[illegible]

The ordinance was then read [illegible] and passed, as amended.

A communication from D. Drennan, [illegible] to the hay scales, and also a petition [illegible] thereto, and presented by Mr. Irwin and referred to the committee on City Property.

A resolution to pay the bill of J. C. Davitt, for office furniture, amounting to $31 25, was read three times and passed.

Report of Committee on City Printing, with Resolution in favor of D. N. White & Co., for $[illegible] in payment of bill to November 26, 1855. Report accepted and Resolution read three times and passed.

In all the above the S C concurred, except the ordinance relative to wharfage, which was laid over till the next meeting of that body.

In *Select Council*, present Messrs. Alexander, [illegible], Hise, Murdock, Pollock, Taylor, Smythe and Cordell.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be to take into consideration the report of the Finance committee, relative to the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad.

(We published the action of the Councils in regard to this matter on Saturday.)

The following additional business was done in S. C.:

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was read and passed:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of John Owens, late Street Commissioner, for $3,75 in full of money paid by him for taking depositions in the Harrison Street case, and charge the same to the Contingent Fund.

A communication from Committee on Monongahela Wharf, relative to collection of wharfage, was reported from Common Council; but, on motion, laid over until next meeting.

A communication was presented from Mr. Joseph S. Lowry, the inventor of the steam fire engine, giving a statement of the cost of working the engine per year. His estimate fixed the expenses at $1,816, as follows:

One engineer,	$700
One fireman,	350
One driver,	350
Feed for four horses,	400
Shoeing horses,	16
Total,	$1,816

Mr. M'Auley made a motion that the Committee on Engines and Hose be instructed to report an ordinance at next meeting favorable to the propriety of Councils adopting the engine of Mr. Lowry, which elicited considerable discussion, [illegible].

A Mysterious Affair—Murder will Out.—Our readers will doubtless recollect the fact of the finding of the dead body of a man on the 24th of October last in an outhouse adjoining the New Basin on Prospect street. An inquest was held by Coroner Alexander, when it was ascertained that the deceased was a man named James S. Murdock, formerly of Elon Valley.—It was also in evidence that he was intoxicated the night previously and had been in a house of ill-fame on Prospect street. The jury upon this evidence returned a verdict of "death from exposure."

Circumstances, however, were shortly afterwards developed, which led to the suspicion that he had been foully dealt with, and upon further investigation this suspicion was reduced to a certainty. It appeared that the deceased was induced to leave the house above referred to by a person whose name we are forbidden to mention, and who has since fled the city. When they had reached the place where the body was found the individual alluded to struck the deceased in the lower part of the spine with an iron bar, and while he was insensible from the effects of the blow, robbed him of the money he had upon him, and fled.

There appears to be but little doubt that the murderer can be arrested, if the proper authorities advance the money required to cover the expenses of the pursuit.

Citizens' Tickets.—We publish below the Citizens' Tickets in the different Wards for the [illegible] to be voted for to-day.

[illegible] Ward—School Directors—[illegible] John Wilson.

Judge—Andrew Burke.

[illegible]—Thomas E. [illegible]

[illegible]—T. B. Davill.

Constable—Michael Bowman.

[illegible] Ward—School Directors—[illegible]

[illegible] John M'Keown. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] publ[illegible] paper.

Watch-[illegible] watching the [illegible] new one in which [illegible] dists, has fallen [illegible] the only watch meeting [illegible] night was at the Liberty [illegible] Bishop Simpson conducted th[illegible]

Argued.—The motion for a new [illegible] case of Smitten vs. Eaton, in which the amount of $2000 were awarded plaintiff [illegible] alleged malicious prosecution in the Criminal Court, was argued yesterday by Mr. Williams for and Mr. Marshall against the motion.

The Steubenville Railroad.—We are requested to say that the County Commissioners and Treasurer have not held Conferences to devise means to meet the interest in the Bonds of that Company in the East. On the contrary the Commissioners expect the Company will be able to pay it.

Another Libel Suit.—The *Chronicle* is informed that Fred. E. Volz, Esq., contemplates instituting a suit of libel against its editors.—The libelous matter is said to be contained in [illegible] "[illegible]," which appeared in the *Chronicle* on Saturday.

The Wharf.—The recent freezing weather has covered the wharf with ice, rendering it almost impossible to dray off the cargoes discharged from the several boats which arrived since the cold weather.

District Sabbath School Association.—A meeting of those interested in the formation of a Sabbath School Association, composed of the schools under the Methodist Church government, will be held this evening in the Smithfield street M. E. Church.

