GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 28, 1855

INTERMENTS IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH,

FROM FEBRUARY 21 TO FEBRUARY 27, 1855.

Diseases.	Adults.	Children.
Delirium Tremens	1	0
Small Pox	1	3
Still Born	0	1
Marasmus	0	2
Convulsions	0	1
Old Age	2	0
Debility	0	1
Dropsy of Brain	0	1
Inflammation Brain	0	1
Unknown	1	0
Chronic Bronchitis	1	0
Whooping Cough	0	1
Total	8	12

OF THE ABOVE YEARS WERE,

Under 1 year	6
From 1 to 2	1
" 2 to 5	1
" 5 to 10	2
" 20 to 40	1
" 60 to 70	1
" 70 to 80	1
" 80 to 90	1

Males, 12: Females, 8: White, 18: Colored, 2: Total, 17.

By order of the Board of Health.

ALEX. MURDOCH, Physician of Board of Health.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF SELECT COUNCIL.—Council met. Present Messrs. Agnew, Allen, Alexander, Bissell, Clarke, Cordell, Drum, Jones, Murdoch, Pollock, Taylor, Weaver, Wilson, and President.

The minutes of the previous meetings read and approved.

Mr. Jones presented a petition of John Creighton relative to a lost warrant for $30.97, with the following resolution,

Resolved, That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of John Creighton for the sum of Thirty 97-100 dollars in lieu of a warrant issued to Thomas Mahen, No. 31, 1855, said warrant being lost on or about the 6th day of February inst., provided said Creighton indemnify said Treasurer by entering into bonds. Petition read and resolution read three times and passed.

Mr. Bissell presented the following petitions:

One for Gas Lamps on Duquesne Way between Hand street and Garrison alley. Read and referred to committee on Gas Lighting.

One for paving Duquesne Way between Hand street and Garrison alley. Read and referred to committee on Streets.

One for Water pipes on Duquesne Way east of Hand street. Read and referred to Water committee.

Mr. Allen presented the following, viz:

Petition for grading Maria street.

Petition for grading and paving Vickroy st.

Petition for paving Magee street.

Mr. Alexander, Petition for paving Marion street.

Mr. Taylor, Petition for paving Locust street.

Also, Petition for paving Mechanics street.

All of which was read and referred to committee on Streets.

Mr. Bissell presented the report of Finance committee relative to the increase of the City debt. Reporting adverse thereto. Read and accepted.

Also, a report of the Finance committee relative to the resources of the city, and showing the indebtedness of the same, which was read and accepted, when Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the Finance committee be published in the papers elected to do the city printing, also in the *Journal* and *Dispatch*, provided they publish at the same rates proposed by the *Post* and *Gazette*.

Mr. Weaver offered as an amendment, that it be published in the papers selected to do the city printing.

Mr. Jones offered as an amendment to the amendment, that it be indefinitely postponed. Lost.

Mr. Pollock then offered as an amendment, that an abstract of the report be published in the papers authorized to do the city printing, under the direction of the chairman of the Finance committee. Adopted.

The question then recurring on the resolution as amended, there being objection, laid over on third reading.

Mr. Jones moved suspension of rule. Adopted.

The resolution then read three times and passed.

Mr. Bissell submitted an ordinance making appropriations for the year 1855. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Taylor presented report of committee on Claims and Accounts, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of the following named persons, when their bills shall be presented to him duly probated for the respective accounts:

R. R. M'Gowan and assistants, in full to Jan. 29th, 1855, for	$565 00
James W. Biddle, " " "	18 00
W. S. Haven, " " "	50 32
W. S. Haven, and charge to appropriation No. 3, for	7 88
Hays & Getty, for	7 88
Murphy & Burchfield, for	10 75
J. Seibert, and charge to contingent fund, for	1 98

Report accepted and resolution read three times and adopted.

In all of which action of Select Council the Common Council concurred.

Mr. Agnew presented a petition signed by over 1000 citizens in favor of a Chain Gang, which was read.

When Mr. Jones offered the following:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils approve of the object proposed to be accomplished by the signers to the accompanying petition, and authorize the Presidents of Councils to forward said petition to the members from this County in the Legislature asking for the passage of the act petitioned for.

Read three times and passed. In C. C. laid over on third reading.

The Clerk of C. C. returned the proposed act for the collection of taxes, adhering to their former action, and Messrs Moorhead and Lewis appointed as Committee of Conference.

In S. C. former action adhered to and Messrs. Bissell and Alexander appointed on part of S. C. as Committee of Conference.

Mr. Drum called the attention of Council to the fact that Wm. Wilson the member from the 5th Ward was not entitled to a seat in this Council, being an Alderman in and for said city.

