HOME MATTERS.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST WARD ARRESTED.—The School Directors of the First Ward were arrested on Saturday, on an attachment for contempt of Court. They were taken before Judge Hampton, of the District Court, when the case was disposed of as follows:

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LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY.—On Saturday, at five o'clock, quite a respectable number of our citizens assembled at the corner of Ross and Diamond sts., for the purpose of witnessing the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of the Western University building. The ceremonies were commenced by prayer by the Rev. Charles Cook. The next proceeding was the depositing of the several articles in the stone, which were as follows: A copy of all the daily and weekly newspapers of the city, history of the institution, portraits of the late Rev. Drs. Black and Bruce, a list of the officers and trustees, and the names of the architect and builders.

Speeches were then made by Hon. Charles Shaler, Col. Sam'l. W. Black and Hon. C. Darragh, after which the ceremonies concluded by Dr. Riddle pronouncing a benediction.

PRIMARY MEETINGS.—The Democrats held their primary meetings on Saturday and re-elected the following delegates to the County Convention which assembles on Wednesday next at the new Court-house:

PITTSBURGH.

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"ST. BONIFACIUS' Benevolent Society of Birmingham, in Pennsylvania," was refused a charter of incorporation on Saturday, by Judge McClure. The Court refused the application after a careful perusal of the Constitution of the Society. One objection is contained in section fifth of article sixteenth of the constitution, which is as follows:—"If any member revolts against his spiritual superiors; if it calumniates or slanders them; if it injures their honor or rank, said member shall be disposed of as in section third"—which section provides for his fines or expulsion according to the number of times he may be guilty of offence.

ACCIDENT.—A brakesman on the Pennsylvania Railroad got his arm broken at Irwin's station, on Tuesday night of last week. He was on the passenger train, and sat down by a window with his elbow on the sill, and, by its projecting out too far, it came in contact with a wood dump, which threw his arm with such violence against the side of the window as to break it off just above the wrist, and badly fracturing it at the elbow.

OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.—John Long, on Saturday, appeared before Alderman Parkinson, and made oath charging Gotlieb Gummel, and a man named Spence, with obtaining five dollars from him under false pretences. The suit was, however, subsequently settled, on the defendant's promising to pay the amount and costs.

FIRE.—About half-past five o'clock, on Saturday morning a fire broke out in the workshop attached to Eaton, Olnhauser & Co.'s auditory and hammer establishment, on Second street, near Virgin alley. The building and contents were entirely destroyed. Loss, $500.

DANGEROUS SLEEPING PLACE.—A man was found, on Saturday morning, about half an hour before the Western train came in, lying on the track, near Wood's Run, dead drunk. Had he been discovered in time by a passer by, he might have been rather mutilated when the train came along.

DIVORCE CASES.—John Walton, on Saturday, applied to the Court of Common Pleas for a divorce from his wife, Isabella Walton, assigning as a cause, desertion.

Emily C. Boyer, also made application for a divorce from her husband, Lamuel Boyer, for a similar cause.

CHOLERA.—We understand that there was a case of cholera in Birmingham, on Friday. We got no particulars, but heard that the man's name was Bates.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—Alderman Parkinson, of the Fifth Ward, on Saturday issued a warrant for the arrest of a man named Lilly Stern, charged on oath of John Beck, with passing a two dollar counterfeit note.

COMMON PLEAS.—An application was made on Saturday, by an association styled the "Bennville Land Association," for a charter of incorporation. The Court refused to grant the charter on the ground that it had no jurisdiction or power to do so.

FALSE PRETENCES.—Ald. Lewis, on Saturday, committed James Kerr to prison on a charge of obtaining fourteen dollars worth of clothing under false pretences from Messrs. Henderson & Wilson, tailors.

CHARTER APPLICATION.—Application was made on Saturday, in the Court of Common Pleas, for a charter of incorporation, by the Washington Building and Loan Association of this city.

AGAIN REFUSED.—The counsel of Francis Porter made another effort on Saturday to have a *nolle prosequi* entered in his case, but the Court determinedly refused to grant the application.

The Weather on Saturday was in *statu quo*.—The thermometer stood at 93 degrees in the shade.

There were but three commitments on Saturday to the county jail.

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BOSTON, Sept. 1.—The sloop-of-war Saratoga, Commander Walker, arrived this afternoon, last from the Sandwich Islands. She was dispatched with the Japan Treaty by Commodore Perry, received some weeks since via San Francisco.

ROCKLAND, Me., Sept. 1.—The Whig Congressional Convention of the Third District met here to-day and unanimously nominated the Hon. E. Wilder Farley. Resolutions were passed against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise and in favor of the Homestead bill, the acquisition of the Canadas, and the continuation of the organization of the National Whig party.

