PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 26, 1856.

Kansas Aid Association.

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Those having business with the Society, or desiring information concerning it, apply to either of the above named persons, either personally or by mail. Office of the Recording Secretary, Fourth street, near Smithfield.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCILS.—A special meeting of the Select and Common Councils was held last evening upon call of the Committee appointed to answer the letters of our Senators on the proposed act authorizing the city and county to guarantee bonds of the Steubenville Railroad Company.

Common Council—President Marshall in the Chair.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Members present—Brown, Calhoun, Duncan, Dickson, Dalzell, Everett, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Glenn, Griffin, Hill, Hodkinson, Herdman, Irwin, Kammerer, Kim, Kelly, Lare, Layton, Little, Miller, M'Adams, M'Clintock, M'Kelvy, Scott, President.

The President read a communication from the Mayor relative to the proposed loan of $70,000. Ordered to be filed.

An ordinance asking the Legislature to authorize the city to increase the amount of taxes, in consequence of having to pay the interest on the Steubenville Railroad subscription was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The special business of the meeting, viz: the report of the Committee to act on Senators' letters on the Steubenville Railroad questions; was then taken up.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. M'Kelvey moved that the Clerks of Councils be instructed to forward copies of the report to Harrisburgh, but afterwards was withdrawn, and the following substituted:

Resolved, That Councils adopt the Report of the Committee and direct our clerks to forward the same to our Representatives at Harrisburgh.

Col. Scott moved that the report be amended by inserting a clause making the bonds guaranteed to be applied rigidly to the completion of the roads. Col. Scott withdrew his amendment.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Calhoon: a petition to grade Given street, Eighth Ward. Referred to Com. on Streets.

Mr. Hodkinson: a petition to grade Cliff-st., from Fulton to the Basin. Referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Kammerer presented the following:

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to report at the next meeting of Councils whether the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has refused to pay any part of the city taxes, and if so, what her legal inability for payment of said taxes is. Read three times and adopted.

Mr. Lare: the resignation of R. S. Young, Weighmaster at the Market.

Mr. Lare presented the following:

Resolved, That the Market Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the amount of rent charged for the stand occupied by the Weighmaster in the Diamond Markets and report their action to Councils.—Read three times and passed.

On motion the communication was laid over for a week.

Mr. Kim: petition for gas on Gibbon street, between Stevenson and Magee. Referred to Committee on Gas.

Mr. Evans: petition to grade Barker's alley, between Liberty street and Penn. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Two communications from Clerk of Market were read and referred to Market Committee, and City Solicitor with power to report facts.

Business from Select Council was taken up.

The S. C. refused to concur in the action of C. C. on the Ordinance to regulate Weight of Coal, Hay, &c., but referred it back to the Committee. The C. C. refused to recede, and Messrs. Errett and M'Kelvy appointed a committee of conference. Messrs. Reed and Murdoch was appointed on the part of S. C.

The resolution relative to increasing the city taxes, referred to Finance Committee in C. C., came back from S. C. non-concurred in, and the Finance Committee instructed to report at the next meeting.

The C. C. concurred.

At this point, President Marshall, on behalf of Mr. John B. M'Faddan, presented Capt. Pratt with a silver-headed cane. The wood is from the old Forte Duquesne. The remarks of the Chair were very appropriate, and drew from the Captain in response, a hearty acknowledgement.

The Committee of Conference on the Coal Ordinance were continued.

On motion adjourned.

Votes.

Present—Messrs. Alexander, President, Murdoch, Pollock, Reed, Taylor, Varnum, Wade, Weaver and President McAniey.

Absent—Messrs. Allen, Clarke, Jones, Kincaid, Lambert, McCutcheon and Smyth.

On motion of Mr. Alexander the reading of the minutes dispensed with.

The President stated that the Council had been convened to hear the report of Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from our Senators relative to the Steubenville Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Weaver Council proceed to take up the unfinished business of last meeting. Adopted.

President presented a petition from the farmers attending the markets, relative to the Clerk of the Markets. Read and referred to Market Committee.

The ordinance to regulate the sale of Coal, &c., which in Common Council March 26, 1856, read three times and passed. Action non-concurred in.