When Mr. Murdoch, submitted the following:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to consult with the City Solicitor relative to Wm. Wilson being eligible to a seat in this Council, he, the said Wilson having been elected an Alderman by the citizens of the 5th ward. Also, as regards the eligibility of Allen Cordell to a seat in this Council.

Read three times and passed, and Messrs. Murdoch and Drum appointed said Committee.

Mr. Bissell from the Committee of Conference on the proposed act reported that the proposed act for the better collection of Taxes with the recommendation that the same be adopted, published and forwarded to our Representatives at Harrisburg for action thereon by the Legislature.

Report of Committee read and accepted.

The following business from Common Council was then taken up:

Petition for grading and paving Gibbon street.

Petition to grade and pave Congress street.

Petition for improvement of Bedford street.

Petition for paving Strawberry alley from Grant to Tunnel st.

Resolution in favor of paving Redoubt alley.

Resolution for grading Washington street.

Petition for erection of steps on Boyd's Hill.

All of which read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition relative to the Poor of the City.

Read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolution for Gas Lamp on south side of Liberty street, between 3d and 4th sts.

Petition for extension of Gas Mains on Franklin street.

Read and referred to Committee on Gas Lighting.

Petition and bill of Knapp & Totten.

Read and referred to Water Committee.

Bill of *Commercial Journal* for $11.

Read and referred to Committee on City Printing.

Bill of James Hemphill for Dray Plates, $100.

Bill of the *Republican* for $3.

Bill of *Evening Chronicle* for $27.

Bill of *Daily Gazette* for $228 50.

Bill of Whitney & Myers for $34 19.

Bill of Layton & Co. for $7.

All of which read and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Report of Special Committee on increase of salary of Day Police.

Read and accepted.

Also, an Ordinance increasing the pay and extending the duties of the Day Police.

Read twice and referred to the Finance Committee.

In all of which action of C. C. the S. C. concurred.

On motion adjourned.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.—Monday, Feb. 26, 1854.—Members present—Messrs. Barr, Black, Duncan, Edgar, Evans, Felix, Getty, Gracey, Griffin, Herdman, Irwin, Kennedy, Kirkpatrick, King, Lewis, Mackin, Moorhead, M'Master, Scott, Seitz, Selden, Tucker, Wilson, and President Long.

The minutes of the three proceeding meetings read and approved.

Mr. Edgar presented a petition to pave and grade Strawberry alley from Grant street to Tunnel street. Referred to committee on Streets.

Mr. Duncan a petition for Gas pipes on Franklin street between Elm and Logan streets. Referred to Gas committee.

Also, a resolution authorizing the street committee to pave Washington street from Webster to Liberty street.

Also, a petition to pave Congress street from Webster to Wylie street. Referred to committee on Streets.

A petition from Francis Felix asking Councils to appropriate $500 to the Howard Association for the relief of the Poor.

Mr. M'Masters, a petition for the improvement of Bedford street. Referred to committee on Streets.

Mr. Griffin, a petition for steps up Boyd's Hill, from Fourth street road. Referred to committee on Streets.

Mr. Kennedy, a petition for grading and paving of Gibson street, from Chesnut to Magee streets. Referred to Committee on streets.

Mr. Lewis, a report from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Day police for increase of pay. Read and accepted.

Also, an Ordinance relative to the same.—Read twice and referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Scott, a bill of James Hemphill of $100, for dray plates. Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

The President read the following bills; which were referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Republican, printing	$ 3 00
Chronicle, "	27 00
Daily Gazette, "	127 50
Layton & Co., "	7 00
Whitney & Myers, "	84 19
Journal, "	11 00

Mr. Getty, a communication and bill of $865,-43, for discount paid on City Bonds. Referred to Water Committee.

Also, a resolution requesting Gas Committee to have a gas post and lamp placed on the south side of Liberty street, between Fourth and Third streets. Referred to Gas Committee.

Also, the following and referred to Committee on Streets.

Resolved, That the Street Committee be directed to have Redoubt alley re-paved between Second and First sts., as soon as the weather will permit.

In all of which action of C. C. the S. C. concurred.

Mr. Duncan presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Engines and Hose be directed to contract immediately for the manufacture of 2500 feet of hose, which shall be placed at the disposal of the Fire Association as rapidly as the same can be completed, and be charged to appropriation No. 4.

The Clerk of the S. C. reported back the resolution in favor of the Gas Co. for $5,598 65, with their non-concurrence to a reference to Committee on Claims and Accounts, by C. C., and the appointed of Committee of Conference consisting of Messrs. Murdoch and Jones.

Action of S. C. concurred in, and Messrs. Black and Barr appointed.

