PITTSBURGH:
THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1855.

American County Convention.

The American County Convention assembled at two o'clock. P. M., on Wednesday at American Hall, corner of Smithfield and Fourth.

John Greenough was called to the Chair and J. Heron Foster appointed Secretary.

The credentials of delegates were called for, and but five or six wards and townships reported regular primary meetings. Most of the delegates were chosen by the Convention itself.

The two cities were represented as follows:

2nd Ward—J. H. Foster, John Greenough and James Wilson.

3rd Ward—W. B. Shaffer, James Morrison and A. H. Parsons.

4th Ward—J. B. Owens.

5th Ward—David McLean.

6th Ward—Daniel Armstrong, Wm. Ward and Thomas A. Rowley.

1st Ward, Allegheny—W. R. Phillips, R. B. Wells.

2nd Ward—M. S. Johns, J. C. Henderson and R. P. Smith.

3rd Ward—Wm. Reed, J. P. Hipsley and —— Kimball.

4th Ward—Wm. Magill, L. H. Phillips.

Nominations were then made for delegates to the State Convention to meet at Harrisburg on the 7th of June next.

While the nominations were being made, the chairman stated that he hoped no man would be nominated who was not in favor of an open organization. Was ex-Governor Johnston of that belief? He had understood otherwise.

A delegate stated that Johnston had told him not a week ago that he would not go to Harrisburg—that an open organization would kill the party.

Another delegate stated that J. K. Moorhead, also nominated for delegate, was not in favor of an open organization.

Capt. Wm. Ward begged to leave to withdraw his name as a nominee.

Valentine Short wanted to know if C. S. Syster goes in for open organization. He know that D. L. Smith did. No one present seemed cognizant of Syster's views.

The names of C. S. Syster and J. K. Moorhead were also withdrawn.

Capt. Ward wanted to know what was meant by an open organization.

Valentine Short said his opinion was that it consisted in doing things openly, above-board, and in daylight. He believed in Americans ruling America, in a capitation tax and in an extension of the naturalization laws. On those principles, native Americans ought to go into an open county convention, nominate a ticket and support it.

Chairman—We did that last fall, but another set of men took our ticket, struck off some of the names and elected it. We are opposed to all such submarine, midnight operations.

A committee on resolutions consisting of Messrs. Henderson and Short was appointed by the Chair.

The markings have been concluded, the following persons were announced as having been chosen delegates to the County Convention.

J. Heron Foster, Pittsburgh, 26 votes; D. L. Smith, Allegheny, 25; J. Greenough, Pittsburgh, 25; Valentine Short, Manchester, 24; Henry Phillips, Reserve, 18; L. O. Cameron, Pittsburgh, 16; Mr. Phillips, Pittsburgh, 19.

Mr. Greenough declined and Mr. Robt. Best, of Birmingham, was chosen in his place.

The Committee then reported the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The American Party has always been an open party, and no one who is really in favor of its principles should fear to act openly in support of them, and to avow them upon all proper occasions; therefore,

Resolved, That we are in favor of an open organization and trust that every county of the Commonwealth will be represented in the American State Convention to be held at Harrisburgh on Thursday, June 7th, to nominate a candidate for Canal Commissioner and choose delegates to the next open American National Convention.

Resolved, That, as when our forefathers determined to achieve their independence their firm reliance was in that important declaration "our cause is just, our Union perfect," duty, principle patriotism and policy all demand from us in the present disruption of the old Whig and Democrat parties, a bold, consistent, unbroken American front, in the one true and only issue to be tried by the Grand Inquest of the Nation—an American Party against a Foreign Party and its abettors until the American born shall rule the country of their birthright, without foreign let or hindrance.

The Chairman then proceeded to appoint the following Executive Committee, remarking that he would name none but open organization men:

Valentine Short, Manchester; Henry Phillips, Reserve; Levi Phillips, Allegheny; Wm. Hare, Birmingham; J. B. Roberts, Sharpsburgh; Jas. E. Henderson, Allegheny, L. O. Cameron, Pittsburgh; John Crouch, South Pittsburgh; Thos. S. Sanford, Baldwin; Jas. Henderson, Shaler; K. T. Friend, Lawrenceville; Samuel Chadwick, Penn; E. C. Putnam, Allegheny.

The Executive Committee will meet on the second Tuesday of June.

The Convention was about to adjourn when

Mr. Patterson remarked that there was another matter deserving of attention. It is well known to all that there is another organization, a new style of Americans, having various grades of membership &c. If one of these men be nominated at our State Convention and elected Canal Commissioner, no one out of that organization will stand the slightest chance, even of an appointment as lock-tender. Should such delegates be instructed to go against any such a person?

Mr. Henderson also reprobated what he called the new kind of Americanism. He moved the delegates be instructed to vote for none but an open organization man, and denounced the K. N's as proscriptive and aristocratic.