The Regular Meeting of Councils was held last evening. A press of matter prevented the publication of the proceedings in to-day's paper, but we will give the official proceedings in our next issue.

Recovered.—We are glad to see Alderman McKenna in his office again, after four weeks of severe illness. He announces himself sufficiently recovered to transact all business in his line.

A Nuisance.—The boys are taking full advantage of the present fine condition of Fifth street for coasting. This sport on so crowded a thoroughfare is extremely dangerous, and the police should enforce the prohibition of former years, before an accident occurs.

The Jail Record.—The Jail Record shows four hundred and fifty-four vagrants and drunkards committed since Sheriff Patterson's induction into office.

During the same time there were two hundred and five committals for Court offences.

Change of Polls.—Our Third Ward Readers will bear in mind that the election in this ward will be held at Duffy's Public House, corner of Seventh and Grant streets.

Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Allegheny County Horticultural Society will be held on Wednesday morning, at Franklin Hall. The officers for the year will be elected.

A Sale of Household and Office Furniture, Book Cases &c., will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, at No. 146 Third st., by Mr. Davis.

Orphan's Fair.—We have been requested by the managers of the Orphan's Fair, at the City Hall, to state that it will positively close this evening.

Election.—The election for Ward officers will be held in the different Wards to-day.

The Temperance League held an important meeting yesterday.

TELEGRAPHIC.

New York, Dec. 31.—The steamer Plymouth Rock for Stonington, went ashore on Hart's Island at two o'clock on Sunday morning. Her passengers and mails were taken off by the steamer Bay State. The Plymouth Rock remained aground this morning. Steamers have been sent to her assistance.

Washington City, Dec. 31.—Immediately after the reading of the Journal Mr. Webster, Private Secretary of the President, appeared, announcing from a letter, the message in writing. Great excitement was produced, amid which Mr. Clingman moved that it be read in order to hear what it was. Mr. Morgan called for the yeas and nays on a motion that the message be read. He wanted [illegible] reading until the House had organized. Mr. Giddings and others struggled for the floor.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A letter to the St. Louis *Intelligencer* dated Weston, Dec. 18th, says that the Missourians mobbed the [illegible] on the 15th in Kansas, at different points and would not allow the polls to be opened. At Leavenworth a large band destroyed the ballot boxes and maltreated the Judges of the election. Fears are entertained of further violence.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—[illegible] at $8 50 per bbl, for standard brands [illegible]

[illegible]

State[illegible] rents. No solicitude was felt until Parliament passed an act to provide for a foreign legion. It became a matter of surprise to find persons engaged in the United States in this business. Ordinary steps were immediately taken to arrest and punish the parties concerned, but this matter acquired additional importance by the disclosure of the fact that the enlistment was prosecuted upon a plan devised by official authority. After stating that a recruiting rendezvous had been established in the U. S. by the complicity of British civil and military officers, he says these considerations and the fact that the cause of complaint was not a mere [illegible] conducted by [illegible] compelled me to present the case to the British government. The subject is still under discussion, the result of which will be communicated in due time.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—House—Mr. Clingman did not know what the Message contained, but the President had the right, on the assembling of Congress, when in his judgment necessary to communicate in writing. The Constitution gives him this authority.

Mr. Campbell of Ohio, contended that the reading of the Message is business, holding that no business can be transacted till the House organize. The sending of the Message in advance of organization was an innovation.

Mr. Clingman was perfectly willing that gentlemen shall decide on a question of order.

Mr. Orr said the Constitution expressly recognises this body as a House, saying that the House shall choose their Speaker and other officers. He thought Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, raised his point to soon. It is respectful to the President that the Message should be read.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, replied that it was utterly useless to have it read unless they could do something with it after it is read.

Mr. Stephens insisted that the Message should be read; it might contain matters important for Congress to know.

Mr. Washburn, of Maine, contended that this is not a Congress and the President cannot communicate until organization.

Mr. Giddings said: This is too great a question to be decided on technicality. He wished to meet it frankly and boldly on its merits. It was an attempted innovation on the practice of this government. If it was important for the President to communicate why did the President delay it for four weeks? Mr. Giddings would not submit to such proceedings.

The debate was continued concerning the constitutional power in the above premises, during which Mr. Orr said that the sending of the Message at this time was an innovation, but the extraordinary scene here presented justified the President in taking the responsibility. The question was shall it be received?

Mr. Humphrey Marshall thought the Message should be received and laid on the table until the House organized.

The House, after a long debate, refused to read the Message and laid the whole subject on the table.

