HOME MATTERS.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, August 9th, 1853.

Pursuant to adjournment, the National Association for the advancement of Education, assembled in this city yesterday morning, at the Rev. Dr. Bryan's Church, Sixth street.

The Association was called to order at eleven o'clock by Bishop Potter, the retiring President, taking the chair.

The Rev. Dr. BLACK, of Allegheny City, offered an address to the Throne of Grace.

The minutes of the last annual session were read by the Recording Secretary, Mr. Coox, and were, on motion, adopted.

The chair announced the appointment of standing committees, in order.

On motion, a committee on credentials was appointed by the chair, consisting of Messrs. Oppenheimer, of Pennsylvania; Judge Sherman, of Illinois, and Andrews, of Ohio.

A committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer was also appointed by the chair, viz:—Messrs. Burrows, of Pennsylvania; Greenleaf, of New York, and Swan, of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Whitehead, of New Jersey, the special thanks of the Association were returned to the Trustees and Directors of the Third Ward Public School, for the liberal offer of their Hall for the use of the Association.

Mr. Coox, the Secretary, read the following names of gentlemen who had signified their desire of becoming members. They were, on motion, unanimously elected.

Hon. Wm. F Johnston, Hon. Charles Shaler, D. H. Riddle, D. D., A. W. Black, D. D., Homer J Clark, D. D., H. D. Sellers, M. D., Rev. W. D Howard, Rev. Wm. H. Paddock, P. E. Brunot, D. N. White, I. Harper, Prof. James Thompson, L. T. Covell, of Allegheny, Bishop O'Connor, of Pittsburgh, Rev Mr. McMahon, of Pittsburgh, A. H. Lackey, of Jersey Shore, Pa., Bishop Simpson, of Pittsburgh, Lyman A. Chandler, Rockaway, N. J., J. W. Stoddard, Wayne co., Pa., McClean, Zanesville, Ohio, Jas. G. Richards, of Philadelphia.

Bishop POTTER then arose and said that it then be his duty to retire from the office which it had been his honor to occupy for the last two or three years. Combined with the pleasure he felt in being relieved from the onerous duties of the office, was the great pleasure of introducing Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute, at Washington, as his successor. It was not necessary for him to say to any audience of gentlemen who Professor Henry was. That was not the place for the exchange of courtesies and compliments; but they had associated themselves together for the accomplishment of objects with which Professor Henry's name had become honorably identified. He had ever been a practical laborer for the advancement of science. He had the sympathies of the laboring classes. It would not be deemed uninteresting by the audience to state where the first heard of him. He was at that time living in the privacy of an artisan. His leisure moments were devoted to the acquirement of knowledge, early arresting the attention of intelligent citizens by his solitary studies. From the work then he went to the Academy. During that time he began to illustrate to the world, the knowledge he had acquired. He was soon advanced to a Professorship at Princeton, and more recently to the Smithsonian Institute, at Washington city—the only national institute for the diffusion of knowledge, in this country. In his position of administrative organ of that Institute, the associate of those eminent persons who filled the executive offices of the country, he stood before them as the exponent of American Physical Science. The speaker was proud of him in that capacity, and he was still more so that with increasing fame, he did not forget the responsibility he owed to the seminaries of the land, and to those young spirits whose ambition may be to tread through the same unobtrusive paths.

May the labors of the members of this Convention always be associated with such men, men whose lineages are traced back to the masses, and who are looked up to by the people with confidence and respect.

The Reverend Bishop then formally introduced Professor JOSEPH HENRY, of the Smithsonian Institute, as President of the Association.

Professor Henry, after speaking of the eulogium bestowed upon him by Bishop Potter, as the partial praise of a dear friend, proceeded to give a short account of the earnest in life, apologizing for apparent egotism. At the age of eighteen he commenced his education in a log school house; he left school and was apprentised by his mother to a watchmaker. His employer failed in business, and he was thrown upon the world. At this time he was cast into company of a very delyterious character, and became intimate with literary young men; books were thrown in his way, but, happily, by the impression produced on his mind by a single work, he resolved to devote his life to the acquisition of knowledge. He went to the country, and commenced his new life in the character of the pedagogue. In a short time he left the school for the academy; but was compelled twice or thrice to return to teaching. This course was continued, until he had received an education. He was then employed as a private tutor in the Van Rensselaer family; next as an engineer; then as principal of the Albany Academy. He was then transferred to a professorship at Princeton; and he there remained until called upon to preside over the institution with which he was connected at Washington city. This was a simple statement of the history of his life.

