GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 20, 1855.

THE LIGHT BREAD PROSECUTIONS.—The suits instituted by the Mayor's Police against certain bakers of the city for an alleged violation of an ordinance regulating the weight of bread sold within the corporation limits, were tried before Alderman Donaldson, on Monday forenoon, at his office, corner of St. Clair and Penn streets. The first case called up was that of the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Pittsburgh, for use of Ralph Frost, vs. John Sheppard.

Officer Moon was called, and testified that he had seen Mr. Frost purchase a loaf of bread at defendant's place of business on Liberty street; the loaf shown him was that which he saw Frost pay for; he had made no agreement with Frost that they were to sue the bakers and divide the spoils; the only arrangement they had with each other was that he should witness Frost purchasing the bread; Frost was to do the same for him.

John Taggart, Clerk of Market, testified that he was called on to weigh certain loaves of bread by the Mayor, he weighed that shown him, and marked the paper attached to it; its weight was one pound eight and one half ounces; Mr. Moon was by when the loaves were weighed; marked all the loaves as he weighed them; weighed a portion of the bread before dinner and a portion after; the bread was not as hard as it is now; a fresh loaf would weigh more than a stale one; there is a difference in the quality of bread; some qualities of flour will cost a dollar and a half a barrel more than others; bread made from this flour would probably be worth more than loaves made from an inferior quality.

The testimony closed here, and the case of the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Pittsburgh for use &c. vs. J. R. Bingler, was taken up when the following testimony was elicited:

Andrew Moon, sworn—Got the loaf shown me from Mr. Frost; he got it at Bilngler's shop on Wylie street; he bought it on last Tuesday about 10 A. M.; believed he paid for it; don't know the man who sold it; it was sold by some person in the store; brought it to the Mayor's office and handed it to Mr. Taggart to be weighed; Mr. Lewis marked it.

John Taggart, sworn—Weighed the loaf shown me; it lacked an ounce of the two pounds; weighed it about the time I weighed the rest; it scarcely wanted an ounce; it might possibly have weighed two pounds when it came out of the oven; it was fresh when it was weighed.

At the conclusion of Mr. Taggart's testimony it was suggested that the proceedings would be greatly shortened if the defendants admitted the sale of the bread, so that the officers need not testify to the fact of their being present when it was purchased. Counsel for the defence offered no serious objection to the suggestion, and after some little discussion it was agreed to.

Mr. Taggart was next sworn as to the weight of certain loaves purchased from other defendants. As we give below the names of all the parties sued, together with the weight of the bread they admit having sold the officers, we deem it unnecessary to occupy our space with his evidence.

The testimony for the prosecution, in the seven cases set down for hearing in the forenoon, having closed, Mr. Irwin remarked that he had a witness in attendance whom he wished to have examined. The gentleman was a baker residing in Allegheny city, and had no interest in the issue of the prosecutions.

J. Bowen, the person alluded to, was then sworn, and testified that he was a baker by profession, and had spent a lifetime at the business; bread would lose in the baking two ounces; it would lose an ounce a day afterwards; if it stood three days it would lose three ounces; a pound loaf would not be annihilated in sixteen days; it would be good for "nix;" dough is sometimes very sticky, and occasionally two ounces of one loaf is found adhering to another; this leaves one loaf two ounces light, and, though there was no fraud intended by the baker, he was liable under the ordinance. (The witness then went on, in rather a lawyer-like way, to condemn the ordinance. He contended that it afforded the consumer no protection to the public, while it gave none to the baker. Crusted loaves always weigh less than others, yet a man might go into his shop twenty times a day, purchase loaves of this kind, and, under the law, have him fined $5 for each loaf so sold. This, he thought, was very unfair to the bakers, and the ordinance could not, injustice, be enforced. He then gave a history of the law regulating the weight and sale of bread in London, and remarked that there was such a law wanting here in a law which, while protecting the public against fraud, would also protect the bakers.)—A good barrel of flour would produce two hundred and fifty loaves of bread, each weighing one pound; he would take that much out of it, but another might not; a pound loaf would lose an ounce from six o'clock in the morning till six in the afternoon; in dry weather, it wouldn't change in size, although reduced in weight.

The witness was about showing that the poor would be put to great inconvenience, if the provisions of the ordinance were carried out, when Mr. M'Calmont interrupted him. (Mr. M'C.) had listened to him patiently for some time; and, although he had stated very little that was evidence, he did not interrupt him. Now, however, he was arguing the constitutionality of the ordinance, and, as he thought that the province of the counsel engaged in the case, he would object to his proceeding further. He would have done so before but that the man was blind, and thought his evidence could not effect the issue.

