HOME MATTERS.

SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.—About half-past eleven o'clock on Thursday night, a fire broke out in the Copper Smelting Works of the Pittsburgh and Boston Mining Company located a short distance above the first Lock on the Monongahela River. The works were entirely destroyed, but fortunately the flames did not reach the rolling mill, which will go on as usually.—The loss is reported covered by an insurance of $3,000 in the Western Insurance Company.

The firemen were deceived by the light, and proceeded out Pennsylvania Avenue, and consequently did not reach the fire. Many supposed the reflection of the light in the air, to have been the Aurora Borealis, no fire having been discovered by the engines.

IMPROVEMENTS IN ALLEGHENY.—The east side of the West Common is being graded and paved in the most elegant and tasteful manner, and will be one of the finest avenues in Allegheny city.

Ridge street, on the south side of the Common, has been filled up preparatory to grading and paving, and the bridge about which there has been so much talk in the Allegheny Councils is nearly completed. New houses are being continually erected, and that portion of the city bids fair to be distinguished for the elegant and tasteful residences that adorn it. Excavations are being made on this street for the foundation of the new Theological Seminary, and the stone and brick work, we presume, will shortly be commenced.

YOUTHFUL ROBBER.—A German, named Philip Bellstein, appeared before Mayor Adams on Thursday evening, and made oath that a gold watch and chain, valued at $40, had been stolen from his room, that day. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Henry Singendet and his son, who had put up a bedstead in the room, but upon a careful hearing of the case his Honor honorably discharged the prisoners, there being nothing to substantiate the charge.

Shortly after the examination, a little fellow, aged about eight years, was seen flourishing a gold watch in Federal street. He was stopped and the watch taken from him, and Bellstein sent for who recognized it as his property.

NEW LOCOMOTIVES.—Two of the very largest, heaviest and best finished freight locomotives on the Ohio and Penn's railroad, have been lately received by the company, from the manufactory of Messrs. Niles & Co., Cincinnati. They are ten wheeled engines, and are called the "Crawford" and the "Holmes." Two more are daily expected.

The company have also contracted for four new locomotives from the celebrated manufactory of Norris & Co., in Philadelphia, two of which are daily expected. Two of the number are for passenger trains, the others for freight transportation.

Rev. Robert Graham, formerly of this city, President of Arkansas College, will preach in the Disciples' Church, River Bank, Allegheny City, on Sunday the 21st inst. at 10½ o'clock.

O. AND P. OUTER DEPOT.—We understand arrangements are making at the outer depot, O. and P. R. R., by which all the brass used at the works will be made there, from beginning to end. A large new building has been recently erected, giving all the facilities needed for the undertaking.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—An Irishman named Peter White, residing in the Fifth Ward, came to a sudden death on Thursday night by an attack of *mania a potu*. Suspicions of poisoning were entertained and communicated to the Coroner, who immediately summoned a jury. An adjourned session was held yesterday, when they found that his death was caused solely by the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

KEEPING A TIPPLING HOUSE.—Alderman Lewis yesterday held a man named George McPherson to bail for keeping a tippling house, upon oath of Alexander Irwin.

POCKETS PICKED.—A passenger about starting on the eastern cars, yesterday forenoon, had his pocket-book, containing $18 and a ticket to Philadelphia, stolen. The lady had a port-cartee, containing $40, picked from her pocket at the

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.—The primary elections for delegates to the Whig County Convention, to be held on the last Monday of this month, will come off on to-day week.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Honorable Judge Hampton.

The ejectment case, reported yesterday, is still on trial.

SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS.—By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the sale by auction of ninety-five building lots, in Allegheny city, will come off to-day. A rare chance for a good investment.

DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE, pleasantly situated on Fulton street; the house is comfortably arranged, and contains 8 rooms, hall, pantry, &c., gas and garden in front. The lot is 18 ft. front on Fulton, by 65 deep on Bedford st. Price $1,600. Terms, $200 in hand, balance in 1 and 2 years.
S. CUTHBERT & SON, 140, 3d st.

