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TO ADVERTISERS—Neither the Editorial Rooms nor Printing Establishment of the Daily Gazette, are opened on Sunday. ADVERTISERS who desire their notices to appear in the paper on Monday morning, will please hand them in before 5 o'clock, on Saturday evening.

Whig State Committee.

The Whig State Committee will meet at the American Hotel, CHESTNUT Street, Philadelphia, on TUESDAY the 13th of December, at 3 o'clock, P. M.
CHARLES THOMSON JONES, Chairman.
Henry E. Evans, Secretary.

The City Improvement Tax.—We publish with pleasure the communication of the Chairman of the Street Committee, as it corrects an important omission made by the Committee of Councils to devise means to liquidate the city debt. We inferred from that report, that the debt now charged against the Improvement Fund, had been created since the Improvement Tax has been established. Mr. Wilson states that the largest part of it was incurred before the Fund was created. The report of the Committee on this subject, says:

"The estimated cost of grading and paving the streets, petitioned for, in 1852, is $70,000. "Estimated net receipts" of Improvement Tax $25,212,62; "amount of work contracted for and warrants issued $25,471,81; amount paid upon them $14,677,54, leaving "outstanding improvement warrants" for 1852, $10,796,77.

The "outstanding improvement warrants," or in plainer terms, warrants unpaid for want of funds in 1850, were $17,353,64, ditto in 1851, $3,078,64, ditto in 1852, $10,796,77. These excesses may be traced to improvident legislation, repairs and inefficiency of the laws in relation to collecting taxes, or of the collectors themselves; and are expected to be met and paid out of the uncollected improvement tax of one year collected in the succeeding year. To overcome these excesses of "improvement warrants" it would be necessary to cease for a year, at least, to order the expenditure of a single dollar for further improvements. We find the amount paid by the Treasurer, from January 1st, 1853, to 14th November, 1853, upon "outstanding improvement warrants" of 1850, 1851 and 1852, $8,336,65.

It does not make much difference to citizens how this debt was contracted, as it has to be paid, and the Improvement Fund cannot pay it without stopping all improvements whatsoever for some time to come. It is but just to Mr. Wilson, however, for the public to know that he was not a party to over drafts on the Treasury, and that he is in favor of a better way of improving the streets, and relieving the City from its heavy burdens. The following is his Communication:

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Dear Sir:—In your paper of the 10th inst. speaking of the bill now before the Councils, for the liquidation of the City Debt, you mention as a matter of fact that the Improvement Fund is now in debt some thirty thousand dollars—and lest your remarks on this subject should be so construed as to lead some to suppose that this debt (if indeed there exists such an one) has been mainly brought about through mismanagement or extravagance, on the part of the Committee having charge of that particular fund, I wish to call your attention to the fact, that most, if not all, of the debt afore mentioned, was contracted prior to the act of 1850—establishing the present law. At the time the present law went into operation, there was a large amount of warrants outstanding, and which, of course had to be met; and as they were generally for work done on the streets, they were charged to the Improvement Fund; and, again, there were many contracts out, and bills of work already done, all of which the Committee felt themselves bound to pay; for the reason that there were no other funds available for this purpose. The Committee on Streets have, it is true, at times over-drawn a few hundred dollars, but in all cases it has either been from absolute necessity, or by the express direction of Councils; and in no case has this amounted to enough on which to ground a reasonable complaint. I do not wish to be understood as an advocate of the present law. I am satisfied, from several years experience, that it will not answer the purpose for which it was created. It is subject to great abuse, and is, moreover, unequal, in all its bearings. It is inadequate to the wants of the city. It will do little more than keep the streets in repair; much less to grade and pave them. My object, however, in this communication, is simply to remove any erroneous impression which may be entertained in regard to the manner in which this debt has been contracted.

GEO. WILSON, *Chm'n of St. Com.*

The Pacific Railroad.—The *New York National Democrat*, publishes a communication from a "Country Director" denying the statement of the *Albany Evening Journal*, that the Pacific Railroad Company were buying up editors and members of Congress. The writer says:

Nothing could be more unfounded or unjust. So far from looking to Congress for any other aid than may be embraced in general legislation upon this subject, open to full and fair public competition—and which, it is believed, not a member of either branch of Congress will be disposed to withhold—this company have unanimously passed a resolution, introduced by Mr. Walker himself, at the first opportunity after its organization, on the 7th of November, instant, *not to apply to Congress for any grant of land or money*. Does this look like bribing members of Congress? Is it not rather the strongest proof of confidence in the intrinsic merits of the route, and of the Company's reliance upon the power of private enterprise and the general distribution of their stock in small allotments?

How, then, it may be inquired, can the road be built? I answer, simply by demonstrating that the route selected is the most practicable one—that it is demanded by the interests of the Country—that it unites the North with the South, and both with the Atlantic and Pacific, being thus indispensable to preserve the Union—that it can be built cheaper and more expeditiously than any other route, by a shorter line, free from snows, mountains, or tunnels; and when built will be a good and safe investment. These points being established, as I have no doubt they can be in reference to the Southern route, and the stock generally distributed in small amounts throughout the country, the States through which the road passes will, undoubtedly, for their own prosperity and interests, upon proper guarantees, make such liberal grants of land upon the line of the road as may reasonably be required.

After the work shall be so far advanced by private enterprise as to secure its completion, Congress, if it pleases, can extend to it a fostering hand by a liberal contract for the transportation of the mails, munitions of war, etc; and as such contracts, when made *in advance*, have generally been found *hard bargains* for the contractors, the course which this company has adopted would seem to be a wise one, in declining to make any application of this character; waiting until their road shall have made such progress as to decide *for themselves* whether they will accept such terms as may be offered by a general law for the performance of any public service that may be required of them; and then only in full and fair public competition with any rival route or interest.

The *New York Tribune* in reply to this writer, says that it is intended to run this road well down into Texas and New Mexico, and to make its Pacific terminus at San Diego. "Texas owns most of the land that is good for anything on the proposed route, and Texas Legislators are expected to do the handsome thing, so far as land donations are concerned." The Tribune thinks, that if the Company does not want lands or money outright from Congress, it would not object to a "small sized bargain with Uncle Sam to carry his troops and India mails for the trifle of fifty years or so, at a fixed compensation of anywhere from three to five millions." The Tribune says that if the company will dissociate the enterprise in every way from all sorts of Government aid, and "virtually declare it will go ahead and make the Railroad on its own hook, it would say nothing more in disparagement of the enterprise." We would go further than this, and say, that if the stockholders will pay in a *bona fide* instalment in cash, to the amount of ten per cent. on the one hundred millions subscribed, amounting to ten millions, we would argue that Congress should devote lands to the amount of an equal sum, and when that is expended, and ten per cent. more paid in cash, we would be willing to give the company ten millions more in lands. We would not complain very much if Congress would give the company lands to half the amount of the expense, located along the line of the Road, when assured that an equal amount in cash was paid in. But to build a Railroad on Uncle Sam's credit, by a company of stockholders who have taken stock from ten millions down to one hundred thousand dollars, without paying in, or expecting to pay in more than one-tenth of one per cent., we cannot consent. The people of this whole country are exceedingly anxious to have a Pacific Railroad built. In this anxiety we most sincerely partake, but we have no great faith in any concern having so much "moonshine" on its face.

City Finances.—In the report of the Committee of Councils, appointed to "devise ways and means to liquidate the City Debt," the following statement is made:

"Until the revenues are able to meet promptly the expenditures, our specific funds, such as Aqueduct and Sinking Funds, in the face of the legal protection that surrounds them, will be encroached upon to make up deficiencies. In fact the truth need not be concealed, that of the $18,000 00 Aqueduct Fund, (for the payment of the interest and cost of its construction and repairs,) and $13,688 67 Sinking Fund, not a dollar is in the treasury. They have been forced out by suits, brought or threatened upon "Outstanding Warrants," when it became a matter of positive necessity, to prevent the accumulation of costs and interest, to pay them over."

This is a most extraordinary confession, and very discreditable to the management of the city finances. These funds are sacred deposits, set apart for a certain and specific purpose, and ought never to be encroached upon.

In order to prevent any thing of the kind in future, we would recommend the establishment of a Board of Commissioners, to whose custody all such funds should be confided, who should be required to invest all the funds in their hands in safe securities, until such time as they are wanted for the purposes to which they are sacredly set apart. They should be beyond the reach of Councils, or of the city creditors, and be rigidly appropriated to the specific purposes for which they are raised. In no other way can the credit of the city be preserved, or the debt paid off. When money is lying idle in the Treasury, and the wants of the city are pressing, the temptation to use the funds, with the intention of returning them, is too great to be resisted.—Let the temptation be removed. The city should live on its current means. The tendency to extravagance can only be restrained in this way.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.

We have now had time to read, ponder and inwardly digest the Message. It has one great merit—It is short. It is a decidedly inferior paper to the inaugural address. It is commended for what it omits to say. Thus the sober, reflecting and most respectable part of the community are delighted and surprised that Gen. Pierce does not recommend the seizure of the Islands of Cuba and Porto Rico in the West Indies, nor of half a dozen provinces in Mexico or Central America; that he does not explode in Fourth of July eloquence over the universal diffusion of Democracy, and that he wages no crusade on the expansion of our principle of government over other countries and people. The President has taken an exemplary stand relative to the Fillibusters and the turbulent and seditious spirit which their operations evoke. He says that if they attempt to revive their projects under his administration, they will be punished as violators of the law. This declaration will bring down upon him in great force the presses and spouters in the Buccaneer interests, but as he will be sustained by the general voice of the country he can endure their opposition.

