GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 12, 1856.

Kossuth Aid Association.

President—GEORGE W. JACKSON.
Rec. Secretary—H. IRISH.
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Republican Meeting.

We, the citizens of Peebles and Collins Townships, desirous of effecting an early and perfect organization of the Republican party in said township invite all persons favoring the principles of the Republican party, to meet in MAIN LIBERTY, in Peebles Township, SCHOOL HOUSE, on TUESDAY EVENING, March 18th, at 6 o'clock.

D. E. Bayard.	Luke B. Davison.
John Wilson.	Wm. N. Burchfield.
Thomas Allen.	Harrison Parry.
Wm. L. Dennison.	Geo. Allen.
John B. Bayard.	Geo. A. Berry.
John Cartwright.	mh12,dawt4T

(Dispatch Copy.)

Meeting of Stockholders.

Pursuant to call the Stockholders of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, met at the Company's office, Fifth street, yesterday.

The President, Mr. Cass, called the meeting to order.

On motion of Gen. Robinson, Gen. Dwight Jarvis was called to the chair and N. Veeder, Esq., elected Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Cass, the meeting adjourned to the Board of Trade Rooms.

Upon reaching the Merchants' Exchange, the meeting was again organized.

Gen. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee, presented a report, embodying the views of the majority of the Committee of five appointed by a general meeting of Stockholders, to report as to the propriety of extending aid to certain roads.

The majority report is as follows:

At the annual meeting of the Ohio and Pennsylvania R. R. Co., held on the 24th January, 1855, the Stockholders appointed a committee to whom two subjects were referred, and directed them to report to an adjourned general meeting to be held on 30 days notice, which was given, and the meeting called for the 11th March.

The first subject referred to the Committee related to the Springfield, Mt. Vernon and Pittsburgh R. R., and the second to the Darlington and New Castle.

One of the resolutions of the Stockholders required the Engineer of this Company to examine and report upon the condition of the S., Mt. V. and P. R. R., which has been done, and his report is herewith submitted. Appended to the last annual report of the Directors of this Company and printed with it, is the conditional agreement entered into on the 7th Nov. 1855, which the Mt. Vernon Co., asks this Company to confirm.

With regard to the payment of the unpaid balance, being $23,500 yet due of $100,000, made by this Company to the Mt. Vernon Co. the Committee believe that the contract entered into between the two Companies at the time when the subscription was made, is binding upon both, and that whenever its terms are complied with by the Mt. Vernon Co., they must be by this Company. They believe, however, that an arrangement can be made by which this Company may avoid the inconvenience of paying in cash the remaining instalments.

The conditional quadruple agreement of the 7th Nov. was entered into by the President of the Pa. R. R. Co., the O. & P. R. R. Co., the L. M. Co., and the S., Mt. V. R. R. Co. Its objects are clearly set forth in the document itself, which has been laid before the Stockholders, and it is for them to say whether they think the interests of this Company would be promoted thereby. Its object is to complete a new, short and greatly improved line to Cincinnati, which has been long contemplated by this Company, and as we believe essential to its full success. The amount of aid asked for is $50,000 for which $100,000, of the 7 per cent. mortgage bonds of the Mt. V. Co. are prepared to be given.

To render the agreement binding it must be assented to by the four Companies forming this grand line. The Little Miami Co. has already given its assent. In view of the importance of the line, especially as a means of securing a large local business now lost to this Company, and as a protection against future competition for the Cincinnati and Louisville business, the Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of this Company be authorized and instructed to confirm and carry out the conditional agreement of the 17th Nov. last, in relation to the Springfield, Mt. V. and Pittsburgh R. R., provided that the permanent debt of this Company shall not be augmented thereby, and the same can be arranged without financial embarrassment.

The Committee has also considered the subject of the Darlington and New Castle R. R. Co., which was brought before the Stockholders by the Board of Trade of Pittsburgh.

Every recommendation of that highly respectable body is worthy of careful consideration. While the Committee is constrained to believe that this Company is not in a condition at this time to aid any Company in which it is not already interested as a Stockholder, they are free to say that whenever the Road from New Castle to Darlington, a distance of 18 miles, is prepared for the Iron by local subscriptions to its stock, they believe that this Company ought to render such aid as its circumstances may then permit, to procure the iron to complete the road.

Gen. Robinson then read the report of the Engineers of the Ohio & Pennsylvania, Little Miami and the Penna. R. R. Company, made under the instructions of the Board given soon after the last annual meeting, Jan. 24th, 1856.

The Secretary read the conditional agreement of the three companies above named to assist the Springfield, Mount Vernon and Pittsburgh R. R. Company.