Prof. H. thanked the Association for the honor they had conferred on him. He would gladly have declined it, had his sense of duty allowed him to do so. His time was mostly occupied by his duties in Washington, but yet he hoped some good might be worked out of his selection, and that the members might not be entirely disappointed, in any hopes they may entertain. Professor stated that at the close of the year, he would embody his views in the annual address incumbent on him by the Constitution.

Professor Henry concluded by congratulating the members of the Association on the prosperous condition of the cause in which they were engaged. He also adverted in closing, to the great good that could be accomplished by the meeting together of men from all parts of the country, and by the exchange of ideas in regard to the mode of education which should be pursued. He requested them to be brief in their remarks—the cause in which they were engaged was a holy one, and idle remarks would be injudicious as well as injurious. The gentleman was frequently interrupted by applause.

The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year:

President—Prof. JOSEPH HENRY.

Recording Secretary—R. L. Cooke.

Corresponding Secretary—P. P. Morris.

Treasurer—John Whitehead.

Standing Committee—Dr. Asa D. Lord, Prof. W. M. Gillespie, Edward C. Biddle, Hon. Hamilton D. Swan, William Travis, Prof. Caleb Mills.

It was on motion, Resolved, That the hours of Convention should be from 9 A. M. until 12 P. M.; from 3 P. M. until 5 P. M., from 7½ P. M. until 9½ P. M.

On motion of Mr. WHITEHEAD, the offar of the Directors of the Third Ward School was adopted, and it was resolved, that the meetings of the Association, after to-morrow (to-day) shall be held in the Hall of the Third Ward School House, on the corner of Grant and Seventh streets.

Bishop POTTER, on behalf of the Standing Committee, requested gentlemen who had topics prepared for discussion, to hand them to the Standing Committee to be inserted in the order of business.

It was stated by a gentleman that delegates from State and County Educational Associations and from Literary Societies were entitled to seats as delegates and not as members. To become members it was necessary to pay an initiation fee of two dollars, and an annual fee of one dollar. Individuals could become members for one year only by the payment of one dollar.

The Committees appointed at the last session were requested to report progress to the Standing Committee.

The hour appointed having arrived, the Association adjourned until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the hour appointed, the Association was called to order by the President.

Jno. M. BARNEY, of Clarksburg, Virginia, was elected an associate member of the Convention.

Bishop POTTER arose and stated that owing to the absence of several gentlemen upon whom the Committee relied for reports, they had been unable to prepare business for the Association.—He noticed, however, the presence of two gentlemen, who were the commissioners of Great Britain at the World's Fair, at New York, and who were distinguished by their labors in the cause of letters. He would call upon Professor Wilson, first, a gentleman who had devoted much attention to agricultural schools, to explain the character of such institutions, their workings and their practical results. This was a department of which Americans were altogether ignorant practically, and knew but little theoretically.

Professor WILSON accordingly arose, and after a few preliminary remarks, proceeded to give a detailed account of the agricultural school in England over which he presided. Some few years ago, a number of gentlemen, in order to advance the education of those whose interests were connected with the produce of the soil, had associated themselves togwther, for the establishment of an agricultural school. The school is situated in a poor rather than a rich locality, because if the application of science to farming there was successful, it would be more so in richer soil. The country selected was, geologically speaking, of oolyte formation, and the soil was thin. The money for the establishment of the school was obtained by shares, or donations.—They were not assisted by Government.

The school commenced, the speaker thought, in 1845, with the intention of giving education to the sons of tenant farmers, but as a general thing, they were so poorly educated in the elementary branches, that the plan did not succeed. They therefore admitted, at a fixed rate, those persons of a higher class, who had previously acquired an elementary education. Before admittance, the applicant was obliged to pass an examination, extending through twelve books of Euclid, Algebra, in Latin and Greek, and in other elementary studies. As the plan of education was purely special, not general, all the endeavors of the gentlemen engaged in the school were concentrated in that direction. Those sciences only which were in direct relation to agriculture were taught, viz: the use of certain implements, and the more common processes of farming, different methods of cultivation suitable to different soils, the application of steam, &c., &c. Attached to the college was a farm, on which the students were learned practically what they were taught theoretically.

