PITTSBURGH:

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1855.

THE DUQUESNE BOROUGH ELECTION CASE—In the Court of Quarter Sessions, on Saturday, Judge McClure rendered a decision adverse to the Contestants. The Judge read his decision and we would have had the pleasure of presenting it to our readers this morning, but for the interference of a circumstance or rather several circumstances, which we propose to state briefly.

On Saturday morning, after the decision had been rendered, we applied to Judge McClure for the manuscript for the purpose of publication.—The Judge stated that the reporter of the *Dispatch* had received it from him, but remarked that we had his permission to ask the *Dispatch* for the copy or a proof thereof. We addressed a note to the editor of the *Dispatch*, stating these facts and received an answer from the reporter of that paper to the effect that we could not have the decision. We were somewhat surprised at such a course, so totally in defiance of all previous rules of courtesy and mutual accommodation, and immediately applied to Judge McClure for a written request to the *Dispatch* that the copy be handed over to us. The Judge without hesitation complied with our wishes. We presumed, of course, that if common courtesy and decency would not wrest the decision from the hands in which it been placed—placed there, too, as is the case in all such instances, if we properly understand Judge McClure's sentiments, with the implied understanding that the manuscript is not to be the exclusive property of one paper—we presumed, we say, that a note im the Judge's handwriting would have the effect desired. But we were egregiously mistaken. No respect at all was paid to the desire of the Court, and, with the Judge's note in his hand, the reporter of the *Dispatch* still refused to deliver the manuscript to us. With these facts before us, we cannot do otherwise than pronounce the conduct of the *Dispatch* reporter mean beyond contempt. The decision in question was not an important one, but that does not alter the principle of the matter, nor lessen in any degree the utter disgust which such a course will excite in the mind of every man who can appreciate and understand the amenities of life and the rules of courtesy which should govern gentlemen.

If the *Dispatch* reporter's future course of action be indicated by his conduct in the present instance, we protest against the delivery into his hands of documents to which all reporters have equal claim, nor will we patiently submit to an opposite course on the part of any public officer. If the manuscript be furnished us with the understanding that the copy or proofs of it are to be furnished on demand to the other papers, we would consider ourselves bound in honor to fulfil the obligation, and would furnish even the reporter of the *Dispatch* such proof or copy, but we have no reason to suppose his course would be the same and hence an officer is doing an injustice in surrendering a matter important for the public's eye into his hand.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE ASSOCIATE REFORMED CHURCH.—The Synod met, according to previous announcement, on Friday Evening, for devotional purposes. The exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Dales, of Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Claybaugh, of Oxford, Ohio, and Rev. Mr. Findley of Butler.

The Synod was opened on Saturday morning with prayer by the Rev. J. G. Fulton. After the transaction of business of no public interest, the Synod resumed the consideration of the Basis of Union as adopted by the recent convention of Reformed Churches.

The article on Psalmody which is as follows, was read and after discussion, adopted:

"It is the will of God that the songs contained in the Book of Psalms be sung in his worship, both public and private, to the end of the world; and in singing God's praise, these songs shall be employed, to the exclusion of the devotional compositions of uninspired men. Eph. v. 19; Col. iii. 16; 2 Samuel xxiii."

The article on Communion was taken up, amended and adopted as amended. It reads as follows:

"Communion, in sealing ordinances, may not, in ordinary circumstances, be extended to any who openly avow principles which are inconsistent with a faithful testimony for any revealed truth respecting doctrine, worship, discipline, or church government; and in no case should a person be admitted occasionally to sealing ordinances but through the session, and on the same terms on which applicants are received into stated communion." Rom. xvi. 1; 2 Thes. iii. 6, 14, 15; 2 John x. 11; Rev. ii. 14, 15."

The article on slave holding was adopted, as follows:

"Slaveholding, that is the holding of inoffending human beings in involuntary bondage, considering and treating them as property, and subject to be bought and sold, is a violation of the law of God, contrary both to the letter and the spirit of Christianity, and therefore not to be tolerated in his church.

Acts xvii. 27; 1 Tim. i. 9, 10. Lev. xxiv. 18; Col. iv. 1; Mat. vii. 12."

