HOME MATTERS.

DEATH OF HON. CORNELIUS DARRAGH.—MEETING OF THE BAR.—In the District Court, yesterday Col. Wilson McCandless announced the death of Hon. CORNELIUS DARRAGH. After a few remarks from Hon. P. C. Shannon and Col. S. W. Black, the Court adjourned, and a meeting of the Bar was organized by appointing Hon. M. Hampton, President; and Hon. H. W. Williams, Hon. Charles Shaler, and Hon. P. C. Shannon, Vice Presidents. A. W. Burke and Robert A. McKnight, Esqs., Secretaries. The following resolutions were then presented by James S. Craft, Esq.:

Resolved, That in the death of our beloved and esteemed professional brother, Hon. C. Darragh, we are compelled to mourn his loss as an afflictive event which is only more grievous to us than the community around him, by the intimate relations of close connection which we enjoyed in his life-time.

Resolved, That while the world shall value eminent talents, high sense of honor, acute delicacy of conscience, and boundless benevolence of heart, they will have reason to deplore that the bright example of our departed friend has been snatched from its conspicuous position.

Resolved, That James S. Craft, P. C. Shannon and S. W. Black, Esqs., be a committee to convey to the bereaved relatives of our late friend, copies of these resolutions, with the expression of our heart-felt sympathy and condolence—and of the County, and to request the entry of these resolutions on their minutes.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn to attend the funeral of the deceased, on the 23d inst., at two o'clock P. M.—and that we will wear appropriate badges of mourning for thirty days.

After the reading of the resolutions, John M. Kirkpatrick and John D. Mahon, Esq., paid appropriate and feeling tributes of respect to the memory of their departed friend.

BOY KICKED BY A HORSE.—Daniel Brown, (a son of the proprietor of the Jenny Lind Saloon,) aged about six years, had his skull fractured yesterday by a kick from a horse. The lad was sitting on his sled on Smithfield street, near Diamond alley, when a horse belonging to J. D. Fackiner, coach maker, was let loose from the wagon and permitted to go unattended to the stable. The animal became frightened at a boy sliding on the ice, and kicked young Brown, sinking one of the corks of the shoe through his skull, above the right ear. Dr. M'Cook dressed the wound, and has hopes of the recovery of the boy, in case inflamation of the brain does not follow. The owner of the horse is certainly culpable for turning him loose in the street.

BENEFICENCE.—We learn that some of our citizens have in operation a kind of "Ragged School" on the corner of Fulton and Webster streets, in the Sixth Ward, the managers of which have now under their charge about seventy destitute and abandoned children, who receive moral instruction every Sabbath, and are fed and clothed by means of the contributions of the benevolent. On Christmas they design giving the little children and their parents a substantial dinner, thus enabling them to join in the festivities of the day. The managers would be glad to have a call, on Christmas, from any one disposed to contribute to this school.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams.

In the case of Duke vs. Shoenberger, the jury yesterday returned a verdict for plaintiff for $500.

Thomas Duke vs. J. H. Shoenberger, J. B. Wells and W. C. Ray. Action for trespass and assault and battery. On trial.

Before Judge Hampton.—The jury in the case of Hood vs. Hood—action of ejectment for 226 acres of land—was charged yesterday morning, and returned a verdict for defendant. This case has occupied the attention of the Court for about two weeks, and the costs will be very heavy.

ACCIDENT.—Edward Crawford, a resident of Ohio township was seriously injured on Thursday afternoon, in the following manner:—He was at the bottom of a well engaged in filling dirt into a tub, which was conveyed to the surface by means of a windlass; and a German, employed in emptying the same, placed the tub so near the edge that it fell in, and fractured the skull of Mr. Crawford. He was so severely injured that he spoke sensible for a short time after the accident, but it is feared that he cannot survive.

DUFF'S MERCANTILE COLLEGE.—It will be recollected that this long established institution has at the head of the Book-keeping department, one of the best practical accountants in the United States—a distinguished author, teacher, lecturer, and an experienced teacher. At the head of the writing department, Mr. J. D. Williams is equally prominent as a teacher of penmanship. In selecting teachers for these, the highest and most important of all branches of a commercial man's education, we would say always go to the best, never waste time with second-rate teachers, for the trifling difference in the expense.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Michael Kain was arrested on Thursday and committed to jail by Alderman Lewis, charged on oath of Michael Lafferty, with assault and battery with intent to kill. Kain arrived in this city from Washington, Pa., on Thursday evening, somewhat intoxicated, and while on the corner of Ross and Fifth streets, attacked Lafferty with a knife, cutting him in several places. He also seized Lafferty with his teeth, and tore off about one half of his left ear.

