HOME MATTERS.

RIVER LEVEL.—The river is receding slowly; weather cloudy and cold. The stage of water last night was about 7½ feet.

Business on the wharf was pretty brisk, and freight appears plentiful. The Arctic, for St. Louis, the Equinox, for New Orleans, and some other boats, were loading briskly.

The arrivals were confined to the packets, except the *Dan Convers*, which came in in the morning with a fair load. She is advertised to leave to-morrow afternoon.

The *Diurnal* is the Wheeling packet for to-day.

We append some items of interest from the Western papers:

The Mississippi at St Louis on Friday was at a stand. The last boat from St. Joseph reports the Missouri river falling as far down as Osage river, from thence down it was rising slowly.—The upper Mississippi river was also falling.—The Mississippi river is out of its banks in many places below St. Louis, presenting the appearance of a great "inland sea" instead of a river.

STEAMBOAT SUNK.—The officers of the steamer John Strader, from Red River, report that the steamer Preston has sunk two miles below White Oak Shoals, in Upper Red River. She was upward bound, and had a full cargo, a portion of which was freight shipped hence per steamer Swan and stored at Fulton. The boat will, in all probability, be a total loss. A portion of the cargo may be saved in a damaged condition.—The steamer Pitser Miller was engaged in wrecking her.

The John Strader reports the steamer Shreveport aground at the mouth of the Kiamichi; the steamers Ruby and Texas Ranger still above the raft, and the river falling.—*N. O. Bulletin.*

The snag which sunk the Charleston, near Rising Sun, has been pulled up by the snag boat U. S. Terror.

RIVER AND WEATHER.—The river opposite here rose five inches last night, and is still coming up slowly to-day. By actual measurement this morning the water wanted four feet seven inches of being on a level with the pavement in front of the City Block at the foot of Market street. It will take a further swell, therefore, of at least *five feet* to put it on the first floors of the stores at the lowest part of the levee.

The last boats from the Upper Mississippi report the water falling above the Rapids, but rising below Keokuk. The *Kate Swinney*, the last boat from the Missouri, reports that river rising from Brunswick to the mouth. The weather here to-day looks as though it might clear off. The sun came out early in the morning and at noon, but a change may take place, and it may be pouring rain again before night.—*St. Louis News, 6th.*

STEAMER BURNED.—The steamboat *Lelia No. 2*, lying on the opposite side of the river, took fire at an early hour yesterday morning, and was totally destroyed. After having burned to the water's edge, she sunk in deep water. The origin of the fire is not known, but the impression is that the boat was fired by an incendiary.—*N. O. Bee, 5th.*

The steamer *Cabinet* has been tied up at the wharf at the suit of some one at Carrollton who had lost a negro man that died after having worked on the boat.—It was stated that the negro had been overworked.—*Lou Courier.*

The water is now over its banks on the Illinois side, and is said to be doing considerable damage to the potato and other crops in the American Bottom. The Illinois is also rising. The Planters State, the last boat from the Missouri river, came in yesterday afternoon. From her officers we learn that the Missouri is about at a stand at St. Joseph, and rising slowly in the lower part of the river. The Upper Mississippi from Galena to Rock Island is reported at a stand, and rising from Keokuk down.—*St. Louis Rep. 6th.*

MORE STEAMBOAT DISASTERS.—We learn from Mr. Smith, clerk of the Telegraph, that the old steamer *Hiram Powers*, of Cincinnati, but of late a Wabash packet, was burnt while wooding 33 miles above the mouth of that river. She was laden with pork in hds, bulk meat, tobacco, and a part of the wreck of the steamer *Bride*. She was bound for Cairo. The boat took fire in the after deck room at 10 A. M. Saturday, and burnt to the water's edge. She was scuttled, and sunk with 6½ feet water at her bow and 9 feet at her stern. A great part of the pork may be saved. No lives were lost.

The *Julia Dean* was sunk on Sunday week, in White river, about twelve miles above Pocahontas, Ark, by striking a rock or stump. Her timbers were broken in from near the hatch to the aft end of the boilers, causing her to sink in ten or fifteen minutes to her main deck. It is thought she can be raised. She was insured for $7,000, we learn.—$6,000 in Memphis and $2,000 at New Albany.—*Louisville Courier.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY ORPHAN ASYLUM.—The annual meeting of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Orphan Asylum was held on Tuesday evening, (May 10th, 1853,) in the Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Dr. Herron, who was expected to preside at the meeting, being absent, Robert M. Riddle, Esq., was invited to take the Chair.

