PITTSBURGH:

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 7, 1856.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.—Tuesday, Feb. 5.—Select Council met, pursuant to adjournment; Present—Messrs. Allen, Alexander, Drum, Galway, Jones, Kincaid, Lambert, Murdock, M'Cutcheon, Pollock, Reed, Smyth, Varnum, Wade, Weaver. Absent—Taylor and President M'Auley. In absence of the President, on motion of Mr. Clark, Mr. Jones was elected President pro tem.

The President announced the first business in order would be the election of two members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor. Mr. Smyth moved that James T. Kincaid and A. M'Farland be declared unanimously elected members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor; adopted.

Mr. Smyth presented a petition from the citizens of the Second Ward, relative to the grade of Fourth street between Ross and Grant. Read and referred to Committee on Streets. In C. C. laid on the table.

Mr. Smyth—Communications from the Duquesne Fire Company relative to a new house.—Read and referred to Committee on Fire Engines and Hose.

Mr. Lambert offered the following: "Resolved, That the Committee on Streets, Grading and Paving, be requested to have Clarke street graded and paved, from Elm street to the junction of Colwell and Scott streets, about one hundred and seventy-five feet." Read and referred to Committee on Streets.

Mr. Clark presented report of Committee on Finance: read and accepted.

Also, an ordinance making appropriations for 1855; read three times and passed.

Also, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to make a loan of $70,800. In all of which action C. C. concurred, read three times and passed.

Mr. Drum presented an ordinance relative to probating accounts against the city; read and (on motion of Mr. Murdock) referred to Committee on Ordinances, in connection with the City Solicitor. In C. C. laid on the table.

Mr. Varnum presented the report of Committee of Claims and Accounts, with the following resolution:

Resolved, "That the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw warrants in favor of M. C. Lewis for $20,25, and Conrad Bets for $27, in full of their bills, and charge Contingent Fund." Report accepted, and resolution read three times and passed.

Mr. Murdock offered the following:

Resolved, "That the Street Committee be authorized to have Vine street graded and paved from Colwell street to Pennsylvania Avenue." Read and referred to Committee on Streets.

Also the following:

Resolved, "That the Street Committee be authorized to have Clark street graded and paved from Townsend to Colwell street." Read and referred to Committee on streets. In all of which C. C. concurred.

Mr. Wade offered the following:

Resolved, "That the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a separate office, for receiving, arranging and preserving all accounts and vouchers relating to the receipts and expenditures of the public money, or to the revenue and public debt of the city, and for keeping suitable records of the same; and also that, if in the opinion of the Committee it is expedient to establish such office, they report an ordinance therefor, defining the duties, the authority and responsibilities of the officers to be appointed, and of all other receiving and disbursing officers." Read and referred to Finance Committee. In C. C. concurred in.

Also the following resolutions:

Resolved, first:—"That the extension of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, from its present terminus in Pitt township to some suitable point within the city, either near to or Southward of the canal, is demanded by the best interests of the city and of the Railroad Company, and that it should be so extended without any further unavoidable delay. Second: That the committee, to whom has been referred the communication of said Railroad Company, be instructed to ascertain and to report to the Councils, at their next stated meeting, the comparative expense of extending the railroad into the city by each of the several routes proposed, stating separately the estimated amount for land, damages, and for grading the road, of the different routes; and also to report a statement of the advantages and disadvantages of each route—as either may in the opinion of the committee, effect the interests of the city at large, or the interests of the railroad company. Third: That the committee be instructed to report an ordinance for carrying into effect the first of the preceding resolutions." Read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Streets. In C. C. laid on the table.

Mr. Kincaid offered the following:

Resolved, "That the Police Committee be and are hereby requested to have a room furnished in the building rented for a Mayor's office, and have it arranged for an office for the Recording Regulator, in which all the books and records of the city shall be kept;" which was read twice and laid over on third reading.