THE CITY TREASURY.—The following exhibits the amounts received by the City Treasurer up to Dec. 21st, 1854, from the sources of revenue designated:—City tax, $11,671; Improvement tax, $1,716; Water rents, $19,432—total, $32,819. Of this amount $16,000 and $5,769 have been received in City Warrants. Balance unpaid into the Treasury, $87,532,07.

WE are requested to invite the attention of those wishing to purchase fine quality and choice old Wines, Brandies, Scotch Whiskey, old Jamaica Rum, Schiedam Gin, &c., to the sale of 80 cases, which is to take place this morning at 11 o'clock, at the auction rooms of P. M. Davis.

HOWARD RELIEF ASSOCIATION.—This society received one hundred barrels of flour from Cleveland yesterday, which they will distribute among those who can bring such recommendations as will prevent imposition. They are also prepared to furnish, in the same way, articles of clothing and fuel.

MAYORALTY.—Papers, numerously signed, are in circulation, calling on Mayor Volz to offer himself as a Citizen's Candidate, for re-election. The call, with names attached, will be published early next week.

DR. FITCH.—As will be seen by his card in our advertising columns, Dr. Fitch has agreed to prolong his stay here until the middle of January.

SODA ASH—Foreign and Domestic in store and being manufactured for sale by BENNETT, CLYDE & CO.

REFINED SODA ASH, for flint glass manufacturers for sale by BENNETT, CLYDE & CO.

FOR SALE—A Lot of Ground 24 by 60 feet, fronting on Decatur-st., at the junction of Scott and Liberty-sts., a few rods from Penn-st. Dwelling well finished, containing 6 rooms; new roof; for $116 per year. Price $1,600. Payments easy. Apply soon to E. McGAIN & SON, 21 5th-st.

FRUIT—100 bus. Dry Apples; 200 do do Peaches; 100 do do Cherries; 20 bbls. Green Apples in store and to arrive for sale by SHRIVER & DILWORTH

APPLES—37 bbls. Green Apples for sale by no30 J. & W. REA, 74 Water st.

ROLL BUTTER—20 bxs. extra Roll Butter this day rec'd by R. E. for sale by no30 HENRY D. COLLINS.

FLOUR—200 bbls. in store and for sale by no30 S. HARBAUGH & CO.

CHEESE—50 bxs. in store and for sale by de9 McCANDLESS, MEANS & CO.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BROOMS—50 doz. Corn Brooms just rec'd and for sale by de14 McCANDLESS, MEANS & CO.

LARD—5 kegs No. 1 Lard for sale by de14 R. DALZELL & Co.

VINEGAR—50 bbls. Cider for sale by de14 J. D. WILLIAMS.

NEW PRUNES, in small bxs. and glass for sale by de12 W. A. McCLURG

BUTTER—10 bbls. prime Roll Butter for sale by de14 SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

HAIR BRUSHES—A large and fine assortment of English Hair Brushes; also, a large assortment of Nail Brushes, rec'd by de14 JOS. FLEMING.

LARD—40 kegs No. 1 Lard for sale by de13 SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

BEANS—30 bbls. small white Beans for sale by de14 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

BROOMS—150 doz. ass'd Corn Brooms for sale by de14 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

SALERATUS—28 kgs. this day rec'd by de6 HENRY D. COLLINS.

THE GREAT WORK ON INFIDELITY; its aspects, causes and agencies; cheap edition; from the Seventh London ed.; price only 25 cts., for sale by de6 F. S. DAVISON, 62 Market st., near 4th.

OATS—150 bus. Oats for sale by de7 SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

WANTED—In a store, a good German, who speaks English fluently, (a single man prefer red) 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. de12-3

INDIANA FREE BANKS—The notes of the Crescent City Bank at Evansville, Ia., for sale by de7 D. W. McFARLAND, 203 Liberty st.

BY TELEGRAPH.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 22.

SENATE.—Mr. Toombs reported the Judiciary Bill, fixing the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts of the United States, and of the Orphan's Court of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Slidell moved that the Bill for the removal of obstructions in the south-west passage of the Mississippi river, be made the special order of the day on the 9th of January. Agreed to.