The most cruel disappointment has been reserved for the Internal Improvement Democrats, those hopeful disciples of large faith, who took Gen. Pierce on trust without pledges, in the fond confidence that as they gave him their hearts and votes, he would not be so cruel as to cut up their interests by the roots. The Message shows how baseless were all such pleasant self-deceptions. The President seems anxious to leave no doubt upon this point. He will labor with all the powers of his office to arrest works that have been commenced, and to prohibit the commencement of new ones. I apprehend, also, that he will take care that a comparatively small part of the appropriations made by the late Congress for works of this character shall be applied according to the law. The policy is cut up root and branch. It will be difficult for the Improvement party in Congress to nullify the effect of executive vetoes, although probably two-thirds of both Houses are favorable to a moderate system which shall cover all work of first rate importance and necessity. The power and influence of the Presidential office is stronger than two-thirds of Congress, on almost every question.

The Hards were finally extinguished to-day, so far as regards an efficient organization in Congress. Robert Armstrong, of the Union, blower and striker on all occasions for the President and Cabinet, was chosen by 126 votes against 20 votes for Beverly Tucker, of the Sentinel, an ardent "young Virginian," who has lately turned his attention from private claims before Congress, to regulating the policy of the nation. Beverly is much esteemed in social life, but Armstrong had the inside track on the printing question. This is the crowning disaster which has fallen upon the devoted heads of the Hards since the gathering of the clans at Washington. The loss of, or the failure to secure the spoils from this work, is fatal to the existence of their organ.—It cannot be supported by the zeal and subscriptions of its friends a month, and when the money furnished from the capacious wallet of George Law shall have been exhausted, the Sentinel will cease to pace its weary rounds, and the country will be allowed to go to perdition under the auspices of the Softs. The Union will improve somewhat. Having the endorsement of the party in the White House and the Capitol, it can afford hereafter to speak boldly, where hitherto it has but whispered. The Union is now placed out of harm's way, and may luxuriate in the largest slice of the spoils which any single individual has managed to monopolise.

The annual Treasury Report furnishes a full view of the financial policy of the administration. The tariff is to be so modified as to reduce the receipts from customs, from fifty-eight to a little over forty-six millions of dollars. The redemption of the national debt is going on at the rate of twenty millions a year, and nothing is to be allowed to interfere with the great object of paying it off as fast as it can be bought up. But it is passing strange that with all the vehement denunciations of Whig extravagance and prodigality, which the special organs and spokesmen of the administration have indulged in since it came into power, and the innumerable promises of reforming their practices altogether, the expenditures are not only kept up, but are increasing. We have already estimates of fifty-one millions for the service of next year, and according to a precedent which has never failed for many years past, that will be swelled to $54,000,000, by a deficiency bill next session. Several hundred articles are to be added to the free list. The revenue produced from these articles is upwards of eleven million of dollars; among them are salt, linens, sheer, bar and cast steel, copper in all its forms, sheet and block tin, raw silk, flax and tow, wines, all dye-stuffs and dye-woods, coarse wool costing under ten cents per pound, and generally all crude products or raw materials required for use in our manufactories, which do not come into competition with articles of the same of class products at home.

There never was such a shameless huckstering and traffic in the public documents as this year. Copies of the President's message were surreptitiously obtained from the Union office and sold to New York papers. An abstract taken from the printed document appeared in the New York Times on Monday morning, showing that the theft was committed as early as Sunday last, in two days before Congress received a copy. The reports of the Secretary of the Navy and of the Interior were sold with tolerable impartiality at twenty, twenty-five and fifty dollars apiece.—There were, however, at the latter institution somewhat more of lying and corruption than were necessary. This was probably owing to the fact that not only copies of Secretary McClelland's report had been sold to the N. Y. Herald, but that the copy right had been sold to the same press. So that it was only after the delivery of the message that other papers could purchase on any terms, when the market became brisk and the prices good. How far Mr. McClelland knew of and permitted this disgraceful conduct remains to be discovered. It will be investigated and exposed.

The election of Chaplain to the House was made a farce of to-day. Mike Walsh voted for the "Rev. Antoinette L. Brown," a strong-minded woman, and another member voted for Mike himself. Mr. Milburne, a blind Methodist preacher, was at length chosen—a blind leader of the blind. The Senate chose Rev. Henry Slicer, also a Methodist, who is a rabid Democratic politician, and generally considered a very "Hard" case. JUNIUS.

The Railroad War.—The Erie Gazette of the 8th, gives the following account of the demolition of the railroad track in that city:

"The work is done—"the Rubicon is passed"—the people of Erie have fearlessly and strictly carried out their determined purpose in regard to the long-threatened alteration of gauge. Definite intelligence having been received on Wednesday morning that a band of men, by order of the President and Directors of the Erie and North-East Railroad, had commenced to change the track at the State Line, our citizens immediately assembled in a large body, and under the lead of Mayor King marched to the Railroad, where, headed by High Constable Deemer, they at once proceeded to tear down the bridges over French street and the Waterford Plank Road, and from thence to taking up the rails crossing State and Peach Streets—thus confining themselves strictly to the direction of our Municipal authorities. The work was soon done—and done effectually, and without any disposition to lawlessness or violence. The places indicated are now perfectly impassable to Railroad cars, and will probably so remain some time. But, with the President's Message on our hands at a late hour, we can offer no comment, beyond the remark that the Railroad interests, as well as the whole public, have had tangible proof that Erie is in earnest in this matter. The PEOPLE, arrayed against a powerful monied combination, are for the present triumphant. May they ever be."

The "crisis" came rather sooner than we anticipated, in consequence of which several articles prepared upon the subject, are superfluous, and therefore omitted.

The same paper says:

Messrs. Babbitt & Taylor have given a Legal Opinion sustaining the right of the Road Commissioners of Harborcreek township to tear up the track of the Erie and North-East Railroad where it crosses their public highway. A meeting was called at the Greenwood School-House last night to consider the question, and probably before the present number of the Gazette reaches most of its readers, definite steps will have been taken in the direction indicated by this Opinion. Stirring times, these.

The following despatches from the seat of war we take from the Cleveland Herald:

ERIE, Dec. 8.—Last night the citizens of Harbor Creek held a meeting and resolved to remove the track of the Erie and Northeast running across the public highways, of which the track occupies about a mile and a half. The track is to be taken up at two o'clock. Reliable information has been received from the Attorney-General of this State, stating that he has signed the petition of the citizens of Erie, asking for an injunction against the Cleveland & Erie Railroad, and the Supreme Court, at his instance, will issue the writ on Monday next, when the cars will be stopped from running between the Ohio State Line and Erie.

ERIE, Dec. 8.—The people of Harbor Creek were prevented from tearing up the track by the Railroad hands. The Algerines have sent express to Erie for cannon and say they will use it.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

"*The Memoirs of Richard Williams*, Surgeon: Catechist to the Patagonian Missionary Society in Terre Del Fuego" By James Hamilton, D. D., author of various works. New York; Robert Carter & Brothers. This is a book of deep interest to the Christian philanthropist, as well as those who are inquisitive into facts of geography, and the manners, and morals, and customs of the various members of the human family. For sale by J. S. Davison, 65 Market street.

"MECHANICS; Their Principles and Practical Applications. Edited by Oliver Byrne, Civil, Military and Mechanical Engineer, author of the "Pocket Companion for Engineers and Machinists," etc. New York; Dewitt and Davenport. This is a book just adapted to this utilitarian age. It will enable any person of a common education to acquire the Principles of Mechanics, and how to adapt them to practical purposes. Sold by B. T. C. Morgan, Wood street.

THE PARLOR MAGAZINE, edited and published by Jethro Jackson, Cincinnati, bringing to a close the first volume, has come to hand, and is quite acceptable. The editor informs us that the experiment has proved successful, and the work may be regarded as permanently established.

THE RENTON IRON COMPANY.—We beg leave to direct the attention of those interested, to the advertisement of the Renton Iron Company.

BOSTON OPINIONS OF THE MESSAGE.—Gen. Pierce comes from New Hampshire, and our readers may desire to know how his message is received in the East. The *Boston Courier* says:

"This document is the poorest that ever proceeded from a President of the United States when his duty called upon him to look Congress in the face. And that nobody may mistake our meaning, when we pronounce it emphatically poor, we proceed to say that it appears to us totally deficient in courage, manly spirit, decision, self-respect, sincerity, straightforwardness and that honest resolution to follow the path of duty at all hazards, which ought to characterize both the language and the actions of him who occupies the elevated station of President of the United States."

The *Boston Post* says:

"It is able, lucid, comprehensive, worthy of the intelligence of its distinguished author and of the patriotic devotion of the first citizen of our republic to its honor and prosperity. In its principles it follows the early fathers of republicanism. True to the AMERICAN UNION, it justly looks to the integrity of State Sovereignties as the solid pillars of its support and permanency."

