John M'Davitt, Dr. G. H. Keyser.

Secretaries—Jas. P. Barr, John N. M'Clowry, G. B. L. Fetterman.

Mr. Luke Tanffe then moved that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sence of the assemblage. The motion was carried, and Messrs. Luke Tanffe, Dr. George H. Keyser, John N. M'Clowry, James Blakely, Dr. D. M'Neal, Hon. P. M'Kenna, Francis Felix and P. Kerr, were appointed.

During the absence of the committee, Judge Shannon was called upon to address the meeting. He alluded to the measure before the Legislature as being uncalled for by the Catholics, who desired no change in the manner of holding church property. He spoke very severely of Senator Price, of Philadelphia, as the author of the bill, and denied several statements lately made by him in a speech in the Senate. The Judge spoke for three-quarters of an hour, and was often interrupted by applause. We took a full report of the speech, but a want of space prevents us from furnishing a longer account.

At the conclusion of the Judge's address, the committee entered and reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, an Act entitled an Act relating to corporations and to estates held for corporate, Religious and Charitable uses, being No. 47 on the file of the Senate, has been introduced into the Senate of Pennsylvania, and reported back by Mr. Price, January 19th, 1855; and whereas, the sixth and seventh sections of said Act are wholly to interfere with the Catholic citizens of this State in the regulation, ordering and management of their Church affairs—and this, too, in a manner injurious to their interests, and so as to deprive survive of their rights, being calculated to force upon them the adoption of the Lay Trustee system of Church management, a system of which they do not approve, and the evil effects of which have been evidenced to them in the few instances where it has been tried; and as they are fully satisfied with the system under which their Church property is at present regulated, ordered and managed—the title of said Church property vested, and is by virtue of the Act of 13th February, 1844, (Pamphlet Laws, page 62) in the Roman Catholic Bishops of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, in trust for the various congregations in the State—a trust which is in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State, and does not infringe upon, or violate the rights of our fellow-citizens, and under which peace, harmony and concord have invariably prevailed, to the exclusion of dissensions, litigation, and scandal. Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Catholic laity of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny and vicinities, in public meeting assembled, that we have learned with surprise and regret of the introduction into the Legislature of Pennsylvania of a bill proposing to effect a change in the mode of vesting the titles to our Church property—such change having never been petitioned for, by us, and being entirely contrary to our wishes.

Resolved, That a Catholic layman and citizen of the great Commonwealth, we respectfully yet earnestly and entreat our solemn protest against the passage of sections six and seventh sections of the bill referred to the preamble hereto, because they will infringe on the rights of conscience, which not only require freedom of belief, but also, as reason dictates, but also liberty to adopt such form of Church government as is deemed right, with proper provisions for its freedom.

Resolved, That we further remonstrate and protest against its passage, because the general sentiment of the Catholic public, and our experience in every case in which it was tried, are against our management of our Church affairs by lay trustees.

Resolved, That we do not consider it a *special privilege* to be allowed to vest our property in any manner that best accords with our views and appears to us best calculated to promote the objects we have at heart, when we do not interfere with others; this is our *right* we should guard against mon with all the classes of the community. If our particular faith and discipline, but we to select a system which others do not which for them—Free, it be no more a special privilege to recognize our right to do so, than it is a *special favor* to them to let them manage their own affairs as they prefer, and not to compel them to adopt ours.

Resolved, That we regret with indignation the insinuation contained in a reported speech of Mr. Price in the Senate of Pennsylvania, that Catholics conspire miss their views, and are afraid to avow their sentiments in temporal matters, and express themselves adverse to their opinions, from a dread or opposition their clergy, or encountering the odium of assumed a bore is positive towards their opinions—that the charge, as made by some of his correspondents, where let for be is proved, is false and calumnious;—that we do not believe such correspondents Catholics in principle or practice, and that the unfair suppression of their names warrants us in coming to this conclusion. That it is notorious the few Catholics who favor the lay trustee system, make no secret of their sentiments, and suffer no inconvenience from avowing them, and that we can give no other explanation of the conduct of those who the privately written members of the Legislature, expressing sentiments they say they are unwilling to avow, but that they do this to palliate the smallness of their number—notwithstanding which, they unfairly endeavor to force their views on us all.

Resolved, That we respectfully but earnestly urge upon our Catholic brethren throughout the State to co-operate with us in remonstrating against the contemplated change, the passage of the sixth and seventh sections of the Act referred to and in petitioning them—the Senate and the House—to arrest from us the evil consequence which must inevitably befall us to a greater or less degree, by the passage of the said sections.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions, and of the proceedings of this meeting, be transmitted to the Senators and Representatives from this county, and that we respectfully ask their presentation by them to the Senate and House.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the different newspapers of the two cities.