M. S. Johns wanted to know what this new Americanism is—what are its grades—what distinctions does it draw?

Mr. Henderson replied that he considered it invidious to make any distinction between the sons of Irishmen or Germans and those who could date their genealogy back to the Revolution. He believed only in the question of American birthright.

Mr. Patterson said we had learned by the papers a few days ago that these Americans of the tenth generation had to take an obligation in regard to Slavery. Now, there is no danger of our delegates, but Philadelphia is intimately connected with the cotton interest, and we shall have these eastern pro-slavery new style of Americans coming upon us at Harrisburgh to get a man of their stripe nominated for Canal Commissioner. But will we vote for him?

Cries of "no!" no!"

The Chairman warned the delegates against "those Philadelphians—they will sell body and soul for an office, and we must meet them with a firm front." He [illegible] any side-issues at all. He wanted pure Americanism—no slavery or anti-slavery—no temperance or anti-temperance.

Mr. Foster said he would vote for no man for Canal Commissioner who was not in favor of an open organization, or who has gone into any other organization for the purpose of getting office.

The Chairman again urged opposition to an organization which proscribed a man who had not taken a certain degree. They will play foul, for they tried to gull us last year—

Valentine Short.—They did, too! (Laughter.)

The convention then adjourned.

—THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY—MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.—The Trustees of the Western University met on Tuesday last in the lecture room of the Third Presbyterian Church. The attendance was larger than usual.

A communication was read from the Central Board of Education, proposing to lease the new University Edifice on Diamond street.

The proposal elicited considerable discussion. The predominant sentiment appeared to be that the Trustees had no right to alienate the property under their control from the legitimate purposes for which it was originally designed. It was thought that Pittsburgh should have a collegiate institution of a high order and that it would be amply supported, with no danger from the competition of High Schools, notwithstanding they will have the support of direct taxation. The School Law does not countenance or provide for free *Colleges*. The public schools have their sphere, and where they leave off, there the independent college begins. Therefore, with such a superior system of free education as we shall have here, it seems more than ever proper that the University should again be placed upon its feet—its doors thrown open to all who desire instruction in those higher ranges of study which it is its peculiar province to furnish.

The Trustees unanimously resolved respectfully to decline the proposition of the School Board.

A resolution appointing a committee to inquire into the practicability of endowing a Professorship was offered and passed. Also one authorizing steps to be taken for the organization of a College Faculty.

The University Building will be completed by the first of August next at a cost of $13,000. The work has already been resumed.

STATISTICS.—During the month of April four prisoners were received into the Penitentiary and six discharged. The total number of inmates at present is one hundred and seventy-three, including only one female.....The Local Inspector for this District, during the month of April, rendered fourteen Engineers' and thirteen Pilots' licenses, and granted one original pilot's license. Three licenses were refused on the ground of incompetency.

ACCIDENT.—While the steamer Keystone was on her way to this city, yesterday morning three miles below the city, she came in collision with a large lumber raft, smashing it up in fine style. No one was injured.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF SELECT COUNCIL.—Monday, April 30, 1855.—Councils met. Present, Messrs. Agnew, Allen, Alexander, Bissell, Clarke, Cordell, Drum, Jones, Kier, Loomis, Lytle, Murdock, Smyth, Taylor, Weaver and President.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. On motion of Mr. Jones, the rules presented at the last meeting of council be adopted to govern this body. Adopted.

Mr Smith presented report of committee on streets, recommending the payment of damages assessed to Mr. Kreuskaump for widening Gibbon street and that the improvement tax be increased to four mills, which was read and accepted, also the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the street commissioners of the first and second districts, be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for grading and paving Water Street from Brewery alley to the west line of the Point Steam Mill; Foster's alley from Sixth street to Strawberry alley; Duquesne-way from Hand street to Garrison alley; also for grading and paving Locust street (Fifth ward) from Penn street northwardly; to amount of four hundred and fifty dollars; Colwell street from Fulton to Vine street; Townsend street from Colwell street to Clarke street; Fulton street from Bedford street to a point near Cliff street; Roberts street from Centre Avenue towards Duncan street; to amount of one thousand and fifteen dollars. Also for grading and repaving Front street from Short street to Redoubt alley; Third street from Grant street to Ross street; Irwins alley from Penn street to Liberty street; also for grading Magee street from Gibbon street to Pennsylvania Avenue, the excavation for filling the same to be taken from Vickery street; and for grading on Factory and Quarry streets at their intersection, to amount of six hundred dollars; also for grading Gum street from Bedford street to Cliff street; to amount of two hundred dollars; also for extending O'Hara street sewer below the supply pipes of the water works and that the street committee be authorized to repair the sewer at the corner of Hand and Fayette streets; provided the cost does not exceed seventy five dollars, also for grading and paving Pride street from the end of the present pavement, southward, to amount of five hundred dollars; also for constructing a part of the sewer in Smith street, the amount to be expended thereon not to exceed the sum of thirteen hundred dollars and that the committee be authorized to repair Bedford street in the Sixth and Seventh wards, the cost not to exceed one hundred dollars, and to grade Maria street and Allegheny street, the cost not to exceed one hundred dollars each street.