In the College, the students during the first year attended a certain number of lectures on Chemistry, practical Chemistry in the Laboratory, and theoretical in the Theatre, or lecture room. The second year a longer time was devoted to the study, and in the third a longer time still. Three years completed the course.

There was also a department of Natural History. In summer the Professor would treat of Botany, and would make field excursions, accompanied by his class. In winter, the subject would be Geology, accompanied also, weather permitting, with field excursions.

A third department was veterinary practice — It was most essential that those who would have a great deal to do with animals as a business, should also know something of the diseases incidental to them. A hospital was attached to the College, to which the neighboring farmers brought their diseased animals, where they were tended gratuitously. The hospital was always filled. This was a favorite department, and the students showed great aptitude in learning — There were also lectures on the subject, and the students were obliged to attend hospital practice, each taking turns in the various duties — They also visited neighboring farms and examined diseased cattle.

A fourth department was Physics, in which Mechanics was embraced. So gross ignorance of the manufacture of implements existed throughout the country that it was thought advisable to form a special department on this subject. A knowledge of mathematics was also kept up and encouraged in that department.

The fifth Department was the measurement of land, and for engineering purposes generally. Surveying was the most important feature. Not only mere surface surveying was attended to, but the students were carried beyond; not the measurement of the area of the ground merely, but the differences of level in the district were taught, and the laws applicable to drainage both natural and artificial. The principles were explained in the theatre, and all were drilled in the field every day. They surveyed their neighbors fields gratuitously.

The speaker occupied the chair in the institution. It was his duty to show the application of all the other departments. He was accustomed to throw responsibility upon the students. Those who showed an aptitude for the treatment of cattle, had the responsibility thrown upon them of their treatment in the Hospital, &c. &c.

They kept scales, day-books, ledgers, &c. &c., in which the accounts were regularly entered.—The pig was credited with what he brought in and debited with his cost, &c. This obtained exactitude; it showed the policy of keeping correct accounts to the students, and inclined them to do the same when at home.

Chemistry was very popular among the students. Many would devote their play hours to investigations in the laboratory, and with much success, judging from the very creditable papers that have appeared from time to time in the Scientific Journal.

In England there are but one or two—in Ireland there are eight or ten such institutions.—In Ireland the students are composed of the lowest classes, and are taught gratuitously—they living on the pavement; Jewell took one arm and I took the other, and we lifted him up; asked him where he belonged to; he made no answer; gave the call tap, which brought watchman Jones to the place; Jones called Patrol Smith, but before he arrived the man had died; he never spoke after we found him; he never attempted to speak; it was about fifteen minutes from the time we got down to where deceased was, till he died.

Mrs. Harriet Anderson, sworn—Live on Hay street; was very much afraid of the noise last night, which kept me up till eleven o'clock; about twenty minutes after I retired I heard a quick step on the pavement; when the person walking came up to the alley within a few feet of my door he commenced walking faster toward Liberty street; again I got to the window the man had fallen; he groaned loudly once or twice; after he fell I heard some gentleman on the other side of the street call for the watchmen; saw one of them lift him up and ask what was the matter, did not see the person on Hay street but deceased at the time he fell; my dwelling is next door to the church.

Elizabeth S. White, sworn—Live on Liberty street opposite Hay street; about half-past 11 I was preparing to retire when I heard a noise as though it was a scuffle; thought it was a man after some drunken person; looked out of the window and distinctly saw two men run down Penn street and one up Hay; as the person who went up Hay came opposite the church I heard him groan; he was then about the middle of the street; he was then groaning; Mr. Wrenshall, at the time, called from his window for the watchmen; looked down Liberty street, and saw two or three starting down Third; called again and repeated it; was then told a man was lying; as soon as they came up, one of them asked what was the matter; I asked one of the watchmen what ailed the man; he said he thought he was dying; his comrads replied that he thought he had a fit; shortly afterwards they removed him up to the church, and put him sitting up; felt for his pulse, but could not find any; then proceeded to bathe his head with camphor; whilst doing so, he was gasping as if he was dying; took off his cravat and opened his shirt, when we found that he had received a wound in his left side; died almost immediately after; there was no one present at the time but myself, the two watchmen, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Wrenshall.