The Committee reported their agreement that the Mayor be directed to draw a warrant for the amount which report was approved.

Also, "an Act for the collection of Taxes in the city of Pittsburgh," with the S. C.'s non-concurrence to reference to Ordinance Committee.

Action adhered to, and Messrs. Moorhead and Lewis appointed a Committee of Conference.—Messrs. Bissel and Alexander appointed by S. C.

The Committee reported, "with the recommendation that the Act be adopted, published and forwarded by our Representatives at Harrisburgh; for action thereon by the legislature."

Which report was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Black, Edgar, Evans, Getty, Gracey, Herdman, Little, Moorhead, McMaster, Poor, Seitz, Selden and President—13.

Nays—Messrs. Barr, Duncan, Griffin, Irvin, Kelly, Kennedy, Kirkpatrick, King, Lewis, Mackin, Scott and Tucker—12.

Mr. Edgar offered the following resolution which was lost on third reading:

Resolved, That there be added to the standing joint committees to be appointed according to rule 240, a committee of two from the Select and three from the Common Council to whom shall be referred all business appertaining to railroads which may be presented to Councils.

The clerk of the S. C. committee, a petition for a chain gang in the city, together with a resolution approving of such an act, and for Presidents of Councils to forward the petition to the members of the Legislature from this County, asking for the passage of the act petitioned for. In S. C. petition, read, and resolution passed. In C. C. laid over.

Also, a report from Finance Committee together with an ordinance making appropriations for 1855. In S. C. report accepted, and ordinance adopted. Action concurred in.

The remainder of proceedings same as S. C. On motion Council adjourned.

The following was approved of in Councils February 26, 1855, and ordered to be published and sent to Harrisburg for approval:

AN ACT for the COLLECTION OF TAXES in the CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That from and after the passage of this act, in addition to the duties now imposed on the Treasurer of the city of Pittsburgh by law or the ordinances of said city, it shall be the duty of said Treasurer to collect and receive all city and improvement taxes and water rents assessed within the limits of said city; and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the Assessors of the several wards of said city and the assessor of water rents to place in the hands of said Treasurer on or before the first day of June in each year, the duplicates of the several wards of said city, containing the assessment of said taxes and water rents, as the same have heretofore been placed in the hands of the collectors of taxes of said wards; and on the receipt of said duplicates the said Treasurer shall give public notice for ten days in three newspapers published in said city having the largest *bona fide* circulation, that said duplicates have been placed in his hands, and that he will attend at his office during certain hours of each day to be named in said notice, for the purpose of receiving said taxes and water rents; and the said Treasurer after the expiration of said ten days shall collect and receive said taxes and water rents, giving receipts therefor in all cases where required by the person or persons paying the same; and as a compensation therefor the said Treasurer shall receive — per cent. for all moneys so collected and received, and the said Treasurer shall make an abatement on such taxes and water rents to all taxpayers who shall pay their taxes and water rents within the year for which they are assessed, at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from the time of such payment until the end of such year. And all taxes and water rents remaining unpaid on the first day of January in each year shall continue a lien upon the real estate upon which they are assessed, in like manner as if registered in the County Commissioner's office under existing laws. And the said Treasurer shall immediately after the first day of December in each year give public notice for ten days as aforesaid to all persons who shall have omitted to pay their taxes, to pay them before the first day of January then next ensuing, and that if not paid on or before the last mentioned day, a warrant will issue to collect the same, together with an additional five per cent. on the amount thereof. And it shall be the duty of said Treasurer immediately after the 15th of January in each year to issue his warrant, with a schedule of all such taxes and water rents as shall then remain unpaid in each ward, with the names of the person or persons to whom and a description of the property upon which the same are charged and assessed as the same appears upon the duplicate, directed to the constables of the several wards respectively, whose duty it is hereby made to receive the same, authorizing him to demand, recover and collect from the persons named in said schedule the service with which they are therein charged respectively, together with five per cent. on the amount thereof, which per centage shall in all cases be collected and retained by such constable for his compensation. And in case any person so charged with such taxes or water rent shall fail to pay the same within twenty days after demand made thereof by such constable, the said constable shall proceed to collect the same by distress and sale as taxes are now collected, and in such case said constable shall be entitled to retain out of the proceeds of such sale, after first deducting said taxes and water rents and the per centage aforesaid, the same fees as are now allowed by law to constables for levy and sale upon a writ of execution, and said constable shall make return of said warrant and the proceedings thereon within sixty days after the receipt of the same, and pay over to said Treasurer the amount of taxes and water rents collected by him.