Resolved, That the Street Committee be and they are hereby authorized to let the above work to the lowest and best bidder.

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Treasurer in payment of the work hereby authorized to be done, in such sums and to the persons authorized to receive the same by the committee on streets, grading and paving.

Which was read twice, when

Mr. Alexander moved that the report be printed, and laid over for one month. When

Mr. Drum offered as an amendment to the amendment that it be referred back to the committee, to report each estimate at next meeting of Councils; which amendment was accepted, and the vote being taken—lost.

Mr. Taylor offered as an amendment that the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, for grading and paving Locust street, be stricken out, and northwardly to Butler street inserted—lost.

Mr. Drum offered as an amendment, that Penn street be graded and paved in the Ninth Ward, from Clymer to Smith street, in lieu of the appropriation for sewer on Smith street. Lost.

The question then recurring, on final passage, was adopted.

The President submitted the resignation of William Wilson, as member of Select Council, from the Fifth Ward.

Which was read and accepted. When Mr. Taylor offered the following:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to order an election to be held for one member of the Select Council, to fill the vacancy of William Wilson, Esq., of the Fifth Ward, resigned. Read three times and adopted.

Mr. Loomis presented an ordinance making the City Solicitor chairman *ex officio* of the ordinance committee. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Murdoch offered the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh, That the members of the Senate and House of Representatives from Allegheny county be and they are hereby requested to urge the passage of a law, at this session, giving to the city of Pittsburgh the power to increase the improvement tax to four mills.

Resolved, That the clerks of Councils be directed to forward a copy of the above resolution to each of our members at Harrisburg, as soon as possible. Read, when, on motion of Wm. Alexander, laid on the table.

Mr. Murdoch presented engineer's report and proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Pittsburgh Gas Company, relative to the laying of larger extension pipes through the city. Read and referred to committee on gas lighting.

President submitted the ordinance supplementary to an ordinance relating to the weight of bread. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Bissell, ordinance postponed.

Mr. Drum presented the following:

Resolved, That the Market Association be requested to make a report to councils at the next regular meeting, stating clearly and fully the expenses of the buildings; the amount of money received from rents from all sources; the amount paid out, &c.; and if they neglect or refuse to do so, that the Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to take such measures as will compel them to do so. Read three times and passed.

The following business from Common Council was then taken up:

Resolutions relative to the purchasing of 2500 feet of hose. Read three times and passed.

Communications relative to lost warrant. Read.

Also resolution authorizing the Mayor to draw a warrant for the same. Read three times and adopted.

Resolution relative to taxing property now exempt from taxation by State laws. Read three times and passed.

Memorial from R. E. McGowan, praying that a fine imposed on John McKelvy be remitted.

With resolution relative to the same. Read three times and passed.

Petition from watchmen for more prompt payment of their wages. Read and referred to Finance Committee.

Resolution relative to extension of water pipes further into the Allegheny River. Read three times and adopted.

Communication from Smith, Eckels, Stiebel & Co., relative to a street sweeping machine. Read and on motion resolved that the Councils will examine the utility of the machine when ever its proprietors may choose to exhibit it.

Resolution in favor of paving Exchange alley with Belgic blocks or Water street. Read and referred to committee on streets.

Resolution appointing the presidents of Councils and chairman of the finance committee to dispose of the Chartiers Valley Rail Road bonds Read three times and passed.

Bill of C. L. Magee for $6,38. for adjusting City Hay Scales and Weights. Resolution to pay the same read three times and passed.

Bill of Lecky Harper for printing, amounting to $7,00. Read and refered to committee on claims and accounts.

Communication from John Mitchell, claiming damage for $6,75, in breaking his wagon in crossing Cherry alley, on Second street. Read and referred to the finance committee.

Communication from the Firemen's Association relative to the re-organization of the fire department. Read and referred to the committee on ordinances.

Communication from the Vigilant Fire Company, protesting against the change proposed in the fire department. Read and referred to committee on ordinances.

Communication from John C. Davitt, City Treasurer. Read.

Petition for a Telegraph pole on Wood street. Read and prayer of the petitioners granted.

In all of which action of common council the select council concurred.

Also resolution relative to roofs of council chamber. In common council read three times and passed. In select council action non-concurred in:

Petition for grading and paving Foster's alley. In common council read and referred to committee on streets. In select council action non-concurred in.