The objection was supported by the alderman, and Mr. Bown took his seat.

It now being almost 12 o'clock, it was agreed by counsel, on both sides, that the alderman might take the evidence of Mr. Taggart, as to the weight of the bread sold by the defendants in the cases to be tried in the afternoon, and that they would argue them on Tuesday morning.—It was further stipulated that judgment in one case would be considered judgment in all the suits, so that the defendants, were the decision against them, might not be burdened with oppressive costs, should they decide on taking the matter to a higher court. Counsel will hereafter argue the different cases to-day. Following is a list of the bakers sued, together with the weight of the loaves sold the officers:

John Sheppard, Liberty street, weight of loaf, one pound eight and one-half ounces.....Lawrence Petty, Wylie street, weight of loaf one pound eleven and one-half ounces.....A. K. Sheldecker, Diamond Alley, weight of loaf fifteen ounces.....J. W. Fass, Pennsylvania Avenue, weight of loaf one pound seven and a half ounces.....Joseph Shoaf, Smithfield street, weight of loaf twelve ounces.....Christian Starks, corner of Third and Ferry streets, weight of loaf one pound eight and a half ounces.....Davis Johnson, Smithfield street, weight of loaf one pound eight ounces.....F. Kountz, Smithfield street, weight of loaf one pound eight ounces.....S. Barnes & Co., Second street, weight of loaf one pound nine ounces.....John Teese, Penn street, weight of loaf one pound fourteen ounces.....John Bauss, Penn street, 5th ward, weight of loaf one pound twelve ounces.....Martin Connelly, Penn street, weight of bread one pound eight and one-half ounces.....Wm. Johnson, Smithfield street, weight of bread one pound one ounce and a half.....Henry Nice, 606 Penn street, weight of loaf fifteen ounces.....J. Chamberlain, Wylie street, weight of loaf fourteen and one-half ounces.....J. Glass, Penn street, 5th ward, weight of loaf one pound.....M. Martin, 547 Penn street, weight of loaf one pound seven ounces.....C. Gluckhart, 5th ward, weight of loaf one-pound six ounces.....George Skinner, Liberty street, was also among the number, but he paid his fine, alleging that he was not a baker himself, and had purchased the loaf sold the office at another establishment.

A great deal of interest was taken in the proceedings, and while the examination of the witnesses lasted, the office was crowded to suffocation with persons anxious to learn the issue of the prosecution.

THE WILKINS HALL COCKPIT CASE.—THE PROPRIETOR CONFESSES JUDGMENT.—It being pretty generally understood throughout the city that the case of B. H. Bumpus; charged with keeping stockpit in Wilkins Hall, was to come up for examination at three o'clock yesterday, a large number of our citizens repaired to the Mayor's office at the appointed hour with a view of hearing such evidence as might be elicited on the investigation. The defendant, however, conscious of having violated the law, and influenced by the advice of those who were summoned as witnesses in the case, declined to "face the music," and waiving an examination, confessed judgment for $14, the highest penalty which the law inflicts for the offence with which he stood charged.—We almost regret that the defendant pursued this course, as the evidence which the prosecution would have proved would show to our citizens the extent to which the demoralizing amusement of cockfighting prevails in the city, and the character of the men who patronize it. It would have shown that men who hold a high position in society, who rent costly pews in aristocratic churches and have young and interesting families, men who hold office from the people and under the general government, and men who have acquired notoriety as thief catchers, and who are sworn to uphold the law, visited this den regularly, and contributed by their presence and contributions to support a brutal amusement.—The action of the Mayor in the matter has produced at least one good effect; it has led to the destruction of one cockpit, and the temporary abandonment of others. That in Wilkins Hall has been already torn down, and henceforward the lovers of cockfighting must, if they would gratify their taste, beat up other quarters.

THE EFFECTS OF THE SUNDAY LIQUOR LAW.—There was not a single commitment to the Jail yesterday, nor was there a tavern open or a drunken man to be found in the city on Sunday. So much for the enforcement of the Sunday Liquor Law.

DISCHARGED.—There were twenty-five persons discharged from the County Jail yesterday.

