HOME MATTERS.

RIVER ITEMS.—The metal mark indicated only 20 inches in channel last evening.

A report reached the city yesterday that owing to heavy rains in the Upper Monongahela country, that river had risen 4 feet at Davison's Ferry and 18 inches at Brownsville. As the pools between here and Brownsville are remarkably low, this rise will be longer than usual in reaching us. We had a pleasant rain yesterday morning, and a heavy rain set in last night; which, with the rise from above, gives us hope of a little better river than we have now.

All the minor streams below are now high—the Kanawha, Kentucky, Salt River, &c.; this will improve the navigation of the lower Ohio.

The Louisville Courier says:

The River was at a stand last evening, with 38 inches water in the canal, and the last arrival from the mouth reports the same depth of water on the bars in the lower Ohio. The weather for the past 36 hours has been rainy; and several very heavy rains have fallen in the city and vicinity. At Frankfort, Kentucky river, it rained very hard Tuesday night, and the indications are favorable for a rise in the river.

The Wheeling Intelligencer favors its readers with the annexed piece of news:

NAVIGATION.—Navigation between this port and Pittsburgh is now next to impossible, and the lightest draught boats have drawn off. Yesterday the Hartford started up, but before she got out of sight turned back.

The Magnolia has also drawn off. The small boats running below this city still manage to get along.

Now the editor of the Intelligencer knows that the Magnolia did not draw off for want of water, but for want of business; she has left the Wheeling trade to run between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. But it would not suit the purposes of Wheeling to tell the whole truth in such a case.

MEETING OF COUNCILS.—The Select and Common Councils met in their respective Chambers in the City Hall last evening.

In the Select, the Council was called to order by reading the minutes of the last meeting, and calling the roll.

Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances.—A memorial from Revs. G. C. Battelle and I. Dalzell was presented by Mr. Kincaid of the First Ward, asking the privilege of building a floating Bethel, to be located at the Wharf, free of charge, and to give them the right to discharge such freight as may be given them by steamboats, without tax. A petition was presented, signed by the different pastors of the city, praying Councils to grant the request of the memorial. Referred to Committee on Wharf, with power to act. Concurred in, after striking out "with power to act," in C. C. B. C. action of C. C. concurred in.

A petition from A. W. Pendland, Esq., and others, was read, asking the Councils to widen Webster street at a certain part. Referred to the Street Committee. Concurred in by S. C.

A petition was read from citizens of Seventh Ward, asking Councils to lay 500 feet of water pipe on Miller street. Referred to Water Committee. Action concurred in by C. C.

A petition asking Councils to order the lighting the upper part of Webster street with gas, was read. Referred to Committee on Gas lighting. Concurred in by C. C.

Six petitions from citizens of the 9th Ward, praying the vacation of certain streets in that ward for the use of the Central Railroad. The petitions were signed by 212 citizens. Referred to Special Committee on the same subject, appointed some time ago. Action concurred in.

Two petitions from citizens of the 8th Ward, asking the erection of gas pipes on Stevenson street, were presented, read and referred to Committee on Gas lighting. Concurred in.

A petition from J. W. Buchanan, asking for the extension of the water pipe about 100 feet up Pride street, was read and referred to Water Committee. Concurred in.

A petition was presented, asking the appointment of a committee to inquire into the expediency of opening Fifth street from Ross street to Pennsylvania Avenue. Referred to Committee on streets. Concurred in.

The Trustees of the Gas Works presented the annual report and statement of outlays, income, and profit and loss, &c. C. C. report filed.

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Gas Works be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to contract forthwith for main pipe, and cause the same to be laid along Pennsylvania Avenue, from Logan to Diwiddidie street, and also on Third street and Front street, as specified in the report, and resolution annexed of the Committee on gas lighting, (rec'd and adopted June 27th, 1853.) Also, to contract for pipe, and cause the same to be laid on Front street, from Rhode & Verner's Factory, to the corner of Cherry Alley, and charge extension fund, and cause to be erected ports and landings at such points and distances on said streets as the committee on gas lighting may decide. Concurred in.