SEC. 2. Before the delivery of any such warrant and schedule to any constable the said Treasurer shall require from him sufficient bond and security for the amount of said taxes and water rents contained in said schedule, and if said constable shall fail to give the security required, the said Treasurer may and shall appoint some other person to collect said unpaid taxes and water rents, taking security from such person as hereinbefore provided, who shall have the same power and receive the same compensation for their services as are herein allowed to constables.

SEC. 3. Whenever such taxes or water rents or either of them are assessed upon vacant lots or sufficient goods and chattels cannot be found on the lots wherever the same are assessed to pay the same, and the same remain unpaid, it shall be the duty of said Treasurer to certify the same to the Commissioners of Allegheny county, who shall enforce the collection thereof, with the taxes assessed on unseated lands, and when so collected shall pay the same to said Treasurer by order drawn on the county Treasurer.

SEC. 4. The said Treasurer when requested by any person shall furnish certificates of all such taxes and water rents, which are a lien on real estate, upon the payment to him of 25 cents for each certificate, and five cents additional for each lien and claim contained in such certificate.

SEC. 5. That from and after the passage of this act the office of Collector of city taxes and water rents shall be abolished.

MURPHY & BURCHFIELD acknowledge the receipt of $51 50 through Rev. Mr. Walther, pastor of German Protestant Church, corner Sixth and Smithfield streets, being part of the proceeds of a Sacred Concert by the Pittsburgh German Band and the Choir of the Church—for support of the Fourth street Soup House.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—On Saturday night last, a most daring robbery was committed in the Eighth Ward. The circumstances are as follows:—A drover from Ohio came to this city, and, while visiting in the Sixth ward, met with a party of young men with whom he soon formed an acquaintance. They drank pretty freely on Wylie street, and afterwards went to a tavern on Fourth street Road, where the drover was supplied with abundance of liquor by his considerate acquaintances. After some time, they left the tavern and proceeded towards Stevenson street, up which they turned. When beyond the Mercy Hospital, the party led their victim into a vacant lot, in the rear of Mr. Johnson's dwelling, and, knocking him down, robbed him of a gold watch and $36. Immediately after perpetrating the outrage, the ruffians decamped, and have not since been heard of. The drover made complaint at the Mayor's office, and warrants for the arrest of the accused issued.—As the parties are known to the police, there is some probability of their capture being effected.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton. Alexander Hanna (for himself and the Commonwealth,) vs. Samuel Baird. This case continued to occupy the attention of the Court during yesterday. It is an action under the usury laws, to recover the penalty which, it is alleged the defendant has forfeited by charging usurious interests on $3,500 which the defendant had lent the plaintiff. The defendant is a bill broker and contends that he was but an agent in the matter and did not lend the money himself at all.

ANOTHER EXTENSIVE ROBBERY.—We learned yesterday that a man named M'Cluskey was robbed near M'Keesport of between $600 and $700 on Monday evening. He left this city on the evening train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and got off at the Brinton station, to go to M'Keesport. When near the latter place, he was attacked by some robbers, knocked down and robbed of over $600 in paper money. The rascals made good their escape. Mr. M'Closkey has no idea who his assailants were.

LARCENY.—Alderman M'Kenna, on Tuesday, committed to jail to await her trial on a charge of larceny, a woman named Matilda Wylie. The prosecutor, Henry Aufterhedge, alleges that she stole a considerable quantity of staves from his cooper shop on Prospect street. She is a woman about twenty years of age.

CLOSED AT LAST.—John Berry, the cake and apple man on Liberty street, who has acquired a notoriety by his persistence on the violation of the law prohibiting wordly work upon the Sabbath, has at last been brought to reason, and on Sunday last his establishment was closed all day.

CASSIUS M. CLAY'S LECTURE will be delivered on next Thursday evening, March 1st. Having missed the morning train at Alliance, Mr. Clay was unable to reach our city yesterday evening in time for the Lecture.

THE length of the Council proceedings compels us to omit a report of the anniversary of the Ladies Tract Society, and other matters of local interest.

BY TELEGRAPH

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 27.

Yesterday after the recess at 7½ o'clock there were but 20 members of the House present.

Mr. Mayall obtained permission to print his tariff speech.

Mr. Washburn, of Maine, read his speech commendatory of the veto of the Spoliation Bill.

Mr. M'Nair spoke in favor of the Bill for the relief of the veterans of the War of 1812.

Messrs. Florence and M'Nair advocated the Old Soldiers Bill. Mr. Middleworth also spoke on the same subject. The House finally adjourned soon after nine o'clock.

SENATE.—A message was received from the President transmitting a communication from the Navy Department with a copy of the orders to the commander of the Sloop-of-War Albany for the last cruise to Carthagena and Aspinwall.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fessenden from the committee on Printing reported adversely to the printing of Professor Espy's fourth meteorological report.