THE RECENT BURGLARIES IN NEW BRIGHTON.—The *Record* has the following notice of the burglaries recently committed in New Brighton:

"We recorded, a couple of weeks ago, a burglary which was committed at the house of Mr. Hobart, superintendent of the Cotton mill in Old Brighton. Among other articles stolen were some three dozen silver spoons. On Tuesday last Mr. Hobart was in Pittsburgh, and learned while there, sufficient intelligence to fix the strongest suspicion upon a resident of Chippewa township, adjoining Old Brighton. This suspected person had sold a mass of melted silver to a jeweler on Market street, for $35, a few days after the perpetration of the burglary, and so strongly impressed was the jeweler with the idea that the silver had been stolen that he had the man arrested, but having no evidence to convict him, found it necessary to let him go. Several corroborative circumstances almost establish beyond a doubt the identity of the silver sold as the melted ware of Mr. Hobart, and although it might probably be difficult to convict, a close watch will be kept on the fellow's movements."

GRAND LARCENY.—We stated last week that officer Reed had recovered a number of damask curtains, which he had reason to believe had been stolen, and that they were then at Alderman Major's office awaiting identification. It has since been ascertained that the articles belonged to James Coop, now imprisoned in the county jail for malicious mischief, and that they were stolen since his incarceration from a room which he occupied in Bakewell's buildings, on Grant street. Officer Reed, on learning that Coop was the owner of the goods, took measures for the discovery of the thief, and succeeded, on Sunday, in arresting a fellow named John Zimmerman, on suspicion of being concerned in the perpetration of the robbery. The evidence against Zimmerman is of a circumstantial nature, and goes to show that he was a constant companion of the party who left the articles at the house where Reed found them. He was committed for further hearing on the 20th.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—John Kern, of Harrisburg, appeared before Ald. Parkinson, on Saturday, and made oath that he had been knocked down on the night previous and robbed of $23. His statement is as follows: He was standing on the platform at the depot on Liberty st. on Friday night about ten o'clock, when a stranger approached and entered into a conversation with him. Finally he proposed to escort deponent to a house of ill-fame, to which the latter consented. The stranger took him up Washington st. to Prospect, where he suddenly knocked him down, and another person, who had not been with them,) ran up and held him down, while the first robber picked his pocket. They then left the deponent to find his way back as best he could.—Officer Baer arrested a young man employed in a jewelry store on Market street, on suspicion of having perpetrated the outrage, but he produced satisfactory evidence of his innocence and was discharged.

SPRING ELECTIONS.—The following is the result of the election in Snowden township:

Justice of the Peace.—D. C. Hultz.
Assessor.—Samuel Murray, Jr.
Assistant Assessors.—Peter Boyer, Sr., James Means.
Judge.—William Sloan.
Inspector.—James K. Morrow, J. R. Larimer.
Constable—S. C. Felker.
School Directors.—A. G Simpson, S. M. Adams.
Auditor.—Isaac King.
Supervisors.—James Hiber, John Murphy.
Town Clerk.—Joseph Miller.

In West Deer, Samuel Fleming was chosen Justice of the Peace. In North Fayette, Adam Potter.

FALSE PRETENCES.—Alderman Parkinson, yesterday, issued a warrant for the arrest of Patrick Sehelder, charged with false pretences by Augustus Schmidt. The prosecutor states that the defendant called at his tavern in the Fifth Ward, and by representing that he had a bill of $60 coming to him from the man with whom he was working, obtained boarding to the amount of $32,50. He has since been paid the $60, and, as he now refuses to pay his board bill, the prosecutor believes that he intends to defraud him of the amount. The parties are Germans, and reside in the Fifth Ward.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—Wm. Glenn appeared before Alderman Parkinson, yesterday, and made oath, charging J. W. Wilson with passing counterfeit money. Glenn alleges in his information that he sold a bottle of the defendant for $20, and received a ten dollar bill and two fives in payment. One of the latter he declares to be a counterfeit, and he avers that Wilson was aware of the fact when he passed it. The bill purports to be on the "Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank," of this city, and is miserably executed. A warrant was issued.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton.

Scaife, Atkinson and Okiley vs. Arnold and Williams. The jury returned a verdict for Plaintiff for $2,150, 91, the said amount being due by defendants to Plaintiff and D. H. Williams, and the same to be appropriated by the Plaintiffs according to law, for those use the suit was brought, to the discharge of the debts of Scaife Atkinson to Okiely and D. H. Williams.

ROBBERY.—The eating house of Mr. Greenwood in the Diamond, was entered on Sunday by robbers, who broke open a trunk and abstracted therefrom, $80 in money and a bank note. The Mayor's police arrested three men on suspicion and took them to the tombs; but there was no proof against them they were discharged.

DROWNED.—Wm. McDonald was drowned on Friday night, as we learn from the officers of the Allegheny, off the steamer Billow No. 2, at or near Four Mile Bar, eight miles above Cincinnati. The deceased was a son of Mr. John McDonald, a well known river pilot, residing nearly opposite Economy, on the Ohio river.