Mr. Brock, of Canton, one of the Committee, made some remarks relative to the majority, and presented the following:

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee appointed at your last annual meeting to consider and report for a called meeting upon the expediency of contributing material aid to the Springfield, Mt. Vernon & Pittsburgh R. R. Co. and other Railroads connecting with your own, cannot fully concur with the views of the majority of the Committee expressed in their report.

We have to regret that we have never had an opportunity of comparing our views with the other members of the Committee, save the Chairman, as upon last evening the first call of the Committee for the purpose of business we found a report drawn up expressive of the sense of the majority of the Committee in the hands of the Chairman, and the other members of the Committee not in attendance.

As the subject presented itself to the minds of the minority of your Committee, these three points to be considered by them in coming to a correct conclusion upon the advice to offer to this meeting upon the matter submitted:

First.—The advantages reasonably to be expected to accrue to this Company from the proposed connection of any of the roads applying for aid.

Second.—The amount of aid required and the financial condition of the Company in favor of which the assistance of this Company is invoked.

And Third.—The ability of this Company to meet the demands of any of the applying roads without embarrassment upon its own financial operations.

As to all other applications except the S. Mt. Vernon & Pittsburgh R. R., there is but one opinion with the Committee, and that is, that no assistance by way of furnishing means should be recommended for your action. Hence our remarks may be confined to the application of that Company.

As to the proposition of the S. Mt. V. & Pittsburgh R. R. Company, on the first point, we are not disposed to say aught in derogation of the importance attached by the majority of the Committee to this Company in the completion of the S. Mt. V. & Pittsburgh R. R., and the forming of the connection contemplated, although its failure for the present, we apprehend, would not prove so vital to the interest of this Company as apprehended by the majority.

Upon the second proposition, the minority of the Committee have carefully considered the report of the Chief Engineer of this Company upon his examination into the condition, and also such estimates and statements in relation thereto, as the Chief Engineer of that Company has placed in our possession.

And we are not able to satisfy ourselves that $250,000 cash from the Little Miami, Ohio & Pa., and Pa. Roads in the manner proposed by the arrangement of November 7th, would enable the Springfield, Mt. Vernon & Pittsburgh Company to place their road in a condition to make earnings without encountering further embarrassment.

And Thirdly and lastly the minority of the comm. the doubt the propriety of this company, with its present weight of floating debt, increasing its finances, all embarrassment for the purpose of rendering aid to any other company.

The minority of the committee could not therefore consent to go further than to recommend to the meeting to authorize the Board of Directors to contribute to the S., Mt. V. & P. Company, to the amount of $50,000, when in their estimation the importance of the connection demands it, and the contribution of that amount will secure the completion of the road and place it in a condition of active operation, and that the contribution will not increase the financial embarrassment of their company or enlarge its permanent debt.

J. J. Brooks,
R. Orr.

A very long and interesting discussion as to the location of the Ohio & Pennsylvania Road, then ensued.

Several gentlemen asserted that the Company had no power to subscribe to roads without special legislation. Mr. M'Knight moved to lay the reports on the table.

But on motion of Mr. Cass, accepted.

Mr. M'Knight then moved a temporary postponement of the consideration of the subject. Carried.

Mr. Harris, of Canton, proceeded to declare that he would oppose any subscription, on the ground that road would be an injury to this instead of a benefit, cutting off forty miles of travel.

Mr. M'Knight moved that the 24th section of the Ohio Law of Incorporated Companies passed May 1, 1850, be made part of the organic law of the law of this Company, and that efforts be made to enact it into a law in this State.

On motion referred to a committee of three: Messrs. Judge Bartley, M'Knight and Darsie.

Mr. Cass said that agreeably to the wishes of the Board of Directors, he would present some matter for the consideration of the Stockholders. He said that they had received an indirect application from the Medina and Tuscarawas Railroad Company for aid. Also, an application from the President of the Bellefontaine and Indiana Railroad Company, requesting the restoration of the authority to this road to aid in extending the same from Crestline to Gallion.—This improvement would give a connection with a direct route to Chicago, and consists of only four miles from the Western terminus of this road.

Gen. Larwell was in favor of the authority being restored, as he was of the belief that it had been inconsiderately taken away.

Mr. McKnight moved that the Directors be authorized to make the connection with the Bellefontaine and Indiana Railroad by the shortest possible route and least expense.

The subject was referred to the committee above named.

Mr. Darsie said that he learned that Directors were receiving compensation for their services at the rate of $5 per day. It was a bad precedent, and he therefore offered the following resolutions:

Resolved—That it is the sense of the meeting that the Directors of this Company should not receive any compensation for services other than for necessary expenses in the course of the legitimate discharge of their official duties, unless with the consent of the stockholders given at a regular meeting, or a special meeting, called for the purpose.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that no Director of this Company should be appointed to hold any office of profit in the same, other than President or Treasurer, especially if such officers shall have been created, or the emoluments thereof established or increased by the Board of Directors of which he may be a member.

