GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 31, 1856.

CORRESPONDENCE.—The following correspondence was crowded out of yesterday's paper:

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28th, 1856.

To the Lecture Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association:—

The undersigned regret to learn that you have thought of abandoning the course of lectures which you had proposed, more especially that there seems to be some doubt as to the propriety of continuing the arrangement for the remaining lectures of Dr. Baird on the Russian War.

Allow us to express the hope that the arrangement will be continued. Feeling it to be our duty to encourage and sustain your association, and that there is need for an effort to elevate the literary taste, and the tone of moral and religious sentiment in our community, we pledge ourselves to extend our influence by whatever means may be afforded us to secure success to your enterprise.

Mr. WM. FREW, Chairman of Committee.
REVS. A. Cookman, D. P. Mitchell, W. A. Davidson, Z. H. Costin, J. D. Cramer, J. C. Pershing, John Douglass, Jno. M'Millan, Jno. Ekin, D. D., John G. Brown, W. M. Paxton, and 26 others.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28th, 1856.

To Rev. Messrs. Cookman, Paxton, Ekin and Messrs. H. Childs, J. M'Auley and others:—

Gentlemen:—Yours of this date has been received. Our efforts to sustain a course of Lectures of the highest moral and religious character, having met with so little encouragement, we had concluded to make no further attempts in that direction, at least until a more healthy public sentiment should be manifested.

Independent of the pecuniary feature of the case, we are not willing to persist in bringing out gentlemen of undoubted piety and the ripest scholarship to be greeted with empty hoarers—and on the other hand, the Y. M. C. Association will engage no Lecturers whose sole province it will be to amuse, although they are doubtless the most popular.

Yielding, however, to your request, and accepting the assurance of your co-operation and sympathy, we have concluded to have Rev. Dr. Baird's highly interesting lecture on the Russian War, to be delivered on next Friday evening in Masonic Hall.

Yours respectfully,
WILLIAM FREW,
W. A. M'CLURG,
S. S. BRYAN,
T. B. LANE,

AT a temperance meeting held in the Rev Dr. Rogers' Church, on Monday evening, the 28th instant, a resolution was unanimously adopted to appoint a Committee for the purpose of getting up one or more meetings of the friends and opponents of the presen existing liquor law passed, April 14th, 1855. Also, to procure speakers for the occasion.

In accordance with the resolution, T. M. Dale, M. D., Rev. J. G. Sinclair and Charles B. Taylor, were appointed said Committee.

Arrangements have been made on the part of the Committee, that at least two meetings be held. The first one in Excelsior Hall, Federal st., Allegheny, on Thursday evening, 31st inst., at seven o'clock.

The Rev. E. H. CROSS, of the interior of our State, and the Rev. H. Chance, of Ohio, are at the present time in our vicinity, and are expected to take a prominent part in the exercises of the meetings. Several other gentlemen of our vicinity, most favorably looked upon wherever known, may and probably will assist on the different occasions.

Mr. Chance is familiarly known at home as the "Buckeye Broadaxe." We understand that he is by trade a carpenter, and that he chews very close to the line." He speaks of himself as being a speaker by accident. The ladies of our vicinity and the politicians of the different parties are especially invited to be present.

WATCHMEN FOR 1856.—The Police Committee met last night, and in conjunction with the Mayor, made the following Police appointments:

Captain—James B. Hayden.
Lieutenants—Wm. Reed, James S. Patterson, Andrew Cochran and J. R. Davis.

Watchmen:

Edmund Rine,	Thomas Brown,
George Rouch,	Thomas Ash,
Samuel W. Ross,	Marshal M'Combs,
John Hysong,	John Conlon,
Michael D. Smith,	Wm. D. Ray,
Edward Spence,	Alex. Hanlon,
James M'Kane,	Peter Murphy,
George Gross,	Wm. M'Keuna,
Samuel Kennedy,	Thomas Mohan,
Richard Potts,	George Steffer,
Thomas Woods,	Michael Cussick.
John M'Clure,	Michael O'Keef,
James Harbison,	Wm. Tubbs,
Robert Little,	Thomas Hill,

Substitutes:

John Hexlep,	James Kelly,
Uriah Walton,	Richard Prior.
James M'Kelvy,	

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY—MONTHLY MEETING.—The Board of Managers held their regular meeting at the Court House on Wednesday, January 30, and organized by Gen. J. M. K. Snodgrass taking the Chair.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the election of permanent officers.

For President of the Board, John Young, Jr. was nominated by acclamation.

For Secretary, David Ramsley was duly elected.

The Corresponding Secretary having received a circular from the Patent Office, requesting an answer, it was resolved, that Messrs. Snodgrass, Snively and Hall be a committee to prepare answers to the circular.

