HOME MATTERS.

RIVER NEWS.—The river was rising rapidly all day yesterday, and in the evening showed a channel depth of nine feet. The rain on Saturday night was very heavy.

There were no less than four boats from New Orleans unloading at the wharf yesterday: the Keystone, Ambassador, Granite State and Crescent City.

The Crescent City is a new boat, and engaged in the towing of coal barges between this city and New Orleans. She started from Louisville on her downward trip, as we learn, at the same time as the Southerner and Sultana, and beat them into port two days. They left each one barge in tow, and she had two. But then they were only Louisville boats, and could not be expected to compete with a Pittsburgh boat.

The South American, Capt. Greenlee, from this port, arrived at New Orleans on the 25th.

The Dan Convers and Adena are reported from the Muskingum yesterday, both with full loads.—The Adelia will return to-day.

The Pennsylvania, having got aground on Merriman, was not able to get up to the wharf until Sunday. She had 500 tons of freight on board.

The Messenger and Allegheny both arrived from Cincinnati since Saturday. The latter had a very fine cargo. She is the regular Cincinnati packet for to-day, and will leave at 2 P. M. Passengers will find her a very desirable boat.

The Messenger No. 2, we learn, has been sold to a St. Louis company, to go into the Keokuk trade. She brought $10,000.

The Winchester, for Wheeling, and the Forest City, for Steubenville, leave at ten this morning.

THE RIVERS.—The river is at a stand, with six feet in the channel to Wheeling. The Pittsburgh is open to Peoria, and no further up. The Marietta No. 2, the last boat in from that river, came down from Beardstown yesterday, and found 3 feet scant on the bars. We have nothing new from the Upper Mississippi or Missouri. The Cumberland river is in navigable order for small boats, there being five feet water in the channel. —*St. Louis Republican, 25th.*

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton.

Nathan Floyd vs. W. W. Wallace. Assumpsit for wages earned by plaintiff, a book keeper at defendants' furnace. Penny & Sterrett for, plaintiff; no defence. Verdict for plaintiff for $650.

Oliver Evans vs. Michael Deavo. Action of covenant, on an agreement, binding defendant to pay plaintiff $2000, on consideration that plaintiff would, for $500, convey to one Gilpin, a lot of land in M'Keesport, on which Gilpin would erect a rolling mill; the lot being really worth $2500, plaintiff alleging that defendant and others who signed the agreement were willing to pay this amount to secure the establishment of a rolling mill, anticipating therefrom an advance in the value of the property.

The defendant admitted the execution of the agreement, but alleged that it was signed under the following circumstances: that Evans had agreed to convey the lot to Gilpin for $500, but his wife refused to sign the deed, unless Gilpin would give $2500 for the lot; this Gilpin agreed to do, and the bargain was about to fall through when Evans procured the defendant and several of his neighbors to sign the bond in question, so that Evans could show it to his wife, and thus by deceiving her secure the execution of the deed to Gilpin, and that Evans solemnly promised that he would never enforce payment of the bond, but would surrender it to defendant immediately upon the execution of the deed to Gilpin, by Evans, and that by this arrangement, Mrs. Evans was induced to execute the deed, when plaintiff instead of surrendering the bond, brought suit on it. Williams for plaintiff, and Shaler for defendant. On trial.

Before Judge Williams.

Thomas Edmundson vs. Levi Edmundson and others. Action of ejectment for about three hundred acres of valuable coal land in Elizabeth township, near M'Keesport. Howard and A. W. Loomis for plaintiff. Hepburn, Stanton and Plumsteadter for defendants. The case was tried about a year ago and occupied nearly a week, and it bids fair to consume as much time at present.

COUNCILS.—At the regular meeting of Councils last evening the Finance Committee reported the revenue of the city below the cost of the government. An ordinance accompanied the bill, making the appropriation of $128,000 for the present year. The report and ordinance were adopted.

The Councils went into an election for Tax Collectors, which resulted as follows:

First Ward, Caleb Russell; 2nd Ward, John Green; 3rd Ward, Charles W. Lewis; 4th Ward, Richard Hope; 5th Ward, John Lowry; 6th Ward, Hugh M. Philips; 7th Ward, Wm. Wilson; 8th Ward, Wm. Griffin; 9th Ward, Hugh Hammond.