The article on Secret Societies was amended and adopted:

"All associations, whether formed for political or benevolent purposes, which bind their members by oath to obey and keep secret laws and principles, the nature and tendency of which are not known to them when they take such oath, are inconsistent with the genius and spirit of christianity and are to be avoided as ensnaring and dangerous. John iii. 19, 20, 21; Eph. v. 11, 12; Jer. iv. 2; Gen. xxiv. 2, 9."

The article on Covenanting was adopted with a slight verbal amendment.:

"Public social covenanting with God is a moral duty, the observance of which is not required at stated times, but on extraordinary occasions, as the providence of God and the circumstances of the church may indicate. It is seasonable in times of great danger to the Church, in times of exposure to backsliding, or in times of reformation, when the Church is returning to God from a state of backsliding.

When the Church has entered into such Covenant transactions, they continue to bring posterity faithfully to adhere to and prosecute the grand object for which such engagements have been entered into.

Psalm lxvi. 11; Is. xlvi. 5.; Neh. ix. 38; Is. xix. 18, 21.; Chron. xv. 3, 4, 12; Joshua xxxiv. 24, 14, 15, 20; Neh. x. 28, 29; Jeremiah xi. 10."

Rev. J. C. Porter reported to Synod that Jas. McDill, of Henderson county, Ohio, had bequeathed $500 to the Foreign Missionary Fund. Rev. R. Ross was appointed to attend to the bequest.

The Committe on Accounts and on Psalmody reported. Synod adjourned till Monday.

CRICKET.—The Olympic Cricket club of our city have been reorganized for the season, and play on every Thursday afternoon on their ground at Oakland. This club is principally composed of the merchants and professionalmen of the place, who play more for the sake of genial exercise in the open air, than for anything else. They now number about 50 members, and we understand that they are desirous of taking in any one of good moral character who wishes to join them. They devote one afternoon of each week to the healthful exercise, and we have no doubt that each one of them will prolong his life many years by receiving the benefits of this out-door exercise.

We don't know much about this game ourselves, but we have heard members of this club, of fine classical and literary education and mind, say that there is no game or exercise that so fully develops the muscles of the body, and requires such constant and correct judgment of the mind as the game of Cricket, and that it is one that can be pursued and enjoyed until four score years and ten.

THE ALLEGHENY ENGINE.—We are informed that petitions are in circulation in the Fourth Ward, to be presented to the Councils, at an early day, asking that the Allegheny Engine be transferred from the Third to the Fourth Ward. Counter petitions are also being numerously signed in the Third Ward, praying Councils to do no such thing, and we shall sign such a petition if it be presented us. We protest against any such change. We want an engine on Fifth street. The protection of property on that and neighboring streets demands it, and if there be a necessity for any more engines in that part of the city included in the Fourth Ward, let the citizens ask a new engine altogether, or a Steam Fire Engine—which would be better still. The "old Allegheny" is a fixture of Fifth street and there "let it B," as K. N. Pepper would express himself.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS STOLEN.—Shortly after dark, on Friday evening last, an extensive robbery was perpetrated at a tavern in Lawrenceville. Mr. John Robinson was stopping at the house and while standing in the bar-room, his pocket-book was taken from his pocket by the adroit fingers of a thief. It contained $1,110 in money and a check for $500.

The robbery was discovered in a few moments after, and immediate efforts were made to discover the thief. In the course of half an hour, a man named Harvey Donaldson, a resident of Taylorstown, was arrested and taken before a Justice of the Peace, in that borough. After a partial examination, he was admitted to bail to appear for a further hearing. No money was found on Donaldson's person.

THE Pittsburgh Literary Club held its last meeting for the season on Saturday evening last. It adjourned to meet next fall at the call of five members. During the past winter and spring, the Club has met regularly, and the members have with but few exceptions performed the literary duties allotted to them in a punctual and able manner. The advantages derivable from such an association have been manifest in the decided improvement in composition elocution and forensic discussion evinced by many of the members. We hope the Club, when it is revived, will be conducted with the same spirit which has characterized it during the past season.