LINSEED OIL—14 bbls. for sale by
my16 HENRY H. COLLINS.

ROLL BUTTER—3 bbls. fresh for sale by
my16 HENRY H. COLLINS.

WRAPPING PAPER—100 rms. just rec'd and for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

BEANS—50 bus. just rec'd and for sale by
my18 HENRY H. COLLINS.

EMBROIDERIES, EMBROIDERIES—A. A. Mason & Co. will open in a few days, another large stock of Embroideries, consisting in more than 120 various styles of Sleeves, Collars, Cuffs, Gimps, Bands, Bibs and Jackonett Flouncings, Edgings, &c., &c.
my16

SUMMER BLOOMING PLANTS—Monthly Valentas of 20 varieties. Geraniums, Roses, Heliotropes, Verbenas, Phlox, Gladiolus, and a handsome Plant for planting in beds, of variety sorts from the seed and Impatiens Sultana, fine.
JAMES VARDIOE.

PATENT SELF-ADJUSTING CURTAIN FIXTURES.—The undersigned have received a most improved article in use—acknowledged to be the *neatest* article in Blind Trimmings—just rec'd and for sale at the lowest prices, by
my13 W. McCLINTOCK & BROS.

PARED PEACHES—10 bus. prime for sale by
my13 HENRY H. COLLINS.

LINSEED OIL—14 pkgs. for sale by
my13 HENRY H. COLLINS.

LIME—50 bbls. Louisville Lime for sale by
my13 HENRY H. COLLINS.

SUNDRIES—25 bbls. Lard;
1 bbl. bbls. Lard and Gum Feathers;
12 bales Rags;
25 bales Ground Nuts, to arrive on steamer Alleghania
for sale by my10 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

SUGAR—300 hhds. on consignment and for sale by SHRIVER, DILWORTH & CO.

PRACTICAL MODEL CALCULATOR, for the Engineer, Mechanic, Machinist, Manufacturer, of Engine work, Naval Architect, Miner and Mill-wright. by Oliver Byrne, in 1 vol. 8vo., for sale by
my13 KAY & CO., 55 Wood st.

CORDIALS—Peppermint, Cinnamon, Curcoco, Anisette and various other fancy Cordials, on draught and for sale in quantities to suit.
W. H. SUTTON, No. 12 Wood st.

NEW ENGLAND RUM—5 bbls. direct from Boston, for sale by the bbl. or gallon, by
my13 W. H. SUTTON, No. 12 Wood st.

BLACKBERRY BRANDY—1 bbl. on draught for sale by the barrel or gallon by
my13 W. H. SUTTON, No. 12 Wood st.

BLACKBERRY BRANDY—3 casks on hand for sale by the bbl. demijohn, gallon or bottle by
my13 W. H. SUTTON, No. 12 Wood st.

LAVELLA COATING & QUEENS CLOTH by means' wear, a supply just rec'd at store of
my13 MURPHY & BURCHFIELD.

COTTONADES of various mixtures and prices, an assortment rec'd by
my12 MURPHY & BURCHFIELD.

RUSSIA DUCK, various shades, for business seats, now open for inspection at CHESTER'S, warranted not to shrink. No charge for showing Goods.
74 Wood street. my12

POTASH—3 casks of very superior Potash which I will warrant, rec'd this day by
my13 JOS. FLEMING, cor. Diamond and Market st.

NEW BOOKS—Heroines of the Crusades, by C. A. Ross, 1 vol. 8vo. Heroines of History, by Mrs. Embury, 1 vol. 8vo. Heroines of Romance, by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Just received per Alaska Express and for sale by
KAY & CO., 75 Wood st.

JUST REC'D a few more of those celebrated M. R. Johnson WATCHES and KEYS. The respective value of these superior Watches while we guarantee accurate time keepers, together with a rich assortment of new and fashionable JEWELRY, which we will sell lower than any other establishment West of the Mountains and no mistake. Give us a call at 51 Market street.
R. Jones.

