HOME MATTERS.

RIVER NEWS.—The river was rising slowly on Saturday. Stage of water at night, 7 feet.—Weather cold and blustry.

CUBA SUNK.—The stern-wheel steamer, Cuba, Capt. Abrams, which left here on Thursday for Louisville, on Friday night struck the sunken wreck of the Fanny Fern, ten miles below Wheeling, and sunk in six feet water. She was heavily loaded, principally with dry goods, which will be partially damaged, and which are supposed to be insured in eastern offices. She lies straight, the water being even with her lower deck, and can easily be raised. In a week or ten days she will be again afloat. The Cuba was insured for $10,000—one half in the Delaware and the other in the Firemen's.

WINCHESTER SOLD.—The Winchester was sold on Saturday to Capt. Owings, to go into the St. Louis and Alton trade, and left yesterday for St. Louis. The terms were not made publicly known, but rumor fixes the price at $21,000.—The Winchester is a fine boat, which we are sorry to lose.

The Forest City takes the place of the Winchester, Capt. Moore having purchased a controlling interest in her. She will hereafter be the regular Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday packet between this place and Wheeling.

The Keystone State and Allegheny, both of which will be at the wharf this morning, bring up $1,500,000 in silver and $400,000 in gold, in charge of Adams' Express, for the Mint at Philadelphia.

The regular Cincinnati packet for to-day is the Keystone State, Capt. Hazlep, leaving at 2 o'clock, P. M. She is a speedy and comfortable boat.

We learn from the Clerk of the steamer Courier that on her last trip up she came in collision with parts of a large raft supposed to have been seperated by the wreck of the steamer Fanny Fern. No person was discovered on any portion of the raft.—*Wheeling Intel.*

We learn that a serious difficulty occurred on the wharf on Wednesday night about 12 o'clock. An Irishman went down to the steamer Thomas Swann and for bad behavior was ordered off the boat. A scuffle ensued in which he stabbed the mate of the Swann so severely that his life was despaired of. The man was taken to jail.—*Wheeling Gaz.*

DESPERATE FIGHT—*Probable murder.*—A desperate fight occurred in Birmingham, on Friday night about nine o'clock, which will probably result in the death of at least one of the party.

The fight occurred on Carson street, opposite the engine house in that borough between Robert Stinger, a tall named Williams, (a partner of Hixenbaugh recently sent to the Penitentiary for murder,) and several others on the one side, and two German shoemakers on the other. As far as we can ascertain, the first named persons were the aggressors.

Robert Stinger, was cut in the stomach to such an extent that his intestines protruded through the wound. He was taken to his residence, where he is now lying in a dying condition. Williams was severely cut on the head; it is feared his skull is fractured. Another, named Roberts, had his arm badly cut. The other gut blowers, and two of them belong to the Klegg and Hixenbaugh crowd.

We did not ascertain the name of the Germans. The parties were all intoxicated so much so indeed, that they are unable to state how the affair originated.

CONSOLIDATION.—We learn from Col. Foster, who has just returned from Harrisburg, that a bill for consolidating the two cities and surrounding boroughs is in the hands of the appropriate committee.

The bill proposes to add to the city, Lawrenceville and that part of Pitt township between that borough and the Ninth Ward, as a Tenth Ward, such parts of Pitt township, as the Commissioners provided for in the act shall designate as the 11th, 12th and 13th Wards, East Birmingham as the 14th Ward, Birmingham as the 15th, South Pittsburgh 16th, West Pittsburgh 18th, Manchester 18th, Allegheny city 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d Wards, and Duquesne borough as the 23d Ward. So far instead of scattering boroughs and small cities, there will be annexed to the city of 23 Wards.

The bill provides also for the appointment of three Comissioners, who shall have the power of recommending the addition of such as be within the limits of R. E. McGowin's map, to the city, to be added to the Wards next to which they are situated.

Each ward will have two Select Councilmen, and one or more Common Councilmen, in proportion to the population. There will be one receiver of taxes, who shall pay the taxes over to the Treasurer weekly.

The bill also gives Councils the power to alter the places for holding the elections, and shall, if proper, appoint two precincts for elections within the same Ward.

There is also a bill before the Judiciary Committee relative to the law of libel, which provides that when an editor, proprietor, or publisher is sued in libel, he may offer in defence evidence to show that the facts are true, when published without motives, were justifiable, and necessary for public information.

Another section provides, that no editor, proprietor or publisher shall be indictable for any measure or act of any person in his employment, unless said act is committed with his or their consent.