Some other business was transacted, a full report of which will be given to-morrow in our official proceedings.

DUPED.—Six or eight of the Jewish clothier dealers, on Liberty street, were duped last week, in a very effectual manner. They have the custom of setting on a passer-by who may chance to have the appearance of a countryman, and almost dragging him into the store, in order to make him buy. One day last week, a man was seized on this manner, and pulled into the shop, and entreated to make a purchase. He selected an entire suit of clothes, and ordered them to be sent to the St. Clair Hotel at 12 o'clock.

He was seized on in like manner by six or eight others, after he left the first shop, and in each purchased suits of clothes, leaving the same directions. Punctual to the hour, the clerks of the various stores proceeded to the Hotel with the bundles and bills, but very much surprised, on application to the clerk of the Hotel that no such man was stopping there, and that they were consequently duped.

Remember the great sale of country seats which comes off to-day at the "Cross Bottom Farm," 4 of an hours ride from the city, on the Ohio and Penna. Railroad. Great bargains will be offered. Those wishing to secure a splendid country seat, or garden plot will consult their interest to be in attendance. Cars leave the station at 10 o'clock. Suitable refreshments will be served up to all in attendance.

LARCENY.—Edmund Kay was arrested and held to bail by Mayor Volz, yesterday, on a charge of feloniously appropriating a $50 bill, the property of Benj. Trimble, the proprietor of the American House.

HANDSOME TESTIMONIAL.—The employees of the Western Divisions of the Central Railroad, presented Mr. Thomas A. Scott, the efficient Superintendent of the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, on the 22d, with a very handsome silver pitcher and goblet "in token of their confidence and esteem." The articles are very costly, and finished in the highest style. They are now in the window of Alexander Richardson, Jeweller, Market street.

Our lady readers will find at Mr. M'Clurg's a superior preparation for cleaning kid gloves, removing grease spots, &c. See advertisement.

ARRESTED.—A man named John Kennedy was committed for hearing before the Mayor yesterday morning, on a charge of the larceny of a coat, on oath of Wm. G. M'Cartney.

COMMITED.—Mayor Adams, of Allegheny, committed a man man named Wm. Reynolds to jail, yesterday for stealing copper from John Herbert, of that city.

THE JAIL.—There are at present one hundred and thirty prisoners in the county jail, of whom only four are at present sick.

The jail is now in excellent order, owing to the exertions of Jailer Crawford.

OBSTRUCTING THE STREETS.—We refer our readers to the ordinance relative to the obstruction of the streets, published by Mayor Volz, in another column. All violations of the ordinance will hereafter be prosecuted, as none can plead ignorance of the law.

ENTRY.—The watch-house did not contain a single inmate yesterday morning.

ARREST FOR DESERTION.—Ann Elizabeth Boozer made application before Alderman Campbell, yesterday afternoon, for a warrant for the arrest of her husband, Daniel Boozer, on the ground of desertion.

COMMON PLEAS.—The Court of Common Pleas was in session yesterday for argument. Several motions for new trials in cases tried at the last term of the criminal Court will be argued during the week.

SENTENCED.—Judge M'Clure yesterday sentenced a man named Patrick Donin to pay the cost of a suit of which he was a party. In default he was sent to jail.

Ann Matthews, convicted of keeping a bawdy house, was sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of five months in the jail, and pay a fine of $20.

2000 BOXES WINDOW GLASS, assorted sizes, for sale by JACOB FORSYTH, Jr., 58 Water st.

CLOVER SEED—75 bbls. prime for sale by JOHN WATT & CO.

DRIED PEACHES—100 sacks for sale by JOHN WATT & CO.

RIO COFFEE—231 bags prime Green Rio, to arrive by P. R. R. for sale by W.M. BAGALEY & CO.

SUNDRIES—200 bbls. N. C. Tar;
200 do Soap Makers' Rosin;
20 do Cut and Dry Tobacco;
250 bxs. Satin, 6x12 and 10x12 Glass,
for sale by JOHN WATT & CO., 208 Liberty st.

