PITTSBURGH:

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1855.

Meeting of Mechanics and Factory Operatives.

A meeting of Mechanics, Factory Operatives and citizens generally of Allegheny and Pittsburgh was held on Friday evening, at Excelsior Hall, Allegheny. Owing to the rain, the attendance was limited, there being only about two hundred persons, male and female, present.

On motion of Reese C. Fleeson, the meeting was organized by calling William E. Stevenson Esq., to the Chair, and appointing Mr. Moffat Secretary.

Mr. Stevenson stated the object of the meeting to be to take into consideration the propriety of co-operating with the Mechanics and Operatives of Eastern Pennsylvania, in petitions to both branches of our State Legislature, for the passage of the Ten Hour Bill, now before the House.

You are all aware, said Mr. Stevenson, that efforts have long been made to effect the passage of the Ten Hour Law. Some such was at one time passed by our legislature, but certain advantages were taken of it by capitalists, which rendered it inoperative. At present a bill is before the Legislature, remedying the defects of the previous bill, and efforts are being made in all the manufacturing localities of the State, to elicit expressions of opinion from the operatives, in order that the law-makers at Harrisburgh may hear their voice with regard to the bill.—Such is the object of our present meeting.

Ninety-nine out of every hundred workingmen, and a majority of the capitalists, of the State, will admit that justice and humanity demand a Ten Hour Law. It is come to be a settled principle in this country, that ten hours is long enough for any adult to work, and God knows it is long enough for children. The success of the law depends upon the action of those immediately concerned, and unless we bring our individual influence to bear, interested parties will surely defeat it. There are some objections to the law, but shall not the laborer, whose only capital is his labor, have some legislation as well as the moneyed capitalist? Let us go at this work calmly and fairly but with energy and we shall have a law that will not be a dead letter, but active, protective and ample. It is objected that it would be unjust to enforce the ten hour law in one section of the country and not in another.—Would not this objection defeat any reform? The matter must begin somewhere—let Pennsylvania have that honor! Mr. Stevenson closed by expressing the hope that we shall have some legislation for humanity as well as for capital. He then introduced

Mr. Wyland, of Delaware county, who addressed the meeting at length. He thought the workingmen should have some voice determining the number of hours he and his children shall labor. Theoretically this right is pretty generally recognized, but practically it is abnegated, for the simple reason that capital has been omnipotent. The working classes of Pennsylvania deem effective legislation the only means by which they can obtain this right. They do not ask special legislation, but desire a general statute limiting the time of work for minors to ten hours. This will not conflict with the opinion of those who contend that the legislature has no right to limit the duration of adult labor. As to minors, the legislature has full power and has already exercised it. We want a remodeling of the present law; it now applies only to minors under sixteen years, and is a nullity. If such a law as we ask be passed and enforced, it would put at rest the whole dispute between Capital and Labor as to the time of work. For if the law allows minors to work but ten hours, there being so large a proportion of minors employed in our factories, it would be impossible to keep those factories in operation for twelve hours—the adults would of necessity cease labor with the minors.

The speaker said the working classes had from time to time petitioned for such a law but a handful of men had defeated it. This is humiliating, indeed. A contemptible minority trample on the rights of the vast majority. He then read the law now before the legislature. It provides that no male or female operative under 21 years shall be employed in any cotton, woolen or silk factory, &c., more than 10 hours a day or 60 hours a week. A penalty of not less than $50 nor more than $100 is attached. The bill was introduced by Mr. Lyle, of Mosayunk.

He then reviewed the great objection that is brought against the law, viz: that the Pennsylvania manufacturer could not compete with the manufacturers in other States. It is a fact that every State in the Union has made some provision by legislative enactment for regulating the time of labor. Twelve years ago, New Hampshire legislated to protect minors. State after State followed her example, and now in not one State does the operative work as many hours as nine years ago. All that was necessary was to take the initiatory step and the thing was done. If Pennsylvania would now pass the ten hour law, there is no doubt the other States would follow. What then becomes of the objection referred to? A single fact will show its absurdity: Pennsylvania manufactures were never in as bad a condition as now, and yet the operatives of all the Eastern States work less time than those of this State.

Some years since, said the speaker, the workingmen of Eastern Pennsylvania held a convention and presented to the manufacturers the alternative of the ten hour system or a strike.—They granted the demand, and afterwards, in convention, asked the operatives to use their utmost endeavors to get the ten hour system established in other States. Delegates were sent to New England, and measures taken to secure this end, and it was secured. Previously, the working time had been twelve and twelve and a half hours in Pennsylvania, and thirteen and fourteen hours in the Eastern States.