Mr. Badger suggested that as the Senators yesterday understood that the meeting of the Senate was pro formed because Monday was Christmas, it was not fair to transact business. Whereupon the Senate adjourned until Tuesday next.

HOUSE.—Mr. Houston from the Committee of Ways and Means reported a Bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department, and for the transportation of mails in ocean steamers and otherwise, for the year ending June 30th, 1856. Referred to Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee of Commerce, reported a resolution with a view of the better preservation of life. It authorizes the President of the United States to open a correspondence with the British government, or any one of her dependencies, in order to procure the erection of a first class light-house at Cape Race, New Foundland, the United States to pay an equitable portion of expense.

Mr. Cutting adverted briefly to the Resolution, saying that the great loss of life and the immense travel combine to render its passage necessary.

Mr. Smith, of Va. opposed the resolution. He regarded it as the commencement of a system to build foreign light-houses.

Mr. Fuller said it was of great importance to have a light-house at Cape Race where lines of steamers start and arrive. It was necessary for the safety of naval and commercial marine.

Mr. McMillan opposed the proposition as novel and unprecedented.

Mr. Fuller mentioned two cases where appropriations have been made by Congress to build light-houses outside our limits on the Canada shore.

Mr. Chandler favored the Resolution saying that the end sanctioned the means. Whatever is right cannot be commenced too early.

The resolution passed, 78 against 62.

The report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey for 1854 was received.

Mr. Robbins moved for the printing of 10,000 extra copies. Referred to the Printing Committee.

The bill relative to coasts of the District of Columbia was taken up, and passed finally 113 to 34.

The House then, after being some time in committee on private bills, adjourned until Tuesday.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—In the Supreme Court of Penna. to-day, Justice Black delivered an opinion in the case of Von Swartin vs. The Commonwealth of Penna.; error from Allegheny County. The case was a summary conviction for selling spirituous liquors on the Sabbath, and a penalty of $50 had been imposed by the Alderman. The defendant claimed the right of trial by jury, and denied the jurisdiction of the Alderman. Judge Black affirmed the judgment of the magistrate, and in explanation of the law, said that cases like this were not suits at common law, but criminal proceedings under a special act.

The same judgment was rendered by the Court in several other similar cases from Allegheny.

Judge Lewis dissented, and argued against the whole principle of summary convictions. Trial by jury was designed for the public security, and all summary convictions were invasions of its provisions. To authorise a justice to impose a fine of $50, and to imprison for non-payment, with no appeal to a jury, was an effectual and plain abolition of trial by jury; a right which it was a privilege of every citizen to claim.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—New Orleans papers of Saturday are received. There is nothing important.

The South Carolina Legislature adjourned tonight. The bill to modify the laws relating to the introduction of free negroes, after passing two readings in the House and three in the Senate was laid on the table.

The Charleston Courier has, by the arrival of the schooner British Queen, Nassau dates to the 9th.

The schooner Vallonia of Halifax, (N. S.) was wrecked and afterwards gotten off.

The ship Sunny South from New Orleans for New York, with a cargo of 2900 bales of cotton, has been wrecked on the Bahama Banks on the 28th ult.; 1,200 bales of cotton were saved in a dry state. The vessel was going to pieces.

There was no salt at Turk's Island. The demand at Aqua exceeds the supply; price, 59 cents and tending upward. Flour 60s.

BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—There is much suffering among the crews of vessels caught in the ice along the Lake Shore. Unavailing efforts are made to get the crews ashore. It is intensely cold.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Cattle Market.—400 head Beef Cattle offered; prices ranging from $3,25 to $4,75 on the hoof; extra brought $5,-25. Hogs—a brisk demand; packers are buying freely.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—The employees on the second section of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad have struck against the extension of the hours of work.

The coal trade of last week amounted to only 8000 tons.

The Savage Iron Company have suspended operations in their rolling-mills and furnaces.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Cotton: the sales today were 4000 bales; middling 8c. Freights stiffer.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—The markets are generally quiet and without change. Flour $5,40 @7,65. Whiskey 28½. Hogs $4@4,30 for light and $4,40@4,55 for heavy. Green Hams 6@6½. Some demand for Lard at 8½ for prime, in bbls. but generally held higher. Coffee 11½ @12. Sugar 6½. Molasses 19@20. Exchange firm at 1@1½ premium.