IN COMMON COUNCIL—Present: Messrs. Bennett, Calhoun, Duncah, Dickson, Dalzell, Errett, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Glenn, Griffin, Herdman, Hill, Hodkinson, Irwin, Kammerer, Kim, Lare, Layton, Little, Miller, M'Adams, M'Clintock, M'Kelvy, Quinn, Scott, and President Marshall.

The President announced that the Council had met for the purpose of electing two persons to act as members of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the term of three years, in place of Messrs. Joshua Hanna and Thomas M. Marshall, whose terms had expired.

The Council went into an election with the following result:

Thomas M. Marshall had	23	votes.
Samuel M'Kelvy	14	"
John M. Irwin	8	"
Joshua Hanna	2	"
John Quinn	2	"

Messrs. Marshall and M'Kelvy were then declared duly elected members of the Board of Guardians.

Bills of Sackofen & Bauer for printing, and Kay & Co. for stationery, were referred to Committee on Printing.

Mr. Errett presented a petition for a water pipe on Crawford street; referred to Water Committee. Also one for grading and paving on Crawford street; referred to Committee on Streets.

Mr. Hodkinson, a petition for opening Webster street. Same reference.

The Committee appointed by the last Councils to audit the accounts of the city officers, presented a report and statement of the accounts of the Board of Guardians of the Poor of the city of Pittsburgh. The report was read and accepted and ordered to be published according to the contract made by the Committee for publishing the City Accounts.

In all which action the S. C. concurred.

The memorandum of the proposed lease of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad was, on motion of Mr. Miller, taken up. The President read the memorandum, after which Mr. Miller moved to amend the second section so as to bring the terminus of the road opposite the mouth of the Pennsylvania Canal, near the mouth of Try street, instead of opposite the Clinton Rolling Mill, as provided in the memorandum. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the seventh section of the memorandum by striking out the words "and also grant the privilege of laying a temporary track from the foot of Liberty street to low water mark, at or near the Point, to be used until the connection through Grant's Hill is completed and ready for use." The amendment was adopted, and the remaining sections of the memorandum passed without opposition.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution as a substitute for that attached to the memorandum:

Resolved, That the President and Directors of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company be and they are hereby authorized to advertise the proposals of lease in accordance with the terms of the "memorandum of lease" submitted by the said President and Directors and as amended by Councils, and that said lease shall not be made or entered into unless with the approbation of the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh first had and obtained by the passage of an ordinance authorizing said lease.

Read three times and passed. Sent back to S. C., who concurred in action of C. C.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Evans to the following effect: *Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be requested to enquire into the expediency of appointing city weighers, and report to next meeting of Councils, with any information they may be enabled to obtain as to the probable amount of revenue that would be derived from said appointment. Adopted.

Mr. Kelly presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to inquire into the propriety of erecting weigh scales for the purpose of weighing the coal retailed in the city, and the probable amount of revenue that may be derived from the same; adopted.

Mr. Errett called up the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Printing are hereby directed to report at next meeting of Councils the probable cost of preparing a full digest of the city ordinances, and of printing the same. Read three times and passed.

Mr. M'Kelvy offered the following resolution, which was passed: *Resolved*, That the Street Commissioner of the First District be directed to notify the Penna. Railroad Company to remove the snow piles erected by said Company on Liberty street, and to remove the same at the expense of said Company, if this notice is neglected. Adjourned.

DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Hampton on the Bench.

The action of ejectment in which Bishop O'Connor is plaintiff, and Benjamin Coulter defendant, was resumed, and occupied the entire day.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Horticultural Society was held yesterday morning in the City Hall.

The President, Mr. McKnight, in the chair.

Members present—John Murdoch, jr., John Murdoch, Lockhart, Lamont, Cummings, Dunn, Wardrop, Williams, McKnight, Knox, George and others.

