HOME MATTERS.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER.—A diabolical attempt to cut the throat of his wife was made by Edward McDowell, a druggist, on the corner of Wylie and Termont streets, Sixth Ward, on Saturday night. The following is the statement made by Mrs. McDowell:

About a week before, her husband, while drunk, had beaten her very severely, in consequence of which she left him and took refuge with her friends. On Saturday night he sent word do her that he was sick and wanted to see her, on hearing which she immediately started for the store. On her arrival, he made many protestations of love and esteem, and gave a solemn promise if she would come back and live with him, she would never have cause to complain of his conduct. On that condition she consented to return, and saying that as he was sick she would go to the house and prepare a bed for him. She had not gone far when he ran after her, and in an angry manner told her to come back to the store, which she did, when he immediately locked the door and put the key in his pocket. At that time a woman came to purchase medicine, and McDowell waited upon her. Mrs. McDowell began to suspect foul play, and accordingly seated herself near the front door, which was secretly unlocked. When the customer went out he told his wife to go into the back office, which she refused to do. He insisted, and she threatened to give the alarm, when turning off the gas, he sprang upon her, threw her on the floor, and shoked her to prevent an outcry. She stated she recollected hearing him say that there was a vein near the ear, which if cut, the person could not live. He felt for the place, and then pulled out a razor and cut her from behind the ear for the space of about three inches towards the front. Most fortunately she had on a shawl which was doubled twice or three times around her neck, which in all probability saved her life. Her screams soon collected a crowd, and he thinking he had killed her, got up, when she sprang to the door and sought protection in the crowd. McDowell then locked himself in.

Information was soon sent to the nearest police office, and Alderman Major proceeded to the locality. Finding the door locked, he broke the sash and entered the store. McDowell surrendered, expressing the Magistrate not to bind him, as he would go with him peaceably. He was committed until to day for an examination.

McDowell is well known to our citizens, having been a member of the firm of Keyser & McDowell, Wholesale Druggists, Wood street. For some time past he has been drinking freely, which caused much unhappiness between himself and his wife

At three o'clock, yesterday, he was taken before Alderman Major for a further hearing.—George Ecglich, Wm. Askin, and Mrs. McDowell, appeared against him.

Dr. McDowell says that he has been drunk since the 1st of June, and was totally ignorant of what he was doing on Saturday night.

In default of $2500 bail, he was committed to jail.

BROKE JAIL.—One of the most daring schemes to break jail was carried into successful execution on Saturday night or Sunday morning by Francis Wayne and William Davis, charged with larceny, and brought to this jail from Westmoreland county for safe keeping, were the names of the persons. The cell in which they were confined was what is called a water cell, and contained a large valve to shut off and let on the water. The prisoners managed to get the screw loose, (of iron, and about three feet in length,) with which they endeavored to pry out one of the stones of the wall facing the river. Being unsuccessful in this, they turned their attention to the partition wall between that and the neighboring cell, under the impression that it was unoccupied. A happier thought struck them, however, which was to pry off the plate which covered the window, and by breaking off the stone, effect their escape. They succeeded in displacing the plate, which weighs nearly three hundred pounds, and placed it upon the floor without noise. They then tore up the bed clothes and made a rope, with which they reached the ground a distance of twenty-five feet. But another difficulty was before them, in the shape of a very high stone outside wall. They however attached three bricks to the rope, and threw them over the wall, when they caught on the shingle. Their escape was then comparatively easy, as the rope was permanently fastened, and they scaled the walls without difficulty.

There was a third person in the cell, but he absolutely refused to go with them. He says they intended stealing a skiff at the wharf, and float down the river until they reach Ohio, when Sheriff Magill could not find them. So much for Economy to watch for them, and sent others in other directions.

It is proper to say that no blame can be attached to the Jailor. He visits every cell at 11 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturday night at that hour they were in the cells. He also every week examines the windows and doors of the cells.