The House then adjourned.

Senate.—After the reading of the Journal, the annual message of the President of the United States was presented and read.

After the reading of the message Mr. Clayton made some remarks relative to the treaty of April 19th, 1850, in order to show to the people of the United States the strength of the position assumed by this government relative to Central American affairs, and the injustice of the position taken by Great Britain with regard to the construction of that treaty. He agreed generally with all that the President had stated, and contrasted the pacific character of this country with the aggressive policy pursued by Great Britain.

Mr. Seward enquired whether the ground taken by the British government regarding the construction of that treaty, namely, that it was merely prospective in its operation, and had no reference to actual occupation by that country of the territory in question, was the understanding of the government of the United States when the treaty was made, Mr. Clayton then being Secretary of State.

Mr. Clayton replied that it was an entirely new construction, one that he had never before heard.

The debate was further continued at some length and the Senate finally adjourned until Wednesday.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton firm; sales 3000 bales; Orleans middling [illegible]; Upland middling [illegible] Flour firm; sales 12,000 [illegible]; Wheat firm; sales 5000 bush. at $2,11 for southern white; and $1,97 for red. [illegible]

[illegible]

Plough Lines—[illegible] Hemp 15 cts

Candles & Soap—There is a steady demand for these articles, at 12½c for Dipped Candles, 14½ for Mould and [illegible] Commons Rosin Soap [illegible]

Cheese—[illegible] and demand confined to the wants of the local and country trade; sales to the retail trade at 10, and large lots held at 9½.

Dried Fruit—nothing doing in apples, and quotations are purely nominal at $1,00@1,12; several sales of Peaches at $1,50, which is the ruling rate.

Feed—[illegible]

Fish—[illegible]

Flour—[illegible] yesterday, but there was no quotable change in figures. Very little is offering, and what is to be had from first hands is confined to lots from wagons or at the Monongahela wharf. The sales made yesterday and during the week indicate $7,00 as the ruling price for superfine and $7,12@7,25 for extra. For choice brands of family extras $8,00 is obtained from store, [illegible] in dray load parcels $8,25. Sales of Rye Flour on arrival at $5,00, and from store at $5,50@5,62.

Grain—sales have been made, during the week, of 1000 bus Tennessee Red Wheat on arrival at $1,55 and 14,700 do at $1,60, to go east. The small lots offering at mill go at $1,45@1,55, as to quality. Rye is in good demand at 78@81, from 78@80 being the ruling figures for prime. Corn is not pressed on the market; sales of a few small lots at 60@61c on arrival, the outside figures prevailing. Oats have not recovered from the previous decline, and we quote at 28@30. Barley is coming in but slowly, and sells from wagon at $1,20.

Groceries—there is but little margin between figures prevailing here and at New Orleans, dispatches from the latter city quoting prime Sugar at 8@8¼ and Molasses at 40@41. The demand here is quite limited, and confined to country orders, the only outside operation being some 250 bbls. Molasses, in lots, 18. City trade at 42. To retail and country trade, Sugar sales at 8¼@9¼ by the hhd. and 8¾@9 by the bbl and Molasses 44@45, but how long prices can be kept down to these figures we will not undertake to say. Coffee is firm at 12½ for good Rio and 13 for strictly prime.

Gas Pipe—the following are the quotations for wrought iron tubing:

[illegible]

Subject to the customary discount.

Hops—new crop eastern are quoted at 11@13 and western at 10@12½.

Hides—green beef hides are worth 6¼, which dealers are paying; Dry flint are scarce and held at 17@17½.

Hominy—not much doing; held at $6,00 ₩ bbl to the retail trade.

Hay—sales at scales within the range of $18@20 ₩ ton; baled Hay is not arriving very freely and is worth about $18 ₩ ton.

Hogs—we notice pretty large arrivals of Dressed Hogs, the bulk of which is going east. A sale of 37 head was made to packers at 6¼, and single ones from store and in market have sold at better figures, but the local demand for private packing is not likely to be very extensive [illegible] unless prices decline.

Iron & Nails—there is a good inquiry, and manufacturers are firm at the rates quoted below:

[illegible]

Leather—prices are well maintained at the quotations:

[illegible]

Lard—sales of 90 and 200 bbls western No. 1 Lard, on arrival, at 11, [illegible]

Metals—Pig Lead is held on the usual credit at 7½ [illegible]

Onions—dull, [illegible]

Oils—[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Orders of Court [illegible] by Mr. Davis, containing [illegible] acres of [illegible] buildings, Fruit Trees, [illegible] cultivation, which may be divided into several handsome country seats, being among the most desirable situations in the vicinity of this city and in a neighborhood highly improved.

