HOME MATTERS.

RELIEF FOR THE POOR IN ALLEGHENY.—The citizens of Allegheny held a meeting on Thursday evening, February 1st, at Union Hall, in the Third Ward, to devise ways and means for the relief of the Poor. Caspar Gang, Esq., was appointed President; N. Voegtly, Esq., Vice President, and Ed. Getting, Secretary. A resolution was adopted to open a Soup House, on Monday next, in the building of J. Graebing, on Ohio street, adjoining the office of Ald. Hartje, who has kindly offered the same for that purpose. The following Committee was appointed to solicit contributions:

First Ward—J. A. Scott; A. Noll, A. Bepler, W. Schuyer, A. Bettyer, R. C. Stockton.

Second Ward—R. H. Davis, W. Adams, G. Walter, G. Satter, W. Chambers, W. Gaber.

Third Ward—C. Gang, A. Reineman, N. Voegtly, W. Walker, W. Boyd, G. Gerst, A. C. Alexander.

Fourth Ward—J. Park, A. Hays, P. Wessinberger, J. Kleinhing, A. Miller, Dr. Gaieste, J. Poland, W. Miller.

Duquesne Borough—Rev. M. F. Detless, John Jahn.

Reserve Township—J. Lofink, H. Zolls, R. Arnold, C. Goehring, C. Lappe. Adam Reineman was elected Treasurer.

The public are most earnestly solicited to assist this charity by contributing money or provisions.

CLOTHING FOR THE POOR.—The present great interest manifested in the establishment of Soup Houses will have, it is feared, an unfavorable influence in another respect, viz. in making provision for the wants of the Poor, such as clothing and fuel. It is hoped the benevolent public will not lose sight of this, in their efforts to relieve existing suffering. The Ladies Benevolent Relief Society are now directing their attention mainly, (though not entirely,) to these branches of relief, and will thankfully receive contributions in money, new and old clothing, coal, &c., for these purposes.

Mrs. Doctor M'Cracken, in the absence of Mrs. Harmar Denny, is the acting President of this Association, which meets every Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church. The whole city is divided into districts, and a committee of two ladies have charge of each district, *who visit in person* all to whom relief is extended.

THE LIQUOR LAW.—The bill granting the Mayors of the two cities equal powers with civil magistrates in regard to the Sunday Liquor Law, has passed the Senate, and will, doubtless, be successful in the House. The bill is as follows:

"An Act to extend the powers of certain officers in Allegheny county.—Be it enacted, &c., That the Mayor of the city of Pittsburgh, the Mayor of the city of Allegheny, and the Burgesses of the several boroughs in Allegheny county, shall have and exercise all the powers of Aldermen and Justices of the Peace, in all cases of violation of the second section of 'an act relating to the granting of tavern licenses in the county of Allegheny, and to the licensing of billiard rooms and bowling saloons in Mifflin county, approved the fourteenth day of April, Anno Domino, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one."

Murphy & Burchfield have received the following additional contributions for support of Fourth street Soup House, as follows, viz:

Robt. Hall $5; Rev. Wm. Hughes $2; Cash $1; Cash $10; Miss Finney $1; Cash $1; also, (collected by Messrs. Lavely & Morgan,) Knapp & Wade $10; L. S. & C. Hanna & Dyer, Wolf & Lane, W. Mitcheltree, J. H. Parker, N. K. Wade, Miller & Ricketson, Jones & Denny, Bell & Liggett, Dr. John Rea, J. F. Bennet, Ledlie & D. T. S. Blair, J. W. & Co., English & Bennett, D. Ritchie, W. W. Jr., J. P. Pears, Kay & Co., J. H. Mellor, M'Cord & Co., W. Frew, Cooper & Lavely, W. H. Miller, Esq., Jas. Graham, Esq., J. M'Goffin, Adams & Co., $5 each. G. E. Arnold, H. Brady Wilkins, Esq., $3 each. G. E. Arnold and from 13 persons $1 each. S. G. & Co. $3. From six persons $2 each; Cash $2,50.

SUMMARY OF THE SEVENTH STREET SOUP HOUSE.—To last evening, making nine days' operations, 1,226 gallons of Soup were distributed. Also, one and a half barrels of mackerel, and 6,682 loaves of bread. The actual applicants for soup and bread number 2,551, representing in men women and children, 11,445 persons, 929 were widows with families. Without going further into detail, this certainly must appeal to the sympathies of the humane and benevolent. Tickets can be bought or contributions left with R. Chester, the Superintendent, at 74 Wood street, or Wm. Noble, Third street, and L. Wilmarth, City Mills.