An amendment was proposed to extend gas pipe from Penn along Factory to Pike street, and along Liberty street to Corry street; in the 5th Ward. On motion referred to Committee on Gas lighting. Concurred in.

The original resolution was read three times and adopted.

Unfinished Business.—A resolution which on June 27th was read and laid over, instructing Building Committee to put up a cupola to receive an alarm bell, on the Market House now building, was taken up.

The resolution was adopted. Action non-con curred in.

The C. C. adopted a resolution approving the resolution of the price of gas to $1 90 per 1,000 feet after August 18th. In S. C.; action concurred in.

An ordinance relative to extension of gas pipes, authorizing the Company to make same in certain cases, not exceeding 500 feet.

A petition of citizens, approved by Gas Committee, was read and adopted in C. C. Action concurred in.

Standing Committees.—The Committee on Streets reported adversely to grading a number of streets. Recommended the repair of footbridge between Liberty and Penn streets. Report accepted.

The resolution relative to rebuilding the bridge read three times and adopted. Concurred in.

Resolutions in Place.—A resolution was read instructing the committee on Ordinances to report a section to the ordinance granting a subscription to the Chartiers Valley Railroad, requiring said road to have a connection with the Hempfield road at Washington, and that the latter Company shall not discriminate against Pittsburgh in rates of toll on passengers and freight. Read twice and laid over.

A petition from John T. Hutchison, for leave to sell saddlery in the market, was referred in C. C. to Market Committee, with power to act. Action concurred in.

Report of a Special Committee relative to B. E. McGowan's map of the city, recommending Councils to take them. In C. C. a resolution was adopted authorizing Mr. McGowan to furnish the whole number, (200) In S. C. action concurred in.

A supplement to an Ordinance for the more speedy collection of taxes, was read and referred to Committee on Ordinances. Read three times and adopted.

A resolution to close the Market House on Tuesdays and Fridays until 2 o'clock, P. M., which in C. C. was referred to Committee on Market, was read and action concurred in.

A number of bills to lay gas pipes on Duquesne Way, Fifth, Second, Pike, Webster and other streets, read and referred to Committee on Gas Lighting. Action concurred in in Select Council.

The Committee on Gas were authorized to confer with the Gas Company upon the extension of pipes and public lights, with power to act, in C. C. A motion to adjourn carried in.

In the Common Council, Hon. A. W. Loomis, by leave, stated that owing to the apathy of his clients he had received no further instructions from them, he would consequently not make the address announced for Tuesday evening.

The following are the appointments of the Engineering Corps on the Connellsville Railroad, so far made by Oliver W. Barnes, Esq, Chief Engineer:

First Corps—Henry Blackston, principal assistant; G. W. J. Fetterman, assistant engineer; Randolph Boyd, assistant engineer.

Second Corps—A. D. Sweeny, senior assistant; William Woods, assistant engineer; F. P. Robinson, assistant engineer; Sigismond Leow, topographer.

Third Corps—Henry Pleasants, assistant engineer; D. B. McKibben, assistant engineer.

The first and second will be placed on the mountain section. They departed for their posts on Sunday. The third party left yesterday.—They will be engaged on the river section, between this city and McKeesport. A fourth party will be formed in a day or two by the Chief Engineer.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.—The Annual Commencement of this College will take place on the 21st of September. There will be about twenty graduates.

Lieut. LYNCH, U. S. A., has accepted an invitation to address the Washington Society attached to the College, and Judge CONRAD, of Philadelphia, will address the Union Society. The Hon. HENRY A. WISE, of Virginia, will address the Alumni.

