HOME MATTERS.

PETITION FOR AN INJUNCTION.—The Trustees of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Allegheny, presented a petition in the District Court yesterday, before Judges Hampton and Williams, praying for a special injunction to restrain the pastor and part of the members of said church from using the same until some difficulties which have originated are settled. The Court named Tuesday next as the day on which the argument on the motion will be heard.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago we noticed a difficulty among the members of the above Church, several of whom were held to bail by Mayor Adams, on charges of assault and battery and surety of the peace. On Saturday last the Trustees published a notice in one of the German papers, to the effect that there would be no service in the Church on the Sabbath following—but many of the members proceeded to the place, and finding the doors locked, made application to the Mayor, who sent two police officers, with instructions to allow the congregation and pastor to enter and conduct their services as usual. The door was forced open, the people entered, and no disturbance took place at that time. The nature of the difficulty we do not understand, but as the parties are determined to resort to litigation, we presume it will be made public soon enough.

AN INGENIOUS THIEF.—On Monday evening a very skillful plan was laid by some one for the purpose of gaining access to the residence of Mr. John D. Tucker, on Penn street, in the Ninth Ward. About dark the inside hook of a window shutter was joined by a strong cord to the inside part of the outer, fastening, in such a manner that by simply pressing on the outside catch, when the shutter was closed, the fastening inside could be raised, and the shutter opened.—Mr. Tucker was observed by the servant girl, who mentioned the fact to Mr. Tucker, to whom the whole scheme was manifest. Alderman Dobbs was informed of the circumstance, and after examining the fixture, secured the assistance of a police officer, and entered the house to await the approach of the burglar. Hour after hour passed slowly away, and at three o'clock they came to the conclusion that the thief must have observed their operations during the evening, and declined running the risk of entering a house where the inmates were so well prepared to receive him. It is to be regretted that the scoundrel escaped, as, he will no doubt exercise his skill somewhere else ere long. Persons having the same kind of fastening (which is in general use) had better be on the look out.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.—The delegates appointed at the several Ward meetings in Allegheny, met in the Council Rooms last night, and nominated Nelson Campbell as a candidate for Mayor, and Thomas Farley for Director of the Poor.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.—Andrew Woods, Charles Miller, John Hettle, and Eliza Hines, were yesterday taken by jailor Crawford to the House of Refuge. Ald. Bausman also committed a lad to the same place—making in all five inmates.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton.

In the case of Hood vs. Hood, the argument of counsel was heard yesterday, and the trial will probably be concluded to-day.

Judge Williams charged the jury in the case of Conlin vs. Dixon's administrator, but no verdict was rendered.

ACCIDENT.—A man named Sanders was seriously hurt by being thrown from his buggy on the Washington road yesterday afternoon, while coming home, and came in collision with a coal team, which caused the accident.

BLANKETS—A. A. Mason & Co. will open this morning 200 pairs more of those Blankets—at de3

SHAWLS.—500 more Square Woolen Shawls, at 62½c. A. A. MASON & CO's. de3

CHEAP CALICOES—10 cases more of those 4 and 5c Calicoes, at A. A. MASON & CO's.

1000 LBS. GARRETT'S SCOTCH SNUFF in store and for sale by FLEMING BROS. 8 de4

HOLIDAY BOOKS of all kinds at DAVIS SON'S Cheap Book Store, 65 Market st.

SECOND HAND BOOKS FROM AUCTION.—We have just received a large collection several valuable lots of which are selling at prices considerably below cost. Mr. Pratt's. J. S. DAVISON, 65 Market st.

DRAWING AND PAINTING LESSONS.—We are now opening a large assortment of the most correct and beautiful Drawing and Painting Materials interested in studying and drawing are invited to examine them. The copies are very beautiful, suitable for all stages of the pupil. J. S. DAVISON, 65 Market st.