R. CHESTER, Superintendent.

A Philadelphia paper noticing the recent enforcement of the Sunday Liquor Law in this city, remarks with truth and force that it is vain for a Mayor to attempt alone, to effect a moral reformation. He must be sustained by public sentiment, and also by the helping hand of the individuals. Even the whole police force of a city cannot have an eye in every place; and if the people will not report infractions of the law, and help the officers in its execution, the administration of the most faithful chief magistrate must still be comparatively ineffective for its results.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton.

In the case of Howell vs. Howell, the plaintiff took a non-suit, and the jury was discharged.

John Byington, Sarah Byington, Matthew S. Hays and Olive his wife, vs. Fanny Fish, administratrix of Alex Fish, deceased. Verdict for plaintiff for $584,81, subject to the opinion of the Court on points reserved.

Complaint Books.—Mayor Wood, of New York, is not the first official who has thrown open a complaint-book where citizens may put their grievances in black and white. Mayor Adams, of Allegheny, has such an arrangement, and, moreover, his officers are ready at all times to attend such evils as are complained of, so far as it is in their power.

A MAN named John Kohrsson, living in Manchester, was charged before Mayor Adams, on Friday, by Harriet Kohrsson, his wife, with beating her, abusing her, turning her out of doors and threatening to cut her throat with a razor. He was bound over to keep the peace.—Not finding bail, he was taken to the County Jail.

FIRE.—The Seventh street Soup House caught fire on Thursday evening, and came near being destroyed. The fire originated from one of the furnaces, but fortunately was soon subdued.—But half the usual quantity of soup was served out yesterday, and many applicants went away unsupplied.

NEVILLE B. CRAIG, in a communication to a city paper, contends that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have erroneously formed their Depot, *Du Quesne Depot*. He says Fort Du Quesne was really entirely within the limits of the purchase by the Allegheny Valley Company.

SLEIGHING still continues good, and the sleighbells

"Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of Runic rhyme,"

still enliven our streets with their music. Some snow fell yesterday.

FLOUR.—During the month of January 12,120 bbls. of superfine flour, 221 bbls. fine, 104 bbls. middlings and 35 bbls. of rye, were inspected in this city. Thirty-six barrels were condemned.

SENT TO THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.—Mayor Adams, on Thursday last, sent a young woman named Elizabeth Cameron to the House of Refuge She was committed on oath of her mother.

Two workmen had a narrow escape from death on Friday at the Duquesne Depot. A heavy cast iron pulley fell within a few inches of where they were standing.

THE Literary Club holds its public meeting this evening, corner of Third and Market, third story.

We understand petitions are circulating, praying the pardon of Edmund Forrer, now in the Penitentiary for grand larceny.

THE Allegheny is closed at Freeport for the second time this winter.

THE icemen are again engaged in cutting out ice in the Allegheny river.

THE Allegheny Soup House will be opened on Monday at eleven o'clock.

STEAMBOATS.

Wheeling Packet.

THE new and substantial steamer EXCHANGE, Capt. MCCLINTOCK, will be her run as a regular packet between Pittsburgh and Wheeling, leave Pittsburgh every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY of each week at 4 o'clock, and Wheeling every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at the same hour.

The Exchange connects at Wellsville with the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Railroad, and at Wheeling with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. For freight or passage, apply on board or to P. D. GOLDSWORTHY, Agt., Water st.

☞The Exchange is an entirely new and speedy boat of very light draught, excellent accommodations, splendid furnished and furnished—built expressly for this trade.

FOR THE WEST.—Any person going to or living in the West can purchase a valuable patent portable Saw Mill Right for several States. It is said to be of great value in a new country. It can be had so that the buyer can make money.

A variety of good Copper Stocks on hand to sell for Real Estate, here or in the East.

I also have a Printed Register of Real Estate, Described on it are a variety of Farms, Country Seats, Houses and Lots, Stock, &c. This Register is given to any who call.

THOMAS WOODS,
Commercial Broker, 75 Fourth st.

GREASE—10 bbls. now landing from Steamer Fenestr for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

W. JACKSON & SON, of the late firm of W. & N. Jackson & Sons, Grate and Fender Makers, 366 Front st., and 280 Broadway, New York, have constantly on hand every variety of Grates and Fenders Also, Bronzes and Square German Silver Grates. Whole sale Dealers supplied. ja13-1y

BY TELEGRAPH.