Charles C. Wrenshall, sworn: Live at Mr. White's opposite Hay street; about half past eleven o'clock last night, I saw a man fall on Hay street; he afterwards got up, ran a piece, and then fell again; he groaned very loudly two or three times; saw the watchmen going down Third street, near Liberty. This witness confirms the testimony of the last.

J. H. Rhodes, sworn: Heard the testimony of Messrs. Dunsebury and Wrenshall, and agree with it in all but that part in which the gentlemen say they respectively heard and saw him fall. My attention was first directed to the affair by hearing Mr. Dunsebury call for the watchmen.

Christiana Dove, sworn: Have just seen the body of the deceased; think he came into our store on the corner of Smithfield and Fifth at last Friday evening; some watchmen were there paying for the matches, some gold pieces fell out of his pocket-book on the counter; told him he had a good deal of money, and that he appeared a little drunk he had better give it to somebody else, to keep for him; he replied by asking me if I thought that was all the money he had, and showed me a whole pocket book full of gold pieces, besides what he had in the other pocket-book; think they were $20 gold pieces; asked him whom he had along with him; he replied that he had two friends; told him he had better be careful of his money, as, if some person saw it with him, it might be the last time he'd have it; the features of the dead man are the same as those of him who had the money; he was accompanied by two men (his friends) one of whom had a black frock coat, a silk vest and a black hat; the other man had hair like the deceased, and wore a cap; he had a long, dark coat. He was fresh and hearty, round faded man. The man with the black frock coat seemed very careful about the deceased, and did not seem as rakish as the other; saw the same three men again, on Saturday, near McCoy's corner; they were dressed as before; the deceased said he lived 28 or 30 miles down the river; after they left the store, I went into Mr. Cimiotti's, next door, and told him that there went a man who had a great amount of money; Mr. Cimiotti went to the door and saw them pass along the side-walk.

Dr. William Kern, sworn—Made a post mortem examination of deceased, in which I was assisted by Dr. Black; found a wound on the left side of the sternum, between the third and fourth rib, cutting a part of the articulature of the third and fourth ribs, passing downwards into the right auricle of the heart, which I consider sufficient to cause death almost instantly; the stab was made with a sharp pointed instrument; examined the remainder of the body, but found no marks of violence upon it; a small dirk knife would be likely to inflict such a wound as that described; the wound was three inches in depth and one inch in width in the heart; a man receiving a stab in the heart might run some distance afterwards.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.

The steamer Star of the West arrived at two o'clock, from San Juan with 400 passengers and $637,000 in freight and $500,000 in the hands of passengers. She brings San Francisco dates to the 16th.

The Star of the West connected with the steamer Brother Jonathan, from San Francisco, on the evening of the 16th at 8 o'clock.

The mail steamer John L. Stephens left San Francisco on the morning of the 16th for Panama with the Million. She had $500,000 gold on freight.

Mr. Sanders retired from the Custom House on the 1st July. Mr. Hammond having been appointed his successor.

The Sheriff has summoned all the Commission Merchants of San Francisco to meet at his office as a general arrest for refusing to pay a tax of 60 cents on $100. The merchants have employed counsel to test the constitutionality of the tax.

The Convention for the revision of the City charter, reported that the provisions do not materially alter the administration of the City government, referred to the Legislature.

The Whig State Convention met at Sacramento and expressed much unanimity, confidence and harmony in the election of Mr. Waldo for Governor.

The first of the overland emigrants for this season, reached Sacramento on the 6th. Isaac Cox's party left San Joseph's on the 20th April; they had a fight with the Indians near Platte River.

A great many traders are awaiting the arrival of the emigrants at Carson River.

Three deaths only have occurred at San Francisco the city being remarkably healthy. A moderate business is doing.

Dates from San Diego to the 10th report the loss of the Uncle Sam.

The Indians of Yumar and Cocopas are preparing for a war between the tribes.