William Davis is about five feet eleven inches in height, strongly built, of dark complexion, and wore dark clothes.

Francis Wayne was five feet six inches high, had on light clothing, and was of a light complexion. Both had small bundles, containing their clothes, which they had the precaution to take with them. Diligent search is now being made for them, and it is not impossible that they will not be recaptured.

CULVERT WASHED AWAY.—Owing to the extremely heavy rains on Monday morning, the culvert just below Hayesville, on the Ohio and Pennsylvania railroad, was washed away, leaving an excavation seventy-five feet in width, by forty three in depth. The information did not reach the city until after the Lightning Express Train (6 o'clock, A. M.) had started. The train of cars was delayed until the arrival of the Accommodation Train from Brighton, when the passengers on each train were exchanged, the Accommodation taking the place of the Express Train. The latter brought up the Accommodation passengers.

The freight and mail trains were detained in the city until late in the afternoon, by which time, owing to the energy with which the work was pushed, the road was sufficiently repaired to allow their passage.

The Rev. Mr. Moffitt, Pastor of the South Common M. E. Church, Allegheny, will deliver an address before the Temperance Association of Allegheny and vicinity, on Tuesday (this) evening, in the Sandusky street Baptist Church, (Rev Mr. Downer's) at 7 o'clock. The reputation of the Speaker, added to the deeply interesting subject of his address, should bring out a large audience.

The weekly murders perpetrated in our midst call loudly and constantly for the passage of a Prohibitory law, as the best preventive of crime.

The time for nominating candidates for Assembly is fast approaching, and it becomes every good citizen of all parties to be active in securing such nominations, as will insure the success of such a law as will effectually close up the hundreds of drinking shops which furnish the incitement to the commission of three-fourths of all the crime committed in our county.

Again we say let the house be filled, and let those who aspire to seats in our Legislative halls take warning, that nothing short of fidelity in the cause of temperance will secure to them a place either in the Senate or House of Representatives the present year. ALLEGHENY.

GRAND SWINDLE.—A daring swindle was practised upon our citizens within a few weeks, by which the man managed to pocket about $500, with which he has left for Canada. An insurance office was opened on Fourth street, in a portion of Mr. A. Wilkins's Banking House, which purported to be a branch of the Boston Fire and Marine Insurance Company," with a capital of $'400,000. As the Boston companies are generally very sound, and respectable, admittance was easily obtained from Mr. Wilkins, who was entirely ignorant of its character, and with the same ease began to do a very nice business. An unfortunate paragraph in the Boston Post, aroused the suspicions of those of our citizens who had insured, and on further inquiry, found that no such Company existed in Boston. One or two of the duped obtained a portion of their investment, when the clerks and all decamped unceremoniously.

Coroner Lowry, yesterday morning, held an inquest on the body of a man named Ewin McKenzie, who died on Saturday night about ten o'clock, at a tavern kept by Mrs. Murry, on Diamond Alley, between the new Market House and Liberty Street. Dr. A. M. Speer testifies that he was called upon to attend the deceased at about eight o'clock on Saturday evening; he was of the opinion his death was caused by an apoplectic fit, brought on by the excessive use of intoxicating drinks.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH INTENT TO KILL.—Henry Anthaler instituted a suit on the above charge against Paul Distrish, yesterday, before Alderman Parkinson. The affray occurred in Lawrenceville, where the defendant struck the prosecutor on the head with a pick, inflicting a very severe and dangerous wound. The man was held to bail in $700.

We refer our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. O'Conner, Bro. & Co., in to-day's columns. The Insurance Companies they represent have a capital of over ten millions of dollars, and Messrs. O'Conner, Bro. & Co., are prepared to give all business entrusted to them prompt and satisfactory attention

CARSON STREET.—This street, which runs between South Pittsburgh and Birmingham, was in a number of places covered with land-slides, which will require much labor and expense to be removed.