BUFFALO, September 2.—A letter from Adrian says that the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Bank redeemed all their bills presented for payment, and the run on the Bank has ceased.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 1.—The Price Current's annual statement of the cotton crop is as follows: Crop 2,930,000 bales; receipts for the year 1,441,000 bales; value of cotton received, $51,250,000; value of other articles, $60,600,000; value of the year's exports, $84,000,000. The stock of cotton, including shipboard, 21,450 bales. The sales of the last two days were 500 bales. Flour firm at $7,87@8. Bacon firm, sides 7¼@8.—Mess Pork $16,25. Corn advanced; a limited business at previous rates. The receipts of the new crop of cotton are 14,000 bales.

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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2.—Flour, no change, prices firm; very little export demand, sales mostly confined to small lots for home consumption at $5@5,25 for standard brands, and $5,50 for extra. Rye Flour, nothing doing. Corn Meal, sales 200 bbls at $4,50. Wheat, none offering to-day but there is a good demand; prices well maintained; sales 5,000 fair and prime red at $1,85@1,93; some mixed at $1,98@2,05; afloat; sales 500 bbls Southern Rye, in store, at $1,12½; Penna. $1,17. Corn, yellow, scarce, sales 4,000 bbls at 93. Whiskey, steady.

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OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
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FLOUR—Sales on wharf and at depot of 29 bbls. superfine at $5,00; 40 do. at $5,05@$5,10; 50 do. extra at $5,15, and 50 do. at $5,20; from store, 21 bbls superfine at $5,12, and 76 do. at $5,25.

GRAIN—sales on the wharf of 180 bus. oats at 48, par funds, and 61 bus. Corn, on former contract, at 60.

SUGAR—a sale of 10 hhds. fair at 8½, four mos.

WHISKEY—demand good; sales of 50, 22, 20 and 15 bbls rectified at 40.

BACON—sales of 7,000 lbs. Shoulders at 7, cash; 4,000 lbs. at 7¼, four mos; 2,000 lbs. Sides at 7½; 3,000 lbs. Hams at 10½, sixty days, and 4 hrs. Sugar-cured at 13½.

LARD OIL—a sale of 8 bbls. No. 1, at 80, four mos.

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CHEESE—firm at the advance; sales of 1,000 lbs. at 10, cash.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

ST. LOUIS MARKET, Aug. 30.—HEMP—Sales to-day of 600 to 600 bales, in two parcels, from store and the levee, at $165 to $170. Sales common undressed at $120; 50 fair at $125; 200 fair to fully good at $125@$130; 100 at $130; 50 prime at $133; 25 hackled at $185; 26 bales yesterday at $165. We quote a better feeling, but no improvement in prices; undressed from $118 to $125; hackled $185@$195 ₱ ton.

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WHEAT—Exchange in price—good and prime red selling at $1,35@$1,40. Sales to-day of 153 sacks common red at $1,25; 45a at $1,27; 200 good red at $1,35; 222 prime southern at $1,38; 2300 sacks good to prime Illinois from $1,30 to $1,44, including 439 sacks choice Zimerman in the lot, at $1,41, exclusive of sacks. Prime red quick sale at $1,36@$1,40; white $1,40@$1,45.

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BARLEY—Under two small lots received, but no sales of any note—prime 85 to 90c, sacks returned.

RYE—Sale to-day of 107 sacks in lots, at $1 ₱ bushel, shs included.

PROVISIONS—No sales of pork. Mess held entirely above the views of buyers. Of lard, 30 bbls fair and from store, and 22 packages prime at 10c—desirable lots held higher. 80 kegs prime sold in lots at 12½c.

BACON—Next firm for fine descriptions. Sale of 12 casks prime shoulders at 6¾c; 20 casks clear sides at 7½c, the last city smoked; boxed and canvassed hams selling from 9 to 11c.

WHISKY—Has declined materially. Sales yesterday at 35c. To-day between 400 and 500 bbls received, but a small portion of which had been sold up to the close of the day; 50 bbls at 34c, and 100 bbls at 33c, delivered over at 33c; and later in the day 32c could not be obtained.

FREIGHTS—Sales of good at $1 ₱ hundred.

—[St. Louis Intel.

An unsettled state of affairs prevailed in money circles to-day, it being the last day upon which the notes of a large number of the Indiana State Stock banks, or smaller denomination, could be taken at par, and the proceedings of the bankers meeting at Indianapolis being still unknown. A committee appointed by our bankers to attend the Indianapolis meeting returned about noon and effected a meeting of the bankers and brokers was held this afternoon to hear the report of the committee; this report, as well as the proceedings of the meeting, has been kept private, and no information can be derived at, or whether any, we are unable to say. It is understood, however, that thirty four of the Indiana State Stock Banks have agreed to an arrangement, to redeem their notes at Indianapolis, in Eastern Exchange, at 1 per cent. discount, and that the remainder will do so as soon as it will be seen forty-eight of them were not represented at the meeting on Saturday, and consequently some delay in the question to be decided now, by our money-dealers, is what course to pursue in regard to the notes of these outside banks—whether to receive them ingoingly, or give them ten or fifteen days respite, so that they may have sufficient time to consider over the matter. And now our readers may ask, what shall we do with this money? shall we continue to take it in our business? we answer, in reply, better not take much of it at present if you can avoid it, but if not depositit at once. The notes of the following banks, of a later date than those first named, will be taken to-morrow, but at 1 to 2 ₰ cent. discount:

Bank of Albany at New York, Albany, Troy, Lansingburgh, Exchange Bank of Pittsburgh,
Bank of Albion, at Albion, Bank of America, at Morocco Bank of Attica, Bank of Bloomington, Bank of Elkhart, Bank of New York, Albany & Troy, Bank of Perrysville, Bank of Rensselaer, Bank of Rochester, Bank of Syracuse, Bank of Tecumseh, Delaware county Bank, Tippecanoe Bank.