Rev. Mr. Knox moved that the final selection of winter apples most worthy of cultivation be postponed until a special meeting of the Society, to be held on Wednesday, the 20th inst. And that the Secretary publish an invitation to those who feel interested in the subject, to be present with specimens of winter apples.

Mr. Knox, from the committee of Arrangements, made a partial report on the subject of the renting of a hall for the use of the Society for the year, referred to them, and asked to be continued, to report at the special meeting.

On motion, the committee was continued.

An interesting discussion as to the condition of peach trees ensued, and much diversity of opinion was expressed. It was finally resolved that the members of the Society at the next special meeting bring peach buds with them for the purpose of arriving at a determination in the matter.

FLOWERS.—Mr. Lambert exhibited a beautiful hand bouquet, containing *Bagonia Minacata, Bagonia Cockenia, Azalia Splendens, Bovardia Leantaie* and other elegant flowers. Also two Camelias and Rhododendron.

Mr. George exhibited a *Lasnanda Splendens, Azelia Oblongata* and *Gesnaria*, which were much admired.

Mr. McKnight exhibited several varieties of apples, among other specimens of the *Gloria Mundi*.

BOGUS COIN.—Officer Hague yesterday arrested a woman named Mary Kelly, as she was in the act of passing a piece of bogus silver coin upon Mr. Haworth, grocer, in the Diamond.—Upon searching her he found three dollars and five cents in bogus quarters, dimes and half dollars. He thereupon made oath against her before the United States Marshal, who committed her to jail.

She states that she is from M'Keesport, but refuses to tell from whom she got the money.—It is evident from the distress into which she was plunged by her arrest that she is a beginner, and a tool in the hands of the coiners.

ALLEGHENY CITY ACCOUNTS, FOR 1855.—The Auditing Committees report has been published, and from it we learn the following:

The Treasurer, Mr. H. Campbell, reports the receipts for the year at $118,642 86, and there remains in the Treasury $3,984 02.

The Water Tax was $27,020 67, of which $14,920 57 remains uncollected.

The Superintendent of Water Works report the current expenses at $8,618 65. The improvement expenses for pipes, lead, labor &c., amount to $1,670 63. The whole amount of water pipe now laid in Allegheny City is about 97,986 feet, or about 18½ miles.

DASTARDLY.—A negro, one of the party in the charge of a person who said he was taking them West to emancipate them, but who refused to go, appeared before Mayor Adams yesterday and stated that his horse had been stolen from the stable on West street, 4th ward, Allegheny, on Friday night. Yesterday morning the animal was found lying in a shed belonging to Joseph Craig in the same ward with his throat cut.—This dastardly act leaves the poor fellow without the means of procuring a subsistence, he being a coal-driver. The police will leave no means untried to effect the arrest of the offenders.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.—A little girl aged about eight years of age, was burned to death on Tuesday afternoon, at the house of her mother on Pike street, Fourth Ward, Allegheny. The mother, a German woman named Mrs. Badell, was out washing by the day, and left her two children by themselves. While playing about the fire-place the girl's clothes caught and before the neighbors could arrive, she was so badly burned that she died within fifteen minutes.

CARPET BAG STOLEN.—A drover named Wm. Vanlier, of Loudonville, Ohio, made oath before Mayor Adams yesterday, as to the larceny of his carpet bag, containing about $16 worth of clothing from the freight depot of the Central Road. The drover had left his carpet bag at the depot while he went to look after his stock. When he came back, it was gone.

DROWNED.—A boy named Telford, aged about ten years, was drowned on Tuesday, at Lee's Ferry Landing. While coasting, he was unable to check the speed of his sled, which ran down a steep ice with such force as to throw him a considerable distance. He broke through the ice and was drawn under the ferry boat. His body has not been recovered.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—Constable Keep, of the Mayor's police, yesterday arrested a man named John Reed, of Jail Alley, on suspicion of having stolen, some months ago, a large quantity of currier's tools from the Tannery of Messrs. Shaffer & Anderson. He was locked up for a hearing.

