GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 17, 1855.

For the Pittsburgh Gazette.

OUR COLORED PEOPLE—THEIR CHURCHES, &c.—We, on Sabbath Day, the 9th inst., visited three of the Churches and Sabbath Schools of our colored population, who have in our two cities, Pittsburgh and Allegheny, four Churches and as many Sabbath Schools; two well selected, well built and finished Churches, one in each city. We were very agreeably surprised and much pleased to see the schools all so well arranged and organized; divided off into classes with suitable teachers, and well supplied with Bibles, Testaments and good school books of the American Bible and Sabbath School Publications. Two of their Churches, one in each city, are very large brick ones, well finished and good rooms in their lower stories for their Sabbath Schools and other meetings; and owing to the benevolent aid of many of our white gentlemen and ladies and the kind attentions and teachings of a few of our *Howard's and pious men*, a very large number of our colored population, (who now in our two cities and around us are computed at about 8,500,) attend their Churches and Sabbath and Day Schools—come clean and neatly dressed, and behave as well and have as good order in the Schools and Churches as we have ever seen before. We wish the small number of our colored people coming in from other States or towns, and who behave so ill, would take a friend's advice and be like these church-going ones—take heed to their ways, learn to be more moral and industrious. We never have been better pleased and interested in the good behavior pleased and interested colored people, than we were on our Sabbath Day visit, and returned to our home much gratified and happy.

AN OLD FRIEND OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

THE POOR.—The season has again arrived when the good-hearted, the full-pocketed and the benevolent should look around them for opportunities to assist and relieve those who in the allotment of Providence are doomed to poverty and suffering. *Apropos* of this subject, we clip the following from an exchange:

"The season when the poor need most the charities of the humane, is close at hand. The leafless trees, the piping winds—the low scudding clouds—the wild scream of the birds of passage, as high in air they pursue their southward flight—all betoken the coming of winter. Cold, dreary, pinching winter, the season of dread and suffering for the poor. When little children, innocent of all wrong-doing, shrug their scanty clothes closer about their famished limbs, as they gather around feebly warmed hearth-stones—and many a mother's heart is fearfully perplexed with anxious forebodings, as she mingles her sighs with the winds that rock her comfortless home. And what is to become of these poor comfortless ones?

We would let none of the whisperings of selfishness stay the promptings of our benevolence. It may be true, in some instances, that the poverty of the needy is the result of sloth-ful or vicious habits. But shall they be left to suffer? And our selfishness be strengthened by the withholding?

It may be that the suppliant's life
Has lain on many an evil way
Of foul delight and brutal strife,
And lawless deeds thats shun the day;
But how can any guage of yours
The depth of that temptation try?
What man resists, what man endures,
Is open to one only eye.

Why not believe the heavenly letter
That all you give will God restore?
The poor man may deserve it better,
And surely, surely, wants it more;
Let but the rich man do his part,
And whatsoe'er the issue be
To those who ask, his answering heart
Will gain and grow in sympathy."

TWENTY FORTUNES IN ONE STATE.—The right for A. Kendall's Shingle Machine is now in market for the extensive pineries of Wisconsin. In quantity, quality and accessibility, this State is unsurpassed, surrounded as it is mostly by rivers and lakes, with the Wisconsin river running through the centre, and numerous navigable streams passing through nearly every part. The extensive forests of pine timber dotting nearly every county, make it the most desirable point in the Union for manufacturing shingles. Besides an extensive home consumption, the great valley of the Mississippi at all times affords a profitable market, and even the eastern cities are readily accessible by way of the lakes. The rapid growth of the great West has thrown open the door for speculation, and all yankedom seems to be in pursuit of a speedy fortune. The extensive building going on has so increased the demand for shingles, they they have become a very important element in way of trade, and hundreds are turning their attention to that particular branch and realising heavy dividends after paying one dollar and fifty cents per thousand for manufacturing. No very close figuring is required to show the immense profits arising from the workings of one of Kendall's shingle makers for the space of one year. This machine will manufacture, at the lowest estimate, in a single day of ten hours, twenty-five thousand shingles, superior in quality by twenty per cent. to those made by any other means. This State will be sold entire, or by districts or counties, to suit the convenience of purchasers.—Among other valuable territory unsold, are two upriver counties in Pennsylvania, which can be had on reasonable terms. The practicability of the machine can be tested at Ryan's Furniture Warehouse, Fifth street, where it can be seen to operate.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTIONS.—The Democrats of the several Wards, Boroughs and Townships, held their elections on Saturday for delegates to the County Convention, to assemble on Wednesday next. The following are the names of the delegates from the districts designated:

PITTSBURGH.