NAILS—600 kegs assd sizes on hand and for sale by JOHN WATT & CO.

MOSS—25 bales just received for sale by SPRINGER HARBAUGH & CO.

DRIED APPLES—20 sacks just rec'd and for sale by WM. BAGALEY & CO.

APPLES—20 bbls. different varieties prime Green Apples to arrive for sale by

CLOVER SEED—100 bus. for sale by

TIMOTHY SEED—100 bus. for sale by

OIL—500 bbls. Rock Oil, for sale by

YARN—500 lbs. White and colored, for sale by

COLE PLANING SHEARS—A very fine article, for sale by

GIN—50 bbls. Rum and 5 do. Brandy, for sale by

A. MASON & CO.

BLANKETS—A small lot of Gray and Red, for sale by

FLANNELS—A small lot of Gray and Red, for sale by

COFFEE—100 bags prime Rio, for sale by

HARPER'S MAGAZINE—A few sets of this valuable work, for sale by

WANTED—2 large COAL FLATS, from Monongahela to Cincinnati, for which a liberal price will be paid. Apply to

50 DOZ. PINK LININGS just received and for sale by

A FINE assortment of Parasols and Sunshades, for sale by

40 DOZ. MOROCCO, assorted, just received and for sale by

SALERATUS—100 bbls. for sale by

DRIED APPLES—20 sacks just received and for sale by

FISH—Shad, Salmon, and Lake Trout, for sale by

BUTTER—20 kegs prime for sale by

CHEESE—20 bxs. prime dairy, just received and for sale by

INDIA RUBBER WEBBING, of the assorted sizes and colors for sale by

CINCINNATI SOAP—75 bxs. City, Pulling and other sorts for sale by

CURLED HAIR—25 bags just received and for sale by

SALERATUS—50 casks Adams' for sale by

CHROME GREEN—15 casks for sale by

PIG IRON—100 tons Laurel Hill Furnace, for sale by

WILMINGTON TAR—25 bbls. in store and for sale by

SALERATUS—10 bbls. pure in store and for sale by

TO RENT—A new and well finished Brick Dwelling, containing 7 rooms, situated on the Lawren order. Apply to JOHNSON BLAKELY, on the premises.

ROLL BUTTER—10 firkins, fresh received per for sale by

POTATOES—100 bus. for sale by

SUGAR—25 hhds. new crop just rec'd, per steamer Hartford, for sale by

DRIED PEARS for sale by

PARED PEACHES for sale at

PRIME N. J. DRIED PEACHES for sale at

SUGAR—5 hhds. N. O. to arrive per steamer for sale by

BUTTER—10 bbls. prime Roll for sale by

BEANS—10 bbls. small White Beans for sale by

PIG IRON—A small lot of Allegheny for sale from the wharf

WHITE BEANS—25 bus. received per steamer Hartford and for sale by

SILKS! SILKS!—Plain and Fancy Silks, at the most fashionable styles, per last steamer from New York.

TAYLOR'S VEST BINDING—Store and for sale by

MEN'S CLOTHING, Boys' Clothing, Tailors' Trimmings, &c. Clothing manufactured to order at short notice, and at reasonable prices.

50 TONS Otis's Fire-Proof Mineral Paint, for sale by

15 KEGS nice Dairy Butter just rec'd and for sale by

PRODUCE—500 bus. Dried Peaches;
100 do Apples;
20 bbls No. 1 Lard;
10 bbls Roll Butter;
10 do packed do;
18 do Cranberries, and rec'd this day and for sale by

LARD AND BEANS—3 bbls. No. 1 Lard;
3 do small White Beans,
to arrive by P. R. R. for sale by

ROLL BUTTER—2 bbls. fresh this day rec'd and for sale by

LARD—30 kgs. and 6 bbls. No. 1 Lard for sale by

PACKED BUTTER—15 kgs. and 6 bbls. packed Butter for sale by

POTATOES—30 bbls rec'd and for sale by

RICE—20 tierces prime in store and for sale by

TOBACCO—75 kgs. 5s and 8s, best brand, in store and for sale by

WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY—A large supply of this celebrated medicine received by

Successor to L. WILSON & CO.
Cor. Market and Diamond

GO TO CHESTER, for Clothing, 71 Wood street.