The river is falling slowly. Weather mild and pleasant.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Flour unchanged; sales 200 bbls. standard brands for export at $9.-12½ and small lots for home consumption at $9,-25@9,50 for good brands. Rye Flour and Corn Meal dull; the former $6,50 and the latter $4,25 a $5 per bbl. Wheat nearly bare and it is wanted; sales 12,000 bush. Penna. white at $2,20@2,25 and a lot of red at $2,13. Rye worth $1,22@1,25.—Corn scarce: the only sales are small lots of new and old yellow at 90 in store. Penna. oats sold at 55. Provisions unchanged, and little or no stocks left to operate on. Whiskey steady demand at 40.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton firm with an upward tendency: an advance of ¼ has been established; sales 500 bales N. O. middling at 9¾; Upland middling 8½. Flour firm: sales 5500 bbls good Ohio at full prices, southern firm. Sales 35000 bush. Wheat at firm prices. Corn, sales 46,000 bush. western mixed at 99@99½. Pork a trifle lower; sales mess at $12,62½@$12,75. Beef a shade higher; sales county mess at $9@ $11,25. Lard unchanged. Whiskey firmer: sales 600 bbls. Ohio at 38@38¼. Sales 1500 bags Rio Coffee at 9¼@10. Sugars heavy. Molasses lower: sales Orleans 24½@26. Linseed Oil 81. Tobacco active; sales 180 hhds. Kentucky at 6@8½ and seed leaf 5½@13. Stocks lower; money unchanged. Cumberland 20¾; Canton 18½; N. Y. Central 79½; Erie 34½; Reading 67¾. Bacon in ribs 8¾.

THIRD ST. PROPERTY FOR SALE—A new three story Brick Dwelling House, of 11 rooms, with a large Store Room, a hall, gas fixtured, bath room and good cellar. No. 103 Third st.

A two story Brick Dwelling House, of 5 rooms, a hall and Store Room, plastered and finished nice; also, a back building, suitable for a dwelling house.

A two story Dwelling House on 3d st., containing three rooms and a Store Room and finished nice, with a large bakeoven in the cellar. R. CUTHBERT & SON, 140, 3d st.

CARGO'S DAGUERRIAN GALLERY, Apollo Building, 76, 4th st.—Pictures taken in all kindsof 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. de14-3

AWAY WE GO FER THE FLEECY SNOW—Music furnished for Sleighing Parties on the shortest notice by FRANK CARGO, office at R. M. Cargo's Daguerrian Gallery, No. 76 Fourth st.

Grand Prize, Fancy Dress Party at Wilkins' Hall, on next Friday, Dec. 15th. Tickets 75 cts. Social Assembly as 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 de12 WM. H. SUTTON, No. 12 Wood st.

POOR'S RAILROAD MAP OF THE U STATES just rec'd and for sale by de7 KAY & CO., 55 Wood st.

PIG IRON—100 tons California Furnace Pig Iron; 150 do Sharon Furnace Pig Iron, for sale by de6 R. 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 R. ROBISON & 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, just received from 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 Fancy and Office Station ery rec'd by de6 R. SELLERS, Allegheny.

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

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

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR *DECEMBER*.—W. H. SMITH, Y. P.—J. S. DUNCAN, S. HAZLEHURST, J. HOGGINS, THOS. YARDLEY.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, Saturday Morning, December 23, 1854.

FLOUR—Sold: sales at mill of 50 bbls. Red Corral, superfine at $8,70.

GRAIN—demand brisk: sales at depot of 650 bus. Oats at 55, and 500 bus. Ear Corn at 90 and 1,000 do. at 87½.

LARD—small sales of No. 1 at 9½.

BUTTER—sales of 6 bbls Prime Roll at 19@20, cash.

CHEESE—demand light: sales in lots of 100 bxs. at 10 @10½.

POWDER—sales of 100 kgs. Rock at $3,05, four months, and 150 do. at $3,00, cash; Safety Fuse, 10,000 feet at $4,00.

METAL—a sale of 100 tons (stone coal) Pig Metal, on private terms.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The weather yesterday continued moderate, but without any indications of rain. The rivers continue closed.