The town of French Corral, was destroyed by fire on the 8th July; loss $40,000. The town of Ophir was also burned; loss $100,000.

This summer the flies are doing much damage in the mountain and valley. A large quantity of grain has been destroyed. The wheat is also suffering from rust.

Lola Montez has been married to Mr. Hull, recently of San Francisco.

Agriculture is generally thriving, and the mining news is still favorable.

NEW ORLEANS, Saturday, July 15.—The markets are generally active. Flour firm; Gallego & Hazeltine, 3@10 $6.50@6.

Provisions are without change. The stock of hand is gradually going down, but as considerable more has arrived than sons into-wnoke house, an abundant supply is insured.

In the general markets there is very little change to note. Prices have varied little during the week.

Our manufactures are reviving under the fall trade, but in Iron and Nails orders for future delivery at present rates are not freely taken. An advance is anticipated of ½ on bar Iron and 25 cts on Nails. Holders of country brands Glass also anticipate an advance, and are holding at $2.50 for 8x10, which buyers are unwilling to give.

Money matters are but little changed. There is a pretty active demand for money out of doors at rates from ¾ @ 1½ ₱ cent a month, the ruling rate being 1 ₱ cent for first class paper. We continue our quotations of Interest and exchange.

	Buying.	Selling.
Philadelphia and Baltimore,	¼ dis.	par
New York,	par	¼ dis
Cincinnati and Louisville,	½	¾ dis
St. Louis,	1	¾ dis
New Orleans,	1 dis.	¾ dis
Charleston,	¾ dis.	¼ dis

ASHES—the sales of Soda Ash during the week reach only about 50 cks foreign and domestic at 2½@3¾—principally at 3½@3¾. We note some sales also of Pearls at 6¾, by the ton. Pots are neither offered nor inquired for, and we quote nominally at 3¾@4. Saleratus, sales small but steady, at 4¼@5.

BUTTER—quotations must be nominal as long as the warm weather lasts. We quote packed at 20, and prime at 18@18.

BEANS—prime small White Beans are selling at $1,00@1,10 by the bush. In limited lots, and other varieties at rates ranging downwards to 50 cts.

BRAN—there is none arriving from country, and from city mills sales continue to be made at 16@17 for Bran and 23@30 for Shorts.

BEESWAX—there is a regular demand for Beeswax, and small sales on arr. val at 24@26.

BROOMS—the demand is not well supplied, and the amount arriving is small, we note some sales during the week of parcels not much above common at $1 87@2,00 from first hands, and from store at $2,25. The range for common to prime is about $1,37 to $2,00, from first hands.

CANDLES—the demand for Sperm and Tallow Candles continues better, and considerable inquiry for the former, with sales of 2,000 lbs at 37½ cts on 6 months. Tallow declined to 9½@9¾. Linseed Oil 68.

COAL—the sales of Coal during the week reach 1,000 tons, at $2,50 per ton, cash.

COTTON—the sales of Cotton during the week reach 140, including 120 by river.

The sales of Cotton for the past two days were 1500 bales—Middling 10¾. Flour, $5 37½. Pork, $14.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Flour: sales 10,000 bbls at $5,12@$5,25; Ohio $5,18@$5,31, easier; Southern $5,02@$5,68, steady. Grain: sales 40,000 bus Wheat, western, at $1,33, easier.—Sales 25,000 bus Corn, mixed, at 75c, yellow 76½, easier. Coffee: sales 1250 bags Rio at 10, Java 11, firm. Molasses: Orleans 27½, steady. Tobacco: sales 150 kegs Kentucky 7@9, steady. Sugar: sales 750 boxes Muscovado 4¼. Cotton heavy. Whiskey: sales 500 bbls Ohio 25½. Provisions: sales 700 bbls Mess Pork at $15,50@$15,56; prime $13, heavy. Lard: sales 150 tierces at 10½, steady. Sales 200 bbls Mess Beef at 12 87, dull; sales 150 bbls Shoulders at 6@6, lower. Sales 4000 gallons Linseed Oil at 68@69, easier.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9.—Cotton: market firm, but little doing. Flour no change in the market; sales 500 bbls fresh ground at $5 50@5,56½, some old stok $5,37½; sour $4,62½@4,75. Rye flour more inquiry at $4,68¾. Wheat continues in demand; sales prime new red at $1,18@1,20; new white $1,28. Corn, but little inquiry; Southern yellow 72, afloat. Provisions, quiet; beef and pork unchanged. Bacon held firmly; sides 8; shoulders 7. Timothy in more inquiry; several lots sold at $2,50@2,62½.