ARRIVED.—The canal boats, noticed as aground in the slackwater beyond Carr's Locks, in yesterday's paper, were enabled to pass over, and arrived in this city on Sunday and yesterday.—No more delay need be anticipated on this account, as it was owing to the delay of the proper officers in making repairs, and care will be taken in future to prevent a recurrence of similar accidents.

DARING ROBBERY.—Last evening a gentleman from Greensburg arrived in the Eastern cars, and proceeded (having a carpet bag in his possession containing valuables to the amount of $5000) to Mrs. White's boarding house, on Liberty street, where he set it down in the entry, leaving the front door open. A suspicious looking man, who had followed him from the cars, slipped in the hall and ran off with the carpet bag. It was not long before it was missed, when the stranger gave information to the Mayor's police, one of whom, Bougher, started in pursuit. After a long chase, the thief was discovered in the Bull's Head tavern, on Second street, just as he was opening the carpet bag.—He was locked up for an examination this morning.

NOTICE.—Passengers on the Pennsylvania Rail Road who do not procure tickets from the station agents, will hereafter be charged ten cents extra.

Mr. Meskimen desires us to state that the advantage in taking a through ticket to New York, consists in having no trouble with baggage at Philadelphia, no Omnibus fare, and a total relief from the numerous vexations consequent on transhipment. Besides, the cost is $1 10 less than by the other method of procuring passage.

SHAMEFUL.—A man named S. Devlin appeared before Alderman Major yesterday, and made affidavit that a man named Charles Roche went on Sunday to the St. Mary's Cemetery, with a coffin containing the body of a child, and requested to have it interred. He was informed that he must first receive a permit from the Board of Health. He then went away, leaving the coffin on the road side, and has not been back since. The Alderman issued a warrant for his arrest.

FINE CATTLE.—Our citizens have an opportunity at present of examining some of the most approved breed of cattle ever brought to this city, by calling at Hare's Tavern, Liberty street. There are twenty five cattle of the Durham breed, bulls, cows, heifers and short horns.—There are also some fine specimens of English sheep, and an elegant Chapman horse, much prized in England for carriage use.

The owner is a gentleman named Garrard, from Bourbon county, Kentucky, who has just returned from a trip to England, where he purchased the cattle and sheep at great expense.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Levi B. Annis made oath and information before Alderman Steele, against William Kelley and Conrad Kuhns, Captain and Mate of a Canal Boat, for assaulting and beating, the one cutting him in the arm, and the other beating him badly. The case was compromised by the defendants paying the prosecutor a small sum of money.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—A Coroner's Inquest was held yesterday, by Coroner Lowrie, on a woman named Margaret Mordy. She came to her death on Sunday afternoon, by falling down a pair of stairs, in her house on Strawberry alley, while intoxicated. The verdict was in accordance with the facts.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.—Henry Irvine and wife, and a man named McGovern were arrested and brought before Alderman Parkinson, yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct. McGovern was discharged, and the other two were fined five dollars, which they paid.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The Hon. A. W. Loomis will address the Council this evening, against vacating certain streets in the Ninth Ward to the use of the P. R. R. Company.

He will be followed by Thomas Williams, Esq, in behalf of citizens, in opposition.

SURETY OF THE PEACE.—Alderman Parkinson held Henry McGill to bail for surety of the peace, on oath of Henry Ritenwalt. The parties are employed at Lorens & Sterling's iron mill, South Pittsburgh.

NEARLY DROWNED.—A German boy, belonging to the Le Belle House on Smithfield street, fell in the Monongahela River yesterday at noon, from a flat. A deckhand on the Michigan, leaped in and saved the lad, Dr. Bryce was called in, by whose exertions he has fully recovered.

PERIODICALS.—Callow, Third street, has received Godey and Graham for August, and Blackwood for July.

Also, P erey Effingham, by Henry Cricklim, author of Valentine Vox, the Ventriloquist, and other popular novels—Price 50 cents.

LARCENY.—D. B. Younson was committed by Mayor Biddle, yesterday, on oath of his brother, who charged him with having a watch and some shirts from him. A process of Court was also lodged against him for costs.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

STEAM BOAT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

ARRIVED.