It is contended that a reduction in the hours of labor will bring a corresponding reduction in wages. It is somewhat singular, then, that wages have been going downward for some years past—that under the twelve hour system they have decreased a large per cent. It is the long time, not the short time, system which reduces wages. Over-production is the secret. Why is flour $10 a barrel? Because it is scarce. Why are some manufactured articles bought for a mere song? Because there is a surplusage of those goods in the market. Yet manufacturers, although they cannot sell their goods, remonstrate against the ten hour law. The principle of Supply and Demand regulates wages as it does the price of Flour. The speaker contended that the object of machinery is to reduce the hours of labor and give man, woman and child an opportunity to cultivate the higher and nobler qualities of their nature. Yet as soon as labor-saving machinery was adopted, greedy capitalists employed large numbers of little children 19 and 20 hours a day, and it would have been so to this day but for the interposition of the humane and benevolent.—The speaker adverted briefly to some other objections which were urged against the law. He spoke also of the physical, as well as moral, influence of over-work upon operatives, particularly upon children.

It has been asserted at Harrisburg, he continued, that the operatives of Allegheny city are satisfied with the present condition of things and desire no change. We ask you to indicate what really is your calm, unbiased opinion. We do not appeal to your feelings, nor do we come to influence your decision in any way. All we want is your candid sentiment, and if the operatives of the State boldly and unanimously ask for a ten hour law, it is altogether probable they will get it. At the close of his remarks, the speaker was loudly applauded.

Mr. Callender, of Delaware county, also addressed the meeting.

A series of resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the operatives of Allegheny and Pittsburgh favorable to the law and earnestly praying its passage, was offered and unanimously adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE COMPLAINT BOOK.—Our citizens continue to avail themselves of the advantages of the Complaint Book. The following were entered yesterday:

That the street leading from Penn street to the outer depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad is almost impassable.

That the boys about the Scotch Hill Market make so much "noise and confusion" that the whole neighborhood is annoyed. This is the second complaint that has been made about this crowd of unruly lads.

That the Quarry at the junction of Mercer and Webster streets, Sixth Ward, is in a dangerous condition.

That a crowd of boys congregate every evening on the corner of Penn and Pine streets, to the annoyance of every person passing along. They are insolent and profane, and frequently insult passers by.

That there are two frame houses on the corner of Faber and Washington streets at the steps, which are in danger of falling. They are the property of W. W. Wallace. The Street Commissioner promised to attend to them some time ago, but he has not yet done so.

MECHANICS' COLLEGE.—The workmen are busy fitting up the new College Hall, opposite our office. The establishment will occupy the second story of the Philo Hall Buildings, running back nearly 90 feet from Third street, the large hall having a ceiling nearly 20 feet high, lighted with 14 side windows and two splendid skylights containing 120 square feet of glass. It will be one of the most splendid educational halls in the country, and every way in accordance with the long established pre-eminence of this valuable commercial institution.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—George Topham, a butcher, was brought before Mayor Adams, yesterday, charged on oath of Frederick Cowhoff, with passing two $5 counterfeit bills on the Farmers' Bank of Kentucky. Prosecutor alleges that Topham gave him the bills in part payment for some cutting and afterwards refused to redeem them. Topham was bound over in $100 bail to appear for trial.

PITTSBURGH IN A PASTORAL.—THE IRON CITY POETIZED.—There are very few localities possessing equal beauties of natural scenery and as many salient points of glory and romance in their history, which have been as seldom celebrated in the Verse of the Poet, as Pittsburgh. If there be any far-off individual who confines his reading to odes, epodes, epics, pastorals, lyrics, dramas and "fugitive pieces," he is certainly ignorant even of the existence of Pittsburgh.—The fact is, Coal Bill makes a very sorry Parnassus, and the Allegheny, albeit no purer, brighter or more beautiful river flows, can illy serve as Helicon, while its banks are crowded with rolling mills and factories. And Pegasus—poor beast—seldom gets within the influences of coal-smoke. Schiller tells of a German farmer, who, having purchased Pegasus at a fair, took him home and hitched him to a plough:—We fear, were the winged horse to show himself upon our streets, some sturdy drayman would soon induct him into the mysteries of hauling hogsheads of sugar.