On motion of Mr. Snodgrass, a committee of three were appointed to prepare an Address to the Agriculturists, Horticulturists and Mechanics of Western Pennsylvania. Committee, Messrs. Snodgrass, Shiras and Goehring.

Adjourned to meet at Court House, on the last Wednesday of February, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JOHN YOUNG, Jr., Chairman.
D. Ramsley, Sec'ty.

DARING BURGLARY.—About two o'clock on Tuesday morning three burglars forced an entrance into the residence of a man named Cortelius, on Rebecca street, First Ward, Allegheny, by bursting open the door. They proceeded to the bedroom of Capt. Woods, a relation of the family, and woke him, one catching him by the hair, and another holding a bowie knife to his throat, threatening to kill him if he made a noise. Under these circumstances he made no effort to interfere with the third, who was possessing himself of all the valuables in the room, comprising a costly gold watch and $40 in money.

The perpetrators of this daring burglary made their escape, and as yet there is no clue to their detection. Without doubt they had familiarized themselves with the plan of the house and the habits of its occupants, as they went immediately to the bedroom of the captain, and we are given to understand, did not molest any other member of the family.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Miss Harriet E. Hunt, M. D., has written a book entitled "Glances and Glimpses" &c., &c. In the book the following sentence occurs:

"Missing the cars at Pittsburgh, we were obliged to remain over night. Guardian Spirits watched over me, and I was directed to a private boarding house, where I found pleasant accommodations."

Whether the lady means that missing the cars in this city is a very terrible occurrence, in respect of the city's smoke or habits, and notwithstanding this her Guardian Spirits were so attentive to her, this they will watched over her, we cannot say. Perhaps she only wishes her readers to know that she has Guardians Spirits, and that they are serviceable, occasionally, in directing her to private boarding houses, and pleasant accommodations, when she happens to miss a railroad connection.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—A young man named Samuel Meeks was arrested yesterday and taken before Mayor Adams for passing a counterfeit note upon William Kirkpatrick, Anne street, Allegheny. The case was compromised, by the accused paying a good note and the costs.

This suit was easily arranged, but it appears, he still remained in the clutches of the law.

Last summer he was arrested for a breach of the peace and fined $20. While the Mayor was engaged in making out the record he availed himself of an open door leading into an alley in the rear, and left his Honor to the lurch. The Mayor, having a good memory, recalled this circumstance, yesterday, and accordingly committed him for the full term.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams.

In the case of Sampson vs. Gilad, an action tried last week for damages, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $1600.

Mr. Mellon, for defendant, moves for a new trial.

Abraham Faulkman vs. James Dawson, No. 645, July, 1855. Plaintiff called and non-suited.

Thomas Skiles vs. Hugh Kirby and John Bichey, No. 887, July, 1854; and John Brown for plaintiff, E. & S. Woods for defendants. Action of ejectment for fifty-nine acres of land in Franklin township. On trial.

STEALING AN OVERCOAT.—Officers Trent and Wills, of the Allegheny police, yesterday morning effected the arrest of William Maguire, who has but recently been released from jail, where he had been sentenced for two larcenies, for the larceny of an overcoat belonging to Geo. Corley, at the Emmet Hotel, about a week ago. He confessed the crime, but refused to tell what he had done with the stolen property. Mayor Adams committed him fully for trial.

IT will be remembered by our readers that Dr. Wyckoff, to celebrated for curing Stuttering and Stammering, successfully operated on a great many persons from all parts of the United States during his visit to Pittsburgh, last fall.—It is a discovery of his own, and has the Copyright secured by law. He does not subject the patient to any surgical operation or pain, and requires no pay unless perfect satisfaction is rendered. The Doctor has returned again to our city and may be consulted at his office, No. 30 Third street, below Ferry street.

A SINGULAR FIGHT.—A man was attacked by a fierce bull-dog on Wylie street, on Tuesday morning, and severely bitten in several places. The pain occasioned roused his bump of combativeness, and he accordingly went in, determined to "whip that dog or die." Instead of resorting to fists and feet, as most people under similar circumstances would do, he fought the dog at his own game, and brought his teeth into effective, and as it proved, successful operation. He bit a large piece out of the dog's ear, and finally conquered him by catching him by the throat.

CERTAINTY OF JUSTICE.—About two years ago or more, the house of Frederick Walker, in McKeesport, was set on fire and destroyed. Suspicion fell upon George Schellenberger, who thereupon ran off and remained absent until yesterday, when he was recognised and arrested in East Birmingham. Justice Hagemann of that borough, committed him for trial.