N. B.—The Watches repaired in a superior manner, and warranted to keep correct time, by order or request, at short notice, at 51 Market st. HOOD'S Jewelry Store.

LOUISVILLE LIME—150 bbls. for sale by
R. ROBISON & CO.

BACON, &c.—60,000 lbs. Shoulders;
44,000 lbs. Hams, 20,000 lbs. Sides;
20 bbls. S. C. Hams, 10 tcs. rubbed Dried Beef;
50 bbls. Mess Pork; 2 do cured do do;
For sale by my13 R. ROBISON & CO.

LARD OIL—10 bbls. & 5 half bbls. Grass & Dietrick's No. 1 Lard Oil now receiving and for sale by my13 W. H. SUTTON, No. 12, corner Wood & Front sts.

SALAD OIL—15 baskets Bordeaux Oil this day rec'd and for sale by
my16 W. H. SUTTON, No. 12, cor. Wood & Front sts.

10 CASKS OLIVE OIL in store and for sale by my12 FLEMING BROS.

SEED POTATOES—100 bus. Neshanock Potatoes for sale by
ap27 P. S. SHANKLAND, No. 129 Wood street.

MOLASSES—400 bbls. in store and for sale by my10 SHRIVER, DILWORTH & CO.

COFFEE—350 bags Rio, and 40 do Java, in store for sale by SHRIVER, DILWORTH & CO.

SWAIM'S PANACEA—6 doz. of this valuable medicine rec'd by
JOSEPH FLEMING.

STRAW WRAPPING PAPER—500 rms for sale by my3 J. SCHOONMAKER & CO.

25 ACRES OF LAND, near the residence of the late Walter Forward, Esq., it is a beautiful situation; on which is a good brick Dwelling, a fine young Orchard, and the ground will bring all that is asked for the land. If you want a bargain, call soon at
my10-tf THOS. WORKMAN.

HAY RAKES—150 dos., assorted, for sale by my6 VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, May 19.

HOUSE.—(Yesterday's proceedings concluded.) The document in regard to the rights of neutrals was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The House then went into Committee.

The debate on the Nebraska bill was continued after a recess up to 11½ o'clock P. M. During the latter part of the session there was less than a quorum present. At one time there were only 15 members in attendance.

Mr. Taylor, of Tennessee, warmly opposed the bill as embodying elements ruinous to the peace of the country, to the interests of the south, of the harmony of the Union and as violating pledges, both written and oral, of two great parties, and the President himself; and he asked by what authority Congress undertakes to repeal the Missouri Compromise? Who had commissioned Representatives thus to act? He challenged any one to show his credentials to this effect. He could see no hardship to the South. So far from injury it was one of the great elements of Southern prosperity. It was adopted as the basis of a permanent peace to the Union and had so been sacredly regarded for 34 long years. It was perfectly consistent with the Compromise acts of 1850 and both were the final settlement of the question to which they refer.

Mr. Wentworth, of Mass., defended the North from the charge of having striven to violate the Missouri Compromise. He justified the New England clergy who remonstrated against its repeal, and opposed the Nebraska bill.

Mr. Meacham defended the New England remonstrative Clergymen, and said in conclusion he hoped, if the Nebraska bill is to become a law, it will be passed on the 20th, the day of the great eclipse, for there will rest on it the blackness of darkness forever.

Mr. Kerr replied, denying the right of Church, as such, to interfere with the affairs of State.

At half past eleven the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Mr. Douglass laid on the table a substitute he intends offering for the bill recognizing the Judiciary system of the United States.

The resolution respecting the publication of the Senate debates was resumed. After a long debate, the question was taken on the 1st part of the resolution, providing for the publication in the Union, Sentinel and Intelligencer, which was rejected—yeas 17, nays 21.

The resolution was amended merely subscribing for 5022 additional copies of the Globe, and the appendix was adopted and the Senate adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 19.

