# HOME MATTERS.

The following is the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the propriety of repealing the amendatory sections of the District Law, which was read and accepted in both Councils on Monday night:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of enquiring into the propriety of petitioning the Legislature to pass an Act repealing the several acts amendatory of the district-law as originally passed:

Beg leave to report, that the provisions of the several amendatory acts now in force, are of such a nature as to render it utterly impossible to open many of the streets in the said district—The improvement and prosperity of the city is very much retarded thereby.

The Act of the 16th June, 1836, provided for the payment of the damages out of the County Treasury. This will not be complained of, when it is known that the City of Pittsburgh pays more County Tax than the 31 Townships of the County, and, if we take into consideration the manner in which the property of this City and County is assessed, the City pays fully three-fourths of the County Tax; the former being assessed at two-thirds of its value, and the latter at about one-fifth, and in many instances at one tenth and one twentieth of its value.

The Road Views, Damages and Bridge building in the County, is paid out of the County Treasury, which we do not complain of, but think that the streets of the city have the same right. Every improvement in the city tends directly to enhance the value of property of the county.

We herewith submit a statement from the books of the County Commissioners for the year 1852, and also a statement of the cost of Road Views, Damages and Bridge building in the county for the last 6 years:

County Tax assessed for the year 1852:

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| Pittsburgh, 9 Wards | $36,236 51 |
| Allegheny, 5 do | 12,176 66 |
| Boroughs, 21 | 9,190 03 |
| Townships, 31 | 31,994 68 |
| Whole County Tax | $88,597 19 |
| Excess of City over Township | 4,242 43 |

Road Views, Damages, &c.:

| Year. | Road Views. | Road Damages. | Bridge Building. |
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| 1848. | $65 00 | $ 50 00 | $ 50 00 |
| 1849. | 726 87 | 780 10 | 863 68 |
| 1850. | 1,175 50 | 2,190 00 | 847 65 |
| 1851. | 1,459 74 | 819 00 | 785 50 |
| 1852. | 453 00 | 472 00 | 1,243 26 |
| 1853. | 853 00 | 858 00 | 2,291 00 |
| | $5,853 12 | $5,069 00 | $12,190 11 |
| | | | 5,050 03 |
| | | | 3,853 12 |
| Whole amount | | | $21,973 31 |

Your Committee therefore recommend the Councils to pass a resolution petitioning the Legislature to repeal all laws incompatible with the original Act of June, 1836, and that the City Solicitor be directed to prepare an act for that purpose, to be sent to the Legislature by the Clerks of Councils, with the request that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. MILLER,
B. F. SMITH,
P. DUNN,
ANDREW SCOTT.

The following resolution accompanied the report

*Resolved*, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to prepare an act of Assembly, which shall repeal all laws inconsistent with the city district law of 1836, and that the clerks of Councils be and they are hereby authorized to forward the same to our members at Harrisburg, with the request that they use all honorable means to have it enacted into a law.

THIRD WARD, ALLEGHENY.—The Whigs of the Third Ward, Allegheny, on Saturday last, put in in nomination the following officers:

Select Council—William Wilson.
Common Council—David S. Smith, James Miller, William Owens, N. Binden.
School Directors—James S. Graham, Wm. Walker.
Assessor—A. G. Alexander.
Judge—William Murdoch.
Inspector—Wm. Brown.
Constable—W. Sivan.

The Democratic City Convention met yesterday morning in the Common Council chamber, Jacob M'Cullister in the chair.

James C. Pettigrew was unanimously nominated the Democratic candidate for the Mayoralty.

Resolutions highly commendatory of Mr. Pettigrew, were prepared, read and adopted unanimously.

An executive committee for the ensuing year was appointed, when the convention adjourned *sine die*.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before the Hon Judge M'Clure and Associates.

Judge M'Clure charged the jury in the Barr libel case yesterday morning. The jury came into court during the afternoon with a verdict of not guilty—the costs to be paid in equal shares by the prosecutor and defendant. They were sent back by his Honor and after a lengthy absence, they acquitted the defendant; the costs to be paid by the county.

Commonwealth vs. James Torrence; indictment, Adultery, on the oath of Mary Jane Wilson.

Finnigin and Hampton for the prosecutor; Alden and Arthurs for defendant.

On trial.