Jefferson, Nason, Brownsville.
Col. Darzel, Peebles, Elizabeth.
Lancaster, Bennett, Brownsville.
Thos. Shriver, Talley, McKeesport.
Archangel, Hughes, Monongahela.
American Star, Brownsville.

DEPARTED.

Jefferson, Nason, Brownsville.
Col. Darzel, Peebles, Elizabeth.
Thos Shriver, Talley, McKeesport.
Lancaster, Bennett, Brownsville.
Archangel, Hughes, Monongahela.
American Star, McCallan, Brownsville
Monticello, Miller, Cincinnati.

MONONGAHELA RIVER.

BROWNSVILLE, 8 A. M. and 6 P. M.

WEST NEWTON, 8 A. M. and 6 P. M.

THE RIVER.—There were 6 feet 10 inches water in the canal at Saturday evening at dusk and on a stand

There will be an adjourned meeting of the Pittsburgh Building and Loan Association this evening, at Cargo's Hall, Fourth street.

LARCENY.—John Brown was committed by Alderman Sampson, of Manchester, for larceny yesterday.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, July 25.

The Northern Light arrived from San Juan at five o'clock this morning. She brings 400 passengers and $389,000 which was brought down by the Sierra Nevada which left San Francisco on the 1st July. The Northern Light was struck by lightning on the 19th.

CINCINNATI, July 25.

The river has risen four feet and is still swelling. There is six feet more coming. It has been raining all morning.

NOTICE TO FARMERS and GARDENERS.—The subscriber has rec'd his supply of TURNIP SEEDS, viz: Large purple top, yellow Aberdeen, white globe, large Ruta Baga, and Long Red Mangel or Scandinavian; also a few tons of Linseed's FERTILIZER, one of the best manures in use, suitable for turnips, corn, vegetables, fruit trees, &c. (of corn and such applied), which he offers at reduced prices. GARDEN IMPLEMENTS in great variety, of the most approved patterns, at the Seed and Implement Warehouse 49 Fifth street, Pittsburgh. [jy26] R. MOORHEAD.

PLASTER of PARIS, for Land and Stucco work:
HYDRAULIC CEMENT, of the best quality;
GRINDSTONES, all sizes and various grits, always on hand at 319 Liberty street, Pittsburgh. W. WALLACE
ap6-3m

FISH—50 bbls. Dry Salt Herring;
20 " Large No. 2 Mackerel;
20 " Extra Trout;
20 " Fair do.
20 " White Fish;
20 half do.
20 half Lake Shad;
25 half do. Just rec'd and for sale by
jy23 A. & R. FULTON, 84 Wood st.

SHAWLS—A. A. MASON & CO., No. 25 Fifth street, are closing out the balance of their $6 Cashmere Shawls at $3 50. jy21

SILKS! SILKS!!—Plain, Fancy, Striped and Figured Silks, one half less than cost, selling at A. A. MASON & CO'S, No. 25 Fifth street. jy21

EMBROIDERIES—A. A. MASON & CO, No. 25 Fifth street, are selling out the balance of their beautiful stock of Embroideries, at an immediate reduction from former prices. jy21

A. A. MASON & CO., No. 25 Fifth street, will close out the balance of their DRESS GOODS at half cost next week. Also, 10 cases best Madder Calicoes at 8c; 3 do. Mous de Laines at 8c; 2 do. De Beges at 12½c; 50 pieces Irish Silk at 50c. jy21

SODA ASH—Having 500 tons of our own manufacture on hand and for sale, we are prepared to contract with consumers for the season, and will warranted equal to any imported. BENNETT, BERRY & CO.
jy7 Front street, near Market.

SAL. SODA, CHLORIDE OF LIME, MURIATIC and SULPHURIC ACIDS, always in store and for sale by BENNETT, BERRY & CO.
jy7-3m Front street, near Market.