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On examining him a wound was found on the left breast, in the immediate vicinity of the heart. It seemed to have been inflicted with a dirk knife, and was about three inches in depth. The body was conveyed to the watch-house, where, after being seen by thousands, it was at length recognized by the bar-keeper of the "Florida House," as that of James Collins, a young man who had but recently arrived in the city from New Orleans. Coroner Lowry empanneled a jury before which the following testimony was given:

J. S. Ogier sworn—At ten minutes past eleven lay down; heard a person talking just under my window; got out of bed to hear what was going on; the window was open with the shutters closed; heard a man swearing and thought he was drunk; stood sometime at the window and that's I heard him go away; my wife said she thought he was gone. Shortly after I heard a man running as if from Penn street; he fell down right before the window; the window is level with the pavement, being in the basement of the Liberty street Methodist church; when down he groaned most awfully; he lay a few seconds, and then rose up again, ran some twelve or fifteen yards up Hay street, and then fell again; he continued groaning, and I told my wife I'd go out, but she wished me not, which delayed me a few moments; when I got out the man was lying down with two policemen and three young gentlemen about him. Dr. Irwin, who was opposite, was called and came to the assistance of the deceased, but the man was dead before he arrived; there was no sign of blood on the deceased until his handkerchief was untied, when it was discovered by those around him; they unbuttoned his shirt and then saw he was covered with blood, and had a wound on his breast which appeared to be from one half to three fourths of an inch in width; the doctor said it was made with a knife. Did not hear the deceased speak distinctly, or in a manner in which he could be understood. A knowledge of mathematics was also kept up and encouraged in that department.

The fifth Department was the measurement of land, and for engineering purposes generally. Surveying was the most important feature. Not only mere surface surveying was attended to, but the students were carried beyond; not the measurement of the area of the ground merely, but the differences of level in the district were taught, and the laws applicable to drainage both natural and artificial. The principles were explained in the theatre, and all were drilled in the field every day. They surveyed their neighbors fields gratuitously.

The speaker occupied the chair in the institution. It was his duty to show the application of all the other departments. He was accustomed to throw responsibility upon the students. Those who showed an aptitude for the treatment of cattle, had the responsibility thrown upon them of their treatment in the Hospital, &c. &c.

They kept scales, day-books, ledgers, &c. &c., in which the accounts were regularly entered.—The pig was credited with what he brought in and debited with his cost, &c. This obtained exactitude; it showed the policy of keeping correct accounts to the students, and inclined them to do the same when at home.

Chemistry was very popular among the students. Many would devote their play hours to investigations in the laboratory, and with much success, judging from the very creditable papers that have appeared from time to time in the Scientific Journal.

In England there are but one or two—in Ireland there are eight or ten such institutions.—In Ireland the students are composed of the lowest classes, and are taught gratuitously—they living on the pavement; Jewell took one arm and I took the other, and we lifted him up; asked him where he belonged to; he made no answer; gave the call tap, which brought watchman Jones to the place; Jones called Patrol Smith, but before he arrived the man had died; he never spoke after we found him; he never attempted to speak; it was about fifteen minutes from the time we got down to where deceased was, till he died.

Mrs. Harriet Anderson, sworn—Live on Hay street; was very much afraid of the noise last night, which kept me up till eleven o'clock; about twenty minutes after I retired I heard a quick step on the pavement; when the person walking came up to the alley within a few feet of my door he commenced walking faster toward Liberty street; again I got to the window the man had fallen; he groaned loudly once or twice; after he fell I heard some gentleman on the other side of the street call for the watchmen; saw one of them lift him up and ask what was the matter, did not see the person on Hay street but deceased at the time he fell; my dwelling is next door to the church.