Communications relative to Peter Murphy. In common council read and referred to police committee with power to act.

In select council, action non-concurred in; then reference amended by striking out "with power to act," then passed.

Communication from the councils of Allegheny, relative to devising a plan for making the bridges over the Allegheny river free. Read, and action concurred in by select council.

Also, resolution appointing a committee of five to act in conjunction with the committee from Allegheny councils. Read three times, and adopted; and Messrs. Getty, Lowis and Tucker appointed on the part of select council.

In select council, action concurred in. Messrs. Kier and Murdock appointed on the part of select council.

Also, an ordinance relative to huckstering. In common council, read three times and adopted.

Mr. Alexander moved for concurrence on part of select council; when, Mr. Cordell called the yeas and nays—which resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs Agnew, Allen, Alexander, Drum, Jones, Kier, Lyile, Murdock, Smyth, Taylor Weaver and President—12.

Nay Mr. Cordell.

Also, resolution making presidents of councils ex-officio members of the committee on railroads. In common council, read three times and passed; and, action concurred in by select council.

President announced as standing committee on railroads—Messrs. Taylor and Murdock, of select council; Messrs. Edgar, Black and Little of common council. On motion, adjourned.

THE Meadville *Democrat* says:—The lock at Hardscrabble, on the Beaver division of the Canal, has been repaired and boats came through from Pittsburgh to this place last week. We are sorry to learn that a break occurred on the Conneaut division, the stone culvert over Conneaut Creek, between Albion and Cranesville, in Erie Co., having fallen down, which will interrupt navigation to Erie for eight or ten days yet.

The people of Pittsburgh, fearing a revisitation of the pestilence which afflicted them last season, have gone to work in earnest to put their household in order—*Cleveland Leader*.

The *Leader* is certainly ahead of all contemporaries in these parts. If the news be true, we are very glad to hear it.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—Ald. Parkinson yesterday morning issued a warrant for the arrest of a Mrs. Norman, who is charged by M. Breitenswiter, who keeps a store on Smithfield st., with passing on him a $2 counterfeit bill on the State Bank of Connecticut.

THE annual election for President and Managers of the Allegheny Gas Company, will be held at the office of the Company on the 14th inst. The annual report will also be submitted to the Stockholders.

RESIGNATION.—C. C. Jessop, Assessor and Collector of Water Rents on new buildings, has resigned and Mr. E. S. Wright been unanimously elected to fill his place.

THE Hope Cotton Factory goes into operation again next Monday. It will give employment to three hundred persons, many of whom have been idle all winter.

BY TELEGRAPH

From California.

NEW YORK, May 2.

The steamer Star of the West arrived with California dates to the 9th. She brings 600 passengers and $302,000 in specie. She connected with the Uncle Sam, which, when six hours out from San Francisco, saw the Sierra Nevada going in; on the 15th she passed the Cortes bound up.

Gov. Welch, President of the U. S. Board of Land Commissioners has returned.

The news by the Star of the West is of less than ordinary interest; it scarcely presents an item worth telegraphing.

The miners are generally doing well.

Accounts from Kern River district are continued favorable.

In Sacramento City the municipal election resulted in the triumph of the whole Know Nothing ticket, except one Alderman. James L. English is Mayor.

The Grand Jury of San Francisco had brought a presentment charging several members of the Common Council with voting on questions relating to funding the city debt, in which they were personally interested. Bench warrants were issued against Alderman Hyde, Buckingham, Van Bokkelen and Wild and they were held to bail in $2500 each.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—The Municipal election resulted in majorities of about 150 for the Reform Candidates for City Treasurer and Commissioner, which were supported by Whigs and Democrats against the Know-Nothings.—The Select Council will stand 15 Reformers and 15 Know-Nothings and Common Council 39 Democrats and 38 Know-Nothings.

SECOND DISPATCH.

The election returns are so conflicting that the official count will be required to settle matters.

THIRD DISPATCH.

The present aspect of the returns indicates the election of the American candidates for Treasurer and Commissioner by from 400 to 500 majority.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 2.—De Angelis, Deputy Marshal of New York, who arrested Fabens to-day, has started for New York with him.—Fabens has not resigned his Consulship.

The Commissioner of Patents has issued to Keller & Brown, attorneys for the inventors, seven years extension to Davenport & Bridge's swinging beam for car trucks.

It is rumored that Lieut. Beale, who attacked the Commissioner of Indian affairs, has been appointed Mail Agent between New York and California.

BALTIMORE, May 2.—New Orleans papers of Thursday are received.

The Mexico correspondent of the New Orleans Bee asserts that Santa Anna is so seriously ill that he is not expected to survive. He suffers from an affliction of the head and he lies in a stupor.