DR. DUFF'S LECTURE ON FRIDAY EVENING.—The Masonic Hall was crowded by a large and respectable audience. The platform was filled by ministers of various denominations. The proceedings were commenced by Dr. Pressley engaging in prayer. The Rev. Mr. Quick then read several selected portions of scripture and the hundredth Psalm, singing which, the large assembly seemed cordially to unite. After which Dr. Herron introduced to the meeting the Rev. Dr. Duff, who then delivered a powerful address on the cause of Missions and particularly on India as a field of Missionary labor. For two hours and a half the audience listened with unabated interest. Dr. Black then moved the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously by the assembly.

Resolved, That this assembly have heard with pleasure and edification, the exposition and defence of the cause of missions and the history of the political and religious condition of India, given to us this evening by the Rev. Dr. Duff, missionary at Calcutta.

Resolved, That we regard this servant of God as our brother in Christ Jesus, owned and loved by us for works' sake.

Resolved, That in our judgement, the cause of missions is, to the devided church of the living God, a rallying point for *unity*, around which, it behooves them to gather, as faithful and earnest followers of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the contemplated meeting of the friends of evangelical missions proposed to be held in this city, in New York, during the anniversary week in May next, regarding it as a promonition of the *oneness of spirit* of the approaching *latter days*; and to this meeting, if held, we will give *practical* attention.

PITTSBURGH ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.—Those of our readers who attended the late Philharmonic rehearsal, are fully aware of the existence of a Pittsburgh orchestral society, which, on that occasion, contributed so largely to the success of the concert. The Society fills a want hitherto much felt in this city. Often celebrated vocalists, and others, have been deterred from performing in this city, from the fact that they would be compelled to bring an orchestra with them from the East, at great expense.

The members of the Society are mostly great proficients in music, having spent a large portion of their lives in its acquisition. They purpose giving their first public rehearsal on this evening, at Masonic Hall. M'mile Hertzog, a celebrated vocalist from the Eastern Opera, will assist. We understand the lady is possessed of ability of the first class. We sincerely hope the house may be crowded this evening. The advertisement can be seen in another column; where full particulars can be ascertained.

LARCENY.—Officers Cook and Wells, of Steele's police, on Saturday, arrested a man named Jas. Fletcher, on Third street, charged with stealing a watch, in Allegheny, from a named Williams; an overcoat from a man named Simpson, on Irwin street, and several other articles, which were all recovered.

Fletcher was taken to Steele's office, for examination, but while there, the Mayor's Police served a warrant on him for stealing an overcoat, pantaloons, vest and shoes from James Fleming, at Samuel Howard's boarding house on Smithfield street. The overcoat was found upon him, and the other articles at a house on Fourth st. The robberies took place on Friday. He was fully committed.

THE SOIREE.—We have been compelled for want of room to defer our notice of the Musical Soiree given by Mr. Rohbock, the Pianist, at the Piano Room of Mr. Mellor, on Thursday.

The room was densely crowded by the parents of Mr. Rohbock's pupils, and others invited to be present. Printed programmes were handed around. By a reference to it we find some of the rarest gems of music announced for performance. The scholars showed great proficiency, and some great excellence. Where all were so good it would be invidious to mention the names of some who were particularly fine performers.

The great length of the entertainment was the only drawback to the pleasure of the evening.—Three and a half to four hours, even with so rich a programme, is too long a sitting.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Alderman Parkinson held a woman named Hettle to bail on Saturday for assault and battery, upon oath of Jos. Lindsay.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Aldorman Lewis on Saturday committed a man named Jefferson Llewellyn to jail for assault and battery with intent to kill, on oath of a man named Sipes. It appears that the latter forced his daughter to marry an old man with property, while she was at the time engaged to a young German. The friends of the latter, feeling grieved, turned in and whipped Sipes very severely. Llewellyn is the only one as yet arrested.

Col. Woods' exhibition of the world-renowned Siamese Twins, and far-famed Swiss Bearded Lady, with numerous other curiosities, commences to-day at Lafayette Hall. The Colonel remains but one week with us. All should see this exhibition of nature's wonders. Two hundred thousand persons visited them in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

THE GALLOWS was taken down on Saturday. Jewell's burial was announced to take place on Sunday at ten o'clock P. M.

On Saturday there were a great many false rumors in circulation, mostly to the effect that by the efforts of the physicians Jewell had been resuscitated, and was now alive.

COLLISION.—As the freight train of the P. R. R. was watering at Turtle Creek at an early hour, on Saturday morning, the emigrant train came in collision with it, breaking to pieces five cars of the freight train, and the engine of the emigrant train. Fortunately no persons were injured.

THE COURTS.—To-day, the Court of Quarter Sessions, for March term, will commence. The trial list is very long, and will embrace every variety and shade of crime, from murder down.