WONDERFUL ESCAPE.—A child of Dr. Vanderslah fell from the second story of its parent's residence on Second street, yesterday, into the coal cellar, and escaped without injury.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. Charles E. Clarke, formerly Freight Agent of the O. and P. Railroad, at the Allegheny Depot, entered upon the duties of General Freight Agent of the Company, by appointment, yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Bears will fill the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Clarke's appointment.

Mr. J. F. Kerr, formerly Conductor on the Fast Express train, we understand will attend to the duties of a general passenger office about to be opened in the Monongahela House buildings.

The above named gentlemen are excellent and accommodating business men, and no better appointments could have been made.

LAST WEEK.—Rossiter's painting of Faith and Hope, also the sublime picture of Miriam, the Prophetess, exulting over the destruction of Pharaoh's host, will remain on exhibition at Cargo's Hall, this week only. We have faith that the exhibition will be extensively patronised this week. And we hope, persons will by so doing, cultivate their taste for the fine arts. Be charitable to yourselves, and attend the most elegant and worthy exhibition of art ever opened here.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—*Michael Delaney vs John Aman.*—The defendant is the captain of a canal boat on which the prosecutor was employed. The latter on demanding his wages was kicked into the canal, for his presumption. The matter was compromised by the payment of wages and costs.

DROWNED.—Coroner Lowry held an inquest on Sunday, on the body of John Krep, a German laborer of Sligo, who was drowned on Saturday night, while bathing. The deceased was a native of Germany, and has been in the country scarcely a year. He leaves a wife and five young children to deplore their loss.

THE RAIN.—The rain yesterday morning, which was the heaviest of the season, did much damage in country and town. In the former, great injury was done fruit trees. In town, some of the most firmly paved streets in the city were washed up. Large boulders were carried from Webster street to Seventh; the gutters were torn up, and the pavements destroyed. A number of streets in the two cities were visited alike heavily.

ACCIDENT.—While the mail train was stopping at Allianee, on Saturday, where the passengers were taking dinner, an engine, which had been sent from Wooster, ran into the train smashing one of the passenger cars, and damaging an Express car so much as to prevent it being brought on with the train. Fortunately there were but three passengers in the cars, who escaped injury.

IDENTIFICATION.—The man murdered on Monday night last, was identified on Sunday, as a stone mason, named Patrick Hogan, who resided in the 7th Ward. His brother swore positively to his vest and neck handkerchief. The tailor, who had sold him the articles, also swore positively to that fact, they having his private mark upon them.

ARRIVED SAFELY.—The block of limestone from Braddock's Field, intended for the Washington Monument, which was procured, dressed and forwarded at the expense of J. W. Buchanan, Esq., reached Washington in safety.

BROUGHT TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Daniel Canby was brought to Pittsburgh from Erie county yesterday, and lodged in the Penitentiary to serve out a sentence of the criminal Court of that County.

ARRESTED.—Robert Hague, High Constable, was arrested and held to bail yesterday for non-performance of duty in refusing to execute a warrant issued by Alderman Bingham prior to the arrest of Maxwell Cornelius, on Saturday.

NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE.—A boy named Garrison, who live on Fourth street, swallowed a lot of Vitriol yesterday, supposing it to be Sarsaparilla. His life is dispaired of.

FRAUD.—Alderman Symmes committed Philip Lenn to jail yesterday, on oath of Margaret Lower, for fraud.

FURTHER HEARING.—Frederick Miller was recommitted for further hearing by Alderman Steele, yesterday. He is charged with larceny.

DISCHARGED.—Hugh Derry, committed on two charges of larceny, was released by the committing magistrate on one of the charges.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TENNESSEE ELECTION.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 15

Johnson, (Dem.) for Governor has 2,000 majority. The Congressional Delegates stands five for Stanton is elected in the Memphis District by 6 maj. over Yerger (Whig).