Still, Pittsburgh has not been altogether ignored by the *genus irritabile*. A noble Poet, "native and to the manor born," now alas! gone into the Silent Land, once dared to lift his harp and sing of the "Iron City" in such strains as these:

"The city lay upon a pointed valley,
That held apart two broad and noble rivers,
Whose waters met beyond the sloping wharves
And mingled into one but, as no glare
Of day revealed these things, he looked above
And saw a cloud of dark and sulphurous smoke,
Rolling and lifting, as it passed away
Upon the southern breeze, but not diminished,
For, underneath, a thousand roaring furnaces
Poured forth, from chimneys that stood up
Like ancient mountains, their dull black streams,
That served to feed the moving sea of darkness.

"Beneath this cloud were half revealed the forms
Of blackened dwellings ranged on gloomy streets,
The which, partaking not of that green life
That moved in turmoil and confusion round them,
Seemed like the piles of Herculaneum
New-risen from their long forgotten tombs.

"On every side were workshops, foundries, mills
And glaring furnaces, round them appeared
The toiling throng that hurried to and fro,
And fed the raging fires, wielded the sledge,
Or dragged, with hooks, great bars of heated iron.
While to the wondering strangers eyes they seemed
Black as their dwellings as their mighty engines
Restless and tireless!

"Meanwhile there arose
A strange and mingled noise of belching steam,
Of clattering hammers, iron-freighted cars,
And vessels shrieking on the troubled river
And yet those sounds were all half-heard and dulled,
Amid a ceaseless, changeless roar that came
From out the city, like that faint yet mighty voice
With which the ocean speaks when chafed and maddened
By the tempest!"

Within a few weeks past, Thomas Buchanan Read, one of our most promising American poets, has issued a lengthy poem entitled "The New Pastoral." From such extracts as we have seen, we should judge it one of the most creditable productions yet written by any native poet. Read is not of the passionate, bloodshot, manifest school—he is decorous, tender, and, withal, duly imaginative. Above all, he spurns the old idea that this glorious New World furnishes no themes for the poet's song—that inspiration can be found alone in the lands beyond the sea.—The New Pastoral is a National poem. The scenes are mostly laid in Pennsylvania. The characters are "a neighborhood of ruralists in one of the 'middle vales' of the Keystone State. The story is the relation of the outer and inner life of this neighborhood—comprising all things that a true poet can fetch from the ruralists' memory of his childhood days; their emigration west, with the sights and transactions on the route; their settlement and life in the backwoods; the sickness and home-sickness of the oldest of them, and the return of these to their native vale."

The hardy emigrants have left their valley-home, and reached one of our rivers. The "waiting ark is freighted; in its depths of oak and pine, all their household goods are gathered". They stand upon our wharf; and the poet puts this song into their mouths—the "Song of the Western Settler:"

"Farewell the foot-board, loose the cables,
Free the wharf and man the oars;
Give the broad keel to the river.
Bid adieu to crowded shores.

"Warrow where Europe's venturous exiles
Throng with all their hopes and cares—
Sires of future states of freemen,
Standing will their waiting wares.

"Bid adieu the Iron City;
With its everlasting roar,
Whose Niagara of traffic
Whose to westward evermore.

"When the cloud swings into heaven
And the furnace flames disperse,
With the multitinuous clamor
Of the factory and brace.

"In yon mountain like the eagles,
Brood the rivers at their springs;
Then, descend, with sudden swooping,
On their far and flashing wings.

"Here the dashing Allegheny
And Monongahela meets,
And a moment whirl and dally
Round the city's crowded feet.

"Strikingly true to nature, likewise, is this, of the rivers—

"And a moment whirl and dally
Round the city's crowded feet."

It is the "dashing Allegheny" that whirls; the slow, torpid Monongahela dallies.

We have always admired Mr. Read's poetry; now, our admiration is doubled, since we find him very decidedly appreciating the beauties and romances of our goodly Pittsburgh!

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIAN RAILROAD.—Earnings in February, 1855.....$64,182 49
Earnings in February, 1854.....59,105 89

Increase.....$5,076 60

The earnings last month were diminished by the burning of the Lewistown bridge on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the obstruction of many of the western lines by snow.

S. W. ROBERTS, Superintendent.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams.

In the case of Michael McCullough vs. the Farmers' & Mechanics' Turnpike Company the Jury rendered a verdict of $2,445 95 for the plaintiff.

David Holden and wife vs. the Mayor, Aldermen, &c., of Allegheny City. An action to recover damages for injuries sustained by Mrs. Holden, received while passing along Fay street, said street being in an unfinished condition. On trial.