First Ward—John H. Bailey, Wm. C. Wall.
Second Ward—Chas. Barnett, Arthur Magill.
Third Ward—Michael Milligan, John Mellon.
Fouth Ward—Hon. C. Shaler, James K. Hera.
Fifth Ward—John Mackin, John Heldman.
Sixth Ward—H. J. Rodgers, Brown Irwin.
Seventh Ward—John N. McClowry, Jas. A. Irwin.
Eighth Ward—B. Elanegin, Wm. Alexander.

ALLEGHENY.

First Ward—M. I. Stewart, Wm. H. Magee.
Second Ward—Thomas Moffitt, Wm. A. Reed.
Third Ward—Wm. M. Stewart, Chris. Schrum.
Fourth Ward—John J. McDermott, Abraham Hays.

Ross Township—Maj. D. Lynch, R. Morrow.

ORDER OF COURT.—Judge McClure on Saturday made the following order:

Ordered, That a Trial List be made out in the Common Pleas, to be taken up for trial on the first Monday of February next, to consist of—

First: All cases brought within the last year and at issue on or before the first of January next.

Second: All cases at issue handed to the Prothonotary by counsel on or before the first of January next.

The Prothonotary was ordered to issue *venires* for a Common Pleas Jury for the first Monday of February.

BURGLARY.—The house of Mr. James Cochran, on Beaver street, Allegheny, was entered through the kitchen window on Friday night about twelve o'clock, by some robbers. They had made extensive depradations on the eatables and had gathered some articles of value to be conveyed away, when a gentleman residing in the house, entered at the front door and the rogues hearing him, decamped in a hurry, without taking their booty with them. The floor was found covered with matches which they had burned to give them light. A Spanish cigar, half smoked, was found on the table, and in the yard the tracks of a very small foot and a very fashionable made boot.

THE MALPRACTICE CASE.—The Jury in the case of Salinger vs. Drs. Hoffman and Taudte came into court on Saturday morning and stated that they could not agree.

The Court asked them whether they could not agree on the law or the facts in the case.

The Foreman replied that the jury was at variance with regard to the facts.

The Court ordered them to return to the Jury Room, and adjourned forthwith giving instructions to the crier to call the judges when the jury had prepared their verdict.

MEAN THEFT.—An old woman named Scott, came to town on Thursday and made some purchases amounting to about $12. On her way to her home in Wilkinsburgh, she stopped to take a cup of tea with a friend. While in the house, some thief stole all her groceries from her wagon. Mrs. S. is an old lady in indigent circumstances, and her loss was generously made up by several individuals who heard of the contemptible theft.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING.—A general meeting of the friends of Sabbath Schools, will be held in Christ Church, Penn street, on this (MONDAY) evening at 7 o'clock P. M. The Bishops of the M. E. Church who have been in council for the last few days will be present and participate. The friends of the cause are cordially invited to be present.

ACCIDENT.—John Haney while at work in the Duquesne Depot on Saturday had three of his fingers taken off by coming between the bumpers of two cars. Another finger was badly mashed.

A CITY PAPER says the Americans of Allegheny make their nomination for Mayor on Thursday next.

SEVERAL foreigners were naturalized in the Court of Common Pleas on Saturday.

THE INJUNCTION CASE.—The matter of the application of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for an injunction against John Taggart who is building a house on Seventh street on property belonging (as is alleged) to that Company, was on Saturday postponed until next Saturday.

MIKE GALLAGHER, the famous detective police officer of Cleveland, was in the city on Saturday on his way to Washington to subpœna some witnesses to testify on the trial of the counterfeiters recently arrested by himself and officer Hague in Licking county, Ohio.

DISCHARGED.—William De Haven, the man who was imprisoned on Friday on a charge of taking some daguerreotypes, the property of Margaret Bain, was discharged on Saturday, the property being returned and the suit withdrawn.

WILLIAM CAUGHEY was finally committed on Saturday for assault and battery with intent to kill. McCoy is out of danger, and slowly recovering.

ABOUT Red Bank and Emlington up the Allegheny, there is fifteen inches of snow.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 15.—The Senate was not in session to-day, having adjourned over to Monday.

HOUSE.—After the calling of the roll, Mr. Hickman offered a resolution that no person shall be considered a candidate for Speaker who shall not be supported as such. On the 60th vote and after that ballot, all but the two highest named dates shall be dropped and the choice made between them. The one obtaining the largest vote will be Speaker, provided he receive a majority of a quorum of the House.