Mr. Benjamin presented resolutions of the Legislature of Louisiana for the establishment of a mail route between New Orleans and San Francisco via the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Referred to the committee on Post Offices.

Mr. Dixon asked leave the House Bill to reduce and modify the rates of Postage. One provision requires pre-payment of letters by stamps after the 1st of January, 1856; another provides for the registration of valuable letters. Considered and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Senate considered the Report of the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Bill for the relief of purchasers of locations of swamp and overflowed land.

HOUSE.—The House passed the Navy and fortification appropriations Bills and on motion of Mr. Latham the Bill establishing an U. S. Circuit Court for the District of California with one Judge, whose annual salary is to be $4,500.

Mr. Middleworth moved for the suspension of the rules to take up the Senate's old Soldiers Bill.

Several gentlemen said two hundred million acres of lands will be required for this purpose according to the report of the Commisioner of Pensions.

Mr. Middleworth's motion was agreed to, 126 against 51.

U. S. Senator.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.

FIRST BALLOT.—Cameron 55; Buckalew 23; Williams 6; Veech 5; Buffington 6; Wilmot 6; Irwin 5;—Maywood 5; Jones 4; Conrad 4; J. S. Black 1. The scattering vote in all will amount to 75.

SECOND BALLOT.—Cameron 54; Williams 4; Conrad 6; Buckalew 9; Jones 6; Buffington 9, with other scattering votes.

THIRD BALLOT.—Buckalew 23; Cameron 55; Maynard 7; Buffington 8; Conrad 5; Little 5; Jones 5; Veech 3; Larimer 1, with some scattering votes. Mr. Lott voted for Larimer.

After the third ballot, a motion was made to adjourn until to-morrow at eight o'clock, which was lost, by a vote of 63 to 66. A motion to adjourn until the first Tuesday of October next was agreed to; yeas 66, nays 65. The joint convention then adjourned, so that there will be no election by this Legislature.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—The Rev. Mr. Roof's Church, together with six adjoining dwellings were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss not ascertained.

BUFFALO, Feb. 26.—The weather is intensely cold. Despatches from Chicago and Milwaukie state that this is the coldest day of the season. The thermometer this morning stood at 20 deg., below zero.

No New York mails have reached Buffalo since Saturday evening; they have been delayed by heavy snow drifts near Balavia. Four trains are overdue.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Cotton firm; sales 800 bales. Flour unchanged; sales 5500 bbls good Ohio; Southern firm with sales of 2500 bushels. Wheat firm; sales Genesee at $2,00 and white Wisconsin $2,40. Corn firm; sales 40000 bushels Western mixed at 95½@96½. Pork, sales old mess at $18@$13,75; new $15. Beef a trifle higher; sales 900 bbls country mess at $9@$11,50. Lard unchanged. Whiskey, Ohio steady at 30@31; sales 600 bbls. Coffee, Rio firm; sales 1300 bags at 9½@10½. Linseed Oil firm at 78. Tobacco, Kentucky, firm and quiet. Stocks about the same. Money easy.—Reading 76; Louisiana sixes 86; Indiana fives 80½; Virginia sixes 95½; Ohio Life and Trust 86½; Canton 25½; Cumberland 34½; Erie 46¾; Cleveland and Toledo 69½.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—Flour continues exceedingly dull; no export demand; the only sales were small lots for home consumption at $8,75@$9 for common and good brands; about 15 bbls Rye Flour sold at $6. Corn meal quiet at $4,25; market better supplied with Wheat and it is in demand for milling; sales 1500 bs prime bush Southern and Penna. Rye at $2,10@$2,12 per bushel in store including 800 bush at $2,11 afloat; and white at $2,20; 1500 bush of the latter sold deliverable on the opening of Canal navigation at $2,20. Corn in good demand and further sales of 5000 bush in store at 90, and 1000 bush afloat at 92@93. Whiskey dull, small sales at 31.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—Flour $8,28@$8,30, and extra $8,40. Whiskey 23¾@24. Provisions firm but business not large; Bulk sides 3¾; Lard 6¾; Shoulders 4¾; mess Pork $12,75.—Lard dull. Sugar 4¼@5¾. Molasses 23@24. Coffee 10¼@11¼. Eastern Exchange dull at ¼ per cent. premium.

The River is falling and is still full of floating Ice. Weather moderate.

Blairsville Female Seminary.

Rev. R. H. & Mrs. P. P. SHEPLEY, Principals.