HOUSE.—The House went into Committee on the Nebraska Bill.

SENATE.—Mr. Cooper laid on the table a substitute for the Bill suspending the collection of duties on Railroad Iron.

The private calendar was taken up.

The bill, for the relief of W. G. Ridgeby for Tobacco destroyed by the British during the last war, passed—yeas 25, nays 12.

The bill extending the patent for a threshing machine of Hiram Moore and John Haskall was debated and postponed.

After a short Executive session, the Senate adjourned.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE EUROPA!

NEW YORK, May 19.

The Europa arrived with Liverpool dates to the 6th.

The war news is important. The allied fleet bombarded the Russian Fort at Sulina, on the mouth of the Danube.

On the 18th and 19th, Omer Pasha, with 70,000 men gave battle to Gen. Luders, between Silistria and Russova. The battle raged several hours. During the previous night Omer had sent a division towards the sea, which division during the height of battle attacked the Russians in the rear, causing tremendous confusion. The Russians retreated behind Czernavods with the loss of many guns, stores, baggage and military chests. The Russians, on the 20th, continued the attack on Silistria. The Turks crossed the Danube to destroy the Russian batteries; they advanced to Kalarasch, but after hard fighting retired. Up to the 22d Silistria was uninjured.

Paskewitch has ordered the Russians to advance no further than Dobrudschia.

An important battle was fought on the 25th between the Turks and the Greek insurgents.—Arta was taken by the Turks in fifty minutes.—The assault of the Greek leaders Karaiskaki and Savelas led to considerable slaughter by the Albanians.—The Greek leader Grivas fled. Expecting Thessaly and Epirus will be the scene of Greece was closely blockaded by the allies.

On the 19th a fight ensued between the Turks and Montenegrians at Nichsick. The Montenegrians were commanded by their Vorrade Geo. Petrovitch.

Hostilities have fairly commenced. It is reported that the Austrians will occupy the province.

Napier is closely blockading all the Baltic ports. The Russians are fitting out against him a fleet of 800 armed boats.

The American privateer Grape Shot was captured by a French brig off Land's End.

The ship Black Hawk from Liverpool to New York foundered. She had 800 passengers, all of whom were saved; 120 were landed at Falmouth.

Liverpool Markets.—Cotton—Denisten quotes the sales of cotton for the week at 32,000 bales; Orleans fair 6¾, middling 5¾; upland fair 6¼, middling 5¼. Middling and lower qualities have declined the most, say ¼ to 3-16; for better grades the demand is fair and holders are firm with moderate sales. Wright and Gandy quote 2000 on speculation; Orleans middling 5¾, upland fair 6¼. Trade in the Manchester district was unchanged since the last advices.

Breadstuffs.—Flour, demand fair; sales at lower prices, declined 6d@1s; Western Canal 36s 6d@ 37s; Ohio 38s 6d.

The consumptive demand for wheat and flour is good. There are very large imports of Indian corn, and sales slowly decline. Flour 6d@1s decline; corn 2s decline. Dennistons quotes Western Canal flour 36s@36s 6d; Baltimore and Philadelphia 36s@37s; Ohio 37s@38; sour 30s@33s.—Wheat U. S. wheat 11s 6d@12s 4d, red and mixed 10s 6d@11s 6d. White corn 36s@38s; yellow 37s@39s.

Provisions.—Bacon has declined 1s.

LONDON MARKETS.—Breadstuffs unchanged; Sugar market opened with a good demand, but closed dull. Coffee quiet.

The official account of the bombardment of Odessa states that all the batteries and military stores were destroyed, 2 powder magasines were blown up, 12 Russian ships of war sunk, and 13 laden with ammunition taken. Merchant vessels were unmolested.

The loss of the allies was only five killed and six wounded. The allied fleet had left for Sebastopol.

PARIS, Friday.—The Imperial Guard had been re-established. General St. Jean D'Angleey is appointed Commander.