Mr. Cass said that two of the Directors, who came a long distance claimed that amount. The sum had been fixed by himself to prevent hereafter large claims for services. For instance there were for the last year claims for legal services for $5000.

Gen. Robinson denied that they were over $1600 or $1800.

Mr. Cass did not wish to get into a controversy with his respected friend, but he recollected now that a gentleman in Massillon claimed $1600, one in this city $500, and one in Salem $400. There were $2500.

Gen. Robinson explained that the Massillon claim was for services in procuring right of way in Ohio, fixing land damages, &c.

Judge Bartley denied the right of the stockholders to prescribe the amount of compensation, and thought that Directors should receive an annual salary.

An amendment was offered that the Directors should make a specific announcement of the amounts they had received.

Mr. M'Auley, a Director, denied that he had ever received or would accept a dollar of compensation.

On motion the whole matter was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past two o'clock, the Stockholders reassembled.

Judge Bartley, of Ohio, of the committee to whom was referred the subject of connection at Crestline, reported that there was no necessity for action, as the committee were of opinion that the Board had the power in their hands.

The same gentlemen reported on the resolution relative to adopting the 24th section of the law of Ohio relative to incorporated companies in that State, passed May 1st, 1850, as a part of the organic law of the company, &c. The committee proposed an amendment so as to read "so far as may be necessary to enable this company to effect its connections, with other roads, in a direct line with Chicago." Judge Bartley remarked upon the necessity of a connection with Chicago.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Lynch of Canton, proposed to amend by adding "and Cincinnati" after the word "Chicago."

He afterwards further amended by adding "by Springfield, Mt. Vernon and Pittsburgh Railroad" after the word "Cincinnati."

Solomon W. Roberts, Esq., moved that Mr. Fish, Chief Engineer of that Company, be permitted to address the meeting. Adopted.

Mr. Fish accordingly proceeded to say that the cost to complete the road will be $826,000, including everything up to the iron. When the arrangement contemplated between the three Companies is completed the road will have $300,000. In regard to the iron, a gentleman in New York had offered to finish the iron at 6, 12 and 18 mos. if the proposed arrangement is entered into. There is a necessity for a south road from New York to Cincinnati including Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in order to complete with the northern roads. The question was whether this business was to come over the Ohio and Pennsylvania Road or not. The gentleman expressed his strong conviction that the road cannot help but be a paying road, and concluded by saying that the proposed subscription would not go to the payment of the floating debt.

Mr. Mitchell, of Mt. Vernon, proceeded to remark further upon the condition of the S. Mt. V. & P. road, its importance to the citizens of Pittsburgh, the large amount of business which it will control, and its solvency.

Mr. Cass moved that the whole matter be laid on the table. He was opposed to further interference with the charter; indications were manifested in Harrisburg, that the legislation required could not be obtained.

Judge Harris, on the motion to table the report, proceeded to reply to the propositions of Mr. Mitchell, and opposing the subscription to the Springfield road.

Judge Bartley said it was useless to spend time on a subject of this kind, unless there was a unanimous feeling in favor of the proposition of the Committee. He was opposed to the proposed subscription to the S., Mt. V. & P. R. R.

Mr. McKnight favored the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Mitchell, in reply to Judge Harris, addressed the meeting.

Col. Scott opposed the subscription to the Springfield road.

Mr. Hutchison read a report of the condition of the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad, to show that it was not able to make the proposed subscription.

The question to table was carried unanimously.

Mr. Reynolds of Canton, offered a resolution requesting the Directors of the road in their next annual report to make a statement of the amount of money paid to each officer of the road for services.

Altered by the same gentleman by striking out "officers" and inserting "all who get $500 a year, and specify the amount paid to Directors" in place thereof.

A very lively discussion ensued upon the motion.

Amended by striking out the above alterations, and inserting "Directors, Secretaries and Treasurers, Solicitors, and all those whose salaries exceed six hundred dollars per annum." Carried.

Mr. Cass offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the non-payment of dividends, the Directors of this Company be requested to issue certificates of interest redeemable in the stock of the Company, at its market value when received, if presented in amounts sufficient for the purpose, to the holders of such stock as interest is not otherwise paid on.

Mr. Darsie amended by striking out "market value" and insert "par value" which amendment was accepted by the mover.

A lengthy discussion ensued; during which Judge Bartley asserted that the Company was not bound to pay the interest on the corporations and county bonds, as the Company guaranteed the payment of interest until dividends could be made only, in default of the ability of the cities and county to pay said interest, the road might be compelled to pay it as guarantors or endorsers of the bonds, but the corporations should be charged therewith in the books of the Company.