Dr. Keyser moved that the resolutions be adopted separately, and spoke for a few minutes in a singularly happy and effective manner. He said it struck him with astonishment that men who had no personal interest in the matter should interfere to alter a law with which all Catholics were satisfied. It looked too much like as if they were disposed to infringe on rights, which he, as an American citizen, would never allow to be trifled with. So long as he lived under the folds of the flag of his country, would he endeavor to preserve those privileges guaranteed to all good citizens. Catholics were as patriotic and loyal as Protestants—ready at all times to take up arms in defence of their country, when called upon, and those who say to the contrary utter a wicked slander. As the Doctor warmed with his subject he grew truly eloquent, and was repeatedly interrupted with bursts of applause.

The Doctor was followed by Mr. John N. McClowry, who said he came there to help to burl back the slanders which had been raised against the Catholics, to whom it was an insult to ask the Legislature to preserve their rights.

Mr. John J. Mitchell next spoke, briefly alluding to the objects of the bill before the Legislature, and saying it had been introduced not by the friends, but the enemies of Catholics.

Mr. G. B. L. Fetterman entered his solemn protest against the passage of the bill, because it interfered with sacred rights. He hoped this meeting would cause the Legislature to take another view of the matter, and prevent them from passing the bill.

Mr. P. Kerr, a gentleman from Clarion county, said it was time enough to pass such a bill when it was called for by those interested.

Mr. Luke Tanffe also spoke for a few minutes in a witty and sarcastic manner, and elicited much laughter.

A motion was then made that the resolutions should be sent to Harrisburg by a special messenger, which, however, was subsequently withdrawn.

After the transactions of some other business of slight importance, the meeting adjourned.

WE would direct attention to the list of valuable stocks and splendid residences on Penn street, to be sold this evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Merchant's Exchange, Fourth street, by P. M. Davis, Auctioneer.

TO LET—From the 1st of April next, the commodious BRICK BUILDINGS situate in the Second Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, between Breckenridge street and the Monongahela river, lately occupied by Messrs. Bakewell, Pears & Co as a Glass manufactory and warehouse. This property is slightly situated, adjacent to the Monongahela wharf, for any business connected with steamboating or river trade, or for manufacturing purposes. Several small Buildings and a capacious yard are attached. Apply to OLIVER W. BARNES, President Pitt. and Conn. R. R. Co., mh16:tf Neville Hall, Fourth and Liberty streets.

ATTENTION!

Wagon Masters and Teamsters' Bounty Land AGENCY, 93 Fourth street.

OFFICERS, Soldiers, Musicians, Wagon Masters, Teamsters, &c., who were regularly mustered into the service of the United States, and every Officer, Seaman, ordinary Seaman, Marine, Clerk and Landsman in the Navy; also, Militia or Volunteers, or State Troops or any State or Territory, are entitled, by the late Act of Congress, to a Warrant for 160 Acres of Land.

Those who have received 40 or 80 Acres, are entitled to a Warrant for such quantity of Land as will make, in the whole, 160 Acres.

Persons entrusting their claims to me can rely upon having them attended to promptly.

All information free of charge. Letters promptly answered. Address AUSTIN COOMBS, mh14 Bounty Land Agent, 92 Fourth st.

HARDWARE FOR Saddlers and Carriage Makers.

R. T. LEECH, JR., No. 127 Wood street, PITTSBURGH.

Also, Cloths, Damasks, Laces, Moss, Bent Stuff, Springs, &c., &c.

DRY PEACHES—200 bushels, for sale by mh13 HENRY H. COLLINS.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Reported Expressly for the Daily Morning Post.

Merchants' Bank Investigation.

BOSTON, March 28.—An investigation of the accounts of the Merchants Bank, which has been had in consequence of the suicide of Hooper, the paying teller, discloses no deficiency in his relations with that Bank. He had used, however, $60,000 of the bank's money, which was made good at the expense of the Atlantic and Grocers Banks, by certifying to two checks drawn by A. S. Peabody, which, on authority of his certificate, were cashed, and the money drawn from those two banks used to make his own account good.

The Africa sailed this morning with 50 passengers and $779,000 in specie.

From the South.

BALTIMORE, March 27.—New Orleans papers of Wednesday and Thursday are received.