THE LECTURE THIS EVENING.—Mr. E. G. Pomeroy will lecture at Masonic Hall, on this (Thursday) evening, on Metallurgy. Mr. Pomeroy is a practical chemist and worker in metals, and has been since his boyhood. A portion of his lecture will be devoted to the recently introduced process of "Renton," for making blooms directly from the ore; also on the manufacture of steel and of alloys, and the separation of silver from copper.

In this iron age, and in this iron city, and where there are so many iron workers, we anticipate a crowded house. Come all you workers in iron, the information communicated will be useful to you, and will enable you to give a practical answer to the questions daily asked.

Mr. Pomeroy is the inventor of the process of coppering iron.

FIRE AT MCKEESPORT.—A fire broke out about four o'clock on Tuesday morning in the Brewery establishment of Frederick Walker, in McKeesport, consuming the whole establishment. His dwelling house and that of Mr. Nicholls was burned also. Total loss about twenty five hundred dollars. No insurance on the brewery, but the dwelling houses were insured to the amount of sixteen hundred dollars.—The fire was supposed to have originated from the furnace.

RIOT.—A riot occurred on Tuesday evening at Fort Green House, (Hell Coyle) Penn street, near Irwin street, at Neil Coyle's. It appears a number of Irwin street rats, as they are called, took offence at some cooloatsmen congregated in Coyle's, and commenced pelting the house with brickbats and stones as well as bullets.

The house was almost riddled by the missiles thrown, and the remaining houses were much injured. The boatmen rushed out and scattered the rowdies. The affray took place between 9 and 10 o'clock. No arrests have been made as yet.

BIGAMY.—Michael Tirins was committed to jail by Alderman Lewis yesterday on a charge of bigamy, preferred against him by Alice Dorsey. The prosecutrix deposed that the defendant married her sister in Pottsville, Pa., some years ago. In 1850, he deserted his wife, the latter not being able to find him until about a week ago, when she and the prosecutrix visited this city. They discovered him married again and keeping house. The defendant was unable to give bail.

CONNELLSVILLE RAILROAD.—Large meetings have been held within a few days past at Pollock's mills, Library, Finleyville, Mingo Creek, and Monongahela City, in favor of the construction of the Connellsville Railroad along the Saw Mill Run and Monongahela City route. Large amounts have been subscribed to the road, conditionally.

PRESIDENT.—R. BIDDLE ROBERTS, Esq., District Attorney, was on Tuesday night unanimously elected First Lieutenant of the Duquesne Grays.

ALLEGHENY CONVENTION.—The Allegheny Democratic City Convention met on Tuesday night, and nominated on the fourth ballot, Mr. J. H Sawyer, of the 1st Ward, as their candidate for the Mayoralty.

DISTRICT COURT.—The argument list occupied the entire day, yesterday.


## Carpetings.

PURCHASERS OF CARPETINGS are reminded that we have an unusually large Stock on hand, embracing a very large assortment, from the *Lowest to the Highest Grades*, which we offer at all times at the lowest cash prices.
R. ROBINSON & CO.,
fit3t. opposite the Theatre.

PRODUCE SUNDRIES.—
50 bbls Small White Beans;
40 kegs prime Butter;
10 bbls fresh roll do;
10 do No. 1 Lard, rec'd and for sale by
SHRIVER, DILWORTH & CO.
No 120, and 122, 2d st.

BUTTER—5 bbls, prime Roll Butter for sale by
VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

ZINC WASH BOARDS—50 doz. Zinc Wash Boards for sale by
VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

CHEESE! CHEESE—30 bxs Cheese for sale by
VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

COLD WEATHER GOODS—Murphy & Burchard have rec'd
Homemade Flannels, (white, brown and barred);
Super Ivory Economy made do;
Genuine White Flannels;
Bachelor Flannels, mixed, black and fancy colors;
Blankets of all sizes;
Heavy Cotton Flannels;
Winter Gloves, Hosiery, Comforts, Under Garments &c.

REFINED SUGAR—1600 bbls Powdered, Crushed, Small Loaf and Clarified in store, and for sale by
JAMES A. RITCHISON & CO.,
d27 Agts St. Louis Sugar Refinery.