The *Boston Journal* says:—

"We feel confident that those who bestow attention upon it will arise from its perusal with a feeling of disappointment. * * * Instead of a bold, manly avowel of the policy and doctrines of the administration, we have vague generalities, bare statements of facts which have been made known to the public through the columns of the press weeks and months ago; and a grouping together of words, apparently with the design to leave the reader as much in the dark in regard to the views of the administration, on the matter of which they treat, as he was before he read them."

A MURDER IN CLEVELAND.—We learn from the Cleveland Herald, that on Wednesday afternoon last, an Englishman, named Richard West, a blacksmith residing upon Orange street, in that city, shot Joseph Thompson, a young man in the employment of Dr. T. T. Seelye, of the Water Cure. West had shot a turkey said to belong to the establishment, and when Thompson, Barker and Hughes met him and insisted upon payment he refused, threatening to shoot the man who approached him, cocked both barrels of his gun, and finally shot Thompson in the groin, so injuring him that he died soon after.—West was secured and is in jail.

For the Gazette.

D. N. WHITE, Esq: As a citizen of Pittsburgh, and in common with every tax-payer in it, I am deeply interested in the success of the proposition now before Councils to liquidate our indebtedness, remove as much as possible the weight of taxation that now oppresses us, and terminate the corruption that has been bred and sustained by our present system of improvements. The proposition adopted on Thursday evening by the Select Council, commends itself to the community, not only by its equitable character, but from its potency to accomplish the purposes intended. It uproots the present plan of improvements, repeals the improvement tax of two mills, and levies in its stead a tax of one mill for sinking fund purposes, enables each one to make his own improvements, and have the cost equitably assessed on the property abutting on the street or alley, and exempts such as have had no improvements, from the sinking fund tax for ten years.

Without some such law, when may we expect to get the city out of debt, and ourselves out of the mud? And when we consider the estimated cost of the grading, paving and repairs that must be done, and the means to accomplish it, viz: a two mill improvement tax, yielding about $1,900,000 a year, the latter would seem hopeless. It is now reduced to one or the other of these propositions—to adopt the plan accepted by the Select Council, or double the improvement tax. I have understood from an undoubted source, that such an outrage as this last was attempted, and a resolution recommending it offered to one of the members of the Street Committee to present to Councils, which he properly refused to do. This reform is now in the hands of men who are urging it upon Councils, with an earnestness that shows they are determined to succumb no longer to the rapacity of a few unscrupulous Councilmen and hungry contractors.

"THIRD WARD."

EXCOMMUNICATION IN GERMANY.—The Archbishop of Friburg has excommunicated the members of the Catholic Ecclesiastical Council appointed by the Government, and also the Government Commissioner. The Regent has forbidden the clergy to pronounce the act of excommunication, and threatens the Archbishop with pains and penalties.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.—The receipts of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad for November, 1853, are as follows:

Passengers,	$18,253 51	
Freight, mail, &c.,	22,297 35	
		$40,553 86
Receipts for November, 1852:		
Passengers,	$15,254 29	
Freight, mail, &c.,	14,008 70	
		$29,362 99
Increase,		$11,187 87
Receipts for 11 months of '53, were		$384,490 60
" 11 " '52, "		282,901 50
Increase in 11 months of 1853		$101,589 10

The business of the road is rapidly increasing. Few roads in the West exhibit a more uniform and constantly increasing traffic. The prospects of the road are rendered extremely flattering by the fact that this great increase is attributable mainly to the growth of its local business, which cannot be effected by competition.—*Cleveland Democrat.*

CHARTIERS RAIL ROAD.—Public expectation is on the *qui vive* in reference to this Road, which continues steadily to grow in popularity with our people. This work, at one time in bad odor here, has risen rapidly in the good opinions of our people. It will be aided *now* in every practicable way, even by men who lately held it in great disfavor. We hope the Managers will call a meeting soon and adopt some measures to put the road under contract. Now that the Western Division of the Hempfield is sure to be finished to this place, by the close of the incoming year, it becomes of the first importance that the Chartiers be also finished in time to afford a connection with the Central Road at Pittsburgh. Let us go to work on the Chartiers at once—the additional means can be had in some quarter, surely. So important a connection cannot certainly fall through for want of *one hundred thousand dollars* or twice that amount. There could be found ten men abundantly able to supply that sum, in their individual capacity, on the line of the road or at either of its terminuses.—Once at work, the means will be forthcoming.—Surely Washington County will not suffer this great enterprise to languish and fall through for want of that aid which it is the interest and policy as well as the duty of our people to supply. We have faith in the ultimate outcome of our County. Our people will do their part in good time. Put the Road under contract and all will be well.—*Wash. Reporter.*

THE WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP HUMBOLDT.—It appears that the accident to the Humboldt, off Halifax, occurred on the morning of the 16th, in a fog, while in charge of a pilot. She at first struck on a rock off Sambro Light, but was got off, and proceeded towards the city, but was found to be so much damaged, that, to prevent her sinking in deep water, she was run ashore, about ten miles below Halifax, in a place called Portuguese Cove, where she lay at last advices, in about 18 feet water, and with six feet water in her hold. She had to take Newcastle coal at Cowes, which proved bad, and had come on slowly most of the passage, experiencing westerly winds.

The Humboldt had 90 passengers all of whom are safe. A list of them, however, has not yet come to hand. Her cargo amounted to 150 tons of merchandise, all of which is said to be covered by insurance in New York, Paris and London. The insurance on the cargo in New York is about $160,000.

The vessel was built by Messrs. Westervelt & Mackay, of New York, and was launched on the 5th October, 1850, since which she has been running between N. York city and Havre via Southampton, in connection with the steamer Franklin, now under repair. She is 2,700 tons burthen, and her cost when first ready for sea was full $560,000. She was recently rated at $450,000, a very little of which is understood to be insured. Mr. Mayor Westervelt, of New York, owned one quarter of the hull, valued at $40,000, not insured. The only insurance on the vessel is $40,000 in a Boston office.

Among the owners are Capt. Wm. Skiddy, Mortimer Livingston, Esq., and the New York and Bremen Company, (owners of the Washington and Hermann,) the latter to the extent of $150,000.

LARGE ARRESTS OF COUNTERFEITERS.—We learn from the Ohio *Patriot* that an extensive gang of counterfeiters, residing in Columbiana county, has just been detected and broken up.—Some months ago the Sheriff suspecting the movements of certain questionable characters in Salem, of that county, employed an agent to watch them. This the agent did, reporting from time to time to the Sheriff.

That officer having become fully satisfied that his plans were such as to justify him in making arrests, proceeded on Friday the 25th ult., to carry out his designs. With the aid of his deputies he succeeded in arresting J. C. Walton, of Salem; Dr. Parmer, of East Lewiston, Mahoning county; Samuel Clark, of Mahoning county, and David McMullen, of Salem township.

Parmar and Clark were required to give bail in $1000 for their appearance at the next term of court, and in default thereof were sent to jail. Clark was subsequently brought before the Probate Court and his bail reduced to $500, which he produced. McMullen turned State's evidence, and by consent of the parties concerned, was released. Through him much important information as to the operations of the gang has been obtained. Walton and Parmar are ringleaders of the gang, whose operations extend through the counties of Columbiana, Mahoning, Stark, and into the western part of Pennsylvania. Individuals, who carry a high heads in Columbiana and the other counties, are said to be implicated.

Their operations are principally confined, so far as yet known, to the Empire State Bank, New York, the Troy City Bank, New York, and the Unadilla Bank, New York.

MAIL BURNED!—*Great Loss of Baggage!*—About six o'clock on Wednesday morning, a car containing mails and baggage, coming West, on the M. S. R. R., a few miles from Ainsworth station, was discovered to be on fire. The train was moving at the rate of 40 miles per hour, and within 8 or 10 miles of Chicago, on the Southern Michigan Road, the alarm bell rang and the train was immediately stopped and every available means used to extinguish the flames. The greatest exertions, however, succeeded in rescuing but a small portion of the contents of the car, so thoroughly on fire had it become before the alarm was given.

The wind was blowing a strong breeze and rendered the salvation of mails and baggage impossible. The mail was contained in five or six canvass and leather bags, the latter suffering most severely. The car contained some 30 or 40 trunks, most of which were consumed, or so badly damaged as to be nearly valueless.