WARM WEATHER IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.

The heat in this city yesterday was frightful; the thermometer reached 102 degrees in the shade. There were 90 deaths reported by the Coroner.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15.

Dispatches from New Orleans to the 13th, report the deaths for the previous 24 hours at 217, including 200 from yellow fever. For the 24 hours ending on the 13th, there were 200 deaths from yellow fever. There is no abatement in the disease.

Thomas T. Bryant, editor of the Western Chronicle, (Anti-Benton,) has been appointed Marshal of the State of Missouri.

Eleven thousand four hundred dollars have been collected in Philadelphia, for the Howard Association of New Orleans.

BOSTON, August 15.

The most violent storm with thunder and lightning, which ever visited this city, occurred last night.

At Germantown, the Baptist Parsonage House was struck by lightning, and the wife of the Rev. Mr. Russell was instantly killed; a child in her arms escaped unsjured.

At Groveland, the house of William Fowler was struck, and his wife and himself were knocked senseless.

Houses at Lowell, Lawrence, and Haverhill, were also injured, and several persons hurt.

WASHINGTON, PA., Aug. 12.

The Democratic County Convention met today, and nominated officers. Gen. Good, of Harmony, presided. Resolutions proposing the sale of the Public Works were laid over until the next annual Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15.—Flour is unquiet; sales 1,000 bbls for export; fresh ground at $5,-37; a steady demand of retailers and bakers within the range of $5,25@$5,75 for common and extra brands. Rye Flour and Corn Meal, nothing doing. Wheat in little inquiry; sales of 2,000 bu prime new Red at $1,18, and some of good quality at $1,16@$1,17. No sale Rye.—Corn dull and one cent lower; sales 1,000 bu Y ellow at 70c. Oats unchanged.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 15—Flour dull; sales 700 bbls at $4,02. Whiskey closed firm at 21c.—Cheese 8@9, scarce. Sugar and coffee brisk at fall prices. Other articles unchanged. Fire river has fallen 3 inches since morning; weather clear and hot.

NORTH AMERICAN MINING CO.—30 shares of this Stock for sale at No. 71 Fourth street.
A. WILKINS & CO.

LINSEED OIL—42 bbls. Linseed Oil, in store and for sale by SPRINGER HARBAUGH.

SOUR FLOUR—16 bbls. Sour Flour, in store and for sale by J. BOONE, 295 Liberty street.

BROOMS—50 doz. Corn Brooms, for sale by [au15] VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

HALIFAX HERRING—24 bbls. Halifax Herring, rec'd on consignment, for sale by HENRY COPPS & CO.

WINDOW GLASS—500 box's assorted sizes Window Glass, in store and for sale by SPRINGER HARBAUGH.

CHEESE—100 boxes new Cheese, for sale by [au15] VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

WHITE BEANS—5 bbls. prime small White Beans, for sale by VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

MACKEREL—25 bbls. and 15 half-bbls. large No. 2 Mackerel, in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO.

CREAM and WEST. RESERVE CHEESE in store and constantly arriving, by retail. VON BONNHORST & CO.

SUGAR—5 hhds. N. O., for sale by J. B. CANFIELD.

BROOMS—100 doz. in store and for sale by J. B. CANFIELD.

DEER'S HAIR—4 sacks for sale by J. B. CANFIELD.

APPLES—10 bbls. green Marietta Apples, for sale by [au15] HENRY H. COLL

BUTTER—20 kegs Ohio Butter, for sale by [au2] A. & A. McNAIR, 114 Second street.

NEW LARD—40 bbls. No. 1 Lard, in store and for sale by HARDY, JONES & CO.

JUNIPER BERRIES—100 pounds in store and for sale by JAMES McGUFFEY, Druggist. No. 119 Wood stre

DRIED APPLES—100 bus. prime Dried Apples, in store and for sale by J. J. BOONE, 295 Liberty street.