NEW YORK, May 2.—In the District Court, today, Mr. Kinney applied for the appointment of an early day for his trial. Monday next was fixed by Judge Ingersoll, notwithstanding some opposition from the District Attorney, on the ground of insufficiency of time.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The Pacific sailed to-day with a number of passengers, including Minister Dodge. She takes out $1,313,000 in specie.

The Star of the West is below. There are no signs of the Atlantic.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The San Jacinto arrived in 6 days run from Havana, which is equal to 12 days passage from Liverpool in a smooth sea.—She made from ten to eleven knots an hour.

BOSTON, May 2.—A fire occurred in the ship yard of James Smith, of St. John, N. B., on Saturday, which destroyed a new ship on the stocks and a large quantity of lumber. Loss £24,000.

MONTGOMERY, May 1.—Winter's Iron Works and Mills were burnt last night. Loss $100,000; insurance $60,000.

BUFFALO, May 2.—The Straits of Mackinac are open; the first propellor from Milwaukie for Sanginaw passed Detroit last night.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—*Evening*—Breadstuffs exceedingly dull, notwithstanding the continued light receipts and reduced stocks; no export demand for Flour, and standard brands are freely offered at $10,50@10,75 per bbl. without finding buyers. In Rye Flour and Corn Meal nothing doing; the former is held at $7,25 and the latter at $4,75. The prices of Wheat are unsettled and declining; we quote red at $2,-55 and white at $2,65. Rye—there is but little inquiry after it; sales 2800 bushels at $1,40, a decline of 5c. Corn dull and lower; sales 1600 bus southern yellow afloat and in store at $1,06 and some at a lower rate; sales 2500 bus prime Penna. at 68. In Groceries and Provisions there is a fair trade doing at former rates; small sales of mess Pork at $18,50, cash. Hams sell at 11@12, and Shoulders at 8@8½c. Lard 9½@10c. Whiskey steady; small sales in bbls. at 37½@38, and in hhds. at 37.

NEW YORK, May 2.—*Evening*.—Cotton firm; 1000 bales sold. Flour a trifle lower; good Ohio $9,75@$10,18. Southern quiet. Corn dull with declining tendency; sales 2000 bush. mixed at $1,09. Pork unsettled with sales 500 bbls.—Lard dull. Whiskey, Ohio, firm at 37. Coffee steady; sales 2500 bags Rio at 7¾@10¼. Stocks quiet. Money unchanged; Virginia sixes 97¼; Erie R. R. 50; Reading R. R. 86.

CATTLE MARKET.—Cattle: a limited supply and prices advanced; sales 2100 head at $9,50 @$13. The market is bare of Sheep and Lambs; prices higher, averaging $5,34. Swine lower with a liberal supply; sales of corn fed at $5,50 @$5,75.

GREAT BARGAINS offered this week in Print Lawns, from 8 cts. upwards; Bereges astonishingly low prices; Lawn Prints for a Dime, at the Boston Store, 63 Market st. my1 R. E. SHELDEN.

JUST rec'd by Express this morning, a new lot of Embroideries, Hosiery, Gloves, Table Cloths, Drapery Muslins, Ladies, don't forget the Boston Store, 63 Market st. R. E. SHELDEN.

Dry Goods.

WE WILL OPEN on Monday, April 23d, a splendid assortment of French and American Embroideries, Fancy Silks, Lawns, Chintzes, Bereges, Tissues, Groundnut, Mourning Goods, &c. HAGAN & AHL, 91 Market st.

HORSE FOR SALE—A fine Family Horse for sale by FLEMING BROS.

99 BALES HAY rec'd per steamer Buckeye State for sale by A. GULBERTSON, apl30 No. 102 Liberty st.

EGGS—2,300 doz. now landing from steamer Empire for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

GROUND NUTS—100 sacks now landing from steamer Allegheny for sale by my1 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

PORK—31 bbls. Mess rec'd and for sale by my1 BELL & LIGGETT. Water st.

POTATOES—100 bus. various kinds rec'd and for sale by my1 BELL & LIGGETT.

DRY PEACHES—10 bbls. in store and for sale by my1 BELL & LIGGETT.

BROOMS—60 doz. Corn Brooms in store and for sale by my1 BELL & LIGGETT

HOPS—3 bales Ohio Hops for sale by my30 BELL & LIGGETT.

PEARLS—20 casks for sale by my1 BELL & LIGGETT.

CLOVER SEED—10 bbls. in store and for sale by my BELL & LIGGETT.

OATS—600 bus. for sale by my1 BELL & LIGGETT.

CORN MEAL—50 bbls. in store and for sale by my1 BELL & LIGGETT.

NEW CUTTING CHEESE—100 lbs this day received by HENRY H. COLLINS.

BUTTER—10 bxs prime Roll Butter rec'd this day by my1 HENRY H. COLLINS.

GOLDEN SYRUP—15 bbls receiving from Canal for sale by my1 ATWELL, LEE & CO.