NEW BAILING.—A new iron railing has been put up in front of the new Methodist Church, on Penn street. It is of a pretty pattern, and adds greatly to the general appearance of the building and the grounds surrounding it.

HELD TO BAIL.—Mayor Adams, yesterday, held J. L. Andrews to bail for trial on a charge of assault and battery, preferred against him by his wife.

NEW OFFICE.—Alderman Parkinson has commenced the erection of a new office, adjoining that which he now occupies on Penn street.

WE would invite attention to the sale of Hardware at store of B. Darlington, Fourth street, this morning at 10 o'clock, by Mr. Davis.

TO the Honorable the Judges of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the county of Allegheny.

The petition of John Reitler, of Peebles Township, in the county aforesaid, humbly sheweth, that your petitioner has provided himself with materials for the accommodation of travelers and others, at his dwelling house in the Tp. aforesaid, and prays that your Honors will be pleased to grant him a license to keep a public house of entertainment. And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray. JOHN REITLER.

We, the subscribers, citizens of Peebles township, do certify that the above petitioner is of good repute for temperate and temperate habits, and that he will provide with house room and conveniences for the accommodation and lodging of strangers and travelers, and that said house is necessary.

Geo. Peebles, D Irwin, R B Hunsywell, Wm Woolslayer, F W McCarty, A W Mork, W P Bauer, John Roope, Jas Woolwell, Wm Irwin, Thos B Leech, A H Guss.
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WM. H. TALCOTT & CO., (successors to T. Kennedy, Jr.) Manufacturers of all kinds of LOOKING GLASSES, and dealers in Imported and Domestic Fancy Goods, No. 72 Wood street, corner of Fourth, Pittsburgh, Pa.

☞ All Mouldings, Portrait Frames and Looking Glass Plates, always on hand. mh17-ly

Variety and Fancy Goods—A full assortment just received.

WE are opening our Spring purchases of above goods, and offer them at lowest prices to all; would invite country dealers to examine our stock before purchasing. Our stock of Looking Glasses and Frames of all kinds is complete. WM. H. TALCOTT & CO.,
mh17 No. 62 Wood street.

FOR RENT—That large 3 story Brick Warehouse, No 124 Second st., between Wood and Smithfield. Will be rented low. Possession given first of April. Apply to B. McLAIN & SON, 21 5th st.

Agency for Soldier's Claims.

LOCATION OF LANDS—PURCHASE AND SALE OF LAND WARRANTS—The undersigned makes arrangements with competent and responsible gentlemen to obtain certificates or warrants for soldiers, their widows or minor children, who are entitled to Bounty Lands, also for the location of lands and the purchase and sale of land warrants. JOHN D. DAVIS,
Corner of Wood and 5th sts.
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SMALL FARMS FOR SALE—

22 acres near Uniontown, handsomely improved.	
60 acres within 1 mile of Freeport, Armstrong county.	
40 " in Kountzy tp., Beaver county, near Baden	
41 " in Beaver co., within 1 mile of Rion Station.	
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2 forty acre tracts in Washington county, Ohio. For full particulars of the above tracts, apply to
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ON THE OHIO AND PA. RAILROAD—40 acres of Land in Economy township, Beaver Co., about 2 miles from Baden and Remington Stations, on O. & P. Railroad. The farm is in a good state of cultivation, the ground is cleared, the balance well timbered and has erected thereon a small dwelling house. Price $40, and easy payments. Apply to B. McLAIN & SON,
mh 21 Fifth st.

SELLERS' COUGH SYRUP.—I have used it in my practice.

NEW CONCORD, Muskingum Co., March 5, '55.

Mr. R. E. Sellers:—For some time I have been acquainted with the salutary effects of your Imperial Cough Syrup, and have used it continually in my practice. Feeling satisfied of its high medical value, you will please send me from 4 to 6 dozen. as I find myself daily called on for it.

Yours, respectfully, D. CUNNINGHAM.

Prepared and sold by R. E. SELLERS & CO., 57 Wood st. Sold by Druggists generally. mh16

NEW STYLE FLOOR OIL CLOTHS.—18 and 24 feet wide of rich and elegant designs, just received and for sale by W. McCLINTOCK & BROS., 112 Market st.