Title indisputable. Terms—One-third cash, residue in one and two years, with interest payable semi-annually.

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Pittsburgh, Madison & Indianapolis

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THE MADISON AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILROAD

IS NOW prepared to forward freight from the East or Pittsburgh at low rates and with promptness and speed. [illegible] SON to INDIANAPOLIS, [illegible] PERU, CHICAGO, and other points in [illegible]

[illegible] A. HARDY, Agent, No. 61 Water st.

W. P. MARSHALL & CO., Importers and Dealers in French and American Paper Hangings, 87 Wood street, Pittsburgh. [illegible]

For Sale.

THREE valuable Farms lying on the Pa. Central Railroad, 1¼ miles from [illegible] Station and 18 miles from the city, containing [illegible] acres, [illegible] improvements thereon. The whole well adapted either to agricultural or grazing purposes. Will be sold together or separately, to suit purchasers. Terms very low. For further particulars address

J. A. DICK, West Newton, Pa.

Removal.

R. E. SELLERS & CO., Wholesale Druggists, have removed to the large and commodious warehouse on the corner of Wood and Second sts., where they will find a large and well assorted stock. [illegible] Prices low. Goods warranted.

Removal.

C. IHMSEN, Manufacturer of every variety of VIALS, BOTTLES and WINDOW GLASS, Black Porter, Wine and Mineral Bottles, Demijohns, and Carboys. Also, Flint Glass in every variety. Warehouse, Nos. 104 Second, and 132 and 134 First sts., Pittsburgh, Penna.

Removal.

ALEXANDER GORDON, Commission and Forwarding Merchant, has removed to No. 132 Second st., between Wood and Smithfield.

Ketchum's Mower with Reaper Attachment.

THE most perfect machine in use, warranted to cut from 10 to 15 acres of grass or grain per day as well as could be done by [illegible] of Mower, $120, combined [illegible]

R. S. SHANKLAND, 128 Wood st.

KIER & MITCHELL, Proprietors of Kier's Transportation Line to and from the Eastern Cities, [illegible] Fire Brick, Salt, Pig Iron, &c., &c., Canal Basin, Pittsburgh.

Atrocious Judges!

LIVES OF JUDGES, INFAMOUS AS

Tools of Tyranny and Instruments of Oppression.

BY JOHN LORD CAMPBELL.

With an Appendix, containing the

Case of Passmore Williamson.

[illegible]

THE various man-hunting expeditions which have, within the last few years, been taken into the North, and the numerous trials, including the Jerry, the Shadrach, the Burns, and similar ones, and the [illegible] JUDGE KANE UPON PASSMORE WILLIAMSON, [illegible]

[illegible] Publishers, [illegible] New York. [illegible]

Notice to City Officers.

THE Auditing Committee, to audit the accounts of the city are now in session. All City Officers must present their accounts at the [illegible] the first day of January. [illegible]

Auditing Committee.

Office of Chartiers Valley Railroad Co.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company [illegible]

Monongahela Navigation Company. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

[illegible]

W. BAKEWELL, [illegible]

ROBINSON, MINIS & MILLER, FOUNDERS AND ENGINE BUILDERS, [illegible]

[illegible] Chair Manufacturing Establishment.

The most extensive and complete of the kind in the country. [illegible] With a stock of over ONE MILLION feet of choice lumber, well seasoned, [illegible] friends and customers.

A VARIETY OF NEW STYLES OF FURNITURE

Will be introduced and sold at low prices. Particular attention will be given to the manufacturing [illegible] that will defy competition.

CANE SEAT CHAIRS

Made at this establishment, so much admired for durability and neatness of design, will be sold at the reduced price of from $[illegible] to [illegible] per doz. [illegible] SCROLL SAWING and TURNING of all kinds done to order.

Rooms with Steam Power to Rent.

Veneers, Varnish, Hair Cloth, Nailing and Cabinet Makers' findings generally, always on hand, and will be sold to the trade at a small advance on Eastern cost prices.

T. B. RYAN, No. 81 Fifth street.

FOR PEOPLE who want to be comfortable during the winter season and feet from bad colds, will save a lot of expense for Doctor Bills by calling at 104 Market st. and purchasing their Dry Goods for the winter, as he has just received his second arrival of winter Goods. [illegible] PAUL HUGUS, 2d door from 5th st.