BURGLARIES IN BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday night last, at a late hour, the house of M. F. Eaton, on Carson street Birmingham, was entered through a back window; the burglers searched all through the house, and succeeded in carrying off considerable plunder. Fifteen dollars were taken from the pocket of O. Ormsby Gregg who was sleeping in the house. They also obtained about $30 worth of silver ware. The house of J. C. Mowry was also entered on the same night but the rouges became alarmed and made off in a hurry.

ABOUT A HAT.—The gentleman who took the wrong hat and left one of the same make (by Paulson,) at the Court of Quarter Sessions, on Saturday, will please call at this office and make the exchange. It aint a fair bargain, for the hat we got is several sizes too large.

PIG-METAL THIEVES.—Few persons are aware of the extent of this mode of pilfering in our city. Numbers of children are employed and brought up in this school of crime by older and more hardened thieves, and no doubt a large sum is realized from their rascally operations. A boy about ten years of age was arrested on Friday night by a watchman, while engaged in the very act of stealing pig-metal from the warehouse of S. M. Kier. On Saturday his case came up for hearing, when the prosecutor not appearing, the lad was sent to jail for ten days for vagrancy. An old woman named Cuishine, whom the lad charged with having employed him to steal, was also arrested but was discharged with a severe lecture. We hope an example may soon be made of some of these petty thieves.

Wm. S. Campbell, Esq., formerly of the St. Charles Hotel, has been nominated for Canal Commissioner, by the Democratic party of Cambria, Blair and Huntingdon counties.

ESCAPED.—Two of the Mayor's police, on Saturday, arrested a man on the wharf for some trifling offence, and while they were proceeding to the lock-up, their prisoner burst from their official embrace and used his locomotive powers to their fullest extent. The officers made chase, but their speed was not of the sort to shorten the distance between them and the pursued, and he consequently escaped.

IN the Court of Quarter Sessions, the cases against the Pennsylvania R. R., for damages done to property by running the road through it, were argued for the prosecution; by Mr. Williams. They were then postponed until the first Saturday of June, when Mr. Stokes will make his argument on behalf the Company.

NOL. PROS.—In the Court of Quarter Sessions on Saturday, District Attorney Roberts stated that he desired to enter a *nolle prosequi* as regards Thomas Murphey, who was indicted at the last term of Court as an accomplice of Henry Busha now undergoing sentence for shooting William Ritchie. There was no evidence that he had any connection with the affair, and a prosecution was out of the question. The Court therefore directed the clerk to enter a nol. pros. on the record.

ALLEGHENY GAS WORKS.—The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Allegheny Gas Works for the ensuing year:

President.—Dr. Thomas P. Dale.

Managers.—R. H. Davis, H. P. Schwartz, Jas. Park, Jr., Robert Dalzell, James Marshall, Harvey Childs, William M. Howe, and Henry Irwin.

RIOT AT THE POINT.—John McDonough, on Saturday, appeared before Ald. McKenna and made oath charging Thomas Connolly, John Twohle, Mrs. Twohle, and another John Twohle, with creating a riot on Water street at the Point on Friday last, and attacking and beating him in a most shameful manner. Officer Dougherty arrested one of the Johns and he was committed to jail to await trial. The other defendants had not been arrested on Saturday evening. McDonough is quite severely injured, having been beaten about the head with clubs and struck with stones.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Thursday evening, as the six o'clock accommodation train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was running slowly along Liberty street, four Germans in a cart, drove across the road immediately in front of the locomotive. The collision resulted in the demolition of the cart, but the Germans and horse escaped.

BURGLARY.—The house of Mr. Gutman, on Ohio street, Allegheny, was entered by burglars on Friday night. They got but little for their pains, carrying off only a few articles of clothing.

THE half past two Express Train on the Pa. R. R. was delayed three hours on Friday by the giving out of a locomotive this side of Johnstown.

THE Rev. N. West, Jr., of Cincinnati, preached yesterday in Dr. Plumer's Church, Allegheny.

THE ST. CLAIR.—Mr. Connelly, the popular "mine host" at this hotel, has business now-a-days to his heart's content. His house is full day and night, even to the placing of beds in the parlors whereon his weary guests may recline. We are pleased to note this state of affairs. The St. Clair is exceedingly well-conducted and cannot do otherwise than attract a large custom from an appreciative public.