NEW BREAD ORDINANCE IN ALLEGHENY.—The Allegheny Councils on Thursday night last passed an ordinance regulating the weight of bread. It provides that loaves may weigh one and two pounds, but not less. We understand a number of the bakers of Allegheny will be immediately prosecuted in case they do not comply with the requirements of the ordinance. A fine of $5 may be inflicted on all offenders.

FOR AUSTRALIA.—A party of seven young men from Armstrong county, appeared before Mayor Volz, yesterday, in company with a friend who made affidavit that they were citizens of the United States. The affidavit is to be presented to the Secretary of State in order that they may receive passports. They are on their way to Australia.

A NEW DAILY.—We understand the *Young American* weekly newspaper (which gave up the ghost a few days ago,) is to be resuscitated and merged in the *Evening American*. The new paper will be issued as a penny evening daily. Old and Young America have joined forces and will no doubt make "Rome howl."

BENEFIT OF THE ORPHANS.—This evening, the anniversary of Ireland's patron saint, Bishop O'Connor will deliver a lecture in behalf of the Orphan Asylum of the Catholic church. The cause is a noble one, and appeals to the christian benevolence of all men. See advertisement.

THIS is St. Patrick's Day, but what precise interest that defunct individual has in this particular Saturday, deponent saith not. There is no mistake, however, about its being the exclusive property of the Celtic saint.

MICHAEL COMAR was committed to Jail yesterday by Ald. McMaster, being charged on oath of William Healy with threatening to strike him with a poker, &c.

THE lecture of Dr. Howard on Thursday evening was attended by quite a large audience. A considerable sum was realized to the treasury of the Ladies' Society.

HUCKSTERING.—Mayor Adams, yesterday, fined a man named Daniel Conrad, $5 and costs for buying a quantity of apples in the Allegheny market, to sell again.

BISHOP O'CONNOR'S lecture on the "Persecutions of the Church" will be delivered this evening in the basement of the Cathedral.

HUCKSTER FINED.—Mayor Volz yesterday fined a man named Michael Morrison, $2 and costs, for forestalling the Market.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration has been granted to the subscriber on the Estate of Thomas Todd, late of Mifflin Tp., dec'd. all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all those having claims to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement. JAMES R. HENRY, Adm'r.
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Administrator's Notice.

The Estate of Robert N. Haslett, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of R. N. Haslett, late of the City of Allegheny, dec'd, have been granted by the Register of Allegheny county, to the subscriber. Persons indebted to the deceased are hereby called on to make immediate payment to the undersigned, at the store of D. A. Given & Co., No. 170 Liberty st., Pittsburgh, and, those having claims to present them, duly authenticated, for settlement. ROBERT AIKEN, Adm'r.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration on the Estate of John Cook, late of Pittsburgh, dec'd, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against the same are requested to present them for settlement. JOSEPH POLLOCK, Adm'r.
fa15-6tw*S 7th Ward, Pittsburgh.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the Estate of Daniel Cox, late of Tarentum, Allegheny county, dec'd, are requested to make payment to the subscriber, and all having claims against said estate will please present them in proper form.
JOHN McCONNELL, Adm'r.
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Executor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the subscriber in the estate of Wm. Moore, Sr., late of Baldwin Tp., Allegheny county, dec'd. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all those having claims to present them, duly authenticated, for settlement. S. R. MOORE,
WM. M. COEN, Jr., Adm'rs.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the subscriber on the estate of William M'Bride, late of North Versailles Tp., Allegheny county, dec'd. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them, properly authenticated, at No. 112 4th st., Pittsburgh.
ARCHIBALD M'BRIDE, Adm'r.
fa14-6tw*S

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—Will be sold by order of the Orphan's Court of Allegheny County, on Saturday, the 24th day of March, A.D. 1855, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M. on the premises, all that certain tract of piece of land situate in Fine Township, now in McCandless Township, Allegheny County, late of Nathaniel Bell, late of Robert Mateson, dec'd, collateral heirs, and law issue. Three Roods and Thirteen Perches, strict measure, on which are erected a log Dwelling House and log Barn. Terms will be made known on the day of sale.
ROBERT WHITE, Administrator.
fa15-3tw*S

JOSEPH CHAPMAN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAILER IN
IMPORTED CIGARS,
53 *Market street, Pittsburgh*,
between Third and Fourth.
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Allegheny County ss.