A terrible affray occurred at the St. Charles Hotel between two men named Harrison and Duffy; the latter was shot dead by Harrison; and in the melee a ball from Duffy's pistol killed Dr. Parsons, a bystander.

The Washington Union of this morning reiterates that the Black Warrior affair has been settled, and quotes from late despatches of the Spanish Minister. It says that the government is ready to satisfy the damages in question as soon as the proper account shall be presented and its amount approved.

Navigation on the Lakes.

OSWEGO, March 28.—The propellor St. Nicholas arrived this morning from Toronto with 3,000 bbls. of Flour for Ogdensburgh. The steam ferry commenced regular trips to Prescott this morning. The St. Lawrence at this point is free from ice.

Recruits for the British Army.

BOSTON, March 28.—A vessel left here this morning with some 50 passengers for Halifax; they are reported to be recruits from New York for the British army. The agent says they are railroad laborers.

Veto of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Governor Barstowe, of Wisconsin, has vetoed the Prohibitory Liquor Law.

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 Household, Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, &c.

AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

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, Watches, Jewelry, Variety Goods, Gold and Silver watches, &c. P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer. [jal24

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VALUABLE STOCKS AT AUCTION.—ON THIS EVENING, March 29th, 1855, at 7½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, will be sold, for cash, as follows:

25 Shares Exchange Bank of Pittsburgh.
25 do Monongahela Navigation Company.
5 do Pittsburgh Trust Co. Stock.
5 do Citizens' Deposit Bank do.
20 do North American Mining Co. Stock.
10 do Pittsburgh Life, Fire and Marine Ins. Co.
— do Bluff Mining Company Co. of Michigan Stock.

By order of Geo. S. Schwartz Sec'y, which has been forfeited for non-payment of assessments.

P. M. DAVIS, mh24 Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF PENN STREET PROPERTY.—ON THURSDAY evening, March 29th, at 7½ o'clock, at the Merchants Exchange, Fourth street, will be sold, by order of Thos. Mellon, Esq., Trustee, that valuable Lot of Ground, situate between Hand and Wayne streets, adjoining the Bank of Pittsburgh, and extending back 160 feet to Fayette street, on which there is a good two story brick dwelling, well finished, Brick Dwelling House, with back building, Coach house, Stable, &c., now occupied by Gen'l Lanham. P. M. DAVIS, mh29 Auctioneer

ADJOURNED SALE OF WINES AND LIQUORS.—ON TUESDAY evening, March 27th, commencing at 7 o'clock, at the Wholesale Store, corner of Market and Front streets—will be sold the remaining portion of the order, the remaining Stock and Fixtures, embracing some of the choicest wines of old Foreign Wines and Brandies, such as fine old pure Madeira and Port Wines, Sherry, and fine brands of fancy Wines, in glass packages; Cognac Brandy, Blackberry, Jr., Old Cognac, Antigua Rum; Irish Whisky; fancy Cordials, Wine Bitters, &c., in glass packages; Cut Glass Jugs, Bar fixtures, Stand Casks, fancy Bottles, empty Cases and Bottles, Letter Press and Wrapping Paper. The particular attention of all wanting fine liquors is requested to this closing sale. P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT AUCTION.—ON FRIDAY evening, March 30, commencing at 10 o'clock, will be sold, at the dwelling of Rev. C. Cook, No. 70 Hand street, below Penn, a general variety of well kept Household Furniture, embracing Cane Seat and Windsor Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Dressing Bureau, French and Cottage Bedsteads, Big Bed Wash Stands, Dining and Breakfast Tables, Mantel Clock, Ingrain Carpet, Stoves, one superior Mahogany Case Piano, manufactured by Nunn. Also, Refrigerator, Forks, Gutters, and a general stock of Kitchen Furniture. P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer. [mh26]

FIRE AND BURGLAR SAFES IN DIAMOND ALLEY FOR SALE.—That valuable Three Story Brick Dwelling House and Store, No. 25 Diamond alley, now occupying by Mrs. Kelsey. Lot has a frontage of 15 feet, and extends back 74 feet. Apply to P. M. DAVIS, mh12 Auctioneer.