The District Court also commences to-day.—We published a day or two ago, the trial list for the week.

EXTENSIVE BURGLARY.—Officer Hague, on Saturday, received a dispatch from Wheeling stating that a dry goods store had been robbed in that town, on Friday night, of a large quantity of satins and silks.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the execution, about thirty lines of which should have closed the description of the execution, was by accident inserted at the end of the incidents of his trial.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

NEW YORK, March 25.

The Northern Light from San Juan arrived this morning with 35 passengers; and $100,000 in specie. The following are some of the Consignees: American Exchange Bank, $25,000; Duncan, Sherman & Co., $220,000; Drexell & Co., $110,000; Adams & Co., $100,000; Wells, Fargo & Co., $58,000.

The Northern Light connected with the Sierra Nevada. She left San Francisco on the evening of the 1st. The Northern Light was detained two day, in consequence of the steamer Central America on the Lake, by a severe gale.

The steamer John L. Stephens took down to Panama only $400,000 on freight.

There is nothing additional of special importance from San Francisco.

A Mexican was lynched in Mariposa county for the murder of Nathan Pratt, of Rhode Island.

In Oregon a bill has passed ordering a vote on the formation of a State government.

Dates from Honolulu to the 4th of February state that annexation is still talked of. Trade was very dull.

Intelligence from Lower California states that the Fillibusters had nearly all left. Those remaining are suffering for provisions.

The Maine Liquor Law has been introduced into the California Legislature.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Flour firmer, $7.-50 now asked, but no sale except small lots to the trade and select brands and extra from $7.-75@8,25. Rye Flour and Corn Meal, nothing doing, we quote the former at $5, and the latter at $3,25. A poor supply of Wheat, and more inquiry; sales 1,000 bush red at $1,68 and white at $1,80.. Rye worth 90@91. Corn, scarce and in demand at an advance of 2c: 75 offered and refused for yellow, afloat; stocks small, generally limited above this figure. Whiskey dull, we quote at 26 in hhds and bbls.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Cotton dull; sales of 750 bales; a declining tendency; a decline on the week of ¼ to ½. Coffee; sales of 150 bags; Rio firm at 12. Rice market dull; sales 125 tierces at 3¾@4¼. Flour; sales 14,000 bbls; active speculative demand; market firm with upward tendency; advanced 12 to 18 cts; $7,50@7,68; for better grades $7,75@8. Wheat market firm; buyers holding back for lower prices; sales 17,000 bush at $1,82@1,84. Corn; sales 375 bbls at 26; dull. Sugar; sales 300 bbls Orleans at 4¾; Muscovado 4¾. Provisions; pork market dull with a declining tendency at $13@16,37. Sales 800 bbls beef; firm at $14. Prime mess 20@24. Sales 300 bbls lard, dull, at 9¼.—Whiskey; sales 400 bbls. prison at 25. Iron steady.

HARDWARE—300 doz. hollow, flat and oval Brass Stair Rods red'd and for sale wholesale and retail by W. MCCLINTOCK, 112 Market st.

NEW SABBATH SCHOOL BOOKS—The subscriber has just opened a large assortment of Books, adapted to Sunday School Libraries, selected with care from various publishers; among which are the LATEST issues of the Mass. S. S. Society, the American S. S. Union and the full list of the Protestant Episcopal S. S. Union.—Red'd also, a full supply of Hymn Books, Tickets, Reward Books and all other S. S. Requisites. J. S. DAVISON. 65 Market st., near 4th.

JAY'S NEW BOOK.—Female Scripture Characters, the lost book, by author of "Morning and Evening Exercises."

Looking to Jesus, by author of "Morning and Night Watches."

Cheever's Bible in Common Schools, and all of Carter's last issues. As heretofore, at moderate prices.

J. S. DAVISON, 65 Market st., near 4th.

100 FINE STRONG PEAR TREES, choice sorts, for sale at the Seed Warehouse, 5th st. JAMES WARDROP.

ENGLISH CARPETINGS—74 pcs. Rich Velvet, Tapestry, Brussels and Superfine Ingrain Carpets, arrived per steamer City of Manchester, just opened by mh18 W. MCCLINTOCK, 112 Market st.

BENZINE—A Paris preparation for removing grease spots from Silks, Satins, Cloths, Delaines, &c. and for cleaning Kid Gloves. This preparation is highly recommended; will not injure the finest texture and leaves no unpleasant odor. For sale by W. A. McCLURG.

S. H. MOLASSES—100 bbls. on consignment and for sale low to close. SHRIVER, DILWORTH & CO.

FRENCH CALF SKINS—2 cases, Sousin Corbets, to arrive and for sale by BARD & DE LANGE.