COFFEE SUGAR—20 bbls Coffee Sugar receiving and for sale by my1 ATWELL, LEE & CO.

CLARIFIED SUGAR—15 bbls receiving and for sale by my1 ATWELL, LEE & CO.

ZINC WASH—25 doz. in store and for sale by my1 ATWELL, LEE & CO.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR *APRIL*.—W. H. SMITH, V. P.—W. RIDDLE, B. F. JONES, BENJ. BARTWELL, J. S. DILWORTH.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
Thursday Morning, May 3, 1855.

FLOUR—nothing doing except in the retail way; sales of 22 bbls. superfine from store at $10,12.

GRAIN—sales in lots from store of 1000 bus. Shelled Corn at 90.

GROCERIES—sales of 50 hhds. fair Sugar at 6@6¼, cash and sixty days; 12 bbls. Molasses, cyprus, at 30, cash; and 100 bags Coffee at 11, cash and sixty days.

BACON—sales of 14,000 lbs. assorted at 8, 9 and 10, cash, and 4,000 do. at 7¾, 8¾ and 10, cash.

FISH—sales of 10 bbls. Mackarel No. 3, large, (1855) at $10,50; 10 half bbls. do. at $5,50, and 10 do. White Fish at $5,00.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

We were visited yesterday morning by a fine, warm, genial rain, which will be of great benefit to the country.

The editors of the Chronicle appeal to our statement of the receipt of Breadstuffs last week as evidence that their boast was true that "there never was so much business being done" here as now, and that Breadstuffs are "flowing into our city in larger quantities than ever before."—If the rather wrong-headed (although well-meaning) editors of that sheet had labored through columns of imperial day by day, as we have done for years past, and kept a tabular statement of the business of the city, they would not have been caught in making such assertions. According to our tabular statement, which was very carefully compiled, the receipts of Wheat and Flour at this port, so far, are considerably behind those of last year, to same date. We do not care to be telling our readers so, every week, but such is the fact. As to the supply in the North west being more than was at first supposed, if the editors of that paper had been careful readers of our column they would have seen that the supposition referred to was not ours but that of other parties, and that for some weeks past we have kept our readers wellposted up in the real facts of the case. Without assuming any particular sire, we flatter ourselves that there is nothing in commercial matters, either here or abroad, which the editors of the Chronicle can teach us.

Our City Banks have declared their May dividends—the Exchange Bank four per cent. and the Dispatch and Merchants' & Manufacturers' Banks five per cent. each.

The imports of Coffee into Baltimore last month were 37,471 bags; for the year, 83,415 bags against 77,720 last year. Stock on hand 16,500 bags against 22,000 last year.

The American of Tuesday says:

There has been considerable doing to-day in Coffee, and the market for it is steady at the figures of Saturday. We hear of sales to-day by private contract of 950 bags fair to good Rio at 10¼@10½c cts. Sales also at auction of about 300 bags Laguayra Coffee, a part of the cargo of the schr. Dolphin, at prices ranging from 9¾ @ 10¼ cents for common to $11 @ 12c for good quality. There will only about 200 bags of inferior Coffee in the lot, and the greater part of the balance brought 10½ to 11 cts. At the same sale a lot of 100 bags Rio, slightly damaged, sold at $9 @ 10 to $10, 10 per 100 lbs.

ST. LOUIS, MARKET, May 1st.—The advance on city superfine flour, for the week, will be found upon examination to be 50c. per bbl. On Monday, 1,000 bbls. deliverable in ten and fifteen days, brought $8; on Saturday, 700 bbls. delivered in all next week, sold at $9,50. Our quotations of wheat, at the opening of the week, were as follows: Spring 160 to 170c., mixed spring and fall 165 to 172c., common to prime fall 165@ to 222c. at the close, spring 170 to 180c., mixed spring and fall 167½c. fair to prime red 190 to 195c., mixed spring and fall 187½c. fair to prime red 190 to 210c. Corn exhibits an equal advance. At the opening mixed was quoted at 73 to 75c., yellow 75 to 76c., with 2,000 sacks mixed, yellow and white at 78. At the close of the week, mixed brought 83 to 85c. yellow 90c., white 83 to 90c. with a sale of the latter on terms not made public—indicative of higher figures. At the commencement of the week, oats sold at 53 to 56c., new and second-hand gunnies, a small lot only bringing the last mentioned quotation, at the ending, the market was steady at 60c., new and second-hand gunnies and cotton bags. Perhaps, in the history of the grain market here, no instance will be found of such a quick and marked advance on existing high prices.