The Agent of the Company at Chicago promptly paid every man who claimed damages for the loss of baggage.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, though there is reason to believe it was caused by some combustibles improperly contained in the passengers baggage.—*Cleveland Democrat.*

BANK NOTE PLATES SECURED.—We were shown yesterday by Geo. W. Williams, of Cincinnati, and Michael Gallagher, of this city, three plates for printing bank notes, which had been in the possession of a gang of counterfeiting scoundrels, and which they had secured.—The first was the genuine copper plate of the $100 bills on the Bank of Utica, which was stolen about five months since. The other two were counterfeit plates of $5 and $10 bills of the State Bank of Ohio, the same upon which were printed the large amount of counterfeit bills recently found upon the premises of Baxter, at Franklin Mills. The plates had been taken from Franklin Mills to Mercer County, Pa. and again returned, before the officers secured them.—*Cleveland Herald.*

REJECTION OF THE RAILROAD ENDORSEMENT.—We learn that the Board of Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company yesterday declined to accept the ordinance providing for the endorsement by the City of their bonds to the amount of $5,000,000, on account of the objectionable provisions that accompany it. The provision with regard to through freight and passengers is, we learn, viewed by the Board as ruinous to the interests of the Road, and calculated to throw all the through business on the Pennsylvania Road, and to cut off all connection with other roads except for exclusive Baltimore business and travel.—*Balt. Amer.*

THE first locomotive on the Panhandle Railroad was launched on Monday last the 5th inst. It is called the "Jesse Edgington" most appropriately, that gentleman having been of all others most instrumental in bringing the road to its present state of forwardness. It is an honor that is well merited for certainly Mr. Edgington has shown a determination to succeed that is not often evinced, and has surmounted opposition and obstacles that might well have deterred men of less resolute zeal. All that is now necessary is a clear track in legislation. This we are strongly inclined to think will be granted this winter, if it is not we are well satisfied that no actual obstacle will be thrown in the way by the Legislature. The ill success of the injunction, is a guarantee of that.—*Wellsburg Herald.*

The Cincinnati Commercial of Wednesday last, says: Another stampede among the slaves has taken place in Covington. On night before last, nine of them took the underground road and started for the Provinces of her British Majesty. When last heard of, they were making good time through the little town of Cumminsville, in this county.

FAILURE IN CONNECTICUT.—The Norwich (Ct.) Courier says that Mr. Abner V. Pierce, who carries on a car manufactory and foundry establishment in that city, and a car manufactory on the eastern terminus of the Erie railroad, has been compelled to suspend payment. Liabilities unknown, but supposed to be heavy.

From the National Democrat.

TREACHERY TO THE PRESS.—"A feather shows how the wind blows"—says the proverb, and the freesoil inclinations of the Cabinet peep out from every rag of their patchwork duplicity. While a crowd of messengers from all the respectable newspaper offices in this city were waiting on the Post-master for the delivery of the President's Message, the news-boys rushed down the street with the President's Message in full, printed in the Times and Tribune, the freesoil organs of Machiavel—Marcy, Guthrie, Cushing & Co. The Message was cried in the streets ABOUT HALF-PAST ONE; the telegraphic permission to distribute the copies for the press did not arrive UNTIL TWO! How did the freesoil prints obtain it in advance? What shall President Pierce say to the conduct of his subordinates? We shall say more upon this point to-morrow. One other feature in this business—the Reports of the Secretaries have hitherto accompanied the Message; in this case they did not, and yesterday the Report of the Secretary of the Navy was for sale in Washington—price only twenty cents. If the immortal "patch" cost only 50 cents, why should a few sheets of print be sold for forty times the sum? To-morrow we shall have full particulars, and speak at large.

MAYORALTY.

WILLIAM L. ADAMS will be a candidate for Mayor of Pittsburgh, subject to the decision of the Whig and Anti-Masonic Convention. no24-dte

We are authorised to announce MR. FERDINAND E. VOLZ as a candidate for Mayor of Pittsburgh, subject to the decision of the Whig Convention. de3-te

ROBERT W. PARK will be a candidate for re-election to the Mayoralty of Allegheny City, at the ensuing election, subject to the decision of the Whig Convention.
MANY CITIZENS.

The name of B. C. SAWYER will be offered as a candidate for the nomination of the Whig and Anti-Masonic Convention for Mayor. de9-tc

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Five Hundred Worms Expelled—Read the following statement from respectable Druggists of the surprising effects of B. A. Fahnestock's unequalled Vermifuge:

OGDENSBURGH, N. Y., Jan. 13, 1853.

Messrs. B. A. Fahnestock & Co.:
Gentlemen—Matthew Clark, a man of undoubted veracity, of the town of Lisbon, St. Lawrence co., N. Y., says that he has a little girl, 4 years old, to whom he gave 3 doses of B. Fahnestock's Vermifuge, in 3 successive hours. In the afternoon of the same day she passed at one time SEVENTEEN, and at another, NINETEEN WORMS. About 2 o'clock the following night, she passed the incredible number of FIVE HUNDRED & TWENTY-ONE, making in all, 557, in less than 12 hours' time. They were perfectly astonished at such a mass of worms from a child of her age, and that he counted them accurately. Very respectfully,
JENNER & RANDALL, Druggists.
Prepared and sold by B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO., cor. Wood and 1st sts., Pittsburgh. no21

R. C. LOOMIS,
(Of the late firm of M'Curdy & Loomis,)
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
BOOTS AND SHOES,
89 Wood street, Pittsburgh.
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JOHN T. LOGAN ... ROBT. T. KENNEDY
PHILIP WILSON ... EDWARD GREGG

REMOVAL.
LOGAN, WILSON & CO.
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c. &c.
Have removed to their new and extensive store, No. 52 Wood street, four doors above the St. Charles Hotel, where their customers, and merchants generally, are invited to an examination of the most complete assortment ever offered in this city. fa10y

NELSON'S FIRST PREMIUM
DAGUERREOTYPES.
POST OFFICE BUILDING, THIRD STREET.
CITIZENS and strangers who wish to obtain accurate, artistic and life like likeness, at a very moderate price, will find it to their interest to call at this well known establishment, where entire satisfaction is guaranteed, or no charge made. Having one of the largest and best arranged Side and Skylights ever erected for the purpose, with instruments of the most approved construction, and having adopted the system of Daguerreotyping as now practiced by the celebrated Roots, of Philadelphia and New York, Mr. N. flatters himself to be able to offer to the patrons of the art, a style of Daguerreotypes, either singly or in groups, which has never been surpassed.
Rooms open and operating, from 8 [illegible]

DAGUERREOTYPES,
AT THE
NATIONAL GALLERY.
JACKSON'S National Daguerrean Gallery, corner of the Diamond and Market street, (opposite L. Wilcox's Drug Store,) Pittsburgh.
Ladies and Gentlemen wishing to obtain life like likenesses at low prices, will please call at this establishment, fitted up with very superior Side and Sky Lights, arranged with such skill that the operator can take the most accurate fac similes of the human form with all the expression of animated life, in all weathers.
Engravings, Paintings, &c., accurately copied, and duplicates taken of original likenesses.
Persons not required to take a picture, unless a perfect resemblance.
Likenesses taken of sick and deceased persons in any part of the city and vicinity.
Rooms open, and operating from 8 A. M. until 6 P. M. Entrance in the Diamond. fa22d&wly

BURKE & BARNES' SAFES—Here is the kind of testimony as to the value of our SAFES, upon which we can confidently rest the reputation of our work. We have already published several certificates, proving that Safes made for one and ordinary sales, and sold abroad, have been subjected to the SEVEREST TESTS IN ACTUAL CONFLAGRATIONS, and preserved their contents totally free from damage. The following is another proof of their incontestable character:—
$10,000 WORTH OF BOOKS AND PAPERS SAVED WITH A $40 SAFE!
ALBION, Erie County, Pa., November 12, 1852.
Messrs. Burke & Barnes—Dear Sirs: Your two letters were duly received. I was absent from home on both days, in regard to your Safe, I consider it perfectly FIRE PROOF. I tested the one I bought of you last fall, on the morning of the 10th of June last—my store building being burned to ashes. It was built of wood and brick—was three story building. My Safe was in it at the time of the fire, and fell into the cellar, where there was a large amount of oil. It was a very hot fire.
My books and bookaccounts that was in the Safe amounted to about Ten Thousand Dollars, which was all saved. There was not a *single paper injured*; and further, I would advise any person who is doing business; to lose no time, but buy a Safe to keep their papers safe. I can get one that is good. I can safely recommend your Safes to any one. Yours, truly,
JOHN CLARKE.
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LADIES FANCY FURS.
M'CORD & CO.
Would most respectfully invite the attention of ladies to their large and complete stock of FANCY FURS now opening, comprising in part Sable, Stone Martin, Fitch, Lynx, Carmine, Siberian Squirrel, Rock Martin, Genett Coney and Swan's Down; Muffs, Victorines, Polassaire Cuffs, Boas, &c., corner Wood and 5th street.

STATE MUTUAL
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO.,
OF PENNSYLVANIA;
BRANCH OFFICE cor. 4th & Smithfield sts., Pittsburgh. Capital, 350,000 Dollars.
DIRECTORS—John P. Rutherford, Dauphin co.; C. C. Sedgwick, Harrisburg; Sam'l Jones, Phila.; A. Wilkins, Banker, Pittsburgh; A. A. Carrier, Pittsburgh; John B. Rutherford, Dauphin co.; A. J. Gillett, Harrisburg; S. T. Jones, Harrisburg; Robert Klotz, Carbon county.
JOHN P. RUTHERFORD, President.
A. J. GILLETT, Secretary.
A. A. CARRIER, Actuary.
The above Company will insure against perils of sea and inland navigation and transportation; also, on buildings and merchandise in city or country, at lowest rates consistent with safety. Policies issued on dwelling houses either perpetually or for a term of years. no18-1myl-54

Girard Fire & Marine Insurance Co.,
OF PHILADELPHIA.
OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH AGENCY corner 4th and Smithfield sts. Capital, 300,000 Dollars.
DIRECTORS—Wm. M. Swain, J. P. Steiner, H. A. Shackelford, Paul Thurlow, E. M. Davis, J. R. Flanigen, Thos. S. Mitchell, Samuel Jones, B. B. Comegys, Thos. Craven, Wm. H. Sowers, F. D. Sherman, A. Hart, Philip F. Snyder, Wm. P. Hacker, Alex. Heron, Jr., Furman Sheppard.
JOEL JONES, Pres't. A. S. GILLETT, Sec'y.
Will insure Cotton or Woolen factories, Vessels, Cargoes, Buildings, Stores, Merchandise and property generally, on the most favorable terms.
no23-1myl-54 A. A. CARRIER, Agent.