Mr. Letcher suggested that the Clerk to prepare a letter to be signed by members of the House, resigning their seats, in order that new elections shall be held in all the States and territories. (Cries of "agreed," "that's right," "we'll stand by that," laughter.)

Mr. Sage proposed as a substitute that the gentlemen from Virginia set the example by resigning first and the other gentlemen will follow until all get through. (Laughter.)

Mr. Letcher said he would willingly agree to that if the gentleman from New York would give him an assurance that he will play fair.

Mr. Sage was unwilling thus to pledge himself feeling that he had conscientiously performed his duty; he was acting with the majority in opposition to the administration.

Mr. Houston.—Then why don't you organise, Mr. Sage, it is not my fault.

Mr. Giddings thought that the proposition came from the appropriate quarter; from a faction which had for two weeks been standing out and preventing the organization of the House. (Laughter.) He believed that if the Democrats would retire from the Hall they would soon select a Speaker.

Mr. Letcher thought the happy family was in that a distracted condition, and his object was to restore the former. (Laughter.)

Mr. Giddings assured him that if the Democrats would step out, the others would effect an organization.

Mr. Letcher.—As the gentlemen seem to be in trouble I will withdraw it. (Cries of "no," "no," "that's right.")

Mr. Wade.—Let the President resign; if they refer matters to the people, I am with them.

After further debate, Mr. Hickman's resolution was tabled by acclamation, and, the House resumed balloting.

Two ballotings were had. Each time the vote stood:—Banks 105, Richardson 74; Fuller 40; scattering 6.

The House adjourned.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Yesterday evening officers Ham and Savage arrested Oliver King and Warren C. Ayers, at Lawrence, charged with robbing the American Express Co., of money belonging to the Government, the particulars of which were published some time since. The accused were committed for examination on Wednesday next. Ayers was recently a broker of this city, and King a hotel keeper at Lasalle. Nothing has been made known of the evidence against them.

W. C. White, the express messenger who had charge of the money between Chicago and Detroit, is strongly suspected with the others. A fourth person is also in custody. White, a short time after the robbery, left the employ of the American Express Company. Officer Best, of Buffalo was instrumental in bringing the matter to light.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Four buildings in Canal street, owned by George Bruce, the type founder were destroyed by fire this evening. Mr. Bruce loses $30,000. The total loss is 75,000, all being covered by insurance in this city.

The Steamship Union sailed at noon for Havre with $125,000 in specie.

The Soft Shell State Committee have called a Convention to meet on the 8th January at Syracuse to choose delegates to the Cincinnati National Convention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Stocks; Canton Co., 22½, Cleveland and Toledo 73½, Cumberland Coal Co., 28¾, Erie 50¾, Galena and Chicago 121½. Cotton dull with sales 200 balas. Flour firmer, sales 8500 bbls at $8,81 for good Ohio. Wheat firm, sales 12,000 bush at $2,20 for Southern white and $2 for Southern red. Corn, sales 84,000 bush. Pork drooping, sales 300 bbls. Coffee firm, sales 1500 bags Rio. Sugar firm, sales 100 hhds New Orleans at 8¾. Molasses quiet, sales 150 bbls at 48. Oils steady with a limited business. Iron firmer, sales 200 tons Scotch pig. Tobacco quiet at 6¼@8. Freights on Flour to Liverpool 8s 6d. Grain 10@11.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Flour very dull; no sales; we have heard of no offerings over $7,25; sales 200 bush. prime red wheat at $2,00. Corn inactive sales 450 head at $6,55, but few buyers. Provisions quiet and we hear of no sales. Whiskey better, sales 500 bbls. at 30@30½. Groceries unchanged.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Flour and Wheat firm at quotations current yesterday. Corn about 1c per bushel lower.

WILLIAM TATE, Plumber and Gas Fitter, No. 10 Fourth street, near Liberty, and 172 Penn street, next door to Mr. Partner's Office, and Yard near St., opposite Schwartz's Drug Store, Allegheny. ☞Every description of Fittings for Water, Gas and Steam. nov21-tf

BASKETS—50 Nests Covered Market, 20 do Open " 6 dozen Round " 6 do Clothes " Also a large assortment of Fancy and Work Baskets, received this day by Perrin & Reed for sale by W. P. TALCOTT & CO., 62 Wood st., cor. 4th st. dec14

TOBACCO—50 bxs Grant's 5s Tobacco; 29 bxs Russel & R Tobacco; 25 bxs Crew's do do; 24 bxs sundry brands to do; 50 do do 10 lump do; 10 do Diamond Twist do; in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO., 112, 24 st. dec7

FISH—50 bbls No 3 large Mackerel; 50 bbls No 3 med Mackerel; 50 do No 1 Fat Herring; 50 bxs do scotch do; in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO., 112, 24 st. dec7

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—15 bbls for sale by R. E. SELLERS & CO. dec8

CHEESE—1000 bxs prime cutting Cheese for sale by J. CANFIELD. dec8

SUGAR—50 hhds prime N O Sugar in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO., 112, 24 st.