IN the Court of Quarter Sessions of said county. In the matter of the Petition of the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Duquesne to be erected into a Borough, and possess the powers and privileges conferred by the Act of April 30, 1851, "An Act regulating Boroughs," at December Term, 1854.

And now Feb 10, 1855. The petition of the Burgess and Town Council of Duquesne praying for a Charter of Incorporation to be erected into a Borough of Duquesne, and the rights, powers and privileges conferred by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled An Act regulating Boroughs, approved the 3d day of April, A. D. 1851, being presented and read in Court. On motion of Wm. Stowe, Esq., it is ordered and decreed that the prayer of said petition be granted, and the Borough of Duquesne be erected Saturday of March, 1855, unless objections thereto are filed sooner. Notice of this order to be published in Pittsburgh Gazette, a weekly newspaper published in the city of Pittsburgh, for two weeks prior to the day above named. By the Court. Attest, THOMAS HOFFNER, Clk.

Allegheny County, ss.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting:

WE command you, that you attach Ann H. Chapman, a non-resident of Pennsylvania, and not now in Allegheny county, late of your county, by all and singular her goods and chattels, rights and tenements, in whose hands or possession soever the same may be, so that she be and appear before our Court, to be held in Allegheny aforesaid, on the second Monday of January, there to answer John Irwin, of said county, in a plea, &c.

And you the said Sheriff, are hereby commanded to summon all such persons as have in their custody or possession the said goods and chattels, lands and tenements, or any of them may be attached, so that they be and appear before our said court at the day and place mentioned in the above writ, to answer what shall be objected against them, and abide the judgment of the said court therein. And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Hon. M. Hampton, Esq., President Judge of our said court, the tenth day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.
E. CAMPBELL, Prothy.
fa16-4tw*S

A RARE CHANCE TO CAPITALISTS.—FOR SALE—Youngstown Rolling Mill, Refinery and Nail Factory, Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio. This property is most eligibly located, on the bank of the Cleveland and Beaver Canal, sixty five miles from Cleveland. The works are in the most approved condition, nearly all new, and in perfect running order—capable of making twenty five hundred kegs nails per week. The works are situated within one and a half miles of the celebrated Briar Hill Coal Fields, and are so arranged that the coal is conducted to them by a tunnel. The quality of this Coal is considered the best in the world for smelting iron; it possesses decided advantages in working the blast, and, what is of great importance, there are four blast furnaces in Youngstown, and others in the neighborhood that have never failed to make a good quality of iron from and in point of facilities for the sale of iron it is not surpassed, being the centre of a rich and populous country, with a ready market for all the iron made. For further information, apply to Judge MANNING, of Youngstown, or to JOHN H. GARRARD,
fa7-4tw8 of Allegheny City, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Valuable Mill Property for Sale.

INDUSTRY MILLS.

THE subscribers under authority contained in the last will and testament of James D. Eakin, dec'd, offer for sale the new and splendid STEAM FLOURING MILL, situate in Industry, Beaver County, Pa., on the Ohio river, and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, within 20 rods of the depot at Industry, and in the midst of one of the best grain growing communities in the country.

The Industry Mill is four stories high, 60 feet in length and 40 feet in height, with 3 pairs of French Burrs. The Saw Mill is 100 feet long, and has a gang of sixty saws, and Saw Mills are new and after the latest and most improved pattern.

About 19 acres of land are attached to the Mills, of which 15 acres are coal land, on which are two veins of coal, which is in active use for the Mills and being worked. There is also a good dwelling house 2 stories high, with out buildings.

Possession given immediately, $5000 in hand, balance in payments. For further particulars inquire of the subscribers, residing in Ohio Township, Beaver County, or of R. Roberts, Esq., Beaver, Pa. W. GUNNINGHAM,
fa22-4tw8 [Beaver Argus] WM. DUNCAN, Ex'rs.

Orphans' Court Sale.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny county, I will expose at Public Sale, on WEDNESDAY, March 21st, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A. M., upon the premises, a allotment of GROUND, situate in East Deer township, Allegheny county, Pa., bounded by land of Francis Karns, Robert Lusk, Thomas Gibson and others, containing 84 acres, upon which is erected a Log Cabin House, a Saw Mill and Grist Mill, being the same land which John McKee, late of the township aforesaid, dec'd, resided upon in his lifetime and immediately before his decease to the heirs of the deceased. Terms made known at sale.