Elizabeth S. White, sworn—Live on Liberty street opposite Hay street; about half-past 11 I was preparing to retire when I heard a noise as though it was a scuffle; thought it was a man after some drunken person; looked out of the window and distinctly saw two men run down Penn street and one up Hay; as the person who went up Hay came opposite the church I heard him groan; he was then about the middle of the street; he was then groaning; Mr. Wrenshall, at the time, called from his window for the watchmen; looked down Liberty street, and saw two or three starting down Third; called again and repeated it; was then told a man was lying; as soon as they came up, one of them asked what was the matter; I asked one of the watchmen what ailed the man; he said he thought he was dying; his comrads replied that he thought he had a fit; shortly afterwards they removed him up to the church, and put him sitting up; felt for his pulse, but could not find any; then proceeded to bathe his head with camphor; whilst doing so, he was gasping as if he was dying; took off his cravat and opened his shirt, when we found that he had received a wound in his left side; died almost immediately after; there was no one present at the time but myself, the two watchmen, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Wrenshall.

Charles C. Wrenshall, sworn: Live at Mr. White's opposite Hay street; about half past eleven o'clock last night, I saw a man fall on Hay street; he afterwards got up, ran a piece, and then fell again; he groaned very loudly two or three times; saw the watchmen going down Third street, near Liberty. This witness confirms the testimony of the last.

J. H. Rhodes, sworn: Heard the testimony of Messrs. Dunsebury and Wrenshall, and agree with it in all but that part in which the gentlemen say they respectively heard and saw him fall. My attention was first directed to the affair by hearing Mr. Dunsebury call for the watchmen.

Christiana Dove, sworn: Have just seen the body of the deceased; think he came into our store on the corner of Smithfield and Fifth at last Friday evening; some watchmen were there paying for the matches, some gold pieces fell out of his pocket-book on the counter; told him he had a good deal of money, and that he appeared a little drunk he had better give it to somebody else, to keep for him; he replied by asking me if I thought that was all the money he had, and showed me a whole pocket book full of gold pieces, besides what he had in the other pocket-book; think they were $20 gold pieces; asked him whom he had along with him; he replied that he had two friends; told him he had better be careful of his money, as, if some person saw it with him, it might be the last time he'd have it; the features of the dead man are the same as those of him who had the money; he was accompanied by two men (his friends) one of whom had a black frock coat, a silk vest and a black hat; the other man had hair like the deceased, and wore a cap; he had a long, dark coat. He was fresh and hearty, round faded man. The man with the black frock coat seemed very careful about the deceased, and did not seem as rakish as the other; saw the same three men again, on Saturday, near McCoy's corner; they were dressed as before; the deceased said he lived 28 or 30 miles down the river; after they left the store, I went into Mr. Cimiotti's, next door, and told him that there went a man who had a great amount of money; Mr. Cimiotti went to the door and saw them pass along the side-walk.

Dr. William Kern, sworn—Made a post mortem examination of deceased, in which I was assisted by Dr. Black; found a wound on the left side of the sternum, between the third and fourth rib, cutting a part of the articulature of the third and fourth ribs, passing downwards into the right auricle of the heart, which I consider sufficient to cause death almost instantly; the stab was made with a sharp pointed instrument; examined the remainder of the body, but found no marks of violence upon it; a small dirk knife would be likely to inflict such a wound as that described; the wound was three inches in depth and one inch in width in the heart; a man receiving a stab in the heart might run some distance afterwards.

Dr. Black, sworn—Assisted Dr. Kern in making a post mortem examination of the deceased, and agree with him as to the nature and extent of the wound which he received; found about two quarts of blood in the cavity of the chest; the wound was quite sufficient to cause death; believe from the nature of the cut that the weapon used was a double edged or dirk knife.

Daniel Fox, sworn—Have seen the body of deceased; I think I have seen him frequently on the river and in the city; am of the opinion that he lives somewhere on the mountains in the neighborhood of the Glades; his name is James Collins; when I last saw him I think it was twelve months since last spring, on the Fourth Street Road; think he followed the river for a living; heard he had been out in Mexico; heard that he had a brother John in this city, and that he had been accidentally killed; the deceased usually went by the name of James Hillman, his step-father being of that name; I heard to-day he was here last Friday night, and that he had a woman with him who had a large amout of money which he intended spending for her; think deceased has a sister named Catharine Hillman in the city.