CARPETS! CARPETS!!—We are now offering our very extensive stock of Carpets of every description at *greatly reduced prices*, to make room for the new supplies we are daily receiving.
mh16 W. McCLINTOCK & BROS., 112 Market st.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH & BOSTON MINING CO.,
Pittsburgh, March 19th, 1855.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh and Boston Mining Company have to-day declared a dividend upon the Capital Stock, of *Five Dollars* per share, payable on the 26th inst. Eastern Stockholders to be paid at the office of J. W. CLARK & CO., Boston, Mass. CHARLES AVERY,
President.
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WANTED—Forty shares of Merchants and Manufacturers Bank Stock, to complete an order. Also, 10 shares U. S. P. R. R. stock
WILKINS & CO.,
Bankers and Commission Stock Brokers,
mh17 No. 71 Fourth street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.

NEW YORK, March 19.

The Northern Light arrived off Sandy Hook last evening, and reached the dock a little after ten o'clock this morning. She brings San Francisco dates to the 26th. They were brought down by the Uncle Sam.

The Northern Light brings 262 passengers and $922,000 in gold. Business was entirely prostrate, caused by the suspension of five Banking houses. The news of Page & Bacon's difficulty reached San Francisco on the 17th, causing a great run on their house. They met the run and paid half a million. A meeting of merchants and bankers was held who declared the house sound; this restored confidence and their affairs seemed to wear a better aspect. On the 22d, however, Page, Bacon & Co. suspended, followed on the 23d by Adams & Co., Wells, Fargo & Co., Robinson & Co., and Wright's Miners' Deposit. The excitement was intense. Adams & Co. closed all their branches without paying a dollar except in San Francisco, where, on the 22d, they stood a run of $200,000. Wells & Fargo closed here, but their country branches paid as long as their coin lasted, and were still paying as fast as coin could be obtained in exchange for dust and bars. This House announced that they would resume in San Francisco on the 26th. It was feared that Adams & Co. could not resume under sixty days, if at all. Page, Bacon & Co. will resume in a few days, their depositors having granted time on $400,000 assets.

A large failure caused the detention of the steamers until the 26th.

There are rumors of heavy failures among the merchants, but there is nothing authentic.

Owing to the scarcity of water, but little gold has been taken from the mines.

Heavy rains commenced on the 25th, and still continued when the steamer left.

There was no election for Senator. The joint convention adjourned *sine die* on the 16th. The vote stood 68 to 44. Those voting in the minority were principally friends of Gwynn.

The news from Kern River is of an exciting character. The miners it is said are averaging $20 per day. The steamers going down are crowded with passengers.

On the morning of the 18th the St. Charles Hotel and Hillman's Hotel, San Francisco, were destroyed by fire. Loss $50,000.

In Nevada 16 houses were burnt on the 16th, and in Stockton 25 houses were destroyed by fire on the 21st.

Indian hostilities are on the increase; some white men and about 70 Indians were killed.

The native Californians have held several meetings at San Francisco for taking steps to emigrate to Sonora.

The Manpose Gold Mining Company, a London concern, was sold out by the Sheriff.

Washington's birth-day was celebrated at San Francisco by a fireman's parade and appropriate ceremonies at the Metropolitan Theatre.

Owing to the monetary difficulties recently arrived ships were not discharged.

The steamers Oregon from Anama, and Sierra Nevada from San Juan arrived up. The Oregon Legislature adjourned on the 1st February.

The Washington Legislature have made Olympia the capitol of Washington Territory.

A letter from Page, Bacon & Co., states that they would certainly resume business on the 1st of March in San Francisco and all their branches.

In Central America, Chomerro still succeeded, having taken all the towns occupied by the Revolutionists except Leon.

Sandwich Islands dates to the 3d of February are received, but they contain no news. The ship Portsmouth had arrived at Tahiti, all being well; she would soon sail direct for the United States.

SYDNEY,—Australia dates to the 20th December are received. A riot occured at Ballarat which resulted in a conflict between the troops and miners. Twelve miners and 22 troopers were killed.

At San Juan the people were anxiously looking for the Kinney party. The British war steamer Devastation was in the harbor. The steamer Fulton left Jamaica on the 7th. All well.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.—Although business has been very dull the quotations exhibit no material change. Gallego and Hazall Flour $15.—Coffee firm at 14@15¾ for Rio. Adamantine Candles 60@62½. Lard 14½@15. New Butter 45@47½. Hams 19; clear Pork 21.

Latest from Havana.

NEW YORK, March 19.

The Steamer Catawba, arrived this morning with Havana dates to the 14th. The cases of Pinto, Cadalzo and Pinelto were concluded by the military Court, which pronounced sentence of death to all, thus transcending the decision of Fiscal, which was death to Pinto; 10 years imprisonment to Juan Cadalzo and banishment to Pinelo.—The Consuls of foreign nations have called upon the Captain General to induce clemency, but were refused admission. The execution of Pinto will take place.