LATER YEARS, by the author of "Old Heads by the River, Caroline, last of the Pringenola Stories. Lorraine, do do do Recd by Express Arrow, do do do J. L. READ, 78, 4th st.

BIBLES—S. Sadler, Allegheny, has just opened a fine assortment of Bibles, comprising both in point and style of binding, from the small and compact to the large family and pulpit editions. de4

INDIANA FREE BANKS.—The notes of the Crescent City Bank of Jeffersville, Ia., recd at par by the Crescent City Bank of Jeffersville, Ia., recd at par by A. W. ARLAND, 255 Liberty st.

POOR'S RAILROAD MAP OF THE U STATES just rec'd and for sale by J. S. DAVISON & CO., 65 Wood st.

PIG IRON—100 tons California Furnace Pig Iron, 150 do Sharon Furnace Pig Iron, for sale by de5 A. ROBISON & CO.

BUTTER—4 bbls fresh roll Butter just received and for sale by R. ROBISON & CO.

PEACAES—100 bus. new Dry Peaches in store and for sale by JOHN WATT & CO.

CLOVER SEED—80 bus. just rec'd and for sale by de6 JOHN WATT & CO.

FLOUR—50 bbls. Family Flour for sale by de6 JOHN WATT & CO.

BUTTER & CHEESE—40 boxes Cheese; 20 packages Butter; 20 kgs Somerset Co. family Butter for sale by de6 JOHN WATT & CO.

CRAB CIDER—10 bbls. very superior Crab Cider rec'd and for sale by W. A. McCLURG.

WRITING PAPERS—Laid and Wove, Writing, Letter, Bath and Commercial Note Papers, with a large assortment of Paper and Office Station ery, for sale by de3 S. SIDLER, Allegheny.

FLOUR—312 bbls. extra and superfine just rec'd and for sale by R. HARBAUGH & CO.

WOOL—7 sacks Wool rec'd on consignment and for sale by R. HARBAUGH & CO.

30 BXS. CASTILE SOAP just rec'd and for sale by de3 FLEMING BROS.

400 LBS. BERMUDA ARROW ROOT in store and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

THIRD ST. PROPERTY FOR SALE—A new three story Dwelling House, of 11 rooms, with a large Store Room, a bath, gas fixtures, bath room and good cellar. No. 72. Also, A new Dwelling House of 3 rooms, a hall and good cellar. Also, a frame Dwelling House, also, a back building, suitable for a store room.

A two story Dwelling House on 3d st., containing three rooms and a kitchen, with a good cellar. Also, a frame Dwelling House on Liberty st., No. 140, 3d st. Apply to R. CUTHBERT & SON, 140, 3d st.

CARGO'S DAGUERRIAN GALLERY, APOLLO BUILDINGS, 76, 4th st., Pittsburgh.—Specimens taken in all kinds of weather in the best style of which the art is susceptible, at very reasonable prices. Citizens and strangers are invited to call and examine specimens. Rooms open day and evening. de3-1dart

AWAY WE GO PER THE FLEECY SNOW.—Music performed by the Steinlein Parties on the Delaware Gallery, No. 76 Fourth st., by PROF. FRANK CARGO, office at R. M. Cargo's Daguerrian Gallery, No. 76 Fourth st.

Grand Concert Fancy Dress Party at Wilkins' Hall, on next Friday, Dec. 15th. Tickets 75 cts. Recital Assembly at usual on Tuesday evening. de11

CIGARS—Hernani Regalia, La Union, Principe, Cuba, Florida and Seed. Cuba and Seed, Half Spanish and Common Cigars for sale by R. H. SUTTON, No. 12 Wood st.

MUSTARD—25 kegs English Mustard for sale by de14 E. F. SELLERS & CO.

BALSAM COPAIVA—140 lbs. for sale by de14 R. E. SELLERS & CO.

HOPS—20 bales prime eastern just rec'd and for sale by S. HARBAUGH & CO.

LINSEED OIL—20 bbls. in store and for sale by no30 S. HARBAUGH & CO.