William Bakewell acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Wm. Paxton.

The Orphans who were present at the meeting, then sang a hymn.

The Treasurer's Report for the year ending May 1st, 1853, and the Report of the Secretary were presented and read to the meeting.

On motion of F. B. Brunot, Esq., the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Paxton then addressed the meeting, after which the Rev. Mr. Passavant, being called upon, made a short speech.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Managers of the Asylum for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Bakewell, seconded by Mr. Paxton, the following ladies were unanimously elected:

MANAGERS:

Mrs. Denny,	Mrs. Campbell,	Mrs. Weyman,
Mrs. Robinson,	Mrs. Brunot,	Mrs. Wright,
Mrs. Edmunson	Mrs. Gibson,	Mrs. Hays,
Mrs. Wade,	Mrs. Wilkins,	Miss Holmes,
Mrs. Bidwell,	Mrs. Grier,	Miss Barlow.
	Mrs. Stockton,	

Some subscriptions were made by gentlemen present to the friends of the Society.

Mr. Paxton then dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

R. M. RIDDLE, Chairman.

WM. BAKEWELL, Secretary.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—Coroner Lowry held an inquest upon the body of Elizabeth Schwall, a young German girl, about sixteen or seventeen years of age, at McKeesport, on Wednesday evening. The circumstances are briefly these:

On Saturday, the girl's father made oath against a man fifty years old, named John Claughton, for seducing his daughter. Claughton was arrested and committed to jail. The girl was well then. On Friday she took sick and died. She was buried, but the neighbors, knowing the circumstances, feared foul play, and sent for Coroner Lowry. The body was disinterred, and a post mortem examination was made, but no traces of foul play were discovered. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to her death from convulsions.

The first intimation of the girl's death was given to Claughton yesterday, in Alderman Steele's office, and we understand completely overwhelmed the guilty man. He was discharged.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judges Shannon and Williams:

The argument list occupied the attention of this Court yesterday.

Sheriff Magill appeared in Court yesterday, that being the day the writ served on him for contempt of Court was made returnable, and explained his conduct. Our readers will recollect that attachments were issued by the Court for defaulting jurymen, which were placed in the hands of the Sheriff. Through some mistake in the construction of the writing, the jurymen were not brought before the Court—hence the writ.

BODY RECOVERED.—The body of the little boy, Thomas Thomas, who was drowned several weeks ago, near the upper bridge, was recovered on Tuesday near Sewickley. The body was brought to this city on Wednesday by its parents.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judges Grier and Irwin.

The jury in the patent infringement case returned a verdict yesterday for defence. This case was a very important one indeed, involving a large amount of money.

VIOLATING CITY ORDINANCES.—Alfred Green and George W. Stoenan were committed to jail yesterday, on a warrant issued by Mayor Parke for violating a city ordinance.

The stone work on the Custom House is nearly completed. The building presents a very fine appearance.

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Madame Anna Hall last evening troupe leaves to-da

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POCKETS.—A voring to enter the Wednesday night, h pocket book, containi was taken.

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NEW YORK, M

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The Canada Reserve Bill passed t of Lords on Thursday and the Com Friday.

Lord Palmerston stated that there wou prosecution against Kossuth on accoun rocket affair.

The Jewish disabilities bill was negativ the 23 reading.

Wentzwell & Co., of Rotterdam, have f John Atwood, of London, metal dealer, ha failed to a large amount.

Business is moderately active in all branc SPAIN.—A Royal decree recommends a tar HOLLAND.—The second chamber of the Sta General has been dissolved by the King. A election has been ordered May 17th. The mi letters have published their programme, they not introduce any changes of the present Con stitution; religious freedom will not be curtail ed. Various ameliorations are promised and the executive powers of the King will be exten ded.

DENMARK.—An official list of the new ministry has been published. Orsted is President of the Interior.

GERMANY.—The Federal diet have admitted Austria's claim for 170,000,000 being the quota of the Hungarian and Italian war.