THE next Session will commence May 7th, and continue 21 weeks. The entire energies of the Principals and of six thoroughly educated Teachers are devoted to its government and the various departments of a female education, through a full and extended course of female education. The spacious edifice, now 130 feet in length, affords ample accommodations for 70 boarders; 50 of the number rooms. Expenses (exclusive of washing) is $60 per session. Medium extra charges for Instrumental Music, Drawing, Painting and the Modern Languages. No charge for Vocal Music, Penmanship or Latin. Tuition commences from date of entrance. Address, Rev. R. H. SHEPLEY, Blairsville, Indiana Co., Pa.

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LINENS & HOUSEKEEPING GOODS

A. A. Mason & Co. have just received 100 pcs. Irish Linens, of superior grade, warranted all pure flax; also, a large assortment of Linen Cloth, Table Diapers and other Housekeeping Goods, which will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

GINGHAMS—A. A. Mason & Co. will open to-day and for 3 more cases of those fast colored Lancaster Ginghams, entirely new styles, at 10c per yd; also, another lot of those cheap Calicoes.

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COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR *FEBRUARY*.—W. H. SMITH, V. P.—GEORGE BLACK, J. M. COOPER, C. W. RICKETSON, W. D. ENGLISH.

REVIEW OF THE PITTSBURGH MARKET.

For the Week ending February 27, 1855.

The weather for the last three days has been quite as severe as the coldest experienced at any time previously.—The attempt to keep up navigation on the Ohio must again be interrupted, in consequence. The water has receded to a low point, and the cold is too great to permit any boat to get along with safety.

As the Winter season is now far advanced, it is hoped that this little lengthening out of it will prove of but short duration. It will soon be time for Spring to set in, in earnest, and as March approaches the uneasiness increases of those who are prepared for Spring business.

There is a moderate amount of business going on, considering the restricted nature of our means of transportation. The arrivals of Produce by Railroad are disposed of quite promptly, and there is a steady demand, both from Country and City, for all descriptions of Breadstuffs. The farmers of a large extent of country around us are purchasers, instead of food for themselves and cattle. If, as is generally asserted and believed, there is a vast amount of money "hoarded" up among the country people, hid away in old stockings and in secret places, the present distress among that class is likely to produce a general disgorgement of it. We have never had much faith in this general hoarding, albeit there are individual cases of it; and we are convinced that many, very many farmers will be pecuniary sufferers before the advent of another harvest.

The closing of the River shuts us off from supplies of Sugar, now much needed. The stock here is well nigh exhausted—an event of rare occurrence, of late years.

Our manufacturers are generally engaged in filling up their stocks and preparing for the opening of a busy season.

The exports from New York last week were large, and exceed those for the corresponding period of last year, as will be seen by the annexed comparison:

	1854.	1855
From Jan. 1st to Feb. 9	$9,042,909	$8,732,901
Week ending Feb. 24	1,073,431	1,091,537
Total from Jan. 1st	$11,318,242	$10,727,438

The amount of Dry Goods imported last week was $1,505,083, against $2,336,641 last year; and the total falling off in this item since Jan. 1st is $6,759,204 as compared with that year, and about the same as compared with 1853. This is encouraging, as far as it goes; but the imports of 1853 and 1854 were so outrageously heavy that we must have a much greater falling off than this to come down to a proper and safe figure. The total imports of Dry Goods alone, in the last eight weeks, amount to $11,528,155.

The imports of Miscellaneous Goods, show a heavy increase, being $2,475,734 against $1,287,202 last year. The total for the week is nearly half-a-million over last year, being over four millions. This is but a poor indication.

The following is a report of Specie exported from the district of New York, for the week ending Feb. 24:

Brig Iron Jacmel	Am. Gold	1,000 00
Steamship Atlantic, Liverpool	Phil. Gold Bars	827,077 30
" "	Oal. Gold	420,000 00
" "	Foreign Coin	14,000 00
" "	Kng. Sovereigns	63,050 00
" "	Gold Dust	2,040 00
Steamship Washington, Bremen	Am. Gold	117,470 00
" "	Napoleons	9,258 00
" "	N. Thalers	3,148 00
Total for the week		1,457,073 30
Previously		833,455 76
Total for 1855		$2,290,529 14

The New York Journal of Commerce says "there is a more buoyant feeling in the market, the steamer taking less Gold than expected, and Money is freely offered for loans on call, and short time business paper. Foreign Ex. change closed in favor of buyers; bills on London, with very good signatures, being offered in large amounts at 109¾. The Stock market was decidedly firm, with an improved tendency."

The Baltimore American says "there are no new features in the Money market that we are aware of, and our remarks of last week are applicable to this. The supply of Money is abundant, and it can be easily obtained on call, and on short paper at 6 ⅌ cent. There is comparatively little paper offering on the street, most parties being able to obtain discounts to the full extent of their wants. We continue to quote 9@10 ⅌ cent. as the street rates for prime business paper."