POTASH—25 casks warranted pure, received on consignment, and for sale by WISE & McCLELLAND,
jy22 corner Wood and Water streets.

WHITE BEANS—10 bbls. for sale by VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.
jy21

NAIL RODS—6 tons Juniata slit, for sale VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

SUGAR—25 hhds. fair N. O. Sugar; 20 do. prime do., in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO. No. 112 Second st.
jy21

MACKEREL—25 bbls. large No. 3, 12 half bbls do., just received and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO.

WINDOW GLASS—500 boxes assorted sizes, in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO. No. 112 Second st.
jy21

CHEESE—300 boxes Cream and fine Cutting Western Reserve Cheese, in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO.
jy21

MACKEREL—150 bbls. large new No. 3 Mackerel, for sale by JOHN GRIER.
jy16

GREASE LARD—50 bbls. Grease Lard, for sale by JOHN GRIER.
jy19

MITTS—Long and Short, of all the various qualities: An assortment in store and for sale by MURPHY & BURCHFIELD.
jy19

MUSLIN DE BAGE—Lupin's super quality Muslin de Bage, brown and dark oiled, for sale by MURPHY & BURCHFIELD.
jy19 and stone of

GAS TUBING—300 feet Gas Tubing, a fine article, rec'd and for sale by J. H. PHILLIPS, No. 116 Market st.
jy21

SPICED SALMON—A very superior article, put up in Cans of 10 lbs each; 20 Cans just rec'd, and for sale by W. A. McCLURG.
jy21

MERRILL'S BOTANIC PREPARATIONS—A good assortment on hand for sale by FLEMING BROTHERS.
jy22

YELLOW OCHRE—1500 lbs. Rochelle in store, and for sale by FLEMING BROTHERS.

GENTIAN ROOT—300 lbs. in store, and for sale by FLEMING BROTHERS.
jy20

COMMERCIAL.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE }
Tuesday Morning, July 26, 1853. }

A fine rain commenced falling yesterday, which, although welcomed by every one, checked all outdoor transactions. We have therefore very little to note.

FLOUR—sales on the wharf of 50 bbls. superfine at $4 37½@4 50; from store sales of 60 bbls superfine at $4 50 and 70 do. extra at $4 75. The amount offering continues remarkably small.

BACON—sales in small parcels of about 15,000 lbs. at sixteen 9¾. for Shoulders and Sides; 6000 lbs. country Sides at 6¾; some Smith Home at 10. Sugar-cured Hams sales of one parcel at 11, and another at 12¾.

FISH—sales of 50 bbls. No. 3 Mackerel, large, at $10,25 cash to the trade.

PIG METAL—we are advised of a sale of 100 tons Wiseman, at $39,50, six mos; the market is nearly bare, except for Anthracite.

WHISKEY—in regular demand; sales of 45 bbls. at 23½; DRIED BEEF—sales of 6½c at 10½c for canvassed; plain we quote at 9¾.

SUGAR—sales of 15 hhds. No. 0. at 4¾ to 5¾ for common to strictly prime.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The prosperity of this road from the time the first section was opened to the public until the present, has been extraordinary. The business has gone on increasing in amount at a prodigious rate, considering the embarrassment it has had to contend with, and the difficulties over which it has had to triumph; they are, we certainly destined to be very largely exceeded hereafter. This success illustrates the singularly commanding elements of profit inherent in the to prove-out itself and it shows, further, the rapidly progressive character of the magnificent Commonwealth through which the road runs.