TO BUSINESS MEN.—For sale, an excellent Business Stand, with Dwelling House, Warehouse, &c., situated on Lisbon street, Wellsville, Ohio. The House is well arranged, containing eight rooms and kitchen, with wide portico in front—having a fine view of the Ohio river, large store Room, well finished, with two good show windows. The location being on the main street, close to the R. R. Depot and river, renders it very desirable. The Lot is 40 feet front by 120 deep to an alley, on which is a two story Warehouse; also, a cistern for water. The store is now in use plied by the proprietor, in the book, stationery and variety goods business, and the stock on hand which is small can be had, if desired. A business of from $7,000 to $10,000 per year has been done, at fair profits. The locality is well suited for Handware or Drug business. Price, $28.00, $500 in hand; balance at one, two and three years—or will be traded for approved merchandise, or lands in the Southern part of Iowa. S. CUTHBERT & SON, mh26 No 140 Third st

LAWNS, LAWNS.—A. A. MASON & CO will open, on the 28th inst., 500 pieces of the newest styles—
Fine French Lawns;
Do. Bareges Delins
Do. French Cambrics,
Do. Splendid Organdies,
Do. Fancy Jaconets
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FRENCH BRILLIANTES.—A. A. MASON & CO will open, on the 28th inst., some fine new styles of French Brilliantes. mh26

SILK BONNETS.—A. A. MASON & CO. will open on the 28th inst., twenty dozen Silk Bonnets, for the country trade. mh26

SUGAR.—100 bbds Plantation Sugar in store and for sale by MILLER & RICKETSON, mh26 21, 23 Liberty street.

MOLASSES.—150 bbls Plantation Molasses;
150 hf bbls do do
25 bbls "St. James" S. H. Molasses.
mh26 MILLER & RICKETSON.

TEAS.—150 half chests Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Imperial and Black Teas. For sale by MILLER & RICKETSON.

COFFEE.—500 bags Rio Coffee;
100 packets Old Government Java Coffee.
In store and for sale by MILLER & RICKETSON.

TOBACCO.—150 boxes "Russell & Robinson," "Grant's," "Anderson's," 50 dwarf boxes "Blanerhasett," "Perfection," "Jewel of Ophir," "Virginia Twist," "Some relds" Tobacco, in store and for sale by mh26 MILLER & RICKETSON.

CIGARS.—50 M. Havana and Principe Cigars, best brands, in store and for sale by MILLER & RICKETSON.

FISH.—50 bbls large No. 3 Mackerel;
20 " medium 3 "
25 " No. 1 Pickled Herring;
10 drums "Grand Bank" No. 1 Codfish.
In store and for sale by MILLER & RICKETSON.

SOAP AND CANDLES.—
150 boxes No. 1 Palm Soap;
20 " "Hill & Co." Varicegated Soap;
50 " Cincinnati Star Candles—4's, 5's, 6's;
10 " " Sterling " "
For sale by [mh26] MILLER & RICKETSON.

TEAS.—75 half chests Young Hyson, Imperial, Gunpowder and Black Teas, for sale by mh24 KING & MOORHEAD.

TOBACCO.—75 boxes Russell & Robinson's, William H. Grant's, Webster Old's, and other favorite brands; in store and for sale by [mh24] KING & MOORHEAD.

GLASS.—300 boxes 8x10 9x12, 10x12 and 10x14 country Glass, for sale by (mh24) KING & MOORHEAD.

NAILS.—350 kegs assorted Nails for sale by mh24 KING & MOORHEAD.

COFFEE.—100 bags prime Rio;
25 packets Java; in store and for sale by mh24 KING & MOORHEAD.

MOLASSES.—160 barrels, cypress and oak cooperage, for sale by [mh24] KING & MOORHEAD.

ROSEMARIE HAIR OIL.—An excellent article for the preservation of the hair. 12 doz rec'd by mh22 JOS. FLEMING.

COD LIVER OIL.—A fresh supply of Baker's celebrated Cod Liver Oil rec'd by [mh22] JOS. FLEMING.

PLAID SILKS.—Just received, some new Plaid Silks, at unusually cheap prices. A. A. MASON & CO., mh16 25 Fifth street.

BLACK MOIRE ANTIQUE.—A. A. MASON & CO. will exhibit for sale, on the 14th inst. some Black Moire Antique, with a splendid lot of Plaid Silks mh15

BEDFORD MINERAL WATER.—30 half bbls just rec'd and for sale by (mh16) KING & MOORHEAD.

MAGAZINES FOR APRIL RECEIVED.—Peterson's Ladies' Magazine, for April.
Graham's Magazine for April.
Yankee Nation, do.
The Cedar Builders; by the author of "Heartsease," "The Rest of Saddefly," &c.
The Hon Pevery by Burnham.
Hallock's Pictorial for this week.
Received and for sale at the Cheap Book Store of W. A. GILDENFENNEY & CO., mh23 Fifth st., opposite the Theatre. (late 76 Fourth st.)

A AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF LANDRETH'S SEEDS. F. R. DRAVO, Family Grocer, Diamond, Pittsburgh, Pa., has arranged with David Landreth, of Philadelphia, for a constant supply of his Warranted Garden Seeds. These Seeds have, for many years, stood pre-eminent in this vicinity, and it will be an object with F. R. D to sustain their reputation. *None will be sold by him but those received direct from Landreth.* mh23

250 DOZ. BROOMS, a superior article, received on consignment, and for sale low, by F. R. DRAVO, No. 1 Diamond.

A NEW INVOICE OF EXTRACTS FOR THE HDKF., as follows: Oriental Drops, Ex. Boquet, Musk, Spring Flower, Upper Ten, Magnesia, Geranium, Heliotrope, Jockey Club, Rose, and fifty other kinds, have just been received by mh22 JOS. FLEMING.

HOOPER'S AROMATIC CACHOUS.—The best article now in use for sweetening the breath. 6 doz. rec'd by mh22 JOS. FLEMING.

CODFISH.—2000 lbs Codfish for sale by mh17 HENRY H. COLLINS.

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DAILY REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY MORNING POST, Thursday, March 29, 1855.

The market yesterday exhibited its usual activity. We note the following sales:

BACON—19,000 lbs Shoulders, Sides and Hams at 6¼@6¾, 7½@7¾ and 9½@9¾; also, 10 tcs sugar cured Hams at 11.

BEEF—5 tcs sugar-cured Dried at 11½, sixty days.

BUTTER—8 bbls prime Roll at 22c, cash.

EGGS—5 bbls at 15c per doz.

GREASE—42 bbls, in two lots, at 7¾, four months.

FLOUR—150 bbls superfine, from first hands, at $8,75; at $8,87½; 200 do do do from store, at $9,00; 90 do superfine, inspection, to arrive, at $8,75. Rye Flour...21 bbls, from store, $7.62.

GRAIN—Wheat...200 bus red, from store, at $1.60; 4,000 do do at $1,58; 950 do mixed at $1,52. Corn...300 bus Ear, from store, at 56; 200 do Shelled, do, at 93; 90 do do, from depot, at 56. Oats...250 bus, from wharf, at 62½.

LARD—46 kegs No. 1 at 9c, four months; 8 bbls do at 9c, four months.

LARD OIL—10 bbls No. 1 at 75c, sixty days.

HIDES—87 Dry at 13c ⅌ lb, cash.

SEED—20 bus Timothy at $3,00, cash.

HOP—8 tcs at 23¾, cash.

SUGAR—10 hhds fair at 6½, sixty days; 11 do common at 5¾, four months.

WHISKY—80 bbls new, pure Rye at 50c; 25 do Raw at 29; 50 do Rectified at 23; 55 do do at 30.

Money Matters.

MONDAY, March 26—P. M.

The official weekly bank averages to Saturday, March 24, present, as compared with the previous week, a small decrease in the specie reserve, say $'31,202; an increased movement, by $303,475, in loans and discounts; an increased circulation, by $231,213, and much steadiness in the line of deposits. Including the regular Sub-Treasury balance on Saturday afternoon, the following is the general

COMPARATIVE EXHIBITION.

	Dec 20.	March 17.	March 24.
Loans	$81,653,657	$82,447,317	$83,050,754
Specie	12,176,147	16,033,912	16,002,710
Circulation	7,475,830	7,661,016	7,452,229
Deposits	62,828,929	76,524,204	76,299,906
In Sub Treasury	3,382,000	4,138,029	4,351,283

The week some little appearance of caution among the Banks to-day in regard to the further increase of loans and discounts, induced partly by the unsettled state of things in California, which is to affect the specie supply for some weeks to come, and partly by the conviction that the present line of ninety three millions is quite high enough for the amount of legitimate mercantile business now doing. The effect of this feeling may be, in a short time, to enhance the price of Money on demand loans, but nothing approaching a close pinch in the supply, or a pressure for accommodations outside of Bank. The Exchange market, for the Boston steamer, sailing day after the remainder of the week, is a closer one in the supply, or a pressure for accommodations outside of the Bank. The Exchange market, for the Boston steamer, sailing day after to-morrow, is a closer one in the supply, or a pressure for accommodations outside of Bank. The Exchange market, for the Boston steamer, sailing day after the remainder of the week, is a closer one in the supply, or a pressure for accommodations outside of the Bank. The Exchange market, for the Boston steamer, sailing day after to-morrow, is a closer one in the supply, or a pressure for accommodations outside of the