CONGRESSIONAL.
WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 2.

SENATE.—Mr. Badger gave notice that on Monday next he should propose the repeal of so much of the 20th section of the act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States as authorizes taking depositions without notice.

The bill from Mr. Seward of the Committee of Commerce admitting the Russian built ship *Aina* to register under the name of St. Andrews was passed.

This being private bill day, several private bills were acted on.

Mr. Mallory's bill from the Committee on Naval Affairs was taken up and passed. This bill proposes to place on the reserved list, out of the line of promotions and upon leave of absence with pay those captains, commanners and lieutenants who are incapable of service. This reserved list pays officers as follows: On leave—captains, $1800; commanders, 1200; lieutenants, $750; passed midshipmen, $600. In sea service, navy yard or other duty: captains $2800; commanders, $1900; lieutenants, 1050; passed midshipmen, $850.

The bill for the relief of claimants of the private armed brig *General Armstrong* was taken up.

The bill was debated by Messrs. Benjaman Seward, Clayton and Bayard until the time of adjournment when the Senate adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.—The House passed the bill for the relief of Belden & Co., remitting duties on goods confiscated in Mexico.

The House went into Committee on private bills, 86 of which were favorably reported to the House but not finally acted on.

There being no quorum the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 2.—Yesterday after the Army Appropriation Bill was taken up a debate ensued on the force to be employed, which resulted in the passage of the following amendment from Mr. Shields: That there shall be added to the army two regiments of infantry and two regiments of cavalry, organized as in the existing force and that the officers and men, authorized by this act shall be entitled to the same provisions for wounds and disabled, and the same provisions for widows and children, and the same allowances and benefits in every respect as are allowed to other troops composing the army of the United States, they shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, and the men shall be recruited in the same manner as other troops and with the same conditions and limitations.

It will be recollected that the President in his annual message asked for what Mr. Shield's amendment gives him, but his recent special message asked in addition thereto 8000 volunteers for 18 months to meet the present exigency.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 2.—A fire occurred at the Galt House last night which destroyed two rooms. The damage by fire and water is about from $6000 to $8000. It originated in the room of Miss Makah, the actress, whose wardrobe was entirely destroyed.

The weather is moderating, and boats are daily arriving and departing.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 2.—Ex Mayor Maury died at one o'clock this afternoon. His loss is universally regretted by the whole community. It is said that while Mayor he spent in charity double the amount of his salary. He was President of the Bank of the Metropolis.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—A fire occurred at Gainesville, Georgia, on Tuesday of last week which destroyed 19 buildings and 4,000 bales of cotton.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Whig Legislative Caucus nominated Mr. Seward for Senator.—Seward, 74; scattering, 6.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Cotton downward; prices declined under the influence of the steamers news; sales 8000 bales. Flour $10,50.—Freights unchanged.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 2.—Flour $7,90@$8. Whiskey 24½@25¾. Provisions dull; sales 100 bbls extra mess Pork at $12 and 200 bbls prime Lard at 8¾. Nothing new in the way of shipment sales of Sugar reported. Corn made to-day for shipment to Pittsburgh by Railroad. Eastern exchange dull at ¾@1 per ct. premium.

River navigation still suspended. The weather continues cold. Business very dull.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Cotton firm, sales 500 bales on the spot and 3000 in transitu; New Orleans middling 9¼; uplands middling 9; Mobile, 9¼; Texas, 9¼. Flour unchanged, sales 5000 bbls good Ohio. Southern heavy; sales 3000 bbls. at $8,87@$9,31. Corn a trifle higher, sales of white 98@99. Pork a trifle lower; sales 1800 bbls at $12,25@12,50 for mess and prime ends to at $14,25@$15. Beef a trifle easier; sales 1000 bbls. repacked Chicago at 14@15. Lard unchanged. Whiskey, Ohio firm 33. Coffee, sales 600 bags Rio at 9½@10¼. Sugars and Molasses unchanged. Linseed Oil 78@79. Stocks firm. Money unchanged. Missouri 6sixes 92½; Virginia sixes 95¾; Indiana fives 80; Cumberland 35½; Reading 73; Erie 46½; New York Central 89¾.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR *JANUARY*.—W. R. SMITH, V. P.—ALEX. GORDON, DAVID H. PA. Ralston, Jno. Scott.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
Saturday Evening, February 2, 1855.