COLD WEATHER.—The thermometer yesterday morning, at daylight, stood at various points, at 6° to 8° below zero. At one o'clock yesterday afternoon, the mercury had risen to 21° above zero.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 6.—SENATE.—Mr. Clayton submitted a joint resolution authorising the Sergeant-at-Arms of both Houses to ascertain without delay, cases in Washington of individual suffering for want of fuel, and appropriating $1500 for the necessary fuel.

The resolution was on motion amended making the Mayors of Georgetown and Washington distributors of the money.

During the debate Mr. Pearce said the Senate had paid $4000 for brandy, wine and cigars, for Kossuth and his suite, and surely they could give this trifle to the poor.

Mr. Adams thought if Congress had power to furnish water to the rich it ought to furnish wood to the poor.

The resolution was adopted.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the resolution calling for the journal of the proceedings of the late Naval Retiring Board.

The question was still pending when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—On motion the House proceeded to the election of a printer by a viva voce vote.

The first ballot stood as follows:—O. Follett, 80; C. Wendell, 68; N. Sargent, 11; R. Farnham, 18; J. T. Defrees, 4; J. D. Powers, 7; F. P. Blair, jr., 2; Beverly Tucker, 1; Wm. Seaton, 1; M. Peck, 1; Ridgway, 1; J. W. Webb, 1. Necessary to a choice, 96.

Ten more unsuccessful ballots were had, the last resulting as follows:

Follett, 74; Wendell, 66; Sargeant, 10; Farnham, 25; Defrees, 7; Ridgway, 3; Scattering, 4. Necessary to a choice, 95.

The House then adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 5.—Recent dispatches from Mr. Wheeler, U. S. Minister at Nicaragua, represent Gen. Walker's military force to consist of 1200 men, and he says Nicaragua will ultimately succeed in effecting a union of all the Central American States. He spiritedly defends his course in recognizing the Nicaraguan Government, in reply to Mr. Marcy's letter on that subject.

Parker H. French has again made formal application to be received as Minister from Nicaragua, but as former objections to him and his Government have not been removed, the probability is that he will be disappointed.

Hon. G. M. Dallas is in the city on business with the Executive Department, preparatory to his departure for London.

The swarm of office-seekers under the House organization has been largely increased by accessions from abroad.

Capt. Shubrick, Commander Foote and Lieut. Biddle, representing the three grades of the Naval Board were this morning summoned before the naval committee of the Senate, and interrogated concerning the reasons for the dismissal and furloughs of 201 naval officers reported by the board. This is the fourth time the action of the Naval Board has been officially questioned.

Commodore Gregory left here to-day to take command of the new steam frigate Merrimac, at Boston. She will soon make a trial trip to Norfolk.

HILLSDALE, Mich. Feb. 6.—A collision occurred last night a half a mile west of this place at 12.85 o'clock, between two express trains, one bound east and the other west. The baggage master, fireman and one other man were killed. Engineer, brakeman and train boy, each a leg broke, and several others injured. The engines and baggage cars were completely demolished.—The baggage car of the eastern train was entirely consumed by fire, with all the baggage and mails.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Joseph Garside's extensive manufactory of carpets and woolen goods in Haydock street was destroyed by fire this morning, throwing 150 persons out of employment. Loss $80,000; insurance $5000. Four frame dwellings opposite were also destroyed.

SANDY HOOK, Feb. 6.—Up to this time there are no indications of the approach of the Pacific now two weeks out from Liverpool.