NEW RICE—10 tcs just received and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

COD FISH—8 tcs extra, just received and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

RIO COFFEE—325 bags fair to prime in store, and to arrive, for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

TIMOTHY SEED—2 bags prime in store, and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

CHESTNUTS—2 bbls in store and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

N. C. TAR—50 bbls N. C. Tar, large bbls. in store on consignment, for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

NAILS—100 kgs assorted sizes, in store and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

CORN BROOMS—75 doz. Corn Brooms just received on consignment, and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO. dec8

WOOL.—The highest market price in cash paid by SPRINGER HARBAUGH, No. 230 Liberty st.

HIDES—60 dry and 55 green Hides just rec'd and for sale by SPRINGER HARBAUGH.

DRY APPLES—30 bushels prime in store and for sale by SPRINGER HARBAUGH.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—2000 lbs. in store and for sale by SPRINGER HARBAUGH.

TEA—75 chests Y H. Imp and Blk Teas; 100 ½ and 6 lb box Y H Tea, in store and for sale by T. LITTLE & CO., 112, 24 st. dec7

WINDOW GLASS—100 boxes 8-10 cumberland, for sale by McCANDLESS, MEANS & CO. dec6

APPLES—100 bbls. Green Apples rec'd and for sale by J. K. CANFIELD.

LINSEED OIL—10 bbls. in store and for sale by J. K. CANFIELD. dec6

PEARL ASH—30 casks in store and for sale by J. K. CANFIELD. dec6

DRIED PEACHES—30 sacks just rec'd and for sale by J. K. CANFIELD. dec6

BUTTER—10 bbls. prime Roll, and 20 boxes do do, in store and for sale by J. K. CANFIELD. dec6

HOT AIR REGISTERS, every size and style at WILLIAMS & ALLEN, 25 Market st. dec6

JAVA COFFEE—109 packets "Old Government" Java Coffee, for sale by SHRIVER & DILWORTH. dec11

BATH BOILERS—Wrought Iron and Copper, extra thickness, warranted to stand the greatest pressure of the hydrant. WILLIAMS & ALLEN, 25 Market st. dec6

HOPS—3 bales prime Ohio, for sale by BELL & LIGGETT. dec3

BEANS—10 bbls. small white Beans rec'd and for sale by J. K. CANFIELD. dec6

EG BUTTER—35 kegs just rec'd and for sale by J. K. CANFIELD. dec6

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR DECEMBER.—Geo W. Cass, V. P.—John Graff, Henry Lambert, John S. Cowanye, James O'Hara.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE,
Monday Morning, December 17, 1855.

FLOUR—there is no disposition to operate largely; sales on wharf of 150 bbls superfine at $7,75; from store, small sales of family extra at $8,62@$8,75.

GRAIN—sales on wharf and at Canal of 350 and 180 bus Rye at 85, at depot, 200 bus Oats at 33 and 150 do from store at 33.

MEAL—a sale from wagon of 35 bus Corn Meal at 65.

NUTS—a sale of 40 sks Ground Nuts at $1,25 ₱ bus.

EGGS—small sales by the box at 18.

METAL—a sale of 87 tons charcoal Pig at $30 ₱ ton.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The receipts of leading articles of produce last week up to noon of Saturday, were as follows:

Flour, bbls	1845	Rye, bus	3583
Wheat, bus	42571	Barley, bus	1982
Oats, bus	5655	Corn, bus	1756
Butter, pkgs	315	Beef, pkgs	108
Dried Fruit, sks	121	Buckwheat Flour, sks	307
Cheese, bxs	543	Potatoes, bus	345
Hides, No	2000	Pork, bbls	2240
Cotton, bales	495	Whiskey, bbls	1234
Bacon, hhds	276	Lard, bbls	283
do tcs	339	do kgs	989
do bxs	1160	Oil, bbls	117

The New York Tribune says that the freight pressing on the Erie road is very great and that there is every appearance of the full freight equipage being employed during the season of canal navigation.