WIFE WHIPPING.—An Irish woman named Bridget Murphy appeared before Ald. M'Master and poured forth her tale of woe," deposing that her husband, Patrick, had beaten her brutally, and has been in the habit of beating her. The magistrate issued his warrant for the arrest of the offending husband.

INSURANCE.—A tabular statement of the affairs of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Fire and Marine Insurance Company appears in our advertising columns. The Company has complied with the New York State Law, and deposited $100,000 with Duncan, Sherman & Co., from which to adjust losses. Mr. T. J. Hunter, No. 90, Water street, is the agent for this city.

THE SNOW BALLERS.—Two of the Chestnut street snow balling party, whose exploits on Sunday last were noticed in the Gazette, named, Harman and Adolph Ellis, were arrested and fined by Mayor Adams yesterday. They were the ringleaders, and received the full penalty.

FULLY COMMITTED.—Mayor Bingham yesterday fully committed for trial the man John Henry Smith charged with forcing open a trunk in the Perry Hotel on Monday.

AN extensive list of valuable Stocks and Real Estate will be sold this evening at 7 o'clock, at the Merchant's Exchange by Mr. Davis.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 30. — HOUSE.—Mr. Crawford offered a resolution providing for the election of Speaker by States, each State voting one vote. He said that the House was absolutely bringing itself into contempt. There was less anxiety on the part of the people relative to organization now than there was three weeks ago. He appealed to the States rights men to sustain his proposition.

Mr. Todd remarked that the proposition was repugnant to the Constitution. The House members were here to represent the people and not independent sovereignties. It would also be unjust because it would give a power to the minority to organize the House. If gentlemen were anxious to organize they should give way to the great majority of the North.

On motion of Mr. Todd the resolution was laid on the table, yeas 135, nays 72.

Mr. Clingman offered a resolution providing for the election of Speaker by a plurality vote, if there shall be no choice made during the next three trials *viva voce*.

Mr. Clingman explained that if the resolution is adopted the majority must concur in the election. It was necessary now to organize after two months spent in vain expedients and it would devolve upon the American party to make a choice between Orr and Banks.

Mr. Herbert earnestly appealed to gentlemen entertaining conservative principles to oppose the election of Banks whom he regarded as the representative of all fanaticism which would destroy the vitality of the Union.

Mr. Letcher said that looking at the present state of the political elements he could not recognise a principle which is calculated to place the South at a greater disadvantage than she now occupies. The result of the adoption of the resolution was certain, viz: the election of Mr. Banks.

Mr. Joyce, in opposing the resolution, said that he looked to the election of Banks as one of the greatest misfortunes which could befall the country on account of the political principles which Banks entertains and which, if carried out, would result in the death of the principles of the Constitution and of the revolution. He appealed to the Democrats to pause before they thus assisted in the election of Banks.

Mr. Bennett, of New York, thought the plurality the only fair mode of election under present circumstances.

Humphrey Marshall expected the Democratic party would generally vote against the resolution, but there would be a sufficient division from their ranks to effect its adoption. The people, however, would hold them to as much responsibility for it as they would the man who would throw a lighted squib into a powder house.

Mr. Greenwood's motion to lay the resolution on the table was then lost by a tie vote. The resolution to elect by a plurality vote was then rejected, yeas 106; nays 110.

The House then adjourned.

Latest From California.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The steamer George Law arrived at ten o'clock this morning with the California mails to Jan. 5th, and $80,000 in treasure. She connected with the Golden Gate. The latter passed on the 10th the Golden Age and on the 12th the Cortez, bound up with New York passengers of the 20th December. The Sonora sailed on the 16th with the New York passengers of the 5th January.

Dates from Valparaiso to the 7th December are received. Two Chilian vessels were wrecked—but no mention is made either of damage or loss of life.

Affairs in Peru and Bolivia are quiet, but there are indications of another revolution breaking out in the former country. The yellow fever has made its appearance in Bolivia.

Don Pinado, ex-Minister to the United States from Peru is dead.

The train from Panama to Aspinwall carried over on the 17th one million eight hundred thousand dollars in silver brought from Mexico on English account.

The principal consignees by the George Law, are Drexel & Co. $250,000; Wells, Fargo & Co., are $120,000; William Hoge $114,000.

The sloop of war St. Mary's, from Sandwich Islands arrived at Talcuahano on the 13th December for the purpose of recruiting.

Capt. Jones, formerly of the steamer AMAZON, had been appointed commandant of the Chinca Islands.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 30.—In the State Senate after the morning business, Mr. Brown introduced a preamble and resolution reciting the recent terrible slave case at Cincinnati, denouncing the participants in the arrest and requesting the judiciary committee to inquire and report a law that should prevent the recurrence of such scenes in Ohio. Mr. Brown made a strong speech in its support. Mr. Watkins replied with much force and the debate was continued during the day by Messrs. Marsh, Heaton, Kelly, &c., and much interest was manifested on the subject.—The resolution was adopted without division.