Several arrests were made in consequence of the Swiss insurrection; among them a priest leader named Carratt. The insurgents occupied the College buildings and attempted to raze the guard house, but were repulsed. The civic Guards were called out to storm the College.

The artillery of the insurgents fled. The Jesuit's college and church was fired on with grape and speedily surrendered. The civic rule is now re-established.

FRANCE.—The Emperor is severely indisposed.

The government has granted a large tract of land at Algiers to Swiss emigrants.

Lord Clarendon's explanation respecting eastern affairs had restored confidence at the Bourse, which was increased by information that the French fleet had been recalled from Salamis.

ITALY.—A bill granting 400,000 livres for the relief of the Lombard exiles, passed a committee of the Piedmontese legislature.

RUSSIA.—The Cholera has appeared in Moscow.

TURKEY.—A letter from Constantinople states that Lord Stratford had assured the Porte of British protection, and, in conjunction with the French Ministers, is prepared to address a note to that effect to the Divan.

The blockade of the Albanian coast was raised.

Constantinople is tranquil; nevertheless armaments continue on the part of Turkey and Russia.

Advices from Jerusalem state that a fight occurred on Palm Sunday, in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, between the Greeks and Armenians; several were wounded.

INDIA.—There is nothing of importance from Burmah.

CHINA.—The Chinese rebels were threatening Shanghai with a force of 50,000. The imperial commander in chief was defeated and killed.

The emperor has issued a proclamation calling on the people for help.

The opium trade has been legalized.

It is rumored that a large force has been sent to watch the Japan expedition.

AUSTRALIA.—Advices to February 24 state that the yield of gold is as unexhausted. Several new fields have been discovered and money is plenty.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE PROMETHEUS.

NEW YORK, May 12.

The steamer Prometheus, from San Juan on the 4th, arrived this morning with 400 passengers and $170,000 in gold dust, on freight, besides a large amount in the hands of passengers. She brings one day's later news from California.

The U. S. sloop of war Cyane arrived at San Juan; all well.

The steamers Brother Jonathan and Northerner left San Francisco on the 17th full of passengers.

The Golden Gate, from Panama, arrived on the 15th.

Among the names of those killed and wounded by the explosion of the Jenny Lind are: Noah Ridley, wife and four children, C. S. Ridley, Mrs Kimball, Judge White of San Jose, Frank Banworth, L. F. Drake, Mrs. Page and child, Miss Wilmar, Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. Murphy of San Jose, one female, two Stewards and others who are unknown, total 21.

The following persons were scalded:—Wm. Bell, of Wisconsin, since dead; G. F. Collyer, Racine, R. A. Wyman, Racine, S. Harper, Penna.—total 19.

The wreck of the Jenny Lind was towed into the harbor on the 15th. A Coroner's Inquest was held on the bodies of the dead.

An attempt was made on the night of the 14th to burn the steamer Winfield Scott while lying at the wharf. Three trains of combustibles were laid and set fire to, but they were discovered in time.

The steamer Northern Light took down $2,000,000.

A Democratic State Convention was to be held at Benicia on the 20th April, to nominate state officers. Governor Bigler declines a re-election.

Samuel Francisco and other members of Assembly who resigned, ha e been all re-chosen by a majority of 4000.

Mr. Murdock, a merchant, was assassinated at Shasta, by gambler named James Noland. Noland was hung by the citizens the same evening.

The S. S. Lewis was entirely broken up, 24 hours after going ashore.

Intelligence from the mining districts are favorable.

The market at San Francisco on the 10th of April was generally quiet.

Flour—plenty, at $11,25. Pork: clear 36@37; hams 21¼. Butter: choice, 38. A considerable portion of the Provisions by late arrivals proved to be of inferior quality, and purchasers refuse them.

WASHINGTON, May 12.

The oath of office was yesterday administered to several clerks recently appointed in the Land Office, among them is Edward H. Fuller, who was recently shot by Capt. Schaumberg. He appears to have fully recovered his health.

In the Gardiner case yesterday, the Prosecution stated that one more letter was to be submitted and the evidence in rebuttal would then be complete.

WASHINGTON, May 12.

President Pierce has commuted the sentence of death pronounced against Corporal John Whitney by a recent Court of Fort Hamilton, to confinement for the remainder of his term of enlistment.

The total coal transportation over the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for the last week is 10,200 tons.

NEW ORLEANS, May 11.