THE side-walks are to be laid out immediately, the whole length of Ohio street from the East Common westward. Good.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—The U. S Circuit Court met on Saturday, and adjourned till Tuesday morning. Judge Grier is on a visit to Kitanning.

COAL SHIPMENTS.—The following shipments of Coal were made on Saturday, in barges, in tow of the boats named below:—

Tow-boat J. Guthrie,	8 barges,	Louisville,	64,000 bus.
" A. Wilson,	6 "	Cincinnati,	48,000 "
" Hercules,	6 "	"	45,000 "
" Lake Erie,	6 "	"	40,000 "
" Tigress,	5 "	"	40,000 "

TOW-BOAT AGROUND AND COAL BARGES SUNK.—The tow-boat *Diana* ran aground on Saturday last at White's Ripple, ten miles below this city. She had in tow two coal barges which sunk at her side. They were loaded with about 8,000 bushels of coal each.

A CHICKEN THIEF.—The Allegheny *Bulletin* states that on Thursday night some scoundrels entered the celebrated chicken pens of Dr. Gross near East Liberty, and stole his entire stock of chickens, consisting of over $200 worth of Shanghais, and other rare breeds of fowls.

BY TELEGRAPH

NASHVILLE, May 18.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States met here yesterday. The Rev. Dr. Rice of St. Louis was elected Moderator to-day. The Assembly resolved unanimously to meet in the city of New York in May, 1856.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The Jury in the case of the Williamsburg Rioters this morning brought in a verdict of guilty against four of the 16 who were indicted.

A church property tenure bill similar to that recently enacted in this State has been introduced in the Connecticut Legislature.

The Steamer United States which was to have sailed to-day with the Kinney expedition still remains here.

The Herman sailed for Bremen with 250 passengers and $81,000 in specie. The steamer Ariel of the new Havre line also sailed with 123 passengers and $126,000 in specie and a California nugget valued at $40,000.

BOSTON, May 19.—The new Liquor law goes into effect to morrow. Yesterday and to-day there was unusual activity, among the whole sale and retail dealers, despatching demijohns and mysterious packages to all parts of the city and suburbs. The Liquor Dealers hold a meeting on Monday at Faneuil Hall.

The Governor has not yet signed the Personal Liberty Bill.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—Gen. Gratriot died here to-day.

Accounts from Upper Missouri state that the Sioux are very hostile and are assembling to make war upon the whites.

The Missouri River is very low at the mouth of the Platte.

CINCINNATI, May 19.—Flour dull at $9,40.—Prices drooping. Oats 48@50, dull. Whiskey 33. Provisions firm. Bacon held at 7 and 8 for bulk, and 8 and 9 for Bacon shoulders and sides but no sales at these rates. Bacon shoulders in active demand and sold to some extent at 7¾ and common Hams at 10; sales 800 bbls Mess Pork at $15,50. Groceries steady, sales 79 hhds. fair and good fair Sugar at 6¼@6¾. Molasses 30.—Rio Coffee 11@11¼. Eastern exchange declined to ¼@¾ per ct. premium.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Flour, nothing doing; standard and good brands $10,75@$11; extra $11,25. Rye Flour $7,25. Corn Meal, $6. Wheat, nothing doing and but little offering; sales at $2,01 for prime red and $2,68 for white. Rye worth $1,55 and wanted. Corn unchanged; yellow $1,12. Oats, 65@66 for Delaware and 67@70 for Pennsylvania. Groceries and Provisions unchanged. Whiskey steady; barrrels 40 and hogsheads 39@40.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Cotton firm; prices advanced ¼; sales 2500 bales N. O. Middling 11; Upland Middling 10¾; flour stiffer but not quotably higher; sales 4500 bbls good Ohio at $9,81 @10; southern buoyant; corn, yellow higher; sales 25,000 bus yellow at $1,15@1,17; and mixed $1,14. Pork dull; sales 800 bbls, beef unchanged; lard stiffer; hams heavy at 9¼@9¾. Whiskey, Ohio 39; groceries unchanged with a limited business. Money steady; Stocks better; N. Y. Central R. R. b. 80,91; Reading R. R. b. 10,87; Cleveland & Toledo R. R. 79¾; Erie R. R. b. 30,47½.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR MAY.—W. B. BROWN, V. P.—WM. REA, S. S. BRYAN, W. K. NEMICK, I. M. PENNOCK.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, Monday Morning, May 21, 1855.