GOLDEN SYRUP—50 bbls. to arrive per Cambria: Auctoben for sale by RIEY & MATTHEWS.

PIG METAL—400 tons Forge Coke Metal for sale by mh22 RIEY & MATTHEWS.

SUNDRIES—3 bbls. Rye, 7 sacks Barley and 3 do Hops for sale by RIEY & MATTHEWS.

NEW HERRING just rec'd and for sale by mh25 O. BLACKBURN & CO.

SHAKERS' HERBS of every description always on hand and for sale by JOS. FLEMING. mh24 successor to L. Wilcox & Co.

SWAIM'S PANACEA—6 doz. of this valuable medicine red'd by JOSEPH HERBERT.

GARDEN SEEDS—Briggs & Bro.'s Garden Seeds, the best in market: a large supply rec'd by mh25 JOS. FLEMING.

EXTENSIVE SALE OF BOOKS AT AUCTION.—On Saturday evening, 25th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, corner Wood and 5th sts., will be sold, a large and varied collection of Books, comprising standard authors of History, Natural Philosophy, Travels, Poetry, Biography, Criticism, Theology, &c., of the latest and best editions; a number of valuable works, forming a private library; Family Bibles, in super or bindings; pocket Bibles; Cap and Post Paper, &c. P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

LAWN GRASS SEED—50 bus. superior seeds for yards, cemetery lots, or pleasure grounds, for sowing or spring seeding; makes a fine, close turf, equal to sods, at the Seed and Horticultural Warehouse, Fifth st. by mh2 JAMES WARDROP.

LARD & GREASE—32 bbls. Lard and 87 do. Grease now landing from steamer America for sale by mh10 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

BUTTER—20 bbls. prime Roll; 4 do Packed; 20 jars, for family use. mh18 SHRIVER, DILWORTH & CO.

LADIES' SHOES—The subscriber has always on hand every variety of Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's Shoes, Gaiters, Boots, Slippers, &c., &c., at his store, No. 109 Market st. (sel0-1y) JAMES ROBB.

POTASH—5 casks Potash, a superior article for sale by fe20 J. SCHOONMAKER & CO.

WALL PAPER—S. Sadler, Federal st., Allegheny, will receive in a day or two, per R. R., a fresh supply of Wall Paper and Borders, including some new patterns of fine Paper Hangings. fe19

SALERATUS—20 bxs. in lb. and half lb. papers, for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

MOLASSES—260 bbls prime N. O., cask coopersage, for sale by JOHN FLOYD & CO.

FISH—100 bbls. White and Trout for sale by mh10 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

100 OZS. QUININE for sale by mh3 FLEMING BROS.

CORN—500 bus. ear Corn to arrive and for sale by fe27 BELL & LIGGETT.

BEANS—50 bbls. small white for sale by mh14 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

TOOLS—Tanners' Curriers' and Shoemakers' Tools, an assortment rec'd and for sale by mh14 BARD & DE LANGE.

WRAPPING PAPER—1000 reams Crown; 1000 reams Medium; 1000 do Double Crown, on hand and for sale at manufacturers prices by mh17 VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

RED POTATOES—200 bus. for sale by mh17. VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

Six and a quarter cts. Reward.

RUN AWAY from the subscriber, living in Penn township, Allegheny Co., Pa., on the 20th inst., WILLIAM CARTER, 19 years of age, with black hair, dark eyes, and a black Roundabout and dark Pants. I hereby notify any persons or persons against harboring or contracting any bargains with said boy as I will not be accountable for them. HIRAM McDOWELL. mh24-3tw3

Sheriff's Sale of French Burr Mill Stones and Brick.

ON TUESDAY, the 28th of March inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., will be sold, on the premises of John Rhey near McKnight's Rolling Mill, in Birmingham, Ten or more pair various sizes French Burr Mill Stones, of superior blockhard workmanship.

Also, 50 M. Brick, fit kiln to suit the trade. Millers and speculators, attend. Sale positive.

P. S.—See Sheriff's hand-bills. mh24,26,4t31w5

WOOL—4000 lbs. Fleece Wool; 4000 do Cliff pulled do; 5000 do pulled do, our own pulling, no lime used, sad'd and clean; for sale by H. LEE.

COMMERCIAL.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, Monday Morning, March 27, 1854.

FLOUR—the late offering from first hands were 50 bbls superfine at $6 62½; 75 do at $6 75, and 41 do. part extra, at $7; a lot of 350 bbls Whitewater Mills, extra, was sold from warehouse at $6 75, and 100 bbls superfine from store at $6 50.