O'CONNOR, BROTHER & CO.,
BANKERS AND INSURANCE DEALERS,
No. 15 WOOD STREET,
One door from First street, Pittsburgh,
Buy and sell Par and Current Funds
Sight and Time Exchange Coin, Stocks, Eastern and Western Time Bills, and Promissory Notes; allow 6 per cent. on Time Deposites of Par and Current Money; and, Insure Fire and Marine Policies for the *Ætna Insurance Company* (cash Capital $170,000) and *Royal Insurance Co* (capital $10,000,000). au16

It would hardly do for any one to have the temerity nowadays to question the excellence of Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters, which are prepared by Dr. C. M. Jackson. In case of dyspepsia, liver complaint and derangement of the digestive organs, their many virtues have long since been made plainly apparent. They purge from the system the morbid humors which retard the natural functions, and bring paleness to the cheek and suffering to the brow. They banish those clogs upon happiness and restore the system to high health. de9-2w

Citizen's Insurance Company of Pittsburgh
H. D. KING, PRESIDENT.
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OFFICE, 94 WATER, BETWEEN MARKET AND WOOD STREETS.
Insures HULL AND CARGO RISKS ON THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS, AND TRIBUTARIES.
Insures against loss or damage by FIRE. Also, against the perils of the SEA and INLAND NAVIGATION and TRANSPORTATION.
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First Premium for best Silk Hat—WILSON & SON, Fashionable Hatters, 91, Wood street, are now prepared to furnish their customers and the public, an assortment of Hats and Caps, which for beauty of finish, and prices, cannot be surpassed by any house in the city.
Particular attention is invited to our own manufacture of $3, $3.50 and $4.00 Hats. oc22-4md&w8

To the Mining Interest.
THE LONDON MINING JOURNAL, Weekly, established 1832, is devoted to the Mining Interest, giving full quotations of sales of Mining Shares, sales of Ores, sales of Metals; full reports of Mining Proprietory Meetings, Smelting, new Mines, new Inventions, relating to Mining in Great Britain and elsewhere, together with accounts of Mining developments in every part of the world, in fact, everything of interest connected with the mining of Iron, Coal, Lead, Copper, Zinc, Silver, Gold, Tin, &c., &c., and having been now publishing upwards of 20 years, is a standard authority in the Mining World. Every one engaged in Mining operations should subscribe to it. Published in London every Saturday, price in the United States, TEN DOLLARS per annum. Special Agents for America, WILLMER & ROGERS, 43 and 44 Nassau street, New York, to whom all subscriptions must be paid, and who will supply the paper promptly to any part of the United States. [de8tw

HOME
INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW YORK.
CASH CAPITAL $500,000!
R. C. LOOMIS, Agent,
No. 59 Wood street, Pittsburgh.
DIRECTORS:
Simeon L. Loomis ... Late of the Ætna, Hartford.
Jasper Corning ... Firm of Corning & Co.
Theodore McNamee ... Firm of Bowen & McNamee.
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William H. Mellen ... Firm of Claflin, Mellen & Co.
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George D. Morgan ... Firm of E. D. Morgan & Co.
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F. Brown's Essence of Jamaica Ginger—This Essence is a preparation of unusual excellence. In ordinary diarrhœa, incipient cholera, in short, in all cases of prostration of the digestive functions, it is of inestimable value. During the prevalence of the epidemic cholera and summer complaints of children, it is peculiarly efficacious; no family or individual should be without it.
CAUTION—Be sure to get the genuine Essence, which is prepared only by F. BROWN, at his Drug and Chemical Store, north-east corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets, Philadelphia, and for sale by all the respectable apothecaries in the States; and, in Pittsburgh, by Benj. Page, Jr., B. A. Fahnestock & Co., Dr. S. Smith, Lemuel Wilcox & Co., J. Schoonmaker & Co.
In Allegheny City by H. P. Schwartz and Lee A. Beckham & Co. au9-10m

JAMES P. TANNER,
WHOLESALE DEALER
IN BOOTS, SHOES, BONNETS, AND LEATHER,
No. 56 Wood street, Pittsburgh,
BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH.
My stock consists of upwards of 2500 CASES, embracing every variety and style of BOOTS, SHOES and BONNETS, purchased direct from New England manufacturers, adapted expressly for FALL and WINTER SALES, and will be sold at satisfactory prices—comparing favorably with those of Philadelphia and New York. Purchasers will please call and examine before buying. Also, NEW YORK SOLE LEATHER. [jy19

WE DIRECT the attention of our readers to the advertisement of "MORSE'S INVIGORATING CORDIAL," to be found upon the fourth page.

AMOS LELAND & CO.,
171 PEARL STREET,
NEW YORK,
MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS
IN EVERY DESCRIPTION OF
STRAW GOODS,
consisting in part of
PANAMA, LEGHORN, SEWED, BRAID,
CANTON AND PALM LEAF HATS;
English, Itallian, Swiss and Silk Bonnets;
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS,
STRAW TRIMMINGS, &c. &c.,
By the Case.
Comprising one of the largest Stocks in the City, to which the attention of Cash and Time Buyers is respectfully solicited.
N. B.—HATTERS are particularly invited to call and examine our Stock, which is suited expressly to their trade, embracing all the new and fashionable styles of hats. oc12-4md

A. H. HOLMES & BRO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
SOLID BOX VICES, SLEDGES, PICKS, MATTOCKS, CROWBARS, &c.,
TIMBER SCREW, BRIDGE BOLTS, CAR BOLTS,
WASHERS, COTTON, TOBACCO, AND HEMP SCREWS.
PITTSBURGH.
Office 25 Wood st., between 1st and 2nd.
All kinds of blacksmith work for Bridges, &c., done at the shortest notice and at the lowest prices.
All work warranted equal to any manufactured. au20

HENRY H. COLLINS,
FORWARDING AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND WHOLESALE DEALER IN
CHEESE, BUTTER, SEEDS, FISH, AND PRODUCE GENERALLY,
No. 25 Wood street, Pittsburgh.
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Indigestion and Liver Complaint CURED BY KIER'S PETROLEUM.—Read the following letter from Rev. O. Dickinson, a Missionary in Oregon:
MR. S. M. KIER—Dear Sir—Myself and wife having been greatly benefited by the use of your Petroleum, I wish to have you send me a box of two or three dozen bottles. I am the Congregational Minister in this place, and several of my people are affected with indigestion and an inaction of the liver, the same as myself. We took several bottles—two or three each—about a year and a half ago, and we have never enjoyed so good health for years as we have since that time. I had not taken a single bottle, before that fullness of the stomach which so distresses the dyspeptic was relieved, and I have felt nothing of it since that time. My wife was also relieved from a chronic disease of the liver, which she had been of several years standing, by the use of your Petroleum.
Sold by S. M. KIER, Canal Basin, GEO. H. KEYSER, 140 Wood street, and Druggists and Medicine Dealers everywhere.
[Papers advertising Petroleum will copy.] oct26

Life, Health, Vigor Secured.—Dr. Morse's Invigorating Elixir or Cordial is spreading health hope and joy among the sick, the weak, and the ailing in every section of the Union. Strange that a herb casually discovered in the deserts under the Equator, where civilization is unknown, should be destined to work a complete revolution in Medical Science. The faculty are puzzled. Where all other medicines fail, and the patient seems going down, stage by stage, to the weakness of utter helplessness, this preparation arrests the progress of debilitation at once. The trembling, nervous invalid, the victim of head-ache, neuralgia, dyspepsia, bilious disease, general debility, mental depression, or any other disorder of the organs of thought, digestion, motion, sensation or excretion, feels immediate benefit from its use, and by preserving it, fully recovers the health and the energies which belong to the best conditions of the physical and mental systems. These facts are vouched by the highest written testimony; they are patent to the experience of every human being who has given the Cordial a trial.
This Cordial is put up, highly concentrated, in pint bottles. Price $3,00 per bottle, two for $5,00, six for $12.
C. H. RING, Proprietor,
192 Broadway, New York.
Sold by Druggists throughout the United States, Canada and the West Indies.
General Agents in Pittsburgh—Geo. H. Keyser, corner Wood street and Virgin alley, and Fleming Bros., corner Wood and 4th sts. de8-lwT

NOTICE—The undersigned, Frederick Lorenz, of the firm of Lorez, Sterling & Co., and Thomas H. Stewart, of the late firm of Stewart, Lloyd & Co., have this day formed a co-partnership, under the name and style of LORENZ, STEWART & CO., for the purpose of manufacturing Iron and Nails, and have taken the Warehouse, No. 62 Water street, between Ferry and Short sts., where they have on hand an assortment of the various sizes of Iron and Nails, which they offer for sale on as accommodating terms. They respectfully solicit the patronage of the public.
FREDERICK LORENZ.
de7-dtf THOS. H. STEWART.