The question was then put, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. M'Knight said that the report of the Investigating Committee of 1855, having never been received, he moved that it be received. Adopted.

Judge Bartley moved that the report be referred to a committee of three, to report such action as they may see proper. Adopted.

Judge Bartley, Gen. Dwight Jarvis and Mr. Bagley were chosen the Committee.

Mr. Cass said that the Company contemplated issuing bonds for $250,000 for the sole purpose of completing the road from the Federal street Station to Pittsburgh.

Mr. Baker, of Economy, presented a resolution, authorizing the Directors to issue said bonds. Carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved that the majority report of the Committee made in the morning be taken up. Lost.

A resolution of thanks was returned to the President.

Col. Scott offered a resolution instructing the Directors not to issue free tickets to any except Directors and to issue free tickets of the road to those who travel on the road. Lost.

Mr. Brock, of Ohio, moved that the subject of aiding other roads be referred to the Directors During the pending of the resolution

A motion to adjourn was put and carried.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—The last opportunity to hear the youthful prodigy, PAUL JULIEN, occurs to-night. Not only is the little JULIEN advancing to that period beyond which he will cease to be called youthful, but he is turning his eyes and his heart toward Europe, and when we next see him the child may be lost in the man. The present opportunity, therefore, is one to be improved by all who cherish a fondness for the great skill displayed by the young master, and it must not be forgotten that he is accompanied by little PATTI, another favorite prodigy, and that the programme to-night is otherwise rich and attractive.

DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Hampton on the Bench.

The case of Le Fevre vs. Carr, the jury were discharged until to-morrow, until which time the case was postponed, to give opportunity to draw up a stated case.

David Wright vs. William McCutcheon, Mary Lyons and William Young; No. 569, April, 1855; T. B. Hamilton and Woods for plaintiff; Shaler and Marshall Brown for defendants.

Action of ejectment for the undivided third of six lots in Birmingham. On trial.

It must certainly be a great advantage to the ladies that they can now find in some of our dry goods stores almost every article of wearing apparel ready made, thereby saving much time and money. A M'Tighe, corner of Grant and Fifth streets, certainly deserves the patronage of the ladies. He not only manufactures mantillas, cloaks, Paris wrappers, and hoopsd skirts, but also sells them, as well as any other article in the dry goods line, at the very lowest possible price.

There will be a meeting of the managers of the Kansas Aid Association at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at the office of R. H. Irish, 120 Fourth street.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 11.—SENATE.—Mr. Bell, of Tenn., by direction of the Naval Committee reported an order from the Committee empowering them to send for persons and papers to enable them to investigate matters relative to the memorials of officers complaining of the action of the Naval Retiring Board in their cases.

Mr. Stewart said it seemed to him this was opening a door which never was to be closed.—He did not see that granting this power would lead to a beneficial result.

Mr. Bell replied that every individual who feels that his character has suffered under unjust imputations and who demands investigation has a right to demand it.

The subject was laid aside, and the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill appropriating $3,000,000 for altering and manufacturing small arms and providing the sea coast and garrison with guns, accoutrements and munitions of war.

Mr. Brown made a speech supporting the views of the Government relative to the Clayton Bulwer treaty. He did not desire to assist in exciting a war spirit. He was susceptible of but one interpretation, England's construction of it was a palpable violation of common sense, and if such conduct were resorted to by a private individual in his dealings with his neighbors he would be very apt to communicate an impression to all impartial witnesses that a fraud was intended. He condemned British conduct in the enlistment case; he was opposed to adopting difficulties with England on the reason that a great Republic like ours could scarcely expect justice from a crowned head as an umpire.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE.—On motion of Mr. Tyson, the Committee on the Library were instructed to inquire into the character of the work about to be issued by Dr. Kane, in reference to his researches in the polar regions with the view of ordinary copies for the members of Congress.

On motion 20,000 copies of the majority and minority reports of the Committee upon the Kansas election case were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn introduced a bill enabling the States of Virginia, Penna., Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois to improve the navigation of the Ohio river and granting lands in aid thereof. Referred to a Select Committee of seven.

Mr. Washburne of Me. gave notice that he shall endeavor to bring the House to a vote on Thursday on the Resolution from the Committee on elections asking for power to send for persons and papers in the Kansas Contested election case.

The House then resumed the consideration of that subject.

Mr. Stephens argued against the power asked for by the Committee. The House had no right to enquire into Mr. Reeder's allegation that members of the Kansas legislature which passed the law under which Whitfield was elected were illegally chosen. To enquire into the election and returns for members of State or territorial legislatures would be an usurpation and would set a dangerous example. Mr. Stephens said that Reeder's object was revolutionary, Sharp's rifles and the sinews of war having been prepared to resist the legally constructed power of this government. He trusted that the good sense of the people will return and peace prevail and that his eyes shall never rest on a traitor upon American soil.