FLOUR—we hear of no transactions from first hands from store there is a steady and fair demand at $10@$10,25

GRAIN—sales at depot of 400 bus Oats at 60 and 300 do from store at 62; Corn. 150 bus. Ear from store at 91.

ASHES—a sale of 4 tons Pearls at 6¾, cash, and 4 tons Domestic Soda Ash at 3¾, time.

MOLASSES—a sale of 10 bbls old, at 36.

OIL—a sale of 10 bbls. No. 1 Lard Oil at 75, cash.

POTATOES—the supply is equal to the demand; sales of 75 sks. from store at $1,25@$1,30 ⅌ bus.

BACON—the buoyant feeling at Cincinnati had not, on Saturday, operated on our market, but holders were not anxious to sell. Sales only of 5000 lbs. Shoulders reported at 7¾@8, cash.

CHEESE—sales of 70 and 50 bxs. Western Reserve at 10, to the trade.

FISH—sales of 30 bbls. Halifax Herring at $6,00; 30 hf. bbls. White Fish at $5,25; 15 do. at $5,50, and 20 bbls. do at $10,00.

BEANS—a sale of 50 bus. fair White at $2,75, from store

GERMAN CLAY—sales from store of 5 cks. at $28 ⅌ ton.

SALT—a sale of 150 bbls. No. 1 from store at $1,62.

METAL—sales of 175 tons Tennessee Pig Metal at $29 and 75 tons Tennessee Blooms at $55, both at 8 mos.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

About $200,000 in gold have been received from Philadelphia during the last two days. We cannot perceive that the gold shipments have yet the slightest effect upon the money market. The leading houses in the street and stock operators agree in statement that the supply is increasing while the demand is moderate. The large houses have more money offered them at 5@6 ⅌ cent. than they want. A portion of the gold shipments is due to the fact that foreign bankers in the hands of agents here at 3 ⅌ cent. interest cannot be used to any profit by them, and consequently are remitted. This kind of remittance may be larger than is supposed, and would thus afford some explanation of the continued large drain of gold.—(N.Y.Trib

NEW YORK CITY STOCK MARKET, May 16th.—At Allerton's Washington Drove Yard—The number of Cattle at market since our last has materially increased, but on the other hand the demand has been quite brisk, owing to the present high prices, purchasers are not disposed to come into the market, except to supply immediate wants, the impression being that next week prices will be down to something like a reasonable standard. The warm weather also contributes a little to depress the market. Holders, nevertheless, are very stiff and are indisposed to yield much. The receipts of the week ending to-day, have to quoted at 814 ⅌ 100 lbs. Some few transactions are said to have been effected at a fraction above that figure. It was thought that 200 or 300 head would remain over. Cows and Calves steady. Veal plenty and rather lower. Sheep and Lambs rather slow. Swine firmer and demand quite brisk. The warm weather affects the market unfavorably.

Prices—Beeves, extra quality, ⅌ 100 lbs $14@—; do good quality, $13@$13; do common, $12@$12; do inferior, $—@—; Cows, extra, $60@$70; do good, $45@$55; do common, $30@$35; Veal Calves, extra fed, $6@$7; do corn-fed, $—@6½; Sheep, extra, $6@$6; Lambs, $4@$5; Swine, extra fed, $4@$4½; do market close fed.

At Browning's—200 Beeves, at $13@$13; do extra, $—@ —; 50 cows and calves, 1st quality, $60@$75; do good $50@ $45; 100 fat Calves, live weight, $4,50@—; 1554 Sheep and lambs—Sheep $5@$6,25; Lambs $4@$6.

There were not many good Sheep on sale here, prices steady. Lambs came in rather more freely than of late week, but to-day they were rather scarce.