TALLOW—1 bbl. Tallow, in store and for sale by J. J. BOONE, 295 Liberty street.

LARD—12 bbls. No. 1 Lard, just rec'd and for sale by [jy27] WM. BAGALEY & CO.

SALERATUS—300 boxes No. 1, pure Saleratus, in store and for sale by WM. BAGALEY & CO.

SIDES—1 cask Bacon Sides, in store and for sale by [jy16] SPRINGER HARBAUGH.

WOOL—5,000 lbs. fleece and tub-washed Wool, on hand and for sale by J. J. BOONE, 295 Liberty street.

COMMERCIAL.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
Tuesday morning, August 16, 1853

The market yesterday was dull and without change, except in Cheese, which took a start upwards and closed at 8c per pound.

FLOUR—Owing to the repairing going on in the dams on the Monongahela we have no arrivals of flour reported above, and there were none yesterday from below; sales of 18 and 20 bbls Superfine from first hands at $4,50, and 100 bbls extra from store at $5,75

OATS—Sales of 347 bus old at 45, and 50 do new at 40

CORN—Sales 200 bus old at 55c; and 50 do new at 40

BRAN—sales 290 pacts—at 45@50 lbs—Shoulders at 6¼ and 9@10c Sides do do at 8½ and 9½; 3000 lb. Shoulders and 1200 lb do at 8½; 2000 lbs Sides at 10@10½; 12 tierces Common Sugar-cured Hams at 11¾, and 1000 lbs extra do at 12c.

DRIED BEEF—sales of 1000 lbs cannas at 10½.

SODA ASH—a sale of 50 cks imported at 3½, four months.

PEACHES—sales of 2500 common Bellvar at $2,25, and 1000 extra at $2,50.

WHISKEY—is unchanged; sales of 10, 25, 16 and 20 bbls at 21c.

SALT—sales of 100 bbls, afloat at $1,20 for No. 1, and cents at $1,20.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The following table shows the amount of Imports of Dry Goods into this port for the corresponding period of last year, as compared with the present year:

	1852	1853
Total entered at port.....	$2,002,394	$1,656,665
Total thrown upon the market.....	2,090,048	2,116,259
From Jan. 1st.		
Total entered at port.....	$9,458,284	$9,458,284
Total thrown upon market.....37,307	18,520,000	

The above statistics do not differ materially from those of last year, but is no criterion of what will be done hereafter. We have no reason to flatter ourselves that any check to the impetus has been given, and they will probably continue to widen to an extent until it is ascertained that an over import of goods have been made and not be disposed of without loss.

The low rates of sales, by importers, are by no means in accordance with the views of a speculator in that extent as much as the goods, commission, and will not be convinced of his error, may not obtain place in the market. We no longer see any shares that we place this year over imports; but we rather apprehend it will be found to be next year. The Exchange have passed by a small amount money market, Exchange has produced by a shifting of the currents, entirely in the one hand the former changes, and on the other equality of sibling the shipment money, show an inverse state of monetary and commercial affairs.

It has been the subject of frequent remark, that amidst the extraordinary and vio ent fluctuations in the market of fancy stocks, and the partiality the great depression that the manufacturers of Rhode Island have been subjected to for the period of a whole twelvemonth, that we have not heard of a single bankruptcy. Exchange have stood firm, and a confidence among their clients have been the order of the day. Their clients have responded nobly to their calls for differences, and have not only paid their money promptly, but the brokers have borne almost the entire brunt.—N. Y. Express.

LIVERPOOL, July 30.—The foreign advices are favorable and prices are firm for all descriptions. The stock of Pig Metal is small. Sales of 30 tons No. 1 Anthracite at 57s 6d. 200 tons Scotch Pig has advanced to 55s 6d. 500 tons Coltness at 60s. 200 tons Summerlee at 60s 6d. 100 tons Clyde at 60s 6d. 100 tons Monkland at 59s 6d. 50 do do at 60s. 100 do Glengarnock at 60s. 50 do do Eglinton at 60s. 50 do do Carnbroe at 60s. 50 do do Shotts at 60s. 50 do do Gartsherrie, all No 1. Sweet Scotch Pig has advanced to 55s 6d. Sales of 500 tons at 55s 6d.