SECURE YOUR SHADOW!—Be wise, profit by good advice and go straightway to CARGO'S NEW GALLERY, No. 74, Fourth street, and "see yourself as others see you." Style and price to suit all.—Strangers and citizens are invited to call and examine specimens. no23

SEE HELVETIA AND LAFAYETTE GOLD Mining Company, New York column. ap15:tm

Du Pont Powder.—Every variety Rifle, Mining and Blasting Powder, in all size packages, always on hand and for sale from Magazine, in lots to suit purchasers, on favorable terms. Also, Safety Fuse.
D. W. C. BIDWELL,
Manufacturers' Agent,
no1dly 145 Frontstreet, Pittsburg

Lyon's Kathairon.—The Kathairon neutralizes the effects of Disease, Climate and old age, in Preserving and restoring the human Hair even after a Baldness of many years; cleanses the scalp from Dandruff and its natural impurities; will cure the Nervous Headache and all Eruptive Diseases of the Skin, and is the most desirable article for Curling and imparting gloss to the hair in the world. It happily unites the [illegible] of the choicest Pomades to the best French Extract, and exhales the Perfume of the most delightful flowers. No person should be without it. Price only 25 cts. in large bottles. Sold by all dealers, everywhere.
D. S. BARNES, Proprietor, 161 Broadway, N. Y.
Sold in Pittsburgh by R. E. Sellers, C. Frazer, Benj. Page Jr., Fleming Bros., and Braun & Reiter. no19-1m

Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge—Another MEDICAL WITNESS—It is no small evidence of the intrinsic value of this great Vermifuge, when even physicians, who are generally prejudiced against patent medicines, voluntarily come forward and testify to its triumphant success in expelling worms. Read the following:
HARRISONVILLE, Shelby Co., Ky., April 2, '49.
J. KIDD & Co.—I am a practising physician, residing permanently in this place. In the year 1843, when a resident of the State of Missouri, I became acquainted with the superior virtues of Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge. At some more leisure moment, I will send you the result of an experiment I made with one vial, in expelling upwards of 900 worms. L. CARTER, M. D.
Purchasers will be careful to ask for DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE, and take none else. All other Vermifuges, in comparison, are worthless. Dr. McLane's Vermifuge, also his Celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in the United States, and from the sole proprietors,
FLEMING BROTHERS,
de98 Successors to J. Kidd & Co. 60 Wood st.

Liver Disease.—Carter's Spanish Mixture, as a remedy for liver disease, and the number of formidable evils connected with a disorganized state of that organ, is unrivalled.
Hundreds of certificates, from the highest sources, of persons now living in the city of Richmond, Va., might be given of cures effected by Carter's Spanish Mixture.—We have only room to refer to the extraordinary cure of Samuel M. Drinker, Esq., of the firm of Drinker & Morris Booksellers, Richmond, Va., who was cured by 2 bottles of Carter's Spanish Mixture, after 3 years suffering from diseased liver. He says its action on the blood is wonderful, better than all the medicine he had ever taken, and cheerfully recommended it to all.
See advertisement in another column. de10-1m8

Oakland Property for Sale—This Property is situated about one half mile from the city line, fronting on Pennsylvania Avenue. It is covered with Fruit Trees of the choicest kinds, many of them in full bearing. Also an abundance of Grape, Raspberry, Currant, Gooseberry, &c., &c. There is a two story Frame House, together with convenient out houses on it. For ease of access and pleasantness of location, this property cannot be surpassed. It contains a little over 6 acres. I will sell the whole together, or divide it to suit purchasers.
THOS. J. CAMPBELL,
Oct. 8, 1853. dtf No. 119 Water street.

JOHN FLEMING ... COCHRAN FLEMING
FLEMING BROTHERS,
(SUCCESSORS TO J. KIDD & CO.)
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
No. 60 Wood street, Pittsburgh.
Proprietors of Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge Liver Pills, &c.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE RENTON IRON COMPANY of Western Pennsylvania, having become the proprietors of the Renton & Dickerson Patents for making wrought iron direct from the ore, for that portion of territory of Pennsylvania, lying west of, and including the counties of Fulton, Huntingdon, Centre, Clearfield, Elk and M'Kean, are now prepared to sell certificates of stock in said company, each share of stock entitling the holder to share in the profits of the company, and the right to use one furnace under said patent. The company will also sell the right to use the improvement in the above named territory, by single furnace or otherwise. The fact that by the Renton process, iron ore can be converted into blooms at about the cost required to convert ore into pig metal, is a sufficient recommendation of its merits.
Mr. James H. Crane has been appointed agent for the sale of rights to use furnaces under said patents, to whom application may be made, or to the undersigned Directors of the Company.
J. K. MOORHEAD, Pittsburgh,
ALLEN KRAMER, do.
JAS. W. HALLMAN, do.
W. HEWES WOOD, M'Keesport,
de12-3wifT JAMES H. CRANE, Pittsburgh.

OFFICE MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION CO., Dec. 10, 1853.
PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 3 o'clock, P. M. of Wednesday, the 25th January next for the construction of Dam No. 5; also, for the construction of Locks and Dams Nos 6 and 7, being required to extend the navigation to the Virginia State Line. Plans and specifications will be exhibited at the office one week previous to the letting; and all necessary information given by S. Lathrop, Esq., or the undersigned.
Proposals will be received for payments to be made in cash; also, for payments in stock and bonds of the company.
J. K. MOORHEAD,
de11 President of Mon. Nav. Co.

MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION COMPANY.—NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—An ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Monongahela Navigation Company will be held, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter of Incorporation, at their office on Grant street, in the city of Pittsburgh, on MONDAY, the 2d day of January, A. D. 1854, (being the 1st Monday in the month,) at 2 o'clock P. M., for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.
WM. BAKEWELL,
de12-td Secretary.

ALL WOOL PLAIDS—A. A. Mason & Co. invite attention to their stock of ALL WOOL PLAIDS selling at reduced prices. de12

WE will open in a few days our entire stock, consisting of over 3000 Woolen Shawls of every grade and style. A. A. MASON & CO, 25, 5th st.

EMBROIDERIES—Just rec'd a new and very select stock of Embroideries; French Worked Collars, Sleeves, Chimisetts, Cambric and Jaconet Edgings, &c., &c. A. A. MASON & CO., 25, 5th street.

WE have on hand and are constantly receiving the newest shapes in Ladies' Cloth Cloaks, Talmas and Fillibusters. A. A. MASON & CO.

LADIES' CLOTH CLOAKS—We have for sale a large and choice variety of Ladies' Cloth Cloaks. de12 A. A. MASON & CO., 25, 5th st.

ALWAYS on hand a large assortment of Merinos and Paramattas to which we invite the attention of the Wholesale Trade. A. A. MASON & CO.

LOST, between Kramer & Rahm's and my office, the left hand half of a $100 NOTE, No. 52, Exchange Bank, dated Dec. 1, 1851. Brokers and others are warned against receiving said half Note, as payment has been stopped. The finder will be rewarded by calling on
de12-1t B. McLAIN, No. 21 5th st.

BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS at DAVISON'S Bookstore, 65 Market street, near 4th st.—The subscriber having now opened his stock of Holiday Books, would invite attention to his large assortment of Juvenile and other Books suitable to the season.
The assortment includes Children's Books for all ages and purses; English Classics, in splendid Cabinet Binding; the most elegant editions of Pocket, Family and Pulpit Bibles; superbly illustrated, English Works, and Prayer Books and Bibles, in velvet with Gold and Silver Ornaments. That he may have the pleasure of giving greater satisfaction to friends and customers, he solicits early calls. J. S. DAVISON, 65 Market st., near 4th.

BALTIMORE OAK-TANNED SOLE LEATHER—Bonser's & Royer's in store and for sale by
de12 BARD & DE LANGE.

UPPER LEATHER, KIPS AND CALF-SKINS—A good assortment in store for sale by
de12 BARD & DE LANGE.

500 DRY HIDES rec'd for sale by
de12 BARD & DE LANGE.

20 BBLS. SMALL WHITE BEANS just rec'd and for sale. de12 T. LITTLE & CO.

25 BBLS No. 1 Gibbed Herring in store and for sale. T. LITTLE & CO.

25 SACKS DRY APPLES in store and for sale. T. LITTLE & CO.

50 BBLS CHOICE GREEN APPLES in store and for sale to close consignment. T. LITTLE & CO.

PEACHES—1000 bus. Dried Peaches just rec'd and for sale by ENGLISH & BENNETT,
de12 No. 122 2d street & 151 1st st.

DRIED APPLES—200 bus in store and for sale by BURBRIDGE & INGHAM,
de12 116 Water street.

BROOMS—50 doz. Corn Brooms just rec'd and for sale by BURBRIDGE & INGHAM.

SEAMLESS BAGS—1000 Seamless Bags just rec'd and for sale by
de12 BURBRIDGE & INGHAM.

HYDRAULIC CEMENT—100 bbls in store and for sale by BURBRIDGE & INGHAM.

COMMON CIGARS—75000 good Com. Cigars in store and for sale by
de12 BURBRIDGE & INGHAM.

FOR SALE—The subscriber offers for sale 5¼ acres of GROUND, situated in Pitt Township, about 1 mile from the Court House, on Penna. Avenue, adjoining the property of Alex. Miller. For further particulars, apply to RALPH REED,
de12-3md Penna. Avenue.