The Philadelphia arrived with the California mails and 150 passengers. She reports that the Illinois was to sail for New York with 600 passengers, and nearly $8,000,000 in gold dust.—Among the passengers by the Philadelphia. is Gen. Villamel, First Charge de Affaires from the Republic of Ecuador to the United States, visiting his native city, New Orleans, after an absence of 45 years.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 12.

The evidence in the Gardiner case finally closed to-day. The argument will commence to-morrow.

BALTIMORE, May 12.

The Maryland House of Delegates passed a bill authorizing the City of Baltimore to guarantee bonds of the Connellsville and Pittsburgh Railroad.

DETROIT, May 11.

The Rev. Mr. Shaw, of the Catholic Church, who was thrown from his carriage day before yesterday has since died of his injuries.

HARTFORD, (Ct.,) May 12.

A resolution was yesterday introduced into the Senate requiring the President and a majority of the Directors of the Railroad, where the major part of the road is located in Connecticut, to be residents thereof.

BOSTON, May 12.

The House voted not to adopt the amendment to the Liquor Law providing for licenses when public opinion is in favor of licensing. The vote stood, yeas 111—nays 141. The old license system is virtually repudiated.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 11.

The Isabel has arrived with Havana dates to the 8th. A disagreement has arisen amongst the authorities. Lavaletta, the second in command, and another high officer, were to go to Spain, which disgusted the troops in the interior, who show symptoms of discontent.

BALTIMORE, May 12.

The receipts of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for April, amounted to $262,747.

CINCINNATI, May 12.

The lumber yard near the Hamilton and Dayton Railway was destroyed by fire last night. Several houses were damaged.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Cotton: Sales 1250 bales steady. Coffee: sales 5200, bags Rio at 9¼@9¾, active; Molasses, sales 200 bbls. Muscavado at 25, steady. Sugar, 300 bbls Orleans at 5¾; Muscovado 5½ firm. Flour: sales 11,000 bbls, steady, at $4,50@4,62; Ohio $4,75@5, firmer; sales 1000 bbls Southern at $5,12@5,31, moderate; sales 12,000 bus. wheat, western at $1,20, firm; sales 4500 bushels corn, mixed, at 67; yellow 68, firm. Provisions: sales 300 bbls mess pork at $15,25; prime $13@13,25, firmer; sales 150 mess beef $13 moderate: sales 500 bbls lard at 10, and in kegs 10¼, firm. Tallow: sales 14,000 lbs 9¾. Cloversead quiet; sales 16,000 bush Linseed at 61.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Flour: dull; sales 2,000 bbls for export, part at $4,74 for western straight brands, and part on private terms. Wheat: in more inquiry; sales 2,000 bus. prime white last evening, and 5,000 to-day at $1,17; sales 800 bus. red at $1,13½. Rye: in demand at 85. Corn: scarce; sales 4,000 bus. at 62@63 for yellow, and 58 for white, mostly at the latter figure.

CINCINNATI, May 12.—The River has risen 2 feet in the last 24 hours. Flour less firm; sales 600 bbls at $3,75@$3,80 for good brands. Whiskey firm 18½. Provisions quiet but firmer; sales 3000 lbs sin Bacon Hams at 9½ packed. Groceries active; sales 500 hhds leaf Tobacco at 85@$5,95; for medium Kentucky river leaf @$6,85 for ditto; Mason co., dampy, active supplies inadequate.

COMMERCIAL.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE FRANKLIN SEARCH,
Friday Morning, May 13, 1853.

FLOUR—sales from first hand of 100 bbls straight brand at extra, at $4,65, rout, 25 bbls extra at $4,62½, and small small lots at same price.

FEATHERS—sales from 1st of 240 bus Pink eyes at 42.

OATS—sales on arrival, 100 bus, at 27½; demand tolerably active, but supply ample to arrive at 60.

CORN—sale of 100 bus Hams at 9½, cash; 5,000 lbs Bacon—sales of 2,000 lbs Shoulders at 6¾; 2,000 lbs Hams at 9¾; 400 pcs Sides at 9¾; and 1,000 lbs. sugar-cured Hams at 10¼; some small lots of plain Hams at 9¾.

GLASS—sales of 25 cts additional for each following size, and 50 cts additional for each following size, and 50 cts additional for each following size, and 50