HOME MATTERS.

RIVER ITEMS.—The stage of water in the river last night was a shade under four feet. The heavy rains of Saturday night will doubtless bring it up a foot or two. The weather was cloudy, but cold.

We learn from the Wheeling Gazette that the steamer Virginia was sold to Wm. M. Shriver, Esq., for $30,000 on Monday last. She will continue, as heretofore, in the Union Line.

The Alvin Adams will go over the falls, and into the New Orleans trade, as the David White has already done. This leaves the famous "Union Line" but four boats, for the present, or little over half a line. These four are now running from Wheeling to Louisville, as heretofore. This arrangement will continue until the funds of the parties concerned are exhausted, and then the boats will scatter into other trades, as two of the former line have already done.

The Louisville Courier mentions a report that the Union Line from Cincinnati to St. Louis was negotiating with the Pittsburgh Line for a connection. The water is at present too low for the packets to run; but as soon as it rises again, we may expect to be able to announce definite arrangements for the season.

The *Philadelphia*, one of the new packets for the Pittsburgh Line, is nearly completed.—She is being splendidly fitted up.

COURT NEWS.

DISTRICT COURT.—Judges Shannon and Williams on the Bench.

John V. Bowland, Treasurer of Allegheny Co., vs Henry Kleber. Action to obtain $200, State tax from the Italian Opera Company, under the Act of 1845. Submitted without argument by J. H. Sewell, Esq., for plaintiff; Judge Shaler & Co. for defendants

Judge Shannon yesterday morning entered judgment for defendant, with costs. Opinion concurred in by Judge Williams.

In the case of Childs, vs. Digby, on trial on Tuesday, a verdict for defendant was returned by the jury.

George Hildebrand, vs. Peter Hilderbrand.—Action to recover money lent. No defence.—verdict for plaintiff for $148,99. Umbstaetter for plaintiff, Brown for defence.

Elijah Mitchell, vs. Hannah Long, et al. Action of ejectment for one hundred acres of land in Elizabeth township. The defendants are seven—brothers and sisters of the plaintiff. In all, they own three hundred acres. For the land in litigation, the defendants contend that Elijah holds a deed in trust, the property having been purchased by their labor. This is denied by the plaintiff. The case is on trial, and will occupy some time in its hearing.—M. & J. H. Hampton for plaintiff, and Arthurs, Shaler and Umbstaetter for defendants.

JUDGE SHANNON.—This gentleman closed his official career as President Judge of the District Court, yesterday.

Judge Williams, his successor, will be sworn in and take his seat on Monday the 5th of December.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday morning, William Stewart, a brakesman on the night freight train, O. & P. R. R, was found lying on the track, near Massilon, in an insensible condition from injuries received by the train passing over him. He had fallen off the train on the night previously. He was taken to his home in Freedom, where he expired on Tuesday evening. He was a man of family.

TAKEN TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Joseph Welsh and a colored man were lodged in the Western Penitentiary yesterday, by the Sheriff of Beaver County, to serve out sentences of Court for the term of five years and four months, having been found guilty of breaking into the house of an old gentleman named Ferguson, near Brighton, and nearly killing him, in an attempt to rob, the particulars of which we gave at the time.

A prisoner for the term of three years was also brought here at the same time by the Sheriff. He was convicted of 1nd arson of a barn, in Ohio township, Beaver county.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.—The Rev. Newell Cleveland, Pastor of the Beaver street (Allegheny) Methodist Church, appeared before Mayor Park, on Tuesday, and preferred complaint a gainst John M'Farland and Barney M'Clure, (boys,) for disorderly conduct, in throwing stones, and insulting and annoying his family by the use of profane language. The boys were arrested, and received a severe reprimand from his Honor, the Mayor, for their misbehavior. After promising better conduct in the future, the prosecutor withdrew the charge, and the lads were discharged, on payment of the costs.