INVALUABLE COMPOSITION FOR THE HAIR.—From the Olive Branch of March 7, 1849: HYPERION FLUID—Mr. William Bogle, 228 Washington street, is the inventor of this valuable vegetable composition, which is pronounced by many who have used it, one of the greatest renovations of the kind that has ever been made use of. We have been cognizant of its beneficial effects in some instances, and our own cranium is now submitted to its influence. In addition to its cleansing and curative properties, it gives a polish and glossy appearance to the hair, and contributes an agreeable moisture, quite unlike that produced by the oils in general use, it being wholly free from such properties. We can commend the article already, and shall say yet more after further trial. Sold by L. WILCOX & CO., corner Market street and Diamond. de12

ONIONS—200 bus. superior Onions rec'd on consignment and for sale by
de12 R. W. POINDEXTER.

CODFISH—Just rec'd:
10 casks skims Codfish;
5 bbls No. 1 Salmon;
20 bbls Smoked do;
70 bbls Gibd Herring;
20 do No. 3 Mackerel;
150 bxs Burlington scaled and No. 1 smoked Herring, for sale low for cash, by JEHU HAWORTH,
de7 corner of Diamond and Diamond alley.

PEARLASH—2 tons Pearlash rec'd for sale by de7 R. ROBISON & CO.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—270 sacks just rec'd for sale by R. ROBISON & CO.

BUTTER—15 bbls fresh roll Butter;
10 kegs packed do. just rec'd for sale by
de7 R. ROBISON & CO.

Allegheny County ss.
IN the Orphans' Court in and for said County.
In the matter of the Account of William Bakewell, surviving Executor of the Estate of John McDowell, dec'd, No. 19 Dec. Term, 1852.
And now, to wit: December 3d, 1853, on motion of B. B. Campbell, the Court appoint H. B. Wilkins Auditor to audit, settle and adjust the claims of the several creditors of the said estate and to make distribution pro rata of the funds in the hands of the Executor among the creditors entitled to receive the same.
By the Court, JARED M. BRUSH, Clerk.
All persons interested take notice that I will attend to the duties of the above appointment at my office, No. 157 Fourth st., Pittsburgh, on Thursday, the 22d day of December instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. H. B. WILKINS,
de8-10td Auditor.

FEATHERS—2000 lbs. in store for sale by
de9 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

ROLL BUTTER—1 barrel Fresh Roll this day received by de7 HENRY H. COLLINS.

Steamboat Auction Sale.
THE first class powerful Steamboat, C. H. WATKINS, built at New Albany, heavily timbered, will be sold at Public Auction, on TUESDAY, December 13, at the Water Works Landing, Cincinnati.
She has 2 good engines, 10 feet stroke, 23 inch cylinder, 5 good boilers, 23 feet long, 39 inches diameter, good doctor, working 3 bilge pumps; fire security; fire engine hose; spark screens; all in good order.
The Machinery works true on firm cylinder timbers.—Her measurement is 500 tons, carries 700 tons, Hull sharp built, recently caulked. Boat thoroughly repaired Nov. 1853, with furniture complete. Now ready for running and complete for towing, and freight or passengers.
For further particulars, apply to D. C. KING,
Walnut street, corner 4th, up stairs, Cincinnati.

S. C. SODA—200 kegs, 112 lbs. each, in store and for sale by R. E. SELLERS.

ROLL BUTTER—2 bbls. fresh Roll Butter, this day rec'd by HENRY H. COLLINS.

FISH—50 bbls. large No. 3 Mackerel;
50 do small No. 3 do, just rec'd and for sale by no5 T. LITTLE & CO.

TAMARINDS—5 bags for sale by
oc18 J. SCHOONMAKER & CO.

EMBROIDERIES—Just opened at A. A. MASON & Co's, No 25 Fifth street, one of the richest and newest stocks of Embroideries ever exhibited in this city, of every style and quality. se20

PRODUCE SUNDRIES—
75 sacks Dried Peaches;
40 bbls small white beans;
20 bus Chestnuts;
5 bbls prime Roll Butter;
20 kegs No. 1 packed do;
5 bbls do. do do.
5 sacks Wool;
5 do Hops, rec'd and for sale by
SHRIVER, DILWORTH & CO.,
no23 Nos. 130 and 133, 2d st.

VERMILION—75 lbs. Chinese, for sale by
no24 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

WALL PAPER—A very large assortment, comprising every variety of French and American manufacture, for sale at the Wall Paper Warehouse, No. 55 Market st., between 3d and 4th sts, by
no23 THOS. PALMER.

Save your Money when you can.
NEARLY all the Grocers now sell Coffee at 14 cts, Orleans Sugar 7 cts, and Tea, not fit to drink at 50 cts per pound. Morris & Patton in the Diamond, sell excellent
Black or Green Teas 50 cents per pound;
Strong Rio Coffee 11 do do do;
Prime quality do 12½ do do do;
Best O. Sugar 6½ do do do;
Save your money when you can, and buy at
de20 MORRIS & PATTON'S in the Diamond.

WINDOW GLASS—500 bxs. Bellevernon brands, of all sizes, for sale by
no5 VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

VEN. RED—80 bbls. English, for sale by
B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.,
no2 corner Wood and 1st sts.

COAL BOATS—4 Coal Boats, 133, 131, 121 and 125 feet in length and 20 feet wide, each for sale by R. ROBISON & CO., 255 Liberty st.

25 BBLS prime French Currants on hand and for sale by the bbl. at Eastern prices, at
de20 MORRIS & PATTON'S, in the Diamond.

TO RETAIL GROCERS—If you want Raisins or Currants, there is not a house, wholesale or retail, in Pittsburgh, that is selling them as low as
de7 MORRIS & PATTON'S, in the Diamond.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—A pleasantly situated and well finished brick HOUSE, suitable for a small family, in the village of Sewickleyville, convenient to the Depot of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad. Apply to George H. Starr, Esq., near the premises, or to David Shields, Postmaster, Sewickley Bottom, Allegheny county.
ja27:tawtf DAVID SHIELDS.

STOLEN from the subscriber on Tuesday night, 16th inst., a Bay Horse, three years old, black legs main and tail, the main rubbed off on the top of the neck, shod all round, double reined curb bridle, plain old saddle. A reward of Forty Dollars will be paid for horse, or twenty dollars for either horse or thief.
JAMES McKELVY.

AMUSEMENTS.

All Advertisements of Concerts or Public Exhibitions, MUST BE PAID IN Advance.

GRAND CONCERT.
OLE BULL,
RESPECTFULLY announces to the citizens of Pittsburgh, that he will give, in this City, a GRAND CONCERT, shortly, on which occasion he will be assisted by SIGNORINA ADELINA PATTI, the musical phenomenon.
MAURICE STRAKOSCH, the great Pianist, Musical Director and Conductor.
For Programme and particulars, see future advertisements, and at the Ticket Office of Mr. Kleber's Music Store. no12-dtf

AUCTION SALES.

BY P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer.
Commercial Sales Rooms, corner of Fifth and Wood streets.

30 M. HAVANA CIGARS, TEAS, MOLASSES, FISH, AC, AT AUCTION—On Monday afternoon, Dec. 12, at 2 o'clock, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, corner Wood and 5th sts, will be sold, 30 M. choice imported Cigars, comprising Regalias, Londres, Havana, Principe, Cheroots, &c., of the best brands; 13 half chests and catties of Y. H., Imperial and Black Teas; 4 Drums Codfish; 6 bbls Syrup Molasses; 3 bbls N. O. Sugar; 20 bxs Ground Mustard; Tobacco, Soap, Window Glass, &c. P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

NURSERIES, &C.

Fruit Trees and Shrubbery.
THE subscriber offers for sale, a choice assortment of strong, vigorous PEAR TREES, both dwarfs and standards, some of a bearing size; New Jersey Peaches, Plums, Cherries, Apricots, Gooseberrys, Currants, Raspberrys, and other Fruits; Evergreens, Hyacinths, Tulips and Crocus Roots for blooming in Winter and Spring; Implements for the Farm and Garden, of most approved construction, from the Seed and Implement Warehouse, 49, 5th st.
no15 JAMES WARDROP.

PEAR TREES—1000 extra fine Trees, dwarf and standard of new and superior varieties, just received and for sale at the Oakland Nursery. [no24d&w] JOHN MURDOCH, Jr.