Mr. Dunn argued that there should be a full investigation not to ascertain who shall occupy a seat as delegate but that the whole truth relative to Kansas affairs be thoroughly and reliantly understood. He objected to sending for persons and papers.

Mr. Wright, of Tenn., contended that if the power to send for persons and papers were granted, witnesses will be summoned to prove all the acts of the Kansas legislature void, including land and even marriage contracts. He denied that this could be done by a single branch of Congress and earnestly attacked the views of the report of the majority of the Committee on elections. He regarded Reeder's course as revolutionary and traitorous.

Mr. Dunn proposed a resolution which the Speaker declared out of order, that the Speaker appoint three members of the House to proceed to Kansas with full powers to investigate all the troubles in that territory, and the alleged frauds.

The House adjourned.

BALTIMORE, March 11.—The mail of this morning brings New Orleans papers as late as due.

The U. S. ships Potomac, Cyane, Saratoga, with the store ship Fulton were at Pensacola.—The Saratoga had been ashore in the Bahamas channel, and will have to be docked for examination and repairs.

The defalcation of Col. Garland, the City Treasurer of New Orleans, amounts to $190,000.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Two new four story brick dwellings on 21st street, between E. F. streets, owned by Mrs. Taggart, formerly of New York, were destroyed by fire this morning. John Anderson, a member of the Western Hose Co., was killed by the falling of a wall. He leaves a wife and five children. Several other firemen were also slightly injured. The loss is about $15,000.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—The boiler attached to Beck's turning establishment on Twelfth and Master streets, exploded this morning, demolishing the building. Mr. Eckert and son, and an unknown man, were killed. Beck was in the cellar acting as engineer when the explosion occurred, but escaped with slight injuries. The other workmen escaped.

PROVIDENCE, March 11.—The American State Convention renominated the present incumbents for State officers. Strong resolutions were passed condemning the repeal of the Missouri Compromise and the course of the general Administration towards Kansas.

SYRACUSE, March 11.—The Tremont Block on Warren street was burnt this morning. Loss $25,000; nearly all was covered by insurance.

TORONTO, March 11.—The Ministry sustained a defeat last night by a vote of 48 to 44, on a measure for certain Judicial enquiry.

CHICAGO, March 11.—The Council decided last night that the new City officers be sworn in to-day.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—Flour steady, but the demand for export is limited at $7,25 for standard brands; there is a fair demand for the supply of the city trade at $7,25@7,50 for common to good brands, and $7,75@9 for extra and fancy brands. Rye Flour is held at $5,50 for family. Corn Meal quiet at $3,00, without sales. Wheat market poorly supplied, and a good inquiry for prime parcels for milling, but the sales are small at $1,65 for red, and $1,75@1,85 for fair to prime white. Rye is in fair request at $1,00, with but little offering. Corn moderate; small sales good yellow at 80c; most holders are asking 82. Oats dull; sales 1,000 bush. Southern at 48c. Cloverseed in demand at $8,25 @ 64 lbs.

BALTIMORE, March 11.—Corn better; sales at 58@60 for white and yellow. Flour held higher, but the markets closed steady at yesterday's rates. Wheat unchanged, with light receipts.

CINCINNATI, March 11.—Flour is in good demand, sales 900 bbls. at $6@$6,10. Whiskey advanced to 19½ with a good demand, partly speculative. Nothing of consequence has been done in Provisions and prices are nominally unchanged. Groceries quiet at full prices with a fair demand. Dried Apples and Peaches offered at a large decline without finding buyers. Weather cloudy and milder, a light snow all day. The river has fallen 18 inches since last evening and is now 4 feet 6 inches in the channel with a stationary appearance.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Flour; a limited export demand for home trade, which will not purchase more than sufficient to supply most pressing wants; common brands easier and difficult to sell; medium grades at previous prices and holders more disposed to realize; sales 5000 bbls. at $7@7,12½ for common to good State, and Western $7,25@7,50 for extra State; $7,37@8 for low grades extra Western, and $8,50@10,50 for extra Genessee, closing dull and tendency downward for common grades. Canadian Flour in moderate demand, without important change; sales 1000 bbls. at $7,87@8,37 for common superfine to choice extra. Southern Flour heavy and prices without important change; sales 1400 bbls. at $8@8,62 for mixed to choice and $8,75@9,25 for fancy to extra. Rye Flour and Corn Meal quiet. Wheat; nothing doing; holders still insist on prices above the views of purchasers; a small sale of common white Michigan at $1,80; nominal quotations for red and white $1,60@1,75 for the former and $1,80@2 for the latter.