BROCHE SHAWLS—A. A. Mason & Co. have just rec'd a large and splendid assortment of Long and Square Broche Shawls.

BLANKETS, BLANKETS—A. A. Mason & Co. invite attention to their extensive assortment of Blankets, consisting of more than 50 styles of the differ several grades, all selling at 10 per cent. less than last years prices.

TO RENTERS—We offer that substantial 3 story Brick House, No. 37 Wylie st., and lot, for the low price of $350, without the usual per centage. The first payments of $150, without the above rent, will be required to purchase. Those wishing to purchase or paying rent will examine the above property. E. McL. IN & SON, 21 Fifth st.

TANNERS' OIL—25 bbls. best quality, for sale by the bbl. or gallon. SCHOONMAKER & CO.

CLOVER SEED—29 bbls. to arrive and for sale by de4 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

DRY PEACHES—33 bbls. prime Ohio halves to arrive for sale by JOHN FLOYD & CO.

DRY APPLES—100 bus. Dry Apples to arrive and for sale by JOHN FLOYD & CO.

BUTTER—50 kegs prime Butter for sale by de4 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

MEAT CUTTERS—Ruggles & Co.'s Improved Cutter, and Sausage Stuffers or various sizes, by JAMES WARDROP.

CLOVER SEED—41 bags Ohio Clover Seed just rec'd and for sale by S. HARBAUGH & CO.

FEATHERS—127 sacks in store and for sale by de5 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

DELAINES—Just rec'd 20 cases more of those desirable 25c 7/8 Delaines, which will be sold at 12½c per yard. A. A. MASON & CO.

NEW BOOKS—Ids May, by Mary Langdon 1 vol, 12mo:
The White Dove, by Elizabeth W. Townsend, 1 vol, 12mo
In Doors and Out, by Oliver Optic, do do
Ida Norman, by Mrs Lincoln Phelps, do do
Westward Ho, by J. Fenimore Cooper, do do
You Have Heard of Them, do do
The Pride of Life, by Lady Scott, do do
Little Stones in Our Life Journey, by Sam'l Osgood, do do
The above just rec'd and for sale by KAY & CO., 65 Wood st. de26

WANTED—In a store, a good German, who speaks English fluently, (a single man preferred) to act as porter. To one who can come well recommended a good situation and steady employment will be given. Satisfactory references will be required. Apply at this office. de13-3d

NEW BOOKS from Carter's and it pers' History of the Origin, Formation and Prospects of the Constitution of the United States, by the Curtis, 2 vols. octavo.

Lectures before the London Young Mens' Christian Associations.

Autobiography and Reminiscences of Rev. Wm. Jay.

Words to Wife Souls—12 Sermons preached A. D., 1850 a 1850. Late Publications from A. S. S Union, just rec'd by J. S. SADLER, Federal st., Allegheny.

P. S.—A new and extensive stock of Books, Stationery, &c., newly opened.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.

HOUSE.—Gen. Whitfield, Delegate from Kansas, was announced, and took the oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

Several bills were introduced and referred; among them one by Mr. Hughes, making appropriations for the working of steam dredges on Lake Champlain.

The House passed bills granting additional powers to the corporation of Washington, increasing the compensation of the auxiliary guard; incorporating the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of the District of Columbia, and authorizing the Gas Light Co. to increase its capital.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, the Committee on Commerce were instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary for better defining the rights of citizens of the United States in ships, vessels, or other property by citizens or subjects of foreign countries under certain circumstances, and report by bill or otherwise.

The House then went into committee and took up the bill prohibiting the circulation of small notes in the District of Columbia, which was passed, with the bill authorizing the extension of the Metropolitan Railroad into Washington and Georgetown, and the bill authorizing the discharge of the debt of the District Penitentiary was ordered to be reported to the House. All three were passed, and the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Mr. STEWART reported in favor of the bill extending California Land Commission.