ORANGE ORANGE SEED—a bbls. just received and for sale by

Wood street Property for Sale.

FOR SALE.—The subscriber, wishing to close affairs for sale on easy terms, two new three story brick dwellings in which he resides, No. 28 Penn st., containing 12 good rooms, besides a square yard and large stable in rear; besides the hall. The lot is 20 feet on Penn street, extending back 124 feet to a 4 feet alley. Also, the west half of which he resides, having a two story brick stable and carriage house, and all other necessary conveniences. Time of payments extended to 1, 2 and 3 years, if required. Possession given on the 1st of April, 1854, or sooner, so as may suit the purchaser. Title unquestionable. For further particulars apply to

JOHN M'CAVERN, M. D.

DRESS PLAIDS—A. A. Mason & Co., No. 25, 5th st., are now closing out their fine stock of Plaids at greatly reduced prices

PLAID SILKS—We have a good stock of Plaid Silks, all selling at a large reduction from usual prices. A. A. MASON & CO., No. 25, 5th st.

NAILS—100 kgs. Oliphant's Jamieth in store for sale by W.M. BAGALEY & CO.

SOLID PACKED BUTTER in bbls. and kegs for sale by K. DALZELL & CO.

CRACKERS AND LARD—40 bbls. Crackers and 20 bbls. Lard rec'd and for sale by

CRACKERS AND LARD—100 bbls. Crackers and 20 bbls. Lard rec'd and for sale by

300 DOZ. CLEAVER'S HONEY SOAP just rec'd for sale by FLEMING BROS

FRENCH KIPS AND CALF SKINS in store and for sale by

BY TELEGRAPH.

SENATE.—CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 27.

Numerous petitions were presented against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise.

Mr. Chase presented the Missouri Compromise Slave Act, and the abolition of the Slave Trade in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Douglas reported the bill for the admission of Kansas as a territory, with the exception of that portion of it relating to the Nebraska District.

Mr. Clayton reported a bill granting land for railroads in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Mr. Dodge, of Iowa, introduced a bill granting land to Iowa, to aid in the construction of railroads.

Mr. Bayard introduced a bill to provide for the survey of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Dodge introduced a bill granting land to Wisconsin, for a Railroad from Madison to the Mississippi river.

Bills were also passed granting lands to Louisiana and Mississippi for certain Railroads, and to Iowa, Alabama, Ohio and Florida.

HOUSE.—Mr. Davis moved to proceed to the election of a public printer in place of Robert Armstrong, dec'd.

Mr. Dean moved to go into an election on Wednesday, which was agreed to.

An effort was made to take up the Senate bill appropriating $1,000,000 to building six steam ships.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—The committee of arrangements for the consolidation celebration had a meeting this afternoon, and extended an invitation to the President of the United States. The bill is to take place on the 16th of March. Tolerable sales of Pennsylvania Railroad bonds; bills are already sold. There is to be a procession and illumination on the 16th.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Cotton is unchanged. Flour dull, holders asking $5 for standard brands; buyers offer less and only to dealers.—Lots shade lower; home demand limited, at $5 25@5 37½ for common retailing and extra brands. Rye flour and Corn Meal quiet, prices unchanged. Grain, sales 100 bus good Penna. red wheat at $1 85; white held at $1 95, without buyers. Corn, sales 2000 bus Penna. yellow at 85, in store. Whisky unsettled, held at 27 for bbls.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—The river has fallen eighteen inches since Saturday. Small sales of Flour at $5 10@5 20. Whisky, sales 200 bbls, Cleveland at 23½. Butter very dull; sales 500 bbls No. 1 Lard at 9½. Nothing doing in other articles. Holders evince no eagerness but there are no heavy losses. Linseed oil unchanged; demand at $1 05@1 10. Corn 42@43 cts.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD.

FEB. 27.—1 car flour, Hamilton & Co.; 1 do, Hamilton & Co.; 1 do, Hamilton & Co.; 1 do