At Havana business was improving. The Princeton and British war steamer Buzzard were at Havana.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—New Orleans papers contain details of Mexican news to the 5th inst. The Herald of the 4th says the insurgents were flying before Santa Anna, and his presence south had been sufficient to make the Revolutionists experience the greatest rout.

A letter from the Minister of war dated Ignola March 1st, says that Morens had been captured by Santa Anna, and would be executed. The rebels were also routed by the Government troops at Redro-Gordo.

Gen. Ampudia has taken possession of Yucatan and the war is there ended. The accounts are given with the usual Mexican bombast and are probably exaggerated.

Dates from Rio Grande to the 28th ult. and Galveston to the 10th inst. are received, but there is no news from either quarter.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Kissane was found guilty of forgery in the third degree.

Judge Hall dismissed the libel against the suspected steamer Massachusetts, but gave the usual certificate of probable cause for libel.

The oil factory of Scrangon & Dougherty, of Henry street, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss not ascertained; insured for $10,000.

Wells, Fargo & Co. publish a card setting forth the solidity of their firm, declaring that every engagement will be fully met. Their business here goes on as usual.

A letter to the Herald placed on board the Uncle Sam as she was leaving San Francisco says that Adams & Co. have made arrangements with their creditors within the last half hour to pay 25 cents on the dollar, cash, and take assignees' paper the balance. They will be going in two weeks.

ROCHESTER, March 19.—The body of Emma Moore, whose mysterious disappearance a few months since cause much excitement, was found under the ice in a mill-race by a boy drawing water, and identified by her car-jewels, bonnet, &c.

150 guns were fired by the citizens in honor of the reciprocity proclamation.

CLEVELAND, March 19.—A motion was made for a new trial in the case of Parks, which was overruled, and he was sentenced to be hung on 1st Friday in June.

WAVERLY, N. Y.—A fire occurred this morning which consumed fourteen buildings in the business portion of the town. Loss $16,000.

ALBANY, March 18.—Ten thousand bushels of Rye were sold yesterday, to arrive, for malting at $1,30.

NEW YORK, March 19.—There is an active speculative demand for cotton at ¼ advance since the receipt of the Africa's advices; the sales to-day were 4000 bales New Orleans middling 9¾. Flour firm with sales 5000 bbls. good Ohio, Southern firm, sales 1500 bbls at $9@$9,75. Wheat unchanged.—Corn a trifle lower; sales 42,000 bushels western mixed at 95 and white at 96@97. Pork dull with declining tendency, sales 200 bbls. old mess at $14,25. Beef firm, Lard easier but not quotably lower. sales at 9¼@9¾. Hams lower at 8¼@9. Whiskey firm at 31@31½. Coffee firm; Rio 11. Linseed Oil lower; sales 52,000 galls, at 79. Stocks active and higher. Money abundant, Indiana fives 86½, Louisiana sixes 98¾; Virginia sixes 97, Penna. Coal Co. 107½; Cumberland, B30, 35½; N. Y. Central 95; Erie 48½: Reading 86: Cleveland and Pittsburgh 38.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—Flour quiet; receipts exceedingly small; stock reduced to a smaller figure than at this time for a number of years; no export demand, and the only sales were small lots for home consumption at from $9,25 up to $11 for common and extra family brands. Nothing doing in Rye Flour. Corn Meal unchanged; sales 750 bbls. Penna. at $4,-12½. The market is bare of Wheat, and it is wanted; sales 1500 bush. ordinary and fair Southern white at $2,22 and $2,26, mostly at the latter rate, in store; red in demand at $2,18@2,20, which is a further advance, but there is none to be had at these figures. Rye worth $1,25.- Corn less active; sales 7,000 to 8,000 bush, yellow, afloat, at 90. Oats unchanged; sales 1800 bush. Delaware at 54½@55. Whiskey firm; holders now ask 32.

CINCINNATI, March 19.—Flour dull at $8,20. Whiskey 24½. Cheese firm at 10. Butter 20@24. Cloverseed $5,35@5,60. Mess Pork firm at $13,25. Bacon as bulk meat dull. Lard firm at 8¾ for prime bbl. Sugar firm at 5@5¾. Molasses 26. Coffee firm at 12. Money quiet and unchanged.

The river has risen 4 feet since Saturday.—Weather very windy; quite a gale blew all the afternoon.

FEATHERS—24 sacks Ohio and Indiana feathers for sale by— mh19 B. DALZELL & CO.