James A Jackson sworn—Examined the body of the deceased to-day; am sure he was at C. C. Seely's tavern, where I tend bar, on Monday; he was accompanied by two others; his name is James Collins; he told me that he had only got into the city on Friday from New Orleans, whither he had gone from the Allegheny Mountains, where he used to reside; the deceased and myself served in Mexico in the second Pennsylvania regiment; he has a wife and one child as the head of Plane No. 2.

Here the testimony closed, and the jury, after a few moments deliberation, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from a wound inflicted on him, on Monday night, by some person or persons unknown.

The deceased was rather a good looking young man, very well dressed, and about twenty-six years of age. As will be seen by the evidence, he leaves a wife and child behind him; who, however, will not suffer greatly by his death, as he has a large sum of money about him previous to his assassination, and that some evil-disposed persons, knowing this, murdered him, that they might get possession of it. The murder of this man is an outrage which should not be overlooked, and we firmly hope that such steps may be taken as will secure the assassins that punishment which their crime merits.

COUNCILS.—A special meeting of the Councils was called last night at the request of the Coroner's Jury that sat on the murdered man, to authorize the offering a reward of $600 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. The motion was made by Wm. W. Irwin, Esqr., and adopted.

A resolution requesting the County Commissioners and the Governor to offer rewards, was also adopted.

BOAT SUNK.—A canal boat belonging to Bryant, Kennedy & Co., was sunk yesterday above Brookville, laden with about 2000 bushels of Wheat, all a total loss.

COMMERCIAL.

REVIEW OF THE PITTSBURGH MARKET.

For the week ending August 6th, 1853.

Business during the week has partaken of the general dullness of the season; but as Autumn approaches and the time for the usual fall business draws nigh, our merchants are getting ready for an active and busy season — The prospects before them are excellent, and there is now no doubt that they will all be actively employed.

During the week we have had a partial rise in the rivers, which has revived navigation, and carried off a large amount of freight accumulated here. Under reduced rates of forwarding, consistently with the safety of the trade, and also to meet the views of Messrs. Harper & Co's Line of Packets, we have issued a circular to-day, in which we have reduced the rates of freight on Flour, including Bacon, Lard, Butter, Whiskey, &c., will be carried at 40 cts. ₱ 100 lbs. and bulky freight, such as dry goods, at 50@60 cts. These are the same as steamboat rates, during low water.

The rates of freight on steamboats, up to Monday, were 40@50 to Cincinnati, and 75@$1,00 to St. Louis; under the promise of a better stage of water, these rates re-ceded on Tuesday to 30@40 to Cincinnati and 50@75 to St. Louis; but should the river fall much below 4 feet, the rates first named will be adhered to.

All our avenues of travel and traffic are now in excellent order. The canal continues in good condition, and freights arriving and departing freely. The rate for 4th class freight between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Baltimore is 37½, and on 1st class it. Flour or ore per bbl. On the Pennsylvania railroad, 4th class freight 40 cents, and 1st class 75. Flour 75 cents per bbl.

The stage of water on Tuesday evening was scant four feet and falling slowly. The rise anticipated from the Allegheny did not come down. There is, however, abundance of water for medium sized boats, and the arrivals and departures daily are large, for the season.

Our flour market has been pretty uniform during the week, opening at $4,40 for superfine and closing on Tuesday at $4,50. The foreign news by the Baltic, arrived on Monday, indicating a still further advance of 1 shilling on flour in England, had the effect to stiffen the market, a little, but has not been followed by any material rise.

There is now margin enough to justify shipments each, but as yet there is no flour to be had for that purpose.—The receipts are barely sufficient to meet the home demand. The stock on hand remains about the same.

Provisions are without change. The stock on hand is gradually going down, but as considerable more has arrived than sons into-wnoke house, an abundant supply is insured.

In the general markets there is very little change to note. Prices have varied little during the week.

Our manufactures are reviving under the fall trade, but in Iron and Nails orders for future delivery at present rates are not freely taken. An advance is anticipated of ½ on bar Iron and 25 cts on Nails. Holders of country brands Glass also anticipate an advance, and are holding at $2,50 for 8x10, which buyers are unwilling to give