The new steamship Persia is also looked for, the latter will bring dates to the 26th, one week later than previous advices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Africa sailed for Liverpool at ten o'clock with $504,000 in specie.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—Flour lower, 80 bbls sold at $6,75. Nothing done in Provisions. Whiskey dull, 250 bbls sold at 24½@24¾. Groceries very firm at full rates.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 6.—A snow storm commenced here at 6 P. M., and at 9 P. M., turned to rain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Cotton firm with sales of 3000 bales. Flour firm, sales 8000 bbls. Wheat inactive. Corn improving, sales 36000 bush. 86½ for Western mixed. Coffee firm, sales 2000 bags Rio at 11½. Sugar firmer, sales 200 hhds at 8¾. Molasses firm, sales of 400 bbls. at 46. Linseed and Lard Oil steady. Butter, Cheese and Lard firm. Tallow declined, sales 10,000 pounds at 10@11½. Offering of beef cattle to-day were 2000 head, prices show an advance, sales at 9@12. Sheep a shade lower. Sales 7000 head of swine also lower with sales of 8000 head at $6,25@8.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Flour held at $8,12½ per bbl. without finding buyers except small lots for home consumption, and better brands and extra from $8,25@8,75; fancy brands range from $8@10. Little or no demand in wheat, sales 500 bush. good red at $1,80@1,85 per bush. and 1000 bush. fair white at $1,93. Coffee sold at 11½@12c on time for fair and prime quality. 100 bbls N. O. molasses sold at 47c., 4 months. The market continues bare of sugar and is a wanted. Whiskey, demand continues limited, small sales of bbls at 32c. and hhds at 30c.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR FEBRUARY. GEO. W. CASS, V. P.—REES OWENS, JOHN P. PEARS, JAMES O'HARA SCULLY, R. T. LESCH, JR.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE, Thursday Morning, February 7, 1856.

FLOUR—none offered any extent, and transactions limited to small lots from store.

GRAIN—Rye continues to come in as freely as ever, but steady at the decline; sales on the street of 350 bus at 75 and 900 do at 75@76. Wheat 200 bus Red at $1.35.

BACON—sales from store of 5000 lb Shoulders and Hams at 8¾ and 11, cash.

PORK—sales of 20 bbls country Mess at $15.50 and 20 do prime at $11.50.

BUTTER—a sale of 8 bbls roll at 20, cash.

OIL—sales of 12 bbls No. 1 Lard Oil at 94@95 to city trade.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The foreign imports at New York continue large. The increase for the week, as compared with the corresponding week last year, is over a million of dollars. The following are the comparative figures as given by the Journal of Commerce:

	1855	1856
For the week	$1,455,585	$2,250,583
Previously,	970,338	1,147,146
Total,	$2,455,970	$3,407,719
Previously reported,	9,216,014	17,060,041
Total since January 1st,	$11,670,084	$20,433,833

The value of specie and specie exported from New York during the week was $1,349,250, against $1,207,276 in the corresponding week last year. The aggregate value exported since the 1st January, amounts to $5,463,419, against $5,450,959 to same date last year.

The amount of specie from New York during the week was $37,501, making, since the commencement of the year $18,325,324, against $17,054 to same date last year, and $1,946,668 in 1854.

The supply of money still continues ample on call. The rates for making loans and discounting with considerable freedom, still will doubtless show an increased line of loans in the weekly statement. The general expectation appears to be that the specie line will show an increase of $750,000 to $1,000,000. We have lost this week some gold to the interior, including the $300,000 to New Orleans to day, but a portion has been counterbalanced by receipts from the west &c. Paper of first quality is not plenty, and is in demand at 6@9 ⅌ cent with an occasional sale at 7 ⅌ cent.—N Y Trib.

THE U. S. MINT.—The operations of the United States Mint at Philadelphia for the month of January were as follows

Gold deposits	$354,000
Silver do	104,816
Total	$457,816
Gold coinage, double Eagles	$1,362,940
Silver coinage, half dollars	400,000
Do do quarters	400,000
Copper coinage, cents	911
Total coinage	$1,511,451 40

The mint resumed operations on the 19th January, after a suspension of two weeks for the purpose of introducing the alterations and repairs are not yet complete, but the operations of melting and coining are carried on.

The