Rye scarce and wanted, sales 3000 bush. at $1,17@$1,18. Barley quiet and firm, prime $1,30. Barley Malt in small parcels at $1,45.—Corn moderate, holders are competled to submit to lower prices; sales 46,000 bush. at 66@68 for new mixed, and white Southern 67@69 for yellow Jersey, and 70@71 for yellow Southern, closing heavy. Oats plenty and dull at 40@42 for State and Western. Whiskey is a shade firmer, a moderate demand, sales 200 bbls. Ohio and Prison at 20½@20¾.

Pork a shade firmer; a moderate demand; sales 500 bbls at $15,75@16,87 for mess and $14,25@$14,87 for prime; Western prime mess nominal at $16@16,50. Beef limited, without important change in prices; sales 200 bbls at $8,50@8,25 for country prime, $9,75@11 for country mess and $11@18,50 for repacked Western mess. Beef hams and prime mess beef limited, without important change. Cut meats steady, sales 200 packages at 7¼@7½ for shoulders and 8¼@9½ for hams. Dressed hogs wanted 7¼@8¼.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR MARCH.
GEO. W. CASS, V. P.—JAMES DONIER, SAMUEL DUNCANS, T. B. CUNNIN, J. B. CANFIELD.

REVIEW OF THE PITTSBURGH MARKET.

For the Week ending March 11, 1856.

Business remains languid, and with no immediate prospect of a change. An unbroken winter, which has now lasted eleven weeks, is still oppressing every avenue of trade and business. Our stocks of produce are all extremely low; our supplies of Sugar and Molasses may be said to be exhausted; and although money is plenty in bank, the transactions in business are so small and so unfrequent that very little money is passing from hand to hand. In the course of nature this state of things must last much longer.

The lower Ohio, Missouri and lower Mississippi all continue open, but are all falling rapidly and in short provisions of the season will change from navigation again. The Ohio from here to Marietta and the two rivers above here, are still locked fast with ice.

The tone of the foreign news by the last two steamers has indicated an improved market for breadstuffs, and checked the downward tendency of yet so on this side.—The operations for the eastern markets, are, however, very limited in the west, owing to the difficulties of transportation.

Our dry fruit dealers have been looking to the west for a good market. The following is from the St. Louis Intelligencer of the 7th:

Dried Fruit.—The Belle West, in yesterday from Nashville, brought 1,441 bags of dried apples and peaches.

It is presumable that there is plenty more of the same sort where these came from.

The value of imports at New York during the week show a large increase, especially in dry goods, as compared with the corresponding week last year. The figures are taken by the Journal of Commerce, compared as follows:

	1855	1856
Dry Goods.	$1,132,178	$3,422,622
Issues of Merchandise,	1,304,427	1,355,511
Total,	$2,436,605	$4,778,133
Previously reported,	23,654,781	23,119,434
Total since January 1st,	$26,090,013	$27,848,022

The value of merchandise exported during the week was $1,050,321, against $2,031,247 in the corresponding week last year. The total export of specie during the week was upwards of $1,300,000

Total for the week,	$1,264,746
Previously reported,	1,000,157
Total since January 1st,	$2,414,923
Same time 1855,	4,789,022
Same time 1854,	2,787,459
Same time 1853,	6,862,067

Failures in the produce business are beginning to occur. The Cincinnati Commercial says,

The accounts from New Orleans and New Orleans are unfavorable as regards provisions, and indicate a decline. Mr. Longworth, a provision dealer, left for New Orleans yesterday. He has bought largely of provisions out West this season, and a considerable amount of bills drawn against the shipments, and which have not yet matured, it held by parties here and elsewhere.

It is apprehended that he will be able to pay seventy-five cents on the dollar, but this, of course, depends upon the question whether pork will advance or decline. Mr. J. Ludlow, of New York, an extensive dealer in flour, has also to let it be stated, but we have not yet learned for what amount. The flour and pork business, we fear, will prove heavy ones to many days from our readers south. When may stands the tide will be at its extreme high water, and then it will always keep close to shore, because the chances in all seasons are in favor of a low

ASHES—no change. Pearls are steady at $5,25—cash and time, and Pots remain at $5,37½ cash. Ash is fair demand at $5,62½ for ordinary.

BEANS—scarce prime to strictly prime small white command $2,00@$2,25; common and inferior $1,50@$1,75.

BACON—Shoulders are a fraction lower; demand steady but not large, and stock light; sales of prime city-cured Shoulders at 8¼@8½; Sides 9¾; plain Hams 10¼@11; sugar cured do 12½.

BUTTER & EGGS—prime roll butter is scarce and would bring 22; sales of common to good roll at 20@22. Eggs are also scarce; small sales at 18@20.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—sell at $4 for a few small lots from store; in 50 lb sacks; at $3,00 ⅌ 100.