ALL WOOL DELAINES, ALL WOOL DELAINES—Is now opened at 104 Market st. [illegible] PAUL HUGUS, [illegible]

SECOND ARRIVAL of new style Shawls; also, Talmas and Cloaks, from $4,00 upwards, and a new lot of Cloaking Cloths, all colors; from $2,50 upwards; [illegible] boys' wear especially. Drawers and Undershirts, both Merino and Silk of all prices. Selling off at a great reduction for prices, by PAUL HUGUS, 104 Market st.

COUNTRY BLANKETS—Having rec'd a large lot of Country and Bath Blankets, I am now prepared to sell by [illegible] PAUL HUGUS.

SECOND ARRIVAL OF NEW SILKS AT 104 Market st.—Any person wishing to purchase a new Silk Dress will find it to their advantage to call and examine our stock of Gros de Rhines, Moire antiques and Allendale Quilts, Collars, Sleeves, Chemisettes and Setts. [illegible] PAUL HUGUS, 104 Market st.

Cider and Vinegar.

VINEGAR made expressly for family use [illegible] made more than one half of the Retail Groceries of Pittsburgh and Allegheny [illegible]

Wine Vinegar made from Ohio Grapes, [illegible]

Old Cider Vinegar that will bear reducing one half and still be good retailing Vinegar.

The attention of private families, hotel keepers and the country merchants in particular, is directed to this Vinegar.

Cider that will keep sweet until next Fall.

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PITTSBURGH Book, Stationery, Engraving and Print Store, and Book Bindery.

JOHN D. EGAN,

(From Philadelphia,)

RESPECTFULLY begs leave to inform his friends and patrons, that he has opened a BOOK, PERIODICAL AND NEWSPAPER AGENCY, in connection with his BOOK BINDERY, No. 44 ST. CLAIR STREET, opposite the St. Clair Hotel, Pittsburgh. [illegible] Large Illustrated Works, Books of Engravings, Song Books, Port Folios, Music, Law and Library Works, bound with great care and strength. [illegible]

Steam Engine for Sale.

ONE Second-Hand Steam Engine, twenty-five horse power, 11 inch cylinder, [illegible] stroke, nearly new, and all complete, will be sold cheap. Enquire at the store of T. LITTLE & CO., No. 112 Second street.

Dissolution.

THE partnership heretofore existing between S. W. Hawkins and Otto Braun, under the name and style of S. W. Hawkins & Co., is this day dissolved. [illegible] S. W. HAWKINS, Pittsburgh, [illegible] OTTO BRAUN.

[illegible] CHRONOMETER ENGINE.

THIS is an Improved Steam Engine [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] desirous to sell [illegible] very reasonable terms, any one or all of those fine three story brick dwelling [illegible] Allegheny, [illegible] W. WILKINS, Attorney at Law, [illegible]

Penryhn Mantles.

A FINE assortment of these durable and beautiful MANTLES will be opened for inspection by [illegible] Mantle House of [illegible] and Market sts.

Prepare for Winter.

THE undersigned, thankful for the favors of the past, beg to remind their friends and those in want, [illegible] Coal Wagon, intended to take the place of the Cylinder [illegible]

[illegible] E. A. GREGG & CO., Late Jones, Bakewell & [illegible]

Excelsior Carriage Factory.

JOHNSTON, BROTHERS & CO., practical Coach Makers, corner of Rebecca and Belmont sts., Allegheny City, Pa., have on hand and are manufacturing an extensive assortment of Carriages, Rockaways, Buggies, Baggage Cars, &c., made in all their various styles, [illegible] The Pittsburgh and Manchester Omnibuses pass the Factory every 15 minutes during the day.

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THE first number of a new Weekly Paper, called the

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devoted to Literature, Humor, Gossip, Amusements, General News, &c. will be issued on SATURDAY EVENING, December 29. It can be had at the Literary Depots of the News boys, and at the Office, No. 73 Third street, opposite the Dispatch Buildings. Buy a copy and judge of its merits.

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Household Words,	[illegible]
Knickerbocker,	[illegible]
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Graham's Monthly,	[illegible]
Panorama of Life and Literature,	[illegible]
Peterson's National Magazine,	[illegible]
Frank Leslie's N. Y. Journal,	[illegible]
Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine,	[illegible]
Littell's Living Age,	[illegible]
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine,	[illegible]
Frank Leslie's Ladies Gazette,	[illegible]
Harpers' Story Books,	[illegible]
Yankee Notions,	[illegible]

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THIS assortment [illegible] NEW and CHOICE [illegible]

BALBIRNIE'S NIPPLE [illegible]

[illegible]