Imports of Foreign Iron at New York from January 1 to August 1, 1853 and 1852:

	1852	1853
Iron Pig, tons.....	4,335	15,450
do. Bar.....	20,612	21,683
do. Sheet &c bills.....	55,842	71,683
Value.....	$1,456,010	$2,000,000

We have more easily obtained to day on call, and the tone of the stringency is passed. The Banks are relieved to a good degree by nearly $500,000 in coin which is coming in from the West to-night, and this week. The Custom House and Sub-Treasury have not been drawn upon to any extent. Next week further amounts will be coming in from the West, and the Banks will be entire free from all pressure. It has been since the 1st of July under was decidedly easier than could be expected from the heavy exports of specie. There is considerable diminution in the amount of loans, but the reduction is not to any serious extent, and is not attended with any pressure or prevention of those offers. The demand for money is not large, but it is the steadiest and most even than it was, as stocks have become more active, and there is less money loaned on time than there was a month ago. Commercial paper is in good demand, and is rates there is no change. Money is only easy on call, and the supply is not in excess of the demand for investment. Stocks are dull and unsettled. We hear of about $250,000 in gold near at hand from St. Louis.—N. Y. Tribune, saturday

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

STEAM BOAT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

ARRIVED.

Col. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth
Time, Sutton, Brownsville
American Star, Brownsville
Jas. Cook, Cincinnati
Norstown, Ehbert, Cin
R. H. Hine, Hedges, Steubenville
Navigator, Dean, Louisville
Magnolia, Mason, Wheeling

DEPARTED.

Col. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth
The Brothers, Mckeever, Brownsville
American Star, McKeever, "
Time, Sutton, "
Navigator, Rhodes, Wheeling.

THE RIVER.—There are 2 feet 1 inches water in the channel Monday evening at dusk and falling

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

CINCINNATI, 12 NATIONS—1 bbl oil, Scaife & Co; 1 do Beasley & Co; 63 bbls Whiskey, J. Kay; 10 do do; 10 do Dunham & Co; 50 bbls Charc. A. Knox; 10 do do; 10 do do; 175 bbls A Governor; 6 bbls Whiskey, Thompson & Co; 2 do Wm. Bell; 2 do Jas. Bell; 200 Hides, Bard & Pelengar; 1 box Books, Hardy & Co; 8 bbls Whiskey, Harbaugh & Co; 10 do Peaches, Seymour & Co; 6 bbls Starches.

CINCINNATI, 37 NATIONS—1 bbl Cobb Whiskey, A Culbertson; 20 do do, J Bond; 10 do do, J A Kay; 2 do do, Wm Mitchelltree; 25 kegs Lard Oil, do; 50 do do, Nevin; 147 sacks Buffalo Wool, Long.

MARIETTA, 47 B. H. Lindsey—20 cons Leather, Leech & Co; 100 bbls Apples, 2000 Water Melons, H Bier.

BRAVES, Br Ewing—1 bbl Oil, 111 bbls Copper, Hussey & co; 100 do Brooms, Shoy mathews & co; 50 do do, Hussey & co; 75,000 lbs Iron, Graff, Bennett & co; 24 do Lard, Graff, Chesse, W G Martin; 8 do Lard, Graff, Bennett & co; 1 do Lard, Caufield; 65 bbls Chairs, A & R Mackey; 324 bus Charcoal, Bruce, Kennedy & Co; 20 bbls Whiskey, Graff, Bennett & co; 24 do Lard, Graff, Bennett & co; 24 do Lard, Graff, Bennett & co; 24 do Lard