A telegraphic dispatch was received by government announcing a victory by the Turks, and that Omir Pacha had succeeded in cutting in two the Russian army in Dobrudschi.

Great excitement had been caused by the exploits of the Grapeshot, and British steamers had been sent in pursuit of her.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.—Paris, Saturday.—Napier is quietly anchored four miles from Stockholm.

The ice is breaking up and it is expected the Cronstadt would be opened.

Gardiner & Co. report beef steady. Stocks low, more enquiry. The Pork business is not extensive. There are not large arrivals of Bacon; prices 1s@2s lower. The sales have been pressed and purchasers look for further reductions. Shoulders in fair demand; hams move slowly. Lard heavy, but holders are not pressing; 200 tons American sold at 51s 6d on the spot and to arrive. Tallow heavy at 66s@67.

Old School Presbyterian Assembly.

BUFFALO, May 18.

The General Assembly of the Old School Presbyterian Church met this morning. Three hundred delegates were present. Dr. Young, of Kenzucky, the Moderator, preached the opening sermon.

New School Presbyterian Assembly.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.

The General Assembly of the New School Presbyterians met here to-day. A sermon was preached by Dr. H. Allen. Dr. Skinner, of New York, was chosen Moderator, and Dr. Darling, of Philadelphia, permanent Clerk, Rev. R. W. Patterson as temporary Clerk.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Cotton dull, sales 600 bales. Coffee, sales 300 bags Rio at 10½, Java 14¼. Flour, sales 9500 bbls., market opened heavy but improved at the close, $8,12@8.78; sales 3000 bbls southern, prices a trifle lower, $8.50@8.75. Wheat, sales 600 Bush, buyers holding back for lower prices; Gennessee $2.37. Corn, sales 12,600 bush at 75@78. Money market unchanged. Stocks higher. Sugar, sales 275 hhds Orleans at 4, Muscovado 4¼.—Molasses, sales 325 bbls Orleans at 28; Muscovado 24, dull. Whiskey, scarce. Beef, at $14.02. Firm with upward tendency. Cut Meats, 6¼@8. Sales 600 bbls Lard at 9¾. Iron, sales 150 tons.

EVERGREENS FOR 10 CENTS—50,000 Evergreens, suitable for Cemetery Lots and Yards, for sale at the Allegheny River, a few rods below the St. Clair st. bridge and at the Canal Basin.
my17 P. S. SHANKLAND, No. 129 Wood st.

SCYTHE SNEATHS—75 dos. on hand and for sale by VON BONNHORST & MURPHY.

DRY APPLES—30 bus. to arrive for sale by my6 HENRY H. COLLINS.

DRY PEACHES—300 bus. for sale by
my6 HENRY H. COLLINS.

WORLD S HARRIS' REPORTS.—Vol. 8 Harris's Reports, being vol. 20 Penna. State Reports. A full supply rec'd and for sale by KAY & CO., 56 Wood st.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION of the Board of Trade for *May*.—CHAS. W. ROCKHILL, J. W. BUTLER, R. E. JONES, W. H. WILLIAMS, WM. H. SMITH, V. P.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
Saturday Morning, May 20, 1854. }

FLOUR—was in better supply, but the demand was active, and prices sustained; sales on the wharf of 208 bbls. superfine at $6.00, 109 do. do. at $8.00; 50 do. extra at $8.12 and 200 do. superfine, to arrive, at $8.05; from store sales of 50 and 25 bbls. at $8.12 and 25 and 200 bbls. at $8.25; a lot of 16 bbls. "Blue Rock" Flour, at $7.00 from mills.

GRAIN—sales from first hands of 375 bus. oats at 41 and 107 do. at 43½; Corn, a sale of 270 bus. shelled at 50.

SUGAR—a sale of 40 hhds. prime at 5¼, four mos.

WHISKEY—the sales were light—only 12 and 10 bbls. at 25, cash.

HAY—sales at sales of 22 loads at $18@$22 ₱ ton.