COMMERCIAL.

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

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
Tuesday Morning March 20, 1855.

FLOUR—market firm; sales on the wharf of 600 bbls extra, in lots, at $8,75; from store, 25 do at $9,00 and 50 do superfine at $8,75.

GRAIN—sales on the wharf of 300 bus oats at 52 and at depot 300 bus shelled Corn at 82; from store 100 do ear at 85.

GROCERIES—a fair demand for Sugar and sales of 10, 20 and 110 hhds fair at 5¼@5¾, sixty days; of Molasses, 73 bbls Cypress, old, at 25, four mos. interest added.

BACON—sales of 5,500 lbs hog round at 6¼, 7¾ and 9¾, cash; 2500 lbs Shoulders, at 6¼, thirty days; 9000 lbs Shoulders and Hams at 6¾ and 9¾, sixty days; and 15 do Sides and Hams at 6¾, 7¾ and 9¾, sixty days; and 12 lbs Sugar-cured Hams at 11¾, same credit.

WHISKEY—declining, sales of 40 bbls rectified at 28, and 36 do in lots at 30.

LARD OIL—a sale of 25 bbls No. 1 at 73, sixty days.

HIDES—a sale of 44 dry salted Hides at 11 cash, and 27 do green, in salt, at 6¾.

SALT—a sale of 50 bbls No. 1 at $1,62.

PIG METAL—sales, of 65 tons Canal Charcoal at $25 six months.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The weather yesterday was clear, and business pretty active. The river attained a stage of 18 feet on Sunday and was slowly flooding yesterday. Business on the wharf was quite brisk, the shipments west and the receipts being heavy.

Allegheny county 6s, railroad bonds, sold in Philadelphia on Friday at 78—an improvement.

The Wm. Baird arrived at St. Louis on the 14th. The Grand Turk departed same day. In port for this city, Prairie City and Chicago.

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Indian hostilities are on the increase; some white men and about 70 Indians were killed.

The native Californians have held several meetings at San Francisco for taking steps to emigrate to Sonora.

The Manpose Gold Mining Company, a London concern, was sold out by the Sheriff.

Washington's birth-day was celebrated at San Francisco by a fireman's parade and appropriate ceremonies at the Metropolitan Theatre.

Owing to the monetary difficulties recently arrived ships were not discharged.

The steamers Oregon from Anama, and Sierra Nevada from San Juan arrived up. The Oregon Legislature adjourned on the 1st February.

The Washington Legislature have made Olympia the capitol of Washington Territory.

A letter from Page, Bacon & Co., states that they would certainly resume business on the 1st of March in San Francisco and all their branches.

In Central America, Chomerro still succeeded, having taken all the towns occupied by the Revolutionists except Leon.

Sandwich Islands dates to the 3d of February are received, but they contain no news. The ship Portsmouth had arrived at Tahiti, all being well; she would soon sail direct for the United States.

SYDNEY,—Australia dates to the 20th December are received. A riot occured at Ballarat which resulted in a conflict between the troops and miners. Twelve miners and 22 troopers were killed.

At San Juan the people were anxiously looking for the Kinney party. The British war steamer Devastation was in the harbor. The steamer Fulton left Jamaica on the 7th. All well.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.—Although business has been very dull the quotations exhibit no material change. Gallego and Hazall Flour $15.—Coffee firm at 14@15¾ for Rio. Adamantine Candles 60@62½. Lard 14½@15. New Butter 45@47½. Hams 19; clear Pork 21.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA R. R.—16 bales hides, 5 cars cattle, 5 do sheep, 4 do horses, 1 do hogs, owners; 5 tons hay, 117 bus corn, 1 Crate; 290 do. R. Irwin; 200 do. 26 do barley, 1 box butter, Brown & Kirkpatrick; 10 tons metal, Nimick & co; 72 sks wool, 3 bbls butter, 1 do eggs, 400 lbs starch, seat; 32 bus dried peaches, English & Richardson; 81 bbls flour, Bell & Liggett; 19 bbls butter, W Bingham; 20 kegs butter, 1 bbl do, 5 sks cloverseed, thrifter & co; 2 bbls butter, J de ezon, 18 do mess pork, J & W Reagle bbls cloverseed, Harbaugh & Bones; 8 do Bagaley & co.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH R. R.—20 pkgs fish, English & Richardson; 12 do lard, T Little & co; 4 do, 272 pcs meat, 18 bbls mess pork, Shriver & co; 700 bus wheat, Wilmarth & co; 50 bbls flour, 4 pkgs butter, Brown & Kirkpatrick.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

POMEROY, by Crescent City—3753 bbls flour, 42 kgs butter, Bell & Liggett.