A statement appeared some days since, in the Boston Herald, and it was copied into several Western papers, with reference to the Massachusetts Banks, which, we think, must have shown them what a large circulation, and but little basis, from the fact that the amount of coin on hand was small compared with the notes issued. Our impression has been, that there are no better or safer Banks in existence than those doing business in Massachusetts, and this is confirmed by some facts furnished by a gentleman who is a citizen of that State. Each Bank to be entitled to its organize, to have its capital paid up, quired, before it can organize, to double the amount of and every Stockholder is liable to double the amount of his stock. The bankers allowed to issue two dollars to one of their capital. Every Bank keeps a balance at the Suffolk Bank, Boston, where the notes are principally redeemed. The circulation is not presented, to any extent, at the counter for redemption, and this accounts for the small amount of Specie kept on hand. The Banks are required to make weekly statements, and they are closely watched by the Bank Commissioners, who have power to enter the Bank at any time and examine books, assets, &c., and they are required to do this at least once a year. If a Bank shows any signs of weakness—and this is sometimes developed by the condition of the assets—it will be closed by the Bank—the fact is telegraphed to every Bank in the State, and a Commissioner proceeds at once to investigate the affairs. The Banks are not allowed to make any investments in Stocks or Bonds, or Real Estate, except for the use of a Banking House. Directors are permitted to loan only a limited amount from the Banks, and the latter are not allowed to pay interest on deposits. In a word a system has been so perfected, that the Banks, even with the largely reduced circumference in every branch of business, and with the accumulation of specie in the Banks, we may look for a steady but gradual improvement. The only complaints that the Banks, even with their contracted circulation, are not sufficiently free, and the bankers are satisfied that the foreign drain of specie is permanently stopped, and that the present reduction of the circulation is sufficient to meet the business wants of the country. A ruinous limited expansion of Bank issues by the Banks of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, has been a very great relief to many, and would not endanger the Banks as it is the interest of the Bank Commissioners, in the case of discounts as is compatible with security, we have no doubt such an expansion will take place on a moderate scale in the Spring.

The balance of the old movement with the West is in favor of New York, but some specie is now coming forward—$140,000 arrived to-day.

The Assay office paid out $398,227 for Gold deposited, since November 1st, and the Assay office and sub-Treasury have together paid out in coin to over $2,500,000, of which $1,000,000 was paid out to-day.

Another parcel of $100,000 Government Stock went for-ward for redemption to-day, and we hear of other lots which will probably go forward. We also hear that it is the intention of the Secretary in regard to removing his fund after the 31st inst., to seriously the policy of the Government Stock for coming to a close, and to immediately take advantage of the present opportunity to obtain their par value in the specie.—N. Y. Times.

COFFEE.—There were sales yesterday, not included in our report, of 600 bags Rio Coffee at 10c.; and to-day we have to report 2,500 bags do. at same rate. The demand for Coffee is brisk, and the market is firm at the above quotation for the best numbers of Rio. For fair to good ordinary qualities, from Rio, with advices to the last of November. The market at Rio was unchanged, with moderate operations. The market at Havana was dull.—Bost. Amer. 20th.

The N. Y. Post says:

It is a matter of much speculation in financial circles what effect the great decline in Foreign exchange will have on the discount market of London, and the course of the Bank of England. If the present low rate of exchange continued on, which, however is much doubted, the Bank would soon be forced to raise the rate of discount. It is thought that this would fall heavily on the Bank of England, and that facilities for the transactions of American mercantile accounts would be curtailed considerably. The effect of the advance of the state of our exchange during the past week is very marked.—N. Y. Times.

The increased strength of the Banks is already partially felt on the rates for Money, although with the exception of the few demand loans (mostly on Stocks) there is not much paper in market, and the supply will not exceed the borrowers for accommodation. In fact, with the Banks, the rate is pretty much at 7 per ct., on which it would have been demanded a few days ago, and very little paper is even offered at that rate. The principal difficulty at present appears to be with the Brokers, who are experiencing, at every turn, difficulty in obtaining the full values which they have been accustomed for several years past to receive for their Real Estate, Stocks, Bonds and other property outside the ordinary business circles. We have heard of a few sales of Real Estate, during the week, and the returns for the present, and that their Winter payments will be much easier now than during the Fall.—N. Y. Times.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—28 saloer, 10 bbls butter, 26 do apples, 8 hogs, 6 bbls cider, 20 pkgs scrap iron, 17 sks dr fruit, sundries, 30 do do, 1 car do, 1 do flour, 1 do corn, 1 do oats, 1 do hogs & cattle, 1 do sundries, 1 do flour, 1 do corn & oats, 4 pkgs 220 sks 37 bxs dr fruit, 1 do do, 1 do do, 1 do do