BUCKETS & TUBS—are at 11@1 at New Brighton, at Buck sell at $1,75 ⅌ doz; Large Tubs, Small do, $3,00; Round Tubs $3,00. From store, Buckets $3,25; Large Tubs $7,50 Small do. $7,00.

CORDAGE—

Manilla Rope, coil,	15 c ⅌ ℔	Manilla Rope, coil	16 c ⅌ ℔
White Rope, coil,	14 c ⅌ ℔	White Rope, coil	16 c ⅌ ℔
Tarred Rope, coil,	12 c ⅌ ℔	Tarred Rope, coil	14 c ⅌ ℔
Packing Yarn,	11 c ⅌ ℔	Packing Yarn, coil	12 c ⅌ ℔

BED CORDS—Manilla, 14 c ⅌ doz. Manilla, 9 coil, 14 c. ⅌ ℔. Hemp, 12 c. Hemp, 9 coil, 12 c ⅌ doz.

PLOUGH LINES—manilla, 67c ⅌ doz. Hemp 75 c.

COTTON YARNS—the following are the ruling rates.

Nos. 4 to 10, inclusive,	20 c ⅌ ℔	No. 16	21 c ⅌ ℔
No. 12,	20 c ⅌ ℔	No. 18	22 c ⅌ ℔
No. 13,	22 c ⅌ ℔	No. 20	23 c ⅌ ℔
No. 14,	23 c ⅌ ℔	No. 10	25 c ⅌ ℔
No. 15,	24 c ⅌ ℔	No. 12	26 c ⅌ ℔

COTTON CORDAGE—Cotton Rope, ¾ and upwards, 20 do. below ¾, 22. Bed Cords, $2,50, $3,62½@4,75 ⅌ doz. Plowlines, $1,25; Sash Cords, $6,50.

CANDLES & SOAP—Tallow Candles remain as before quoted—14½ for dipped and 14½ for mould; Pearls & Co's Adamantine Candles 22. Soap is steady at 6@7c common and 5¾ for prime. Sawyer's toilet do 10.

CHEESE—a light stock and sales confined to small lots to the home trade at 8c.

DRIED FRUIT—no change and nothing doing; Apples held at $1,12@$1,25 and Peaches at $1,75.

FEED—sales at mill of Bran at 20, Shorts at 55, Shipstuff 75, and Finished Middlings $0.

FISH—very little doing; Mackerel No. 3 large range at $10@$10,50; medium do. $7,50@$8,50; Codfish scarce at 5¾, by the bbl. Gibbed Herring are firm at $5,50; Lake Fish are scarce and firm; White 10,00@10,50 ⅌ bbl. Trout $9,@ $9,50; bbls White $5,00@$5,25, do Trout $4,75@$5,00.

FLOUR—the stock on hand is nearly exhausted, and very little is coming in. Sales on the street are hard to make, and we learn that they responded old and wagon, at $5,25@$5,50 for superfine, and $5,50@$5,75 for extra.—From store, small sales of extra at $5,75@$7,00 and family do at $7,25. Rye Flour sale in the small way at $4,50 from store, and $5,75@$6,00 from first hands.

GRAIN—Oats are in moderate supply at 38@39; Corn nominal at 54@60; Rye is dull, and sales at 50@55, with but few buyers; Barley steady at $1,00@$1,10; Wheat is nominally in small lots to mill at $1,10@$1,25 for good to prime.

GROCERIES—Sugar and Molasses are nearly closed out. Some Maple Sugar which has been lying over here since last Spring, has been selling by the bbl at 10, and New Orleans at 10¼. If the river was open, the supplies on the way would prove abundant. Coffee is steady at 12¼@13¼.

GAS PIPE—the following are the quotations for wrought iron tubing:

⅛ inch Gas Pipe,	Per Foot, 7 c	⅜ do	do, Per Foot, 14 c
¼ do	do, 8 c	½ do	do, 20 c
⅜ do	do, 10¼ c	¾ do	do, 30 c
½ do	do, 12½ c	1 do	do, 1,00 c
¾ do	do, 17½ c	1¼ do	do, 1,60 c
1 do	do, 22½ c	1½ do	do, 2,00 c
1¼ do	do, 30 c		

Subject to the customary discount.

HAY—sales at scales are making at $14@$18 ⅌ ton, and supply fair.

IRON & NAILS—we have no change to note in prices the stock on hand is heavy, but will be materially reduced on the opening of navigation.

LARD—City No. 1 is moderately firm at 10¼@10½, and country do at 10.

METALS—Pig Lead is held on the usual credit at 7¼. Bar Lead 8. Shot, to ship trade, $7,12 ⅌ bag; to retail trade $7,25. Sheet Copper is steady at 32@34, and Brass at 29@30. Sales of Tin, I. C., at $11,25, and I. X. at 13,25.