The amount of wheat in store at Oswego, N. Y. at the close of canal navigation, was 819,000 bus.

The following table shows the exports of breadstuffs from the various ports for the latest dates, since Sept. 1, compared with last year:

	1855.		
To Continent,	To Great Britain,	Total.	
Flour, bbls	473,027	297,174	814,330
Wheat, bus	$1,426,085	2,322,533	3,748,618
Corn, do	1,411,538	99,388	1,510,926
Rye, do	908,615		908,615
Meals, bbls	1,616		1,616
	1854.		
To Continent,	To Great Britain,	Total.	
Flour, bbls	2,000	51,849	53,849
Wheat, bus		57,931	57,931
Corn, do	101,100	2,138,654	2,257,793
Rye, do			
Meal, bbls		152	152

The total increase in wheat is 3,691,087 bus; in flour 780,481 bbls.; in meal, 1,464 bbls; in Rye, 895,004 bus, and in corn there is a decrease of 1,256, 296 bus.

CORN AND MARKET.—Dec. 15.—Wheat, supplies light, sales at $1,35@$1,40 for Red; $1,45@$1,50 for Red; $1,60@$1,65 for White. Corn, 80, Rye $1,00; Barley $2,25@$2,30. Oats, $1,25@$1,30 for extra country. Dressed Hogs dull at 5¾@6.

One of the leading items of commercial intelligence from Europe is the explosion of the Sugar speculation in London. One writer says:—"The price of Sugar which 'cost 64' are offered at 50½, and only 48½ offered, which is simple as long as the great houses engaged in the operation are not ready to buy all the sugar in the market, it was possible to keep consecutively moving upward; but the moment these houses stopped buying and began to sell, the bubble burst, and prices tumbled."

The specie letters by the steamer are quite satisfactory. The Continental letters by the steamer Pacific contain a report of an easier Money market, and accounts of the week's trade in Paris, Havre, Antwerp and Cologne. In London the Money market was stringent but the tendency was favorable. The imports of the greatest sugar and coffee speculations on the Continent.

One letter says:—"Cotton is dull in the money market is over as far as Saxe is concerned. Grain and Flour cannot fail much further between Europe and America has the Indian Corn market in her hands at the Eastern margin from which we have hitherto drawn supplies prices are higher than in England. It was understood the British Government had contracted for 1,000,000 qrs. of corn in America, but we think this amount is exaggerated. Wheat has been maintained at a steady tendency; but at the close the advance was checked, and prices fell to the Saxe quotations. Flour was very quiet. There were about three cargoes were destroyed by the frost. Rice, Sugar and Coffee are without alteration. Bullion is coming in freely from Holland, and on the Upper Rhine, while the advances was considerable. Specie in Hamburg is rather in demand for the interior of Germany. Wheat was in request, and prices were fully maintained. The operations in Holland, Belgium and France were slow. The exchanges were very favorable.

The accumulation of gold from Australia is such as to give rise to serious fears of permanency, and will fill the vacuum created by the withdrawal of silver. The ship Red Jacket arrived at London with 153,000 ounces of gold, valued at 1,530,000, and the total arrivals of gold at London during the week was $1,170,000. So far these arrivals seem to be permanent, and the Continent is amply supplied by her distant colonies in the Southern Hemisphere.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH R R.—80 bbls flour, J A Campbell; 70 bbls flour, H H Collins; 2 pkgs butter, J B Canfield.

OHIO & PENNSYLVANIA R R.—20 bbls starch, A A Hard; 40 pkgs butter, J B Canfield; 2 bxs do, Wright & Wilson; 67 bxs cheese, 104 bbls flour, 80 pkgs butter, 17 bbls whiskey, 2 pkgs bacon, 1 pkg dried fruit, 1 pkg feathers, 1 pkg tobacco, 1 pkg leather, 184 bxs soap, 40 sks B W flour, Mason & Co; 40 bbls do, Bailey & Hagert; 237 bxs candles, Adams & Hoblenzer; 1097 bxs candles, 40 sks B W flour, Mason & Co; 100 bxs candles, 184 bxs soap, 10 pkgs butter, 5 pkgs lard, 16 coils leather, 184 bxs soap, 10 pkgs butter, 5 pkgs lard, 16 coils leather, 25 dox brooms, 30 bbls lard, 27 do do, 2 do do, 27 bbls whiskey, 2 do do, 2 do do, 10 sks cheese, 10 sks sheets, 3 bales hay, 90 tons coal, 122 bbls flour, 2 do do, 1 do do, 1 do do, 1