The Philadelphia North American says that the demand for Money is moderate, and first-class paper, which is scarce, is readily placed at 6@9 ⅌ cent. For second-class names the current rates during the week have been 10@12 ⅌ cent.

The Boston Courier says "a note Broker from New York was in town yesterday, buying up all the first-class short paper that could be had at 7 ⅌ cent. and brokerage. The paper that could be had at 7 ⅌ cent. and brokerage. Banks are discounting liberally, and regular customers are seldom obliged to resort to the street for loans or discounts."

The tone of the Cincinnati papers is not so encouraging as this. The Commercial of Monday says:

There was less activity in the Provision market to-day, and there was more sellers than buyers, but no decline was established.

There was an increased demand for Money to-day, and the resource was felt more sensibly. Currency is very scarce. Nothing, owing to this, there was an increased desire to sell Exchange, and negotiations were made in the street at ¼ ⅌ cent., but the regular rates were ¼@¾. the latter for Banker's checks.

We have telegraphic advices from St. Louis, up to Saturday, 24th, which we find in Cincinnati Commercial:

St. Louis, Saturday, Feb. 24.—Flour going up, as far as city sales show; superfine to-day, $8 in lots of 100 to 200 bbls.; country sells $8,75. No arrivals of Wheat, the River being obstructed more or less with ice; a few lots by the Alton packets sold at $1,60@$1,65. Fair and Full, and 2,000 bus. receive at $1,67; Prime White $1,70@$1,75. Corn dull and unchanged; White, Yellow and Mixed 72@76, in new sacks. Oats 60 @ 62. Barley $1,40 @ $1,60; Rye nominally 85 to 87c; Whiskey 26c. cash, and holders asking an advance. Mess Pork $17 to $18; Lard 8 @ 8½; Bulk Meats 4 to 5; Bacon 6 @ 7. Hams 10 @ 12. No Bulk Meats or Bacon sold. Hemp, 175 bales at $204@100; 30 do. at $105, prime undressed; 50 do. at $88. Cotton Yarns Lead $4,50 @ 5c.

The New Orleans advices are to the 20th. The Bulletin quotes Sugar and Molasses as follows:

SUGAR.—The demand has continued moderate, but the tendency has been being firm, prices have ruled more in favor of holders, requiring an advance in some instances of a quarter of a cent. The sales comprise 1,000 hhds. on Saturday, 2,000 on Thursday and 1,000 yesterday, leaving little or none in first hands, making an aggregate for the three days of 4,000 hhds. and for the week of 6,750. We now quote as follows: Inferior 4¾@5; Common 5@5¼; Fair 5¼@5½; Prime 5½@5¾; Choice 5¾@6; Clarified 6¼@6¾, and Refined 6¾@7¾.

MOLASSES.—The market closed on Friday at 16@17c. for Inferior and Fermenting, and 19@20 for Prime to Choice since which the advantage has been with the buyers, the sales comprising 2,000 bbls. on Wednesday, mostly at 17½ @18½c. the latter for choice, showing a falling off of ¾c. 2,000 bbls. on Thursday, at 17@18c. the latter of Choice—a further falling off of ½c.—also, on plantation, 40,000 gallons at 17½c. and 1,500 bbls. yesterday, at 17@17½c. the latter for Choice Red River. This makes an aggregate for the three days of 5,500 bbls. and for the week of 11,500 bbls.

There have been some heavy operations at Louisville, which, as indicating present movements, are of interest.—We quote from the Journal of Saturday:

In Sugar, sales of over 400 hhds.—50 at 4½c. 100 at 4¾@5c. 48 at 5c. 55 at 4¾@4½c. 55 at 4¾@4½c. and 30 at 5c.; also a few hhds. clarified at 7@7½c. A sale of 55 hhds. old Molasses at 22c., no further advance. Sales to-day are 22c. 30 bbls. new at 24c. and 145 hbl bbls. new at 25c; also 10 bbls. Sugar-house M. 2c.

In Provisions sales of 386 bbls. prime Mess and 100 bbls. Mess Pork at $18, cash; on Change Mess Pork sells at $18 cash; clear Sides at 7½c packed—held 8c. on time; Shoulders at 5c. and 50,250 lbs. bulk Shoulders from salt at 4½c. in hand; a sale of 115,650 lbs. prime Lard at 8½c. on time equal to 8½c. cash.