This property lies about 8 miles from Tarentum, on or near the Tarentum and Freeport road, and about 24 miles from the line of all-rail Pittsburgh, Allegheny and M. of a mile from Karn's Basin on the Penna. Canal.

JAMES CRAWFORD, Adm'r.
fa24-4tw*S of Jno. McKee, late of East Deer Tp., dec'd.

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fa22-6tw*S

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration on the Estate of John Irwin, late of the City of Pittsburgh, dec'd, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against the same are requested to present them for settlement. JOSEPH POLLOCK, Adm'r.
fa15-6tw*S 7th Ward, Pittsburgh.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—All persons indebted to the Estate of Daniel Cox, late of Tarentum, Allegheny county, dec'd, are requested to make payment to the subscriber, and all having claims against said estate will please present them in proper form.
JOHN McCONNELL, Adm'r.
fa9-6tw*S

Administrator's Notice.

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Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration have been granted to the subscriber on the estate of William M'Bride, late of North Versailles Tp., Allegheny county, dec'd. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them, properly authenticated, at No. 112 4th st., Pittsburgh.
ARCHIBALD M'BRIDE, Adm'r.
fa14-6tw*S

NOTICE.—The CREDITORS OF GEN. LARIMER are requested to present their claims for adjustment, and those indebted to pay up without delay. Office of the Trustee on the 4th floor of the Court House, Pittsburgh. THOS. MELLON, Trustee.
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Newspaper Establishment for Sale.

THE Proprietor of the "Pittsburgh Daily and Weekly American" will discuss of the half or the whole of the Establishment upon advantageous terms to a purchaser. The American is the oldest Daily in the city, with the exception of the Gazette, with a liberal share of the support, which has sustained it for fifteen years. The Editorial and material are ample and in good order, and all large faces of type, but a few months from the foundry.

A young and active purchaser of the one half with a small capital, would be preferred; or the whole will be sold if desired. Application to be made to BIDDLE & CORNER of Wood and Third streets.
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BY TELEGRAPH

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, March 16.

The House went into committee of the Whole on the Bill to sell the Main Line which was debated by Messrs. Frailey, Simpson, Strong, Smith of Philadelphia. At one o'clock the committee rose and the House adjourned.

In the Senate the following bills were passed: Relative to the termination of the North Branch Canal; Supplement to Ligget's Gap Railroad Co; Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad; relating to proceedings of Landlords; purchases at Sheriff's sales; to recover possession of lands demised or purchased; to change the time of meetings of Supreme Court.

BALTIMORE, March 16.—New Orleans papers of Saturday have been received. The Isabella arrived at Charleston; she brings Havana and Key West dates to the 10th. There is nothing important from Havana. The trial of those concerned in the late conspiracy is about to commence, and throngs crowd around the court house all day. When the Isabella left, the presence of the steamers St. Lawrence and Pampero at Key West had given rise to Fillibuster stories, but their business there is satisfactorily explained. There are no additional arrivals, distressed vessels, or wrecks reported.

At Norfolk the Board of Survey to examine the Jamestown, appointed her hold to be broken open, docked and thoroughly examined. Her crew is temporarily transferred to the Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 16.—The Senate in Executive session before the close of Congress passed a resolution advising the President to give Denmark notice of the termination of the stipulation for the payment of Sound dues, and it is said the notice has already been transmitted.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 16.—In the case of United States versus William F. Magraw, for assault and attempt to kill Wm. Hope, Junior Editor of the *Star*, the jury found a verdict of guilty of assault only. An application was made for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered important testimony.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The President will to-morrow issue a proclamation carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Cotton has advanced 1(@); sales 5000 bales; N. O. middling 9¼; Upland middling 9. Flour dull; sales 4000 bbls. good Ohio at $9,37(@)9,75; Southern firm at $9(@)9,75, with sales of 2750 bbls. Wheat nothing doing. Corn a trifle lower; sales Western mixed at 96. Pork firm with upward tendency; sales 600 bbls. at $14,25(@)$14,31. Beef firm; sales 550 bbls. Lard unchanged, a moderate business. Sales Hams at 8(@)9. Whiskey Ohio heavy at 30(@)31. Sugars advanced, in sympathy with Cotton. Molasses in good demand. Linseed Oil firm at 82½. Galena Lead at $6,30. Stocks better.—Money unchanged; Virginia sixes 97½; N. York Central 94¾; Cleveland and Toledo 79½; Reading 84½; Erie 40¾.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—Flour $8,15(@)$8,25. Sales 2000 bus. Corn at 63. Whiskey at 24(@)24½ dull. Provisions quiet; sales 200 kegs Lard, extra heavy; mess Pork at $15,25; Bacon Shoulders 6c packed. Linseed Oil advanced to 85. Molasses in good demand at 25@26. Sugar firm and unchanged. New Orleans freights dull. Pittsburgh boats scarce and shipments quite difficult. The river has risen two feet. Weather wet.