We give below an exceedingly interesting table of statistics relative to the receipts and expenditures of the Company for the first six months of the present year, in comparison with three of the same period in 1852. It will be seen, that the total income in the first half of 1853, amounts nearly to a million and a half of dollars, while the expenditures reached not quite eight hundred thousand, with the work still going forward on an immense and difficult division of the line. The excess of receipts in the interval named over those taken from January to July, inclusive in 1852 is four hundred and seventy-eight thousand, one hundred and thirty-three dollars while the excess of receipts for the same time this present year is eight-four thousand five hundred and seventy-three dollars. This statement affords certainly a most encouraging evidence of the prosperous and progressive character of our great Pennsylvania road, and is to be regarded as equal to promises with the use of the Portage, we may expect its business to be very greatly enlarged.

Comparative Statement of the business of the Pennsylvania Railroad for the first six months of the years 1852 and 1853.—Capital employed in 1853 as limited at $11,000,000.

Months.	Receipts. 1852.	1853.	Expenditures. 1852.	1853.	Net Receipts. 1852.	1853.
January	$141,252	$220,492	$67,227	$103,729	$73,980	$116,763
February	152,583	233,068	137,820	181,261	37,773	106,808
March	204,411	271,118	143,413	140,037	64,997	130,080
April	203,411	271,118	143,413	140,037	64,997	130,080
May	176,038	246,842	173,076	121,951	2,962	124,890
June	126,024	159,215	124,157	114,091	12,866	45,118
Total	$804,009	1,459,127	789,235	797,777	277,575	661,739
		654,904		743,825		771,879
Increase		$816,223		$54,452		$253,780

TOBACCO—THE CROP—PRICES.—Returning to the leaf market of the tobacco warehouses in this city, it appears that there is a considerable decrease in the sales now, as compared with the last. The sales at the auction houses for the week, ending on the 16th inst., were 173 hogsheads, against 17,781 hogsheads during the same period last season.

This confirms the statements made early in the season that the crop would be less than that of the previous year, and the information we can get from it is very certain that the growing crop will be less than that of the present one, and is very many sections the farmers do not expect more than half a crop. In the lower part of Kentucky it is said the crop will be a tolerable one, but in the counties bordering on the Ohio river, and in Indiana and Illinois they have principally been during the month, and the farmers are discouraged. Of course, this is only a guess.

The prices of this staple in the market continue in the same unsettled and uncertain state as for the past month, for we have heard of many transactions at low prices, as well as at $9 and $9 75 to $10 per hundred pounds for each of the others. They were purchased by the Messrs. Gratz, one of the largest manufacturers.—Ledger.

DISTILLING.—The Monongahela, Ohio, Cincinnati, and Louisville Gazette, of the 23d inst., says:

The distillers of this city are busily engaged in converting their corn into whiskey. The yield is unusually large, and the quality fine. Some of the distillers are making from 30 to 32 gallons per bushel. The price of corn is low, ranging from 40 to 45 cents per bushel. The price of whiskey is also low, ranging from 20 to 21 cents per gallon. Many of the distillers are making their own barrels, and the cooperage business is very active.

MONEY MARKET, Wednesday Evening.

The Stock Market has been more than usually dull during the week, and prices have declined from ½ to 1 per cent. The transactions have been confined principally to Reading, Pennsylvania Central, Norwich and Worcester, Harlem, Erie, Michigan Southern, Illinois Central, Cleveland and Toledo, Chicago and Rock Island, Galena and Chicago, Cumberland Coal, Canton Company, Long Island, Boston and Worcester, Vermont Central, Hudson River, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Columbus, Michigan Central, Panama, Ohio Life and Trust, Canton Company, Mexican Mining, Quicksilver, Morris Canal, Delaware and Hudson Canal, Pacific Mail, Harlem Preferred, Cumberland Coal Preferred, Boston and Maine, Boston and Providence, Boston and Albany, Vermont and Massachusetts, Western Railroad, Hartford and New Haven, Hartford and Erie, Long Island Preferred, Boston and Worcester Preferred, Boston and Maine Preferred, Boston and Providence Preferred, Boston and Albany Preferred, Vermont and Massachusetts Preferred, Western Railroad Preferred, Hartford and New Haven Preferred, Hartford and Erie Preferred