MURPHY & BURCHFIELD have an assortment of Ladies' Cloaking Cloths; also "Vienna" Cloths for Cloaks and Talmas; French Merinos, of choice colors; Wool Long Shawls, low priced and fine Cashmere; French Plaids; Plaid Mous de Laines; Sacking Flannels; Genuine Welch Flannels, Printed Flannels, for Children's wear, and a full supply of Winter Good generally. de10

HUSBAND'S CALCINED MAGNESIA—Is represented in the Twentieth Report of the Franklin Institute, Pennsylvania, to be the best in the United States.
Four First Premium Silver Medals have been awarded for it by the Franklin Institute, Pennsylvania, by the American Institute New York, by the Maryland Institute, and by the Massachusetts Mechanic Association.
The Certificates of many of the most eminent Physicians of Philadelphia and other places, recommended it as being equal to the genuine Henry's Magnesia.
It is free from unpleasant taste, and three times the strength of the common Calcined Magnesia.
Manufactured and for sale by Thomas J. Husband, Glen Chemical Works, Philadelphia. For sale by Ogden & Snowden, Pittsburgh, Lee A. Beckham, Allegheny, and druggists generally in Pittsburgh. nol4d3aw3m

COURT PLASTER—50 gross superior article, in store and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

500 LBS. PRUSSIATE POTASH in store and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

TANNERS' OIL—50 bbls. for sale by
de9 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

SHEEP SKINS—50 doz. English Split for sale by de9 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

SWAIM'S PANACEA—18 doz. for sale by de9 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

SEIDLITZ MIXTURE—1000 lbs. for sale by de9 B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

CRUDE SALT PETRE—80 bags in store and for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

FAMILY FLOUR—65 bbls. Extra Family Flour, Lowell Mills, just rec'd for sale by
no29 RHEY, MATTHEWS & CO.

PROPOSALS for a Telescopic Gas Holder, with Suspension Frame, will be received by the Company, at its Office, until 1st February, 1854. The Gas Holder to be of the following dimensions, viz: The upper, or inner part 138 feet 10 inches diameter, by 25 deep at the sides, and the lower, or outer part 140 feet diameter, [illegible]
Bids 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.
no24:d1waft2awdis EDWARD STAGG, Secy.

Baldness Cured.—The following is from Sumner E. Barrett, Saratoga st., East Boston:
EAST BOSTON, Feb., 8, 1847.
MR. WILLIAM BOGLE—Dear Sir—For several years past my wife has been troubled with baldness on the crown of the head, about six or seven inches in circumference. After the advice of friends, she was induced to use your Hyperion as a wash, for the purpose of restoring her lost hair, and I am happy to say that its effect has been to cause the hair to grow all over the part affected. She has used only two bottles, and that very irregularly; had she used it oftener and more regular, I am convinced that the growth of the hair would have been accelerated.
I am, sir, yours respectfully,
SUMNER E. BARRETT.
Sold by L. WILCOX & CO., No. 84 Market street, corner of Diamond. de10

NOTICE—An election for President, six Managers and one Treasurer, to serve for the ensuing year, as officers of the Upper St. Clair and Coal Hill Turnpike and Plank Road Company will be held at the house of James Espy, Jr., Esq., on the 1st Tuesday (3d day of January, A. D. 1854, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 P. M. of said day. JOHN GILFILLAN, Tres. of Co.
de10 Washington Reporter copy and charge Tres. of Co.

N. O. SUGAR—12 hhds. new crop rec'd on consignment, and for sale by
de9 HARDY, JONES & CO., 80 & 81, Water st.

95 BALES MISSOURI HEMP, rec'd per Steamer New York, and for sale by
de8-3t ALEXANDER GORDON, No. 124 Front st.

200 GALS. SWEET OIL just rec'd and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

20 LBS. CREOSOTE, pure, in store and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

150 LBS. JAMACA GINGER just rec'd for sale by FLEMING BROS.

10 BBLS. CAMWOOD in store and for sale by de5 FLEMING BROS.

75 BBLS. CAMPEACHY LOGWOOD in store and for sale by FLEMING BROTHERS.

20 BBLS. CUBA FUSTIC in store and for sale by de9 FLEMING BROS.

10 BBLS. SPANISH BROWN in store and for sale by d9 FLEMING BROS.

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.—It is in contemplation to organize, in this city, a GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH, in which the services will be conducted in the English Language. Rev. H. HARBAUGH, of Lancaster, Pa. is now in the city taking the preparatory steps. On MONDAY evening next, there will be a Meeting of all who feel an interest in the organization of this Church, in the Lecture Room of Rev. Mr. Paxsavant's Church. All who feel an interest in such a Church are earnestly invited to attend.

A LOT OF GROUND, fronting on Bedford st., 22½ feet, and extending back 123 feet to a 20 foot alley, on which is erected two Brick tenements with 4 rooms each, garden, etc., located in a rapidly improving part of the city—is offered for $1,200; or will be exchanged for Land Warrants. Apply to B. M'LAIN,
de10 21, 5th street.

CONGRESS WATER—A fresh supply, in quart and pint bottles, just rec'd and for sale by
de10 L. WILCOX & Co., No. 84 Market st.

BARRY'S TRICOPHEROUS—1 gross just rec'd and for sale by L. WILCOX & CO.
de10 No. 84 Market st.

SCHEIDAM AROMATIC SCHNAPPS, in quart and pint bottles, for sale by
L. WILCOX & CO., No. 84 Market st.

FINE SPONGE—Extra Mediterranean Sponge, large and small pieces, for sale by
de10 L. WILCOX & CO.

WHITE LEAD, Red Lead, Litharge, Linseed Oil, Spts. Turpentine; also, a full assortment of Paints, for sale by L. WILCOX & CO.

GOTHIC CHIMNEY TOPS—180 Various patterns for sale by d-7 HENRY H. COLLINS.

CHEESE—500 Boxes Prime W. R. Cheese for sale by de7 HENRY H. COLLINS.

BEESWAX—For sale by
de7 HENRY H. COLLINS.

APPLES—64 Barrels Pippins, Spitzenburg's, Lady Washington, &c., receiving by R. R. by de7 HENRY H. COLLINS.

THE PROPOSED ACT,
As Reported by the Committee to Devise Ways and Means to Provide for the Payment of the City Debt.

BE IT ENACTED, &c.

SEC. I. That the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh be, and are hereby authorised and empowered by Ordinance to cause to be graded, paved or macadamised, any public street, lane, alley or sidewalk, or parts thereof, which are now or may hereafter be laid out and opened in the said city, and have the same set with curb stones: And that said Councils are hereby authorized and empowered by Ordinance, to provide for the levy and collection of the cost and expense of the same, from the owners of the property bounding and abutting thereon, by an equal assessment on the feet front, bounding or abutting, as aforesaid.

SEC. II. That the said Councils be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered by Ordinance, to provide for the appointment by ballot, in joint meeting, to be held within thirty days after the passage of this Act, of three competent citizens, as "City Appraisers," whose duty it shall be, after having been duly sworn, to value and appraise the paving, macadamising, and preparing for paving of all streets, lanes and alleys in said city, the cost of which has been paid or assumed by said city: which said paving or macadamising shall be valued according to its actual condition at the time of said valuation and appraisement, and which preparation for paving shall in no case be valued at more than fifty cents per superficial yard—And the said City Appraisers shall, within [illegible] months after their appointment, file in the office of the City Regulator, a properly authenticated statement of the valuation of such paving, and preparation for paving, distinguishing the value of every square on the said streets, lanes or alleys. The further duties of said City Appraisers, and their compensation, to be provided for by the said Councils, by Ordinance; and the appraisement and valuation shall be final, and without appeal. And the said Councils are hereby empowered and directed to provide for the assessment, levy and collection of the total amount of such appraisement from the owners of the property situate on said streets, lanes, or alleys, or squares thereof, and abounding or abutting thereon, in proportion to the distance, in feet, which said property may bound, or abut, as aforesaid. *Provided*, That said assessment shall be payable in four annual instalments.

SEC. III. That the money arising from, and collected under the 2d Section of this Act, shall be applied to the "Sinking Fund" heretofore established by the Act of Assembly of 6th May, 1850, entitled "An Act to limit the indebtedness, and [illegible] and shall be applied to the same purpose, and held under the same restrictions as the said "Sinking Fund" is by said Act required to be [illegible]

SEC. IV. That the term owner or owners, used in this Act, is hereby declared to mean any person or persons, or bodies corporate, who may own or claim the property to be effected by such improvements and assessments mentioned or intended in the 1st and 2d Section of this Act, for any assessment, not less than twenty years from the date thereof, and all taxes and assessments levied by virtue of this Act may be collected as City Taxes are now by law collected, and shall be a lien upon the property upon which they may be levied and assessed, which lien shall be filed by the City Solicitor, in the Prothonotary's Office of Allegheny County, in a book kept for that purpose, in default of the payment of any tax or assessment levied under the provisions of this Act, for a period of 3 months after notice and demand made therefor, the same may be recovered, together with all costs and expenses of suit, by writ of "*Scire Facias*," in the name of the Commonwealth for use of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Pittsburgh, as debts secured by mortgage are now by law recoverable.

SEC. V. That so much of the 5th Section of the Act of Assembly of 6th May, 1850, entitled "An Act to limit the indebtedness, and to provide for the gradual and certain extinguishment of the debt of the City of Pittsburgh," as authorize an improvement tax to be levied, and so much of any other Act or Acts of Assembly as is hereby altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of your Committee propose, in lieu of the 2d Section of the Act hereto annexed, the following Section: That the said Councils be, and they are hereby authorized to levy and collect, as taxes are now collected, on all property and persons now liable to be assessed for taxes, a tax not exceeding one mill on the dollar on the assessment of said property or persons, and the money arising from this tax shall be applied to the sinking fund heretofore established by law and be appropriated for the same purpose and object, and under the same restrictions as the said fund is now required to be: *Provided*, That the said tax herein mentioned shall not be levied or collected for the space of ten years from the date hereof, from any real estate bounding or abutting upon any street, lane or alley, or parts thereof, which may not have been at any time graded or paved out of any general or improvement fund. de12