FLOUR—sales from first hands of 200 bbls.extra at $8,75 at mill, 75 bbls superfine at $7,80 and 25 do. extra at $8,10. From store, 60 bbls. superfine at $8,62, and 25 bbls. extra at $8,87. Sales at mill of 25 bbls. Rye Flour at $7,00.

GRAIN—sales to arrive of 500 bus. Oats at 50, and from store of 800 bus. Corn, in lots, at 87½.

MEAL—sales from store of 200 bus. Corn Meal at 85, and 14 bbls. do. at $3,87, cash.

GROCERIES—sales to city trade of 10 hhds. new fair Sugar at 8¾, cash, and 25 bbls. Molasses at 23¾, 60-days.

WHISKEY—sales of 12 bbls. Rectified at 34, 50 do. Raw at 29, and 18 do. part Rye, at 37½.

BACON—sales of 2,000 lbs. Shoulders at 6¾, sixty days, and 4,000 lbs. Shoulders and Hams at 6¾ and 10, cash.

BUTTER—sales of 8 bbls. Common Roll at 14, and 4 do. Good at 16.

FRUIT—a sale of 75 bus. Dried Peaches at $2,00, cash.

POTATOES—a good demand; sales in two lots of 50 bbls. Mixed at $1,50 ₱ bus. cash.

HAY—sales from store of 50 bales at $22 ₱ ton, and 40 do. at $25; at scales, sales by load at $26@$28.

PIG METAL—sales of 15 tons Hamilton at $20 ₱ ton; and $25 do. Springer at $23—six mos.

The inspections of Flour for the month of January were as follows:

Superfine, bbls	12,220
Fine, "	221
Middlings, "	104
Condemned, "	35
Rye, "	35
Total	12,616

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The amount of Wheat exported from Cleveland, by lake, in 1853 was 2,019,592 bus. In 1854 the amount was only 50,465 bus. This is a striking evidence of short crops which is unmistakable. From Chicago, which is a great Wheat port, the amount shipped by lake and railroad in 1854 fell short of the shipments by lake alone from Cleveland in 1853.

The citizens of Versailles, Ky., have hung in effigy, a Lexington Banker, named Barclay, because that gentleman made it a custom to collect all the notes payable at the Versailles Branch of the Commercial Bank of Ky., and present them at the counter for redemption. This drain upon the Bullion of the Bank has created very skilful financiers on the part of its officers, to prevent a collapse.—The indicrant people also promised to make summary work with Barclay, or his clerk, if either ever again presented the vault of their Bank.

The imports of Coffee at Baltimore in January, from Rio, were 20,905 bags, against 21,457 last year. Stock on hand 20,500, against 45,000 last year. Quotations for good and prime Rio 10 cents.

HOUSE NOTES OF CIRCULATION.—From the Auditor General's Report, we glean the following facts relative to the "Relief Notes" which still linger in circulation, to the pollution of our now otherwise "clean" currency:

Original amount issued	$2,245 015
Amount of old issues redeemed	2,195 079
Am't of old and re-issues in circulation	49 936
Am't of old and re-issues in circulation, Jan. 1853	49,936
Amount cancelled and destroyed, this leaving at this time in actual circulation,	$217,203.

SALE OF STOCKS.—The following sales were made at the Exchange on Thursday night:

Merchants' Exchange vs. Pittsburgh Trust Co	$53,25
14 shares Pittsburgh Trust Co	53,50
50 " Ohio & Penns. R. R	10,12
100 " National Mining Co	1,00
2304 forfeited shares Adventure Mining Co. 25 cents to $1.10 per share.	

In business matters a general dulness still prevails, and but few items of importance was developed to-day. In money affairs there is nothing new or interesting. Money is not a pressing demand for loans from legitimate borrowers, and first-class paper is, perhaps, not equal to the demand.

The affairs of most of the suspended Banks look more and more unpromising, and checks on them are worth from 1 to 2 to eighty-five cents on the dollar. We notice that the Hon. Goodman find themselves unable to pay the first dividend of 10 cent. which they expected to pay the first of the month, but not being able to do so, it was put off until the first of February, but they otherwise their credit, in the Banks, that the payment must be still deferred, and in this case, indefinitely. Checks on the Citizens' Bank are in demand at 85 cents, and the probability is this Bank are in demand at 85 cents, and the probability is this Bank are in demand at 85 cents, and the probability is this