BALTIMORE, March 16.—*Cattle Market.*—The offerings of Beef Cattle were 750 head; 250 were driven eastward and 330 sold at prices ranging from $4,80 to $5,75; markets heavy with downward tendency. Hogs dull and prices declined; sales at $6,60@$7 per 109 lbs.

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J. LASTS:—CUMMINGS & HAY, have always on hand a large assortment of LASTS, BOOT TREES, &c., &c. They would respectfully solicit the attention of purchasers, at their store, corner of Diamond and Market street.

Allegheny County ss.

IN the Court of Quarter Sessions of said county. In the matter of the Petition of the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Duquesne to be erected into a Borough, and possess the powers and privileges conferred by the Act of April 30, 1851, "An Act regulating Boroughs," at December Term, 1854.

And now Feb 10, 1855. The petition of the Burgess and Town Council of Duquesne praying for a Charter of Incorporation to be erected into a Borough of Duquesne, and the rights, powers and privileges conferred by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled An Act regulating Boroughs, approved the 3d day of April, A. D. 1851, being presented and read in Court. On motion of Wm. Stowe, Esq., it is ordered and decreed that the prayer of said petition be granted, and the Borough of Duquesne be erected Saturday of March, 1855, unless objections thereto are filed sooner. Notice of this order to be published in Pittsburgh Gazette, a weekly newspaper published in the city of Pittsburgh, for two weeks prior to the day above named. By the Court. Attest, THOMAS HOFFNER, Clk.

Allegheny County, ss.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting:

WE command you, that you attach Ann H. Chapman, a non-resident of Pennsylvania, and not now in Allegheny county, late of your county, by all and singular her goods and chattels, rights and tenements, in whose hands or possession soever the same may be, so that she be and appear before our Court, to be held in Allegheny aforesaid, on the second Monday of January, there to answer John Irwin, of said county, in a plea, &c.

And you the said Sheriff, are hereby commanded to summon all such persons as have in their custody or possession the said goods and chattels, lands and tenements, or any of them may be attached, so that they be and appear before our said court at the day and place mentioned in the above writ, to answer what shall be objected against them, and abide the judgment of the said court therein. And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Hon. M. Hampton, Esq., President Judge of our said court, the tenth day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.
E. CAMPBELL, Proth'y.
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A RARE CHANCE TO CAPITALISTS: FOR SALE—Youngstown Rolling Mill, Refinery and Nail Factory, Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio This property is most eligibly located, on the bank of the Cleveland and Beaver Canal, sixty five miles from Cleveland. The works are in the most approved condition, nearly all new, and in perfect running order—capable of making twenty five hundred kegs nails per week. The works are situated within one and a half miles of the celebrated Briar Hill Coal Fields, and are so arranged that the coal is conducted to them by a tunnel. The quality of this Coal is considered the best in the world for smelting iron; it possesses decided advantages in working the blast, and, what is of great importance, there are four blast furnaces in Youngstown, and others in the neighborhood that have never failed to make a good quality of iron from and in point of facilities for the sale of iron it is not surpassed, being the centre of a rich and populous country, with a ready market for all the iron made. For further information, apply to Judge MANNING, of Youngstown, or to JOHN H. GARRARD,
fa7-4tw8 of Allegheny City, Pittsburgh, Penna.

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COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, *FOR MARCH.*—W. R. BROWN, V.-P.—FRS. SELLERS, JOSHUA RHODES, JNO. MCDEVITT, JNO. SCOTT.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

(OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
Saturday Morning, March 17, 1855.)

FLOUR—very little doing; sales from first hands of 50 bbls. extra at $8,75; from store, 30 do. at $8,87 and 30 do. superfine at $8,75.

GRAIN—a sale on the wharf of 600 bus. Oats at 52 and 200 bus. Shelled Corn at depot at 62½; from store, 200 do. at 65.

GROCERIES—Molasses is improving; sales of 25 bbls. cask. new, at 28, four mos. Of Sugar, 15 hhds. prime new at 9¼, cash.