OATS—sales of 1000 bushels, to arrive, at 40; 200 do at depot, at 42, and 500 do from store at 43; the stocks in store are beginning to grow larger, and the demand to slacken.

CORN—sales 400 bus shelled at 55, and 100 do at 56; stocks growing heavier.

BACON—sales to city trade of 4000 lbs Shoulders at 5¾; 2000 lbs Shoulders to retail trade at 6, and 2,000 lbs mixed at 5, 7 and 9.

HAY—sales at scales of 6 loads at $12; 15 ⅌ ton.

DRIED FRUIT—sales from store of 10 bbls Dried Peaches at $1 65; Dried Apples held at $1 12@1 25.

PIG METAL—a sale of 300 tons Martha Furnace at $43 cash, and $45, six mos.

EGGS—in brisk demand; sales at depot of 10 bbls, to go east, at 10½, and 10 bbls from store at 11.

BUTTER—prime is in demand at 14@15; common is no sale.

TALLOW—a sale of 5 bbls rendered at 11½.

GROCERIES—sales to city of 24 bbls Molasses, new cyprus packages, at 26; to country, sales at 26, 27@28, according to packages and age; Sugar, sales at 4¾@5¾; Coffee, at 12@13 cents.

CRANBERRIES—a sale ⅌ 30 bbls on private terms.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The New York Post gives the following particulars of the recent Erie railroad loan:

"The Erie Railroad Company have concluded a negotiation for the loan of $2,000,000, though Messrs. Delanoy, Iselin & Clarke, on their 1853 bonds. Commodore Vanderbilt takes $500,000. The bulk of the bonds will be sent to Messrs. George Peabody & Co., of London, and will be distributed in Europe. The terms are not known, but it is reported that the price was something under 90, with interest from the 1st of March. Iera a commission.

The Asia carried out $303,055 17 in jars and American gold, and $750 in sovereigns.

We hear no complaints to-day in regard to money matters. The supply on calls is about equal to the demand at 7 ⅌ cent. First class paper is in good demand at 9@10 ⅌ cent. The banks in some cases discounting with rather more freedom than last week. The out of town accounts are however drawn down considerably, which restricts the ability of the Banks to lend.—N. Y. Trib.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Omo & Penna, R. R., March 26—18 bags potatoes, C Barker; 11 bos do, 2 bbls 1 bar, cream, owner; 37 bus potatoes, H Sohan; 9 bdls plants, J Negley; 2 baskets 1 bbl, Wilson; 4 empty bbls, McMichael; 5 box, 6 churns, 1 table, 2 feather beds, Mary Reed; 12 bdls papers, 2 box, J Lecher; 1 baby house, M Cooper & co; 3 box 17 bdls wire, R Townsend; 187 empty bbls, Dunn & co; 25 grindstones, E Kelsey; 2 do, Lippencott & co; 52 bus potatoes, P Smith; 1 car cattle, 1 heifer, 1 do, J C Clarke; 1 this eggs, J & W Rea; 2 hides, R Watson; 1 bbl butter, J Tyler; 276 bus wheat, Wilmarth & co; 49 bbls eggs, 2 do butter, 3 kegs lard, each; 16 do, J Painter; 3 box 160 pcs meat, Robison & co; 1 bbl eggs, J Painter; 3 box 160 pcs meat, Robison & co; 1 bbl eggs, Wm Watt & co; 104 bus corn, 261 do oats, P Peterson; 1 roll leather, Shafer & Anderson; 1 box, 1 trunk, 1 bbl, 1 bag, 1 bbl butter, J B Canfield; 1 bbl egg owner; 3 bgs flaxseed, Heaven Richards & co; 2 do, J Grout; 4 bbl butter, 10 do eggs, 10 do apples, cast; 15 do, Kirkpatrick & Herron; tot produce, 9 Heaven; 3 bbls butter, 10 do eggs, 2 do beans, R Dalzell; 25 pks oats, T Long; 6 pks bbls, W Smith; 3 bbls cider, Jones & Benny; 3 do, 12 do butter, Adams; 8 kegs; 400 bus potatoes, J Shirley; 1 box butter, Mrs Ewing; 2 box, 2 bbls eggs, H Marshall; 1 bbl 1 bx 1 keg eggs, 1 do butter, owner; 1 leather, Shafer & Anderson; 1 box corn, Hayes & Miller; 2 bxs, Bakewell & Pearce; 50 bbls flour, P Peterson; 100 bus barley, Brown & Kirkpatrick; lot produce, Mercer & Robinson; 3 bbls 2 box eggs, R Dalzell; 1 box wheat, Hayes & Miller;