Receipts for the present month, compiled to Thursday last, show very heavy amounts, from the Illinois river and Rock river 63,005 sks. 2,374 bbls. and 51,146 bus.—from the Mississippi 72,143 sks and 215 bbls.—Illinoistic 14,017 sks and 121 bbls.—total 149,764 sks, 2,760 bbls, 51,146 bus. Corn, from the Illinois, 211,838 sks and 57,600 bus.—Mississippi 26,402 sks—total 238,277 sks and 57,600 bus. Oats, Illinois, 22,658 sks and 16,500 bus.—Mississippi 46,613 sks—total 69,150 sks and 16,500 bus. Since Thursday several round lots have been received. To give some idea of the extent of operations this season, we will compare the receipts of corn for the present month alone with those of the entire two years past. In 1853, the amount as reported in our annual statement, was 459,162 bus. and in 1854, the total as given by the Price Current, was 1,784,189 bushels. Now take the receipts of the present month, and reduce them to sks. and we have 238,033. Or compute them by bushels, and we have 811,216—largely over one-half of the total of 1853, and more than two-fifths of that of 1854. We have selected this month for this comparison as well on account of its heavy receipts as for the advance in prices which its transaction exhibits.

In the face of the supplies which have come forward the market has steadily advanced, until, at the close of the week, quotations show figures as high as those already stated.—(Republican.

The Money market was abundantly supplied to-day, but the requirements of responsible borrowers were quite limited, and the tendency in loan and discount rates was, if anywise, downwards, though no serious change has occurred since our last. The close of the month does not appear to sensibly influence the demand for money from those who have payments to make. There is a moderate one in extent and promptly discharged,—showing that, though the business interests of the country are by no means seriously suffered from depression, the mercantile classes are not irremediably embarrassed, but are, on the contrary, in rather comfortable, if not really prosperous circumstances.—N. Y. Times.

The Bank Statement for the week is unexpectedly favorable. Specie lies shorting a decrease of only $73,000, while the Contraction of Loans has been over $1,100,000.—We were prepared—coming into the week, as we did, with a falling average for a decrease of $300,000 or $400,000 in Specie. Under a foreign drain of at least $2,000,000 in three weeks, the Bank averages show a decline of less than $500,000 in specie, which is certainly very favorable. The Loans in the same period have been contracted by nearly numbers, $2,000,000, and Money is now even more abundant than when the contraction commenced. The comparative figures of the week are:

	Loans & Dis.	Specie.	Circulation.	Deposits.
April 21	$81,532,864	$13,205,041	$7,310,154	$16,741,971
April 28	82,608,951	14,322,424	7,310,353	16,219,951
Dec.	$1,126,943	Dec. $2,617,383	Inc. $100,451	Dec. $1,522,970

The decrease in Deposits is due to the drawing down of Bank balances, a large amount of Money now being loaned out for moving Produce. The falling off in Loans is not so much the result of a disposition on the part of the Banks to contract as to their large receipts from maturing bills receivable, and their moderate offering of new paper. Some of the Banks are discounting lines of paper for their correspondent Banks in the interior, for the purpose of employing their surplus funds. The contraction of Loans has not been general; of the whole amount the American Exchange has contracted $600,000; the Commerce, $120,000; the Mechanics, $250,000; the Manufacturers' $200,000; while of the loan in Deposits the American Exchange shows $600,000, and the Commerce $300,000.

The demand for Exchange for the Wednesday steamer is less active than was anticipated, and the supply, especially of Francal bills. A fair supply of Sterling bills offer in the market, as also commercial bills drawn here. The leading Bankers ask 10¼, but the sales are at 10¼ @ 9 cent, and one house bill was drawn to-day at 10 @ 9 cent. We hear of first-class commercial bills at 9¾ @ 9 cent, and sales with bills of lading attached at 9@9¾ cent. Francs are quite plenty, and some sales have been made at a decline; we quote 5.16@5.12½. A sale of 150,000 Government Francs was made on Saturday at a little concession.—N. Y. Trib.

CHARLESTON RICE MARKET.—We have no change to report in the former general aspect of the market. It appears that the demand continues undiminished, and prices still tending in proportion. The receipts of the week, amounting to 2,100 bbls, were all readily disposed of at prices ranging from 5¾@6¾c ⅌ 100 lbs—the bulk of the sales from 5¾@6 5/8 for ordinary and fair quality. Exported the past week 1273 tierces; remaining on shipboard not cleared, 550 tcs.

RICE PROSPECTS.—The Savannah Georgian of the 27th ult., says: We learn from a friend long and extensively engaged in the Rice culture near this city, that the recent cold weather is proving most favorable to the crop. The unusual cold and sudden change of the last and early part of this month, it was feared would prove a serious injury. The spear, however, is now handsomely up, from four to six inches high, and looks strong and healthy.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

ST. LOUIS, by Keystone—508 sks corn, Brown, Floyd & co; 130 sytheys, Coleman & co; 62 hides, M Delaney; 60 bbls flour, T Little & Son; 40 tes bacon, W M Cutcheon & co; 10 do, J Scott & co; 23 bls hair, 20 do skins, 374 tcs lard, 18 tcs hams, 5 cks do, sent.