BACON—demand light; sales of 2,000 lbs. Hams at 8½ and 3,000 lbs. Shoulders at 5½; 5 tcs. Sugar-cured Hams at 10½.

PORK—a sale of 20 bbls. Mess, to city trade at $13.25, cash.

DRIED BEEF—sales of 6 tcs. canvassed at 12.

LARD—sales of 8 bbls. No. 1, at 9; 41 bbls. Grass Lard at 7¾ and 145 do. at 8¼, deliverable in Philadelphia.

CHEESE—sales of 50 and 100 bxs. Western Reserve raw at 9@9½.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks to-day have been quite flat—the speculative float yielding again to the pressure for money, which continues unabated. It would be agreeable to hold out hopes to those who have waited long for a market for stocks, but while unexceptionable mercantile paper goes at 1½ per cent. and railroad acceptances at 1½, it is idle to look for any speculative operations.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD MONTHLY STATEMENT.—Receipts of the Road for the month ending April 30, 1854

Same month last year 270,126 02

Increase $51,029 35

Receipts from Jan'y 1, 1854, to April 30, '54 ..... $1,321,255 71
Same period last year 1,020,080 10

Increase $292,175 52

A further depression in the Stock prices followed this forenoon the sudden change of yesterday. The rates almost touched the lowest point of Monday week, and showed a variation of 2@3 ₱ cent. as compared with day before yesterday.

The Cunard steamer to-day carried out only $351,000 in Gold. The Agent of Rothschild was the only prominent shipper. The Hermen packet, on Saturday, will be waited for by the Continental Bankers and Importers to a considerable extent.—[N. Y. Times, Thursday.

There is no new feature in the Money market. The Banks are doing nearly all the desirable paper offered, expect that short, 3 months, will pass at 1½ per cent. with an occasional loan at 6 ₱ cent. The demand for money is to depend on the liabilities of the business world are liquidated.—[N. Y. Tribune.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

STEAMBOAT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

ARRIVED.

Latrobe, Weaver, Nashville.
Kinney'ster, Hildebolder, Cincinnati.
Ben Bolt, Boyd, St. Louis.
Summit, ——, Cincinnati.
Forest City, Moore, Wheeling.
Venture, Gordon, Beaver.
Anderson, Mason, Brownsville.
Lorene, Bennett, Brownsville.
Col. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth.
Tide's Delight, Tide's Son, West Newton.
Michigan No. 2, Wolf, Wellsville.

DEPARTED.

Pittsburgh, Campbell, Steinnatt.
Diurnal, Shepherd, Wheeling.
Equinox, Rowley, N. Orleans.
Venture, Gordon, Beaver.
Luzerne, Bennett, Brownsville.
Col. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth.
T. H. Shriver, Hendrickson, West Newton.
Jefferson, Mason, Brownsville.
Michigan No. 2, Wolf, Wellsville.

RIVER.—On yesterday evening by pier mark, there were 5 feet and falling.

FOR CINCINNATI.—The splendid first-class passenger steamer Pennsylvania, Capt. Klinefelter is the regular Cincinnati packet for this morning, leaving at 10 o'clock.

For to-morrow, the excellent steamer Buckeye State, Capt Beltzhoover, is the regular packet, leaving at samehour.

FOR WHEELING.—The fine passenger steamer, Forest City, is the regular packet for this morning. Hour of departure 10, A. M.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

WHEELING, by Diurnal—1 bbl butter 25 do. door, Bell & Liggett; 211 brs wheat, Bryan & co; 224 bdls paper, J H Meiior; 8 do. Foster & Fleeson; 2 bbl. cans, H H Collins.

BROWNSVILLE by Luzerne—208 bbls flour, Jas Hay; 15 do. Colvin; 4 bbls butter, J. Gordon; 100 bus oats, J Hickey; 2250 feet lumber, passenger; 400 lars iron, Jones & co.

BROWNSVILLE by Luc