At Chamberlain's—220 Beef Cattle at $8@$10; 118 Cows and Calves, live weight, at 4@6c; 2117 Sheep and Lambs, $3@$5.75.

Beef is about 1½ lower. Veal is also cheaper.

At Hyde's—116 Beeves $8@$11 50; 94 Cows and Calves $30@$50; 42 Veal, live weight, 4@6c.

Market scarcely so firm for Beeves, Cows and Calves steady.

CINCINNATI, May 17th.—The meeting on Change was unusually full, and a good feeling prevailed in regard to Grain the transactions being at a high figure. The feeling for Flour was not good; the demand light, and holders of Mixed Wheat Flour offered from Milwaukee at $9. Wheat arrives more freely at the Galena depot, 6000 bus being received since yesterday, and sales at the depot to-day are at better figures, $1.60@$1.62 for common Spring, and $1.68 for milling Spring. Corn receipts at the depot are stone yesterday are 15,000 bus, and the price paid to warehouse is the same as yesterday. Oats continue in good demand, and the prices are well maintained. For Potatoes there is a good inquiry for a small way, and our quotations are well maintained.—(Trib.

COFFEE.—There has been some movement to-day in Coffee. An invoice of 600 bags prime Rio, received ⅌ brig Fillmore, was sold at 10¾, and the sale made in addition of 150 bags prime Rio Coffee also at 10¾. The cargo of Coffee received ⅌ the Fillmore has sold to the trade, but has been received here for a long time. We quote inferior to fair Rio at 9¾@10¼c. Some small sales of Java Coffee are making at 14½@14¾c. The stock of Coffee here is now light. The stock is light, there being not more than 5000 bags for first hands.—(Bost. Atlas.

NEW ORLEANS, May 16th.—Cotton is unchanged with a moderate demand. Fair Sugar has advanced to 5⅞@5¾. Molasses has declined to 26@28c. Yellow Corn $1.05@$1.08. Sugar-cured Hams 15. Mess Pork $16,75.

Money matters exhibited no new feature to-day. The demand continues moderate and it is pretty freely supplied so far as the city is concerned. The rate of Eastern Exchange is dull at ¼@¾ prem. with a slight downward tendency.—(Cin. Gaz.

DETROIT, May 17th.—Flour—inquiry very light, and sales confined to the local trade. Quotations nominal at $9,50. Wheat—sales to-day of a large cargo of 7500 bus of white Michigan at $1,55. From the country we hear of sales at $1,52. Potatoes—the Canadian Potatoes sell very briskly at $1 in bulk or in sacks. Other varieties good sorts sell at 50 to 87; inferior at 45 to 75.—(Adv.

The money market is still abundantly supplied in the absence of a corresponding demand; both loan and discount rates have a dropping inclination as they now mainly range from 5@6 ⅌ cent. The heavy shipments of specie seem to be very slowly doing off or reducing the amount here, as they are counterbalanced by our current receipts, and the Subtreasury disbursements. We have not heard of any important amount of specie for sale or to be shipped, but it is reasonable to leave here on Saturday for Europe, and it is presumable that the Europa will take some out, and other heavy exports is anticipated by the Cunarder expected from Boston early next week, although no positions are making therefor already. The demand for foreign exchange is very slight, and quotations are unaltered.—(N. Y. Times.

Since Monday, receipts have been comparatively light, but prices have continued to decline on corn and oats. To-day but little of either was offered, and the demand going at 85c. (a round lot) and small quantities of white at 90 to 92c; oats 52 to 54c. The principal sale of flour was on private terms indicating a decline.

The river at this point rose slightly to-day, with ten feet in the channel between this and Cairo. Illinois and Upper Mississippi in good navigable condition. Missouri low.—(St. Louis Rep., Thursday.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA R. R.—6 sheep, 3 calves, 50 cattle, 4 bbls fish, 225 sks oats, corners, 24 bbls flour, P Peterson; 11 sks rags, M'Candless, Means & co; 5 sks wool, do; 8 sks wool, M'Candless, Means & co; 5 sks wool, do; 5 sks wool, do; 8 sks rags, M'Candless, Means & co; 5 sks wool, do; 5 sks wool, do; 5 sks wool, do