It rates of money and exchange there is no alteration, the former ranging from 10 to 18 and the latter 1¼ to 1¾, and in outside case 2 ₰ cent. buyer.

In the grocery market, there is a good demand for Molasses, and holders are firm; distillers continue to offer their distillation mixed with grain, which is the chief cause of the movement.—(Cin. Com.

The result of the Bankers' meeting at Indianapolis yesterday, seems to afford general satisfaction. Thirty-four Banks will at once reputedly, and proceed to redeem their paper, commencing on the 15th of September at 1 per cent. discount, in Eastern funds, or par funds at the maximum. They also passed a resolution to the effect that they will not receive the paper of such of the Free Banks as refuse to redeem their issues at par, or at a discount. The result of this arrangement will be to affect the Banks which have not come to the above legitimate way and place all the good Banks on a par footing. A gentleman from this city was present at the meeting, and informed us that many of the Banks were represented by the most substantial men in Indiana, who manifested a good deal of liberality and fairness in the settlement, and the spirit that was made upon the free banks, in this city. In this respect, the Bankers of this city have acted very much to their credit. Although the paper was all placed in the same category, it has all along been admitted, that some of the Indiana Free Banks are better than others. The matter has been stated by us over and over again, but our Indiana friends have unfortunately been subjected to a great deal of annoyance from their own fellow citizens, by bitter and interested remarks, which have been repeated only by the Customs entries would appear to be accumulating ruinously against us.—(Phil. Ledger.

The following are the prices paid by the brokers of New York for the notes of banks which have recently failed:

Drovers' Bank, Ogdensburgh.....75 cents.
Bank of Carthage.....81
Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Bank.....50
Bank of Michigan.....50
Bank of Milford, Delaware.....20
Bank of Wilmington, Delaware.....25
Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, Memphis.....25 "
Adrian Insurance Co., Michigan.....50 "

Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana notes are from 2½ to 5 ₰ cent. discount.

Money is still in pressing demand, and what is now esteemed first-class paper can be had to any reasonable amount at 1 ₰ cent. discount. Call loans are at as low as 12 ₰ cent., but they are outside transactions. The majority of the transactions are at our bank quotations.—(Phil. Ledger.

The demand for Money is greater than the supply. The Banks are disposed to be liberal, but they can only discount to the extent of their receipts in the way of currency. The amount at present on hand is the reserve of each. Two or three shippers may get what amount they require, but the rule is to let it run. We quote first-class paper at 12 ₰ cent., but it is only the "cullet" that goes under. Names not well known to bank at 2 ₰ cent. more. Demand loans are of easy negotiation, when borrowers and securities are well known, at 7 ₰ cent. The Banks are particular in cautioning out strikers to keep a sharp look out for counterfeits, and refuse to receive any large bills for discount. Gold is in demand, payable on demand, proposing to leave as collateral $25 000 North Carolina State Bonds. The President looked at the bonds and could not have thought, counted the coupons, and handing the lot back, said he couldn't make the loan. The bonds, he said, were all right, but as all the world knows, what business North Carolina had to issue bonds any way, he had never heard before that she had any debt to pay. Comment is entirely unnecessary.

The excitement in relation to Western money has at last given way, and there is now to be bought at 1 and 2 cents and Illinois at 2 ₰ cent. discount. There have been no special failures. The Broker's Board is unusually large in quantity of counterfeit and altered notes in circulation.—(N. Y. Trib.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—600 bus potatoes, English & Richardson; 90 bbls flour, Mercer & Rollingson; 50 do, Johnston & Co.; 50 do, Gibbons & Thurmer; 50 do, Lemmon; 50 do, Montgomery & Leech; 58 sks wool, 75 do feathers, 17 kgs butter, 1 bbl do, Thomas, Isaacs, Thomas & Co.; 2 do, Simpson; 5 bbls cement, Fleming Bros; 2616 lbs wheat, 121 sks do, Bryan & Co; 5 bbls cyder, J & H Rea; 3 do, Kay Hunter, Davis & Co; 10 do apples, 40 do cheese, P. D Caufield; 244 hogs, owner; 8 tons metal, Mitchell & Co; 600 lbs wheat, Williams & Co; 50 bbls flour, Deboerne; 8 bbls eggs, D Ricot; 312 lbs potatoes, Anderson & co; 6 bbls pearls, J & H Phillips; 2 do apples, 40 do cheese, J