Mr. Sumner presented a Resolution that a committee of conference be directed, to consider whether further legislation is necessary to protect the Fishery interests, and especially by amending the system of licensing, and altering the terms of bounty in Bank and Cod fisheries and extending this bounty to the mackarel fisheries.

The Pension Appropriation Bill was resumed.

Mr. Fessenden moved an amendment the object of which is to place the widows of officers of the Navy on the same footing as the widows and officers of the Army.

Messrs. Hunter, Steward and Toombs opposed it on the ground that it was not germane to the bill and had not been examined by the committee.

Messrs. Fessenden, Chase, Brown and Weller advocated it as a measure just in itself, which ought not to be defeated by technical points of order which were often disregarded.

The amendment was defeated and the bill passed.

Mr. Brodhead, from the Select Committee to which was referred yesterday the Bill to establish a Board of Commissioners of Claims, reported back a substitute, and gave notice that tomorrow he would call it up.

The Bill for the Department of Law was taken up.

Mr. Adams advocated its passage.

Mr. Weller thought the subject belonged to the Committee on the Judiciary and moved its reference to that Committee.

Mr. Badger opposed the reference, and moved that it lie over until Tuesday next. Agreed to.

The Senate then went into executive session and then adjourned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A fire occurred on Broadway between 4 and 5 o'clock, between Grand and Howard streets. Some half a dozen buildings are in ruins, including the City Assembly Rooms, Christy and Woods' Minstrel Hall, McKinstry's carriage factory; Lyon's Magnetic Powder depot; Dansiomb's saddlery. The buildings were formerly known as Mitchell's Olympic, Mix's coach factory, etc. The fire extended through to Crosby street.

A ball was in progress in the Assembly Rooms when the fire broke out. One man is known to be killed and several ladies are missing.

[SECOND DESPATCH.]

The following are additional sufferers by the fire—Cheshire glass depot; Wray's wine and fruit store; Costar's vermin exterminator depot and others.

The Assembly Rooms were leased to George Miller.

Policeman M'Vay and fourteen others were seriously injured.

LATER.—Only one life was lost at the fire, fireman Lowry, but as the fallen walls are not cleared, it is possible others may be under.

The loss is variously estimated up as high as a million of dollars, but by careful estimate it is believed it will not exceed $100,000.

QUEBEC, Dec. 20.—Lord Elgin leaves Canada on Friday for New York where he embarks for England, per Pacific.

Sir E. W. Head was sworn in yesterday.

It is said the next Gazette will see all the officers, who were deprived of rank for joining the annexation movement, restored to their former position.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—New Orleans papers of Thursday are received.

A good deal of uneasiness prevails at Charleston in regard to the transportation of the Southern mail after the 1st of January. There is no agreement yet between the Post Master General and the Railroad. It is found to be impracticable to get boats to convey the mail between Wilmington and Charleston. Rumor says that the Post Master General will save his honor by allowing contractors to make a sub-contract with the railroad granting their terms.

LEBANON, N. H., Dec. 19.—The engine on the White River junction of the road, exploded and was blown to atoms. J. G. Moore, engineer, and David Warner, fireman, were badly injured. The explosion shook the buildings for half a mile around.

WATERTON, Dec. 19.—Peter Mahon, indicted for murdering his wife, in September last, was convicted to-day of manslaughter in the first degree.

ALBANY, Dec. 19.—The thermomer stands at five degrees below zero.

The employees of the Hudson River railroad Co. are engaged to-day in staking out a track on the ice to enable teams to cross the river, and will probably be able to do so to-morrow.

Judge Grant died at Oswego on Sunday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—In the United States District Court, to-day, Lamon Holbuth was convicted on a charge of smuggling diamonds in the steam-ship Washington, in August last.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 20.—A large number of Philadelphians arrived this morning over the new road from Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cotton unchanged; in limited demand; sales 400 bales at previous rates.