CINCINNATI, by Philadelphia—60 bxs starch, Shriver & co; 329 bls cotton, T Arbuckle & co; 10 bbls sugs, J & W Rea; 10 sks bacon, 3 bbls tobacco, J Grier, 92 pkgs merchandise, Shoenberger; 19 sks hair, 120 bbls bacon, 85 bbls oil, 40 tes hams, 40 bbls lyeness, sent; 60 bls hay, 20 do straw, 102 bbls molasses, 41 bbls bacon, sundry consign's.

CINCINNATI, by Cincinnati—10 bls skins, 50 bbls oil, 247 bbls bacon, 3 tcs do, 230 bbls flour, 31 bgs feathers, sent; 26 bbls lard oil, Leech, M'Alpin & co; 222 bgs oats, sent; 20 bxs drugs, J Schoonmaker; 19 bbls bacon, Wm Cutcheon & co; 6 bbls sugs, 10 bbls skins, 4 sks hair, Dodge & co; 100 bbls flour, owners; 10 bbls butter, 25 sks skins, 4 sks wool, sent; 2 do, R Dalzell & co; 144 bus wheat, Wilmarth & co; 300 bus oats, 175 do corn, 24 sks rags, 3 do fruit, sundry consignees.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

ARRIVED—Jefferson, Brownsville; Luzerne, do; Col Bayard, Elizabeth; T. H. Shriver, West Newton; Dimond Wheeling; Allegheny Belle No. 3, Eulington; Corsplanter, do; Keystone, St. Louis; Philadelphia, Cincinnati.

DEPARTED—Jefferson, Brownsville; Luzerne, do; Col Bayard, Elizabeth; T. H. Shriver, West Newton; Dimond, Wheeling; Philadelphia, Cincinnati.

RIVER.—On yesterday evening there were 4 feet 9 inches in the channel and falling.

BACON HAMS—2 cases rec'd on consignment and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

CRUSHED SUGAR—50 bbls just receiving from canal and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

SHALERSVILLE PROPERTY FOR SALE—Consisting of two lots of ground having a front on Main street of 120 feet and extending 123 feet to Water st., on which is erected 3 frame dwellings, two stories high, which rent for $150. All conveyed, good stable, cut house, &c. apl30 R. McLAIN & SON.

SEED POTATOES—Mountain June; Purple Chili; Six Weeks Ash Leaf Kidney; Peach Blow, in store and for sale by E. H. SHANKLAND, 129 Wood street.

BACON SIDES—8 casks Bacon Sides in store and for sale by my1 R. DALZELL & CO.

25 BBLS. SPIRITS TURPENTINE just rec'd and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

LINSEED OIL—12 bbls. just rec'd and for sale by mh1 R. ROBISON & CO.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH R. R.—107 sks wheat, Wilmarth & co; 1 bx bacon, 3 sks rags, 11 do peaches, Shriver, Dilworth & co; 113 bbls flour, A & A M'Ilhenny; 91 do, S Hadley; 20 bbls potatoes, owners; 24 sks corn, J A Caughey; 10 bbls flour, J Wilson; 10 do, 10 bbls apples, J & W; 106 sks wool, cast; 9 bbls salmon, 35 do potatoes, J Wardrop; 24 bbls fish, 10 kits do, H H Collins; 10 bbls do, J H Canfield; 10 do, 6½ do, J Wilson; 37 pkgs fish, 10 .box brooms, 96 bbls flour, sundry consignees.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA R. R.—1565 bus wheat, Wilmarth & co; 108 sts wool, 41 bbls eggs, 1 do butter, cast; 374 bus potatoes, 535 do oats, 140 do corn, owner; 254 do, T W Rea; 160 do oats, P Peterson; 160 do corn, owner; 270 bbls oats, 13 lbs hay, 106 bus potatoes, J Craig; 100 bus wheat Wilmarth & co; 21 bgs oats, 5 sks dr fruit, Rogers, Lindsay & co; 20 bus meal, 21 bbls flour, 22 do eggs, 5 do corn meal, 120 bus corn, 5 do butter, owner; 5 bls wool, Nimick; 100 bdls broom, 2 bbls eggs, 1 do butter, owner; 8 sks dr fruit, J Wilson; 14 bls hides, owners; 13 bbls potatoes, owners; 10 bbls do, Bell & Liggett; 258 bus oats, 710 bus corn, 107 bus potatoes, 11 cks bacon, 180 bbls flour, 20 do eggs, sundry consignees.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.—31 pkgs fish, J B Corbett; 21 tcs cheese, H H Collins; 220 bgs wheat, Wilmarth &