BACON—sales in lots of 20,000 lbs. Shoulders, Sides and Hams at 6¾, 7½ and 8¼, sixty days; 6,500 lbs. do. at 6½, 7½ and 8¼, cash, and 10 tcs. Sugar-cured Hams at 11½, sixty days.

BULK MEAT—a sale of 2,000 lbs. country at 5, 6 and 7, cash.

BEEF—a sale of 12 tcs. Dried Beef at 11½, sixty days.

BUTTER—sales of 3,800 lbs. Packed, in lots, at 12½@13½, and 9 bbls. Prime Roll at 20.

FRUIT—sales of 50 bus. Dried Apples at $1,50.

SALT PETRE—a sale of 50 shs. Salt Petre at 7¾, on time.

SALT—sales of 140 bbls. No. 1 at $1,76, cash.

METAL—sales of 200 tons Sharon, Mercer County Pig at $26, six mos; of Blooms, 20 tons Jenolets at $30, six mos and 28 do. on private terms.

LIME—a sale on the wharf of 23 bbls. Louisville Lime at $1,25.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The weather yesterday was cloudy and a steady rain set in at night. A slight snowfall on Thursday night, but the weather became moderately warm during the day. The River is still slowly receding. The coal boats—what is left of them—were passing out freely.

Business continues moderately active, both on the wharf and in commercial circles. The shipment of freight West goes on steadily.

The water is now in the Canal, and the transportation companies will commence operations on Monday.

DEPARTURE & OHIO RAILROAD.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the official report of the business of the Road for the month of February, was read, showing the revenue for the month to have been as follows:

	Main Stem.	Wash. Br.	Totals.
For Passengers.....	$22,498 54	$2,828 87	$25,327 41
For Freight.....	155,253 24	8,922 92	164,176 16
	$185,441 57	$31,461 46	$216,903 03

Compared with February 1854, this shows upon the Main Stem a decrease of $33,301 48 from freight, and of $1,110 67 from passengers. Upon the Washington Branch there has been an increase of $3,414 28 from passengers, and of $2,735 25 from freight, making the total decrease of receipts from the entire Road, as compared with February 1854, $33,265 87.

THE LAST YEAR'S TRADE.—Wilmer's Liverpool Times says "the advices from the Iron and Mining districts describe a moderate demand for manufactured qualities of the former articles; but stocks of Pig Iron being on the increase, the masters have resolved that a slight reduction in wages cannot be much longer delayed. The gunmakers of Birmingham are actively employed, and the brass and copper trades are also well employed; but in the various other trades the dullness is unabated, and a large number of operatives are still unemployed.

THE MEMPHIS FALLGRAL.—The Whig of the 17th, says:

It is with feelings of regret that we have to announce the suspension of two Grocery and Commission Houses in this city, that of Messrs. J. M. Patrick & Co. and A. A. Smithwick & Co. which occurred on Saturday last, although not made public until yesterday. The liabilities of these houses are not very large, and the parties will probably be able to make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors. Mr. Patrick is an old merchant here, a high minded, honorable gentleman, and much sympathy exists in the community for him in his misfortune.

The market for Eastern Exchange was firmer to-day, and the indications were favorable to an advance, but we continue our quotations of ¼@¾ prem. The feature of the Money market are unchanged.

In Providence, business was transacted to a moderate extent, at previous prices, but the tendency of the market was, if any thing, in favor of buyers. In the way of filling small orders considerable is being done. The demand for Sugar is steady, and prices are buoyant. Molasses sold to a fair extent at 24@25c. Flour was firmer, owing to light receipts.

Pittsburgh steamers down yesterday morning, report that a violent storm occurred the evening before along the River, and that fears are entertained that much damage has been sustained by owners of coal boats.
—[Cin. Gaz. Thursday.

COFFEE.—The operations in Coffee continue to be limited principally from the want of stock on which to operate. Holders are offering 7,000 bags Rio at 10¼c, for damaged, and 11¼@11½c for fair to good qualities. We quote good fair to prime Rio at 11¼@11½c. The cargo of Rio Coffee ex bark Justina consisting of about 2,000 bags was sold a few days since to arrive on private terms. The balance of this vessel is hourly expected. Java Coffee is quoted at 13½@14c. We note the receipt to-day of some 100 bags from Rotterdam.—Bell. Amer.

The selling of the Canada from Boston having been postponed to Friday or Saturday, some further shipments of specie will be made. To-day $200,000 went over the Bars, and the entire shipment will probably reach a million or more. The amount which went over on T