Flour firm; sales 5500 bbls. good Ohio at $8.75@$9,60. Wheat firm. Corn firm; sales 12,000 bush western mixed at 97@97½, and white and yellow at 97@98. Pork unchanged, with a sale of 1500 bbls. Beef firm. Lard firm at 10½ @10½ in kegs. Whiskey, Ohio, sales at 30½@31 in bbls. Sugars firm; sales 1800 bags Brazil 9½@10½. Sugars and Molasses dull and heavy. Lead, Galena, nominal at 6. Stocks better; money unchanged. Indiana five, 75; Penna, 5's, 92; Cumberland Coal, S. 39. 20½; Canton 18; New York Central R. R., 79½; Reading 66¾; Erie 35¾.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Flour market exceedingly quiet, with light supplies and a small stock; holders firm.

The demand for shipment limited, and the only sales reported are 300 bbls. in better demand; sales 200 bbls. at $4. Rye Flour dull. Corn meal quiet. Bye Flour dull. Corn meal Baltimore at $5. samples of Wheat offered and no transactions, except 500 bush. good red at $2.10 and a small lot of white at $2.18@$2.20. A small lot of Rye sold at $1.25. Corn scarce; small sales new yellow 68 and old 90. Groceries and Provisions steady but small business doing, and of the latter very little stock here to operate on. Whiskey is fair demand at 31.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—Flour $7,50@7,65.—Whiskey 27½@28. Hogs quiet and easier; 4000 sold at 4@4½; sales 4000 green Hams at 6@6½. Corn scarce; small sales new 40. Money unchanged; eastern exchange 1@1¼ premium.

The river is falling slowly. Weather moderating.

VIAL CORKS—1000 gross, ass'd sizes and quality, for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO. de14

SWAIN'S PANACEA—12 doz. for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO. de14

MCMUNN'S ELIXIR—12 doz. for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO. de14

POWDERED ALOES—100 lbs. for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO. de14

ANNATTO—2 baskets for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO. de14

BLUE VITRIOL—2000 lbs. for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO. de14

BLANKETS—500 pairs of the best makes of all Wool Blankets, ranging in price from $2 to $12, just rec'd and for sale by A. A. MASON & CO.

OLD COPPER—2 casks in store and for sale by de5 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

HICKORY NUTS—3 bbls. for sale by R. DALZELL & Co. de14

WOOLEN SOCKS—40 doz. country knit for sale by J. D. WILLIAMS, 122 Wood st.

SEEDS—1 bags Clover; 2 bgs. Timothy; 2 bgs. Flax, for sale by J. D. WILLIAMS. de14

BUTTER—2 bbls. and 3 kegs Roll, for sale by de14 J. D. WILLIAMS.

FLOUR—100 bbls. extra and superfine Flour for sale by de6 R. ROBISON & CO.

FRESH FRUITS, Hermetically Sealed—Peaches, Pine Apples, Gooseberries, Tomatoes just rec'd and for sale by de14 W. A. McCLURG.

OLD MONONGAHELA RYE WHISKEY—50 bbls. fine Old Monongahela Rye Whiskey, a very superior article; also, 6 bbls. Old Wheat Whiskey, 2 years old, for sale by W. H. SUTTON, No. 12, Wood st.

OLD REDSTONE, Price reduced, or History and Biographical Sketches of Western Presbyterianism, its First Records, by early Ministers, its Pertinent Times, its First Records, by Joseph Smith, D. D. Price $1.75. For sale by J. S. DAVISON, 65 Market st.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR *DECEMBER*.—W. H. SMITH, V. P.—J. S. DILWORTH, S. HARBAUGH, J. RHODES, THOS. SARGEANT.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, Thursday Morning, December 21, 1854.

FLOUR—sales at mill of 93 bbls. superfine at $4.50, and 200 do. at $8.50; extra at $5.25; from store, 55 bbls. superfine and 40 do. extra at $5.25@$5.37.