OILS—Linseed Oil held very generally at $1,00; sales of No. 1 Lard at 93@95, cash and time.

PIG METAL—a sale of 600 tons Allegheny No. 1 has since our last been made at $31, six mos; which about closes out the stock of Allegheny held on the market, and there is now very little charcoal metal to be had. The receipts of Pig Metal and blooms since Sept. 1st, reach only 31,000 tons, which is not more than half the regular consumption of that period. On the 15th of January the stock at all the city mills was about 18,000 tons; this has been using up at the rate of 2000 tons a week, the mills supplying themselves in the meantime with such iron as were in sellers' hands and arriving. The total stock now held is small, both in detail and aggregate. What amount can be thrown on the opening of navigation, we are unable to ascertain; but the opinion is held by many that it will hardly be equal to the demand.

SEEDS—we hear of a sale of Ohio Cloverseed at $8,00. Clover seed is inferior, this season, to Michigan and Illinois the latter of which is held at $8,50; in the small way from store at $9,00, and by the single bushel at $9,00@$9,50.—Timothy is nominal at $3,00@$3,12. Flax steady at $1,05 @$1,10.

SHEETINGS—Pittsburgh manufactured Sheetings are selling at 8 for No. 1 and 7¾ for No. 2, subject to the usual discount.

WINDOW GLASS—Prices are firm at the following figures: 6x8 and 7x9 at $2,00; 8x10 at $2,50; 9x12 to 10x12 at $4,00; and 9x13 to 10x14 at $4,25; 9x16 10x14 and 10x15, $4,50; 10x17, $5,25; and so on, in the ratio. Subject to the discount of 10 per cent, for cash. Country brands range at 50 cts per box less.

WHITE LEAD—firm and in steady demand at $7,50 ⅌ keg for pure in oil, and dry 9 c ⅌ ℔., subject to the usual discount. Red Lead, 9¾@9¾, red, and Litharge, 9¾.

WHISKEY—has declined—sales of rectified at 24@25.

CATTLE MARKET.

ALLEGHENY, March 10, 1856.

BEEVES—the supply was not large, only 250 head being offered, and these were taken by butchers at rather better figures than last week; good mediums to prime ranged from $4,50@$5,00; choice to $5; and a few extra sold at $5,25@$5,50; common to fair at $3@$4,50.

COWS—Milch Cows are selling slow at $35@$45 for common to good, and $50@$60 for extra.

SHEEP—Sales were made at $3@$4 ⅌ head.

HOGS—Sales were made at $5,50@$5,75 ⅌ 100 ℔.

AMUSEMENTS.

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PAUL JULIEN AND ADELINA PATTI respectfully announce that previous to their departure for Europe to fulfill important engagements in London and Paris they will give a Grand Farewell Concert at the Mansion Hall on Wednesday March 12th, assisted by E. Bartlit the eminent Baritone, and Aug Gockel the celebrated Pianist.

Tickets $1, with reserved seats can be obtained at the Hall, on and after Monday the 10th. Programmes at the Music stores. This is positively the only concert that can be given in this city.

Programme.

PART FIRST.

1. Romance Bohemienne, ... Liszt
   AUG GOCKEL.
2. Duo from "Il Barbiere," [See p. 8 Concert Book] Rossini
   ADELINA PATTI AND E. BARTLI.
3. Fantasia on Themes from "La Favorita," ..... Allard
   PAUL JULIEN.
4. Aria from "Il Trovatore," ..... Verdi
   E. BARTLI.
5. Fantasia Caprice, ... Vieuxtemps
   PAUL JULIEN.
6. Bondo, from "La Sonnambula," [See p 13, Concert Book] ..... Bellini
   ADELINA PATTI.

PART SECOND.

7. (a. Nocturne, ... Gockel
   (b. La Triomphe, Grand Gallop de Concert)
   AUG. GOCKEL.
8. La Calesara, Canzona spagnolo, ...
   ADELINA PATTI, (first time).
9. The Witches' Dance, ... Paganini.
   PAUL JULIEN.
10. Cavatina from "Il Barbiere," [See p. 1, Concert Book] ..... Rossini
    E. BARTLI.
11. {Polchinski, ... Gockel
    {Grand Caprice Burlesque, ...
    AUG. GOCKEL.
12. Jenny Lind's celebrated Echo Song. [See last page of Biographies. ADELINA PATTI.
13. Grand Fantasia on the Prayer in Mastiendo Hamun Conductor, ... AUG. GOCKEL.

Sgr Grand Piano used on this occasion is from the manufactory of Chickering & Sons', Boston and kindly loaned by Mr. J. H. Haller, Wood street. mh12

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