BY BROWNSVILLE BOATS—200 river beams, Hall & Speer, 22 pkg apples, Erwin & Dilworth; 200 bbls paper, A Culbert; 10 sks wool, J & W Rea.

CINCINNATI, by Pike—223 hhds bacon, 97 tcs do, 274 bxs do, 98 kgs lard, 60 bbls do, Jones & Denny; 32 hhds sugar, Shaw & co; 15 tcs hams, 15 kgs do, Mesick & Sellers; 2 cs oil bxs do, D Leech & co; 10 hhds molasses, 10 do oil, L J Sellers & co; 6 do alcohol, J P Scott; 20 do ale, Mrs. Fahnestock & co; 24 bbls wheat, Bryan & Mills; 17 do do Fruit, B Dalzell; 5 do butter, Lambert & Shipton; 7 do, 6 do eggs, 19 sks rags, D T Morgan.

DO, by Keystone State—31 bxs soap & candles, 4 bbls oil J Haworth; 113 bbls pork, 50 pkgs sdry, Clark & Thaw; 122 do do, Lippincott & Krumbhaar; 26 bbls do, Wm Phillips; 12 bales furs, A Culbertson; 25 bbls eggs, Bell & Liggett; 165 bbls flour, owner.

DO, by Allegheny—10 hhds sugar, H McCullough; 15 do Wallace & Gardiner; 25 tcs hams, 10 pkg lard, L J Sellers & co; 5 do, O Blackburn; 4 do, J Jordon; 5 do, G. W. Swindler; 10 do, Brown, Ford & co; 17 do, H Ewing; 17 do, J Pharo; 252 bbls oil, Jones & Denny; 10 tcs hams, 42 sks wool, W Harper; 50 bbls flour, McCurdan & co; 10 tcs do beef, W H Hays; 4 do W H Hayes & Bro; 12 bbls lard oil, J Dalzell; 12 do Heming, D W Herstine; 25 do whiskey, S McCurdan; 25 do, J Tendan; 19 bbls tobacco, Clark & Thaw; 1 bbl eggs, W Holmes & co; 4 kgs wool, I L cks bacon, J A Hutchison; 122 do, 127 tcs do, 50 bbls pork, 157 kgs candles, Jones & Denny; 422 tcs lard, Leech & co; 100 sks oats, 186 do corn, 1 bbl eggs, A McClintock.

NEW ORLEANS, by St. Claire—4 bbls molasses, Miller & co; 30 do, J Wilson; 57 do Mercer & Robinson; 3 do, owner; 21 do, 13 bbls sugar, 55 bales cotton, Brown & Kirkpatrick, 39 do, King & co; 23 do, Nimick & co, 71 do, T Arnotts, 300 kgs lard, 51 hhds bacon, 17 bxs do, 19 tcs do, 274 bbls pork, Jones & Denny; 24 bbls coffee, Bell & Liggett; 404 bbls pork, Clark and Thaw; 55 sks wheat, Wilmarth & co; 9 bbls eggs, owners.

BY BELLEVILLE, by Convoy—142 bxs barley, Herstine & co; 150 do oats, Harp & Painter; 21 dcs brooms, Long & Duff; 23 bbls cloverseed, B Dalzell & co; 10 tons metal, Nimick & co, do. A Bradley.

DO by Diurnal—23 bales hay, owners; 35 bbls flour, P H Lauffman; 61 sks corn, J McLaughlin; 75 bgs barley, M B Brown; 61 do onions, J McCracken.

ZANESVILLE, by Dan Convoy—370 bales hay, J H Scott; 22 stones, J Collins & co; 50 bbls corn, 5 sks do, 25 do oats, 6600 hoop-poles, J A Reppert.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

ARRIVED—Jefferson, Brownsville; Luzerne, do; Col. Bayard, Elizabeth; Diurnal Wheeling; Convoy, do; Venture, do; Dunlap, do; Belleville; Allegheny, Cincinnati; Flag, do; Shingle, do; Crescent City, do; St. Clair, New Orleans; Wilmington, Madison; Empire, Steubenville; Dan Convoy, Zanesville.

DEPARTED—Jefferson, Brownsville; Luzerne, do; Col. Bayard, Elizabeth; Mich. No. 2, Wellsville; Diurnal, Wheeling; Keystone State, Cincinnati; Quaker City, Louisville; Ben Bolt, St. Louis; Kate Cassel, Zanesville; Empire, Steubenville.

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