GRAIN—sales at depot of 500 bus. Shelled Corn at 56, 600 do. Corn at 55 and 50 bus. Barley from wagon at $1.37.

MOLASSES—sales of 30 bbls. cat. at 24, four mos., and 58 do. cyprus at 24½, sixty days.

WHISKEY—small sales by dray load at 30, for rectified.

BUTTER—a sale of 44 kgs. Packed at 12, cash.

FRUIT—a sale of 37 bbls. Dried Apples, old, at $1.00 ₱ bus.

BEANS—sales of 25 and 27 bus. Small White at $1.45, cash.

HAY—sales at depot of 33 bales at $20 ₱ ton.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The following exhibit of thirty-nine of the Massachusetts Banks, which we find in the Boston Herald, shows the state of bank inflation, in that State, truly amazing:

BANKS OF MASSACHUSETTS—BASIS OF CIRCULATION NOVEMBER, 1854.

BANKS.	SPECIE.	CIRCULATION.
Village, Danvers,	$2,552	$110,000
Merchants' Lowell,	2,253	61,874
Oxford,	2,784	53,620
Union, Haverhill,	2,501	84,391
Hopkinton,	2,889	84,715
Ketchesaqua, Salem,	2,777	84,177
Bunters,	2,951	86,500
Falmouth,	2,962	49,061
Worcester County,	3,000	125,000
West Haverhill,	3,000	125,000
Lowell,	3,564	99,984
Merchants,	4,230	115,314
Millbury,	4,145	99,500
Powers,	4,200	115,314
Rockport,	4,230	115,314
Manchester Market,	4,252	84,000
Housatonic,	4,257	53,001
Attleborough,	4,292	84,391
Fitchburg,	4,466	298,791
Essex,	4,488	142,000
Warren, Lowell,	4,500	147,000
Bristol County,	4,725	149,500
Malden & Barrington,	4,750	97,330
Cambridge City,	4,800	84,000
John Hancock, Springfield,	4,800	106,000
Fabet, Chicopee,	4,800	106,818
Merchants' Taunton,	4,800	84,391
Abington,	4,900	84,391
Adams,	5,715	99,500
Hamilton,	6,000	84,391
Total	$110,541	$3,020,720

The Herald says there are one hundred and thirty-nine Banks in the State, and that the above is a fair average indication of the state of them all, according to the latest returns of the Bank Commissioners, based upon the last returns, amounted to $15,000,000 based upon a Specie basis, or an average of one dollar in Specie to twelve of circulation.

In uncurrent Money there has not been much change. Virginia five banks are now at par, and Farmers' Trust Co. Fredericksburg, par. Tennessee Old Banks, 3@4; do. five banks, 3 dis.; Wisconsin, 6@8; Illinois, 6@8; Michigan, 6@8; Indiana, 6@8; Ohio, 2@3; Kentucky Trust Co. 3@4; Kentucky Insolvents, 10@15 dis.; Canada par; Maine, 1@2 dis.; New Hampshire, 1@2 dis.; Vermont, 1@2 dis.; Massachusetts, par; Rhode Island, par; Connecticut, par; New York City Banks, par; Buffalo, par; Country, 1@2 dis.; Indiana Free Banks, locally dis.; Northern Indiana Banks, 1@2 dis.; Michigan City Bank, par; Michigan Insolvent Stock Bank, 1@2 dis.; Illinois Stock Bank, par; Iowa, par; Missouri, par; Kansas, par; Nebraska, par; Minnesota, par; Oregon, par; Texas, par; Utah, par; New Mexico, par; Arkansas, par; Louisiana, par; Mississippi, par; Alabama, par; Georgia, par; Florida, par; South Carolina, par; North Carolina, par; Tennessee, par; Kentucky, par; Missouri, par; Illinois, par; Indiana, par; Ohio, par; Michigan, par; Wisconsin, par; Iowa, par; Minnesota, par; Kansas, par; Nebraska