CORRECTION.—We erroneously reported the accidental death of a man falling from a scaffolding, as having occurred on the Cathedral. The injured man was engaged on a building in Manchester, where the accident occurred.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Alderman Espy, of Upper St. Clair township, committed George Drake, for assault and battery and surety of the peace, on oath of his wife Catharine.

FOR FURTHER HEARING.—Margaret M'Clelland was committed to jail for further hearing by Alderman Thompson, on a charge of passing a counterfeit two dollar bill on a grocery dealer, named Walter M'Michael.

SELLING LIQUOR ON SUNDAY.—Ann Herbert was committed to jail in default of the penalty, by Alderman Dash, yesterday, for selling liquor on Sunday; and for keeping a disorderly house.

MAP OF EUROPEAN TURKEY.—Schuckman & Co., Lithographers, 3d street, have just issued a new and complete map of European Turkey, taken from the best authorities. Price 12½ cts. and for sale at the office in the Dispatch Building, and at all the book stores.

The Court of Common Pleas was not in session yesterday.

We will give a full report of the proceedings of the Agricultural Society of this county in to-morrow's paper.

LARCENY.—A man named William Taylor, from Buffalo, N. Y., was arrested on Wednesday evening, and committed to jail to await an examination by Mayor Riddle on a charge of stealing a hand trunk, from the store of Wybrant & Robinson, of Smithfield street. He will have a hearing to-day.

Some of the most superbly illustrated books we have ever examined, are among those to be sold this evening, at Davis' Auction Rooms.—But a better praise is deserved; every work is of interest and value, for the subject matter of their contents. The illuminated works are principally on antiquities and history. The Belles Lettres Books are by the best authors.

APPLES—18 bbls. Ramboe, Hockwalder &c, for sale by VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

SUGAR—30 hhds. prime for sale low to close, by VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

OHIO & PA. R. R. STOCK—A few shares wanted, to complete an order.
A. WILKINS & CO., 11 4th st.

MAPLE SUGAR—4 bbls. for sale by J. D. WILLIAMS.

BEANS—50 bbls. small white rec'd on consignment, for sale by WICK & McCANDLESS.

FARM IN BEAVER COUNTY FOR SALE.—Situated on the Ohio River, in Moon Township, 12 miles from Pittsburgh and immediately opposite Beaver, containing 100 acres of land, with fine Orchard. The improvements are a frame Dwelling House, Stable, and other out buildings. The cultivated land is all fenced and in a high state of tillage. On the place is a small but large quantity of Locust. On the place is a well of First Chop Coal. Price $3 per acre. Apply on the premises, or to
A. BAILEY,
Second, west of Wood.

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OFFICE OF LOUIS GAS LIGHT CO., ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15, '53.

PROPOSALS for a Telescopic Gas Holder, with Tank and Superstructure complete, will be received by this Company at its Office, until 1st February, 1854, for the erection of a Holder to be of the following dimensions, viz: The upper Holder to be of the following dimensions, viz: The upper or inner part 138 feet 10 inches diameter, 30 feet deep; the other or next to the lower, 140 feet diameter, 30 feet deep.

Said must include the erection of the whole on the Co.'s grounds, at St. Louis, and the putting of it in complete working order.

Copies of the specification may be had by application to the Secretary. Ordered by the Board.
EDWARD STAGG, Sec'y.
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JEHU HAWORTH, corner of Diamond and Diamond alley, wishes to inform his customers and the public generally, that he is now receiving a large and choice selection of GOOSE RIPS, such as Choice Y. H. Imperial, Gunpowder, extra fine Young Hyson, Oolong, Congou, and several Orange Pekoe TEAS. Sloths, Old Rose and Scented Tobacco, Fine and Coarse SNUFFS, fresh CURRANTS, Raisins, Fine and Coarse RAISINS, fresh CURRANTS, Raisins, Fine and Coarse RAISINS, fresh CURRANTS, Raisins, Fine and Coarse RAISIN