The preamble was then adopted by a vote of 23 to 7. Afterwards the latter was reconsidered and referred to Mr. Brown.

The Senate adheres to its determination to print no German documents by a vote of 24 to 7.

In the House a bill was introduced prohibiting the State Courts from exercising jurisdiction under the Naturalization Laws of the United States, and also a bill amending the law.

The committee of Conference on the part of the House reported that it was unable to agree with the Senate committee on the subject of printing German documents. After a long discussion on the subject, the motion to adhere to the disagreement was carried by a vote of 60 to 39.

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—The steamship America sailed at noon to-day for Liverpool. She takes out a large number of passengers but no specie.

The case of Eia against ex-Mayor Smith for injuries received on the part of the military during the Burns Fugitive Case was continued to-day. John P. Hale made the closing argument for plaintiff; he denied the legality of the proceedings of the authorities on that occasion, and likened Boston on the 18th June 1854 to a conquered city. He called the Fugitive Slave Law a parody on the Constitution and averred that it had no binding force on his conscience, if it was a blight upon the history of the age.—The case is still progressing.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 30.—The boiler of the Canton Iron Works owned by D. Lawrence, burst this morning with tremendous violence, killing one man and seriously injuring several others, two of them, it is believed, fatally.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 30.—The funeral of Commodore Morris, yesterday, was largely attended and very impressive. The President and Secretary of the Navy were present.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30.—Flour unchanged. Provisions firm; Mess Pork held at $16. Bacon Sides 8¾. Sales 320 bbls. Whiskey at 24¼@24½. Other articles unchanged.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Cotton active, sales 3500 bales. Flour firm, sales 15,000 bbls. at $8,81 for Ohio and $8,87 for Southern. Wheat, sales about 500 bush. Corn active, sales 36,000 bush. Coffee firm, sales 300 bags Rio at 11½. Sugar firm, sales 800 hhds. Orleans at 8¾. Molasses dull, sales 350 bbls. at 46c. Bacon firmer at 10½ and scarce. Butter firm at 18@23.—Stocks lower. Canton, 22½; Erie, 51½; Galena Stocks lower. Canton, 22½; Erie, 51½; Galena and Chicago 109½; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana, 87½; Indiana 5's, 82.

Cattle Market—The offerings of Beef Cattle were 3500 head and the prices were generally a shade higher, sales at $8@11,50. Sheep a shade lower and dull; 8500 head sold. Swine firm with upward tendency; sales 6500 head at $7@$7,87.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Flour, standard brands offered at $8,25 without buyers; limited sales for home consumption at from $8,25@9,50 for common and fancy; sales 800 bbls. Western extra at $8,50@9. Wheat, red at $1,90@1,05; white $2,08@2,10. Corn dull, sales 6,000 to 6,000 bush. new yellow at 74@76. Groceries and Provisions, but a small business done; Western Mess Pork $17,50; Hams in salt and pickle 9½@9½; sides 8@8¼, and shoulders 7¼@7¼. 60 days. Whiskey dull; small sales at 32@33 in bbls. and 31@32 in hhds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The weather is milder to-day and the snow is softening.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR JANUARY
GEO. W. CASS, V. P.—W. DAWSON, W. S. LAVELY, THOMAS BELL, S. P. SHRIVER.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE,
Thursday Morning, January 31, 1856.

FLOUR—a sale from sled of 50 bbls extra at $7,50 and 20 do from store at $8 00. Market quiet and supply light.

GRAIN—The supply of Rye continues large but the demand is unabated; sales of 200 bus at 80, 175 do at 81 and 720 do at 80@81c. Wheat, 100 bus Red, from sleds at $1,45.

MEAL—a sale of 10 bus from sleds at 65c.

BUTTER—small sales at 20, for prime roll.

CHEESE—sales in the small way to retail trade at 10.

POTATOES—a sale of 50 bus Neshannocks on the street at 50.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Contrary to general expectation there is a decline in the aggregate coin reserves of the Banks, which serves to swell the Sub-Treasury balance. The duties last week will the Sub-Treasury balance. The duties last week collected were nearly twelve hundred thousand dollars, a sum chiefly from the heavy duties payable for the Paris Exhibition, and mainly from the extreme excessive importations of Dry Goods for the Spring trade.

Here we think is the leak the keeps the Money Market disturbed and forces the rates on loans beyond endurance. Last week two Railroad Pay Day Goods trade were announced, and more will follow unless there is more moderation in the stock of goods forced upon the market.

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