Sales of 72 hhds. Tobacco: 1 at $5 50, 2 at $5 60, 24 at $5 75@$5 95, 9 at $6@$6 25, 16 at $6 40@$6 90, 12 at $7 05@$7 65, 3 at $8@$8 05, and 4 at $8 30@$8 65.

The steamer from California on Saturday brought $1,170,000 in gold, a large portion of which will go to Europe in to-day's steamer. Trade was very dull, and the times...it is stated, were never so hard in California. The Placer Times says:

In a commercial point of view, the news which goes forward by the steamer of to-day is of a most discouraging character. Trade is utterly prostrate, and the pecuniary embarrassments of the mercantile classes have never been equaled since the settlement of the country, by the Anglo-Saxon. The principal cause producing this state of things has frequently been alluded to by us—the absence of sufficient rain to enable the miners to prosecute their labors. From various sections of the State the same accounts reach us—abundance of water, but not enough to wash out the metal. For the past few days the sky has been overcast, and we have been favored with a humid atmosphere, such as is the old-fashioned winter rains have not yet made their appearance.

ASHES—nothing doing in Pots, and we repeat our quotations at 6; in Pearls there have been two small transactions—12 tons at 6 and 6 at 6¼, on time. Salaratus is firm at 5½@6, buying and selling rates. Soda Ash, steady sales at 3¾ for common.

APPLES—none offering; retailers get possession of all accessible lots before arrival.

BEANS—scarce and firmer; sales at depot of 20 bus. Small White at $2,25, and 10 do. at $2,75 ⅌ bus. From store sold at $2,75@$3,00.

BROOMS—Common Ohio are not very active sale, on arrival, at $2,25 ⅌ doz. From store, steady sales at $2,50@$3,00 for Common to superior qualities.

BACON—the stock of Shoulders is quite reduced and dealers are not able to supply the demand; large lots of Bulk Meat on the way are now locked up by the close of navigation and smokers are deprived of the opportunity of bringing stocks forward. Large sales in small lots of city cured Shoulders to city trade at 6¾ cash and 6¾¢ time. Sides, 7 cash and 7¼@7½ time; country cut Hams 9@9½, and city do. 9¾@10. Sales of Iron City sugar cured Hams and Cincinnati do. at 11.

BULK MEAT—the sales of the week of country cut Meat are 5,000 lbs. at 4¾, 5¼ and 5½, and 25,000 lbs. at 4¾, 5¾ and 5¾¢; besides these we note a lot of Shoulders and Hams, the product of from eight to ten thousand Hogs; 220,000 lbs. and 165 tcs. bulk Hams on private terms. There is a good feeling in the market, and a strong disposition to buy good sized lots of city cut at outside rates, especially just now, while the market is bare.

BUTTER & EGGS—the market is nearly bare, the lots formerly in hand having been nearly all taken up.—Prime Roll commands 20 readily, and other qualities of Roll range downwards from 18 to 13. Packed may be quoted at 11@13. Eggs are extremely scarce, and a few barrels which came in this week were taken up at 23. The demand is quite active, and higher figures might be realized while the supply is short.

BEESWAX—is nominal at 24 @ ⅌ Good Yellow; there is scarcely any offering.

BUCKETS & TUBS—sales of Buckets at Factory at $2,00 and from store at $2,25. Large Tubs, from store, $7@$7 50 per doz. small do. $6,50.

COTTON YARNS &c.—The following are the ruling rates:

Nos.	Round Yarn.	Nos.	Round Yarn.
Nos. 5 to 10, inclusive	18½ ⅌ lb.	No. 16	22 ⅌ lb
No. 11	19 ⅌ lb.	No. 17	24 ⅌ lb
No. 12	20 ⅌ lb.	No. 18	25 ⅌ lb
No. 13	21 ⅌ lb.	No. 19	26 ⅌ lb
No. 14	22 ⅌ lb.	No. 20	27 ⅌ lb
No. 15	23 ⅌ lb.		

Nos.	Hanks.	Nos.	Hanks.
No. 500	9 ⅌ lb.	No. 800	8½ ⅌ lb.
No. 600	8 ⅌ lb.	No. 900	8½ ⅌ lb.
No. 700	7 ⅌ lb.	No. 1000	8½ ⅌ lb.

Carpet Chain, White, 19@20; Colored 23; Coverlet Yarn 23@25; Candlewick 18; Twjoe 17; Batting, No. 1, 13: No 2, 22; Family Batting 16; Caulking 14.

CORDAGE—THE QUOTATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Manilla Rope, coil	10 ⅌ lb	Manilla Rope, cut	20 ⅌ lb
White Rope, coil	11 ⅌ lb	White Rope, cut	15 ⅌ lb
Tarred Rope, coil	8 ⅌ lb	Tarred Rope, cut	14