# BY TELEGRAPH.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON Dec 28.

HOUSE.—The funeral of Hon. Brookins Campbell took place to day from the Hall of Representatives. The corpse was brought in and deposited in the area by the pall-bearers, and in charge of the Committee of Arrangements. The Senate, President of the United States, and Cabinet, and Supreme Court, entered and took their seats near the bier, the members of the House standing meanwhile. A large number of spectators were in the galleries.

The Rev. Mr. Silcer, the Senate Chaplain, read the 90th Psalm, and part of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and delivered a prayer.

The Rev. Mr. Milburn, House Chaplain, delivered an appropriate address.

The corpse was then escorted to the southern boat, by which it was taken, *en route* for the home of the deceased.

After returning, the House adjourned until Saturday.

SENATE.—Immediately after returning from the funeral of the Hon. Brookins Campbell, the Senate adjourned.

## THE ERIE RIOT.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.

The riot at Erie yesterday was more serious than at first reported. Several Railroad men were shockingly beaten. An attempt was made by the mob to hang Dennis, the Superintendant. One rioter was shot, but not killed. The company refuse to run beyond the State line. There is great excitement here, and it is feared that unless Government interferes, there will be a movement among the people of this part of New York, and terrible disasters will follow.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—The German Association engaged in the riot on Sunday evening last, assert that they had no intention of doing more than burning Bedini's effigy.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—The Winfield Scott struck on Anacha Island at midnight on the 24. The passengers were very little alarmed, and all were safely removed, suffering trifling losses. Two steamers were immediately despatched to their relief. The Scott was fast going to pieces.

The latest accounts reported the mails as lost.

Texas dates to the 23d are received. The Pacific Railroad bill passed the House by a large majority.

The Black Warrior sailed on Saturday.

CINCINNATI, Dec 28.—The weather is colder but cloudy. Flour—Sales at $5,50@5,60, but closed heavy. Whiskey at 20@20¼, but closed very dull; no buyers at inside rates. Hogs quite active to day; sales of 6000 at $4,40@4 60; closing very firm at latter, with holders asking further advance. Sales 200,000 lbs shoulders and sides in dry salt at 4¼ for former and 5¼ for latter; both to arrive.

## COMMERCIAL.

### PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, Thursday Morning, December 29, 1853.

FLOUR—the demand was animated, and prices took an advance of 25 cents on previous quotations. The offerings from wagon were about 75 bbls., which sold at $5 12@5 25, and that may be considered as the ruling rate; sales in addition, of 113 bbls., in warehouse at Canal, mixed brands, at $5,50@$5,00, and 100 bbls. Pearl mill, on Tuesday, at $6,00@$6,12; this brand was held yesterday at $6,12@$6,25; sales from store of 200 bbls, by the dray load, at $5,25 @$5,37, for superfine and extra.

OATS—In steady demand at former rates; sales of 500 bus. on arrival, at 40@41.

BARLEY—a sale from first hand of 114 bus at 65.

SALT—in regular demand; sales of 105 and 170 bbls, from first hands at $2.00@$2.12 for No. 1 and extra.

WHISKEY—is going off in small lots at former rates—26@27; sales of 51 and 10 bbls, at those figures.

HAY—sales at scales of 24 bales at $19@$14 ⅌ ton; the inquiry was active

LUMBER—there is a fair demand for Lumber at $12,50 @$13,00 for common pine, and $25 for clear; Poplar, $26 @$30; halfin b do. $12@$13; Cherry, green, $30.

COAL—sales of 1000 bus. in the ear, at 55.

COFFEE—sales to country of 5 bags at 12.

BRICK—sales of 7000 Bolivar at $25@$40.

The stage of water last night was 4 feet 5 inches, and falling; there were no arrivals and no departures, but the Exchange, for Wheeling.

### MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

The total value of the foreign exports from Baltimore last week, was $231 858. Among the principal articles exported were 27,083 bbls. Flour, 1,850 bbls. Corn Meal, 27,407 bus. Wheat, 1,450 bus. Corn, and 152 hhds. Tobacco.

PORK.—The pork trade has been brisker this week; large numbers of hogs have come in, and are still coming. The price at present for wagon hogs is $3,50 to $3,75, good to prime heavy $4,00. It is reported that 20,000 have been packed here up to this time.—*Terre Haute Courier.*

### IMPORTS BY RIVER.

CIN., by Oakland—18 hxs soap 1 bbl 1 oil G Swindler 1 bbl tallow 1 do oil 1 do 2 do 1 do 1 do 1