Mr. Murdoch offered the following: Resolved, That the Ordinance for weighing hay and coal be referred back to the Finance Committee to fill up the blanks and locate the places which said scales, as mentioned in Ordinance shall be placed and the cost of scales and lots on which said scales shall be located.

Read three times and adopted.

The following business from C. C. was then taken up.

Resolution relative to an act for increasing city Taxes.

Read and referred to Finance Committee.

In. S. C. action non concurred in and referred to Finance Committee with instructions to report at next meeting of Councils.

Resolution relative to Blanks in the Ordinance relative to weighing Coal Hay &c.

Read three times and passed.

In S. C. action non concurred in.

Communication from the Mayor relative to the City Bonds.

Accepted and ordered to be filed, and action concurred in by S. C.

Mr. Galway presented communication from B. Jones President of Market House Association. Read and accepted.

Also report of Market Committee with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the office of Weigh Master of the Diamond markets be and the same is hereby declared vacant.

Resoved, That the Select and Common Council meet this evening in joint meeting for the purpose of electing one person as Weigh Master in the Diamond markets to serve for the unexpired portion of the present year.

Report accepted and resolutions read three times and passed. Action non-concurred in and postponed until next evening's meeting.

Clerk of C. C. returned the ordinance to regulate the sale of coal, hay, &c. by weight. Adhering to former action and Messrs. Errett and McKelvy appointed Committee of Conference.

In S. C. former action adhered to and Messrs. Reed and Murdoch appointed in part of S. C.

The report of Committee relative to the Steubenville Railroad, which in C. C. read and accepted and that the Clerks be directed to forward copies to our Representatives at Harrisburg.

On concurrence President McAnuley (Mr. Reed in the Chair,) called the yeas and nays.

Ayes—Galway, Murdoch, Pollock, Reed, Taylor, Varnum, Wade—7.

Nays—Alexander, Dunn, Weaver, President—4.

Action concurred in.

The rest of business same as C. C.

On motion adjourned.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER, SESSIONS, &c.—Judge M'Clure and Associates on the Bench.

Peter M'Coy was arraigned for Assault and Battery, and Assault with Intent to Kill, upon the oath of Robert Armstrong. The Jury convicted him of assault only, and the Court sentenced him to pay a fine of five dollars, and the costs.

Clement Hetzall and Jacob Schwambly were brought in for trial for the larceny of a watch. Hetzall was acquitted and Schwambly convicted. The Court sentenced the prisoner to four months imprisonment in the County Jail.

Richard Davis plead guilty to a triding Assault and Battery, and was sentenced to pay a fine of 6¼ cents.

James M'Annaley was convicted of keeping a house of ill-fame. He was remanded for sentence.

James Berger was arraigned on an indictment for selling liquor contrary to the provisions of the act of 1855. The defendant plead his own case ably, forgetting however, that the merits of the law were not before the Jury. The speech was very lengthy.

INSURANCE.—We refer our readers to the advertisement of the "Equitable Insurance Company of London," of which Messrs. O'Connor Brother & Co. are the agents, which appears in our columns this morning. The list of references embraces some of the first houses in New York and Philadelphia, and consequently placing the Company above suspicion.

STORE BREAKING.—About four o'clock yesterday morning thieves broke into the clothing store of Mr. Samuel Gray, on St. Clair street, under the hotel, and stole therefrom broadcloths, cassimeres and vestings, to the amount of $700 or $800, with which they escaped. Entrance was effected by boring a large hole in the front door, and forcing the lock with a dray-pin. It is very singular that such an affair could be perpetrated so public a thoroughfare without detection. It devolves upon the Mayor to enquire into the whereabouts of the watch on that beat at that time.

—A portion of the goods were found concealed in a board yard at the foot of Barker's alley, yesterday afternoon.

—About nine o'clock last evening one of the burglars was arrested. A portion of the goods found in the board yard were replaced, and officers Hamilton and Wray about seven o'clock secreted themselves adjacent. At nine o'clock the prisoner came up with a carpet bag and proceeded to fill it, when the officers sprang out and arrested him. He made some resistance but was soon overpowered. He gave the name of George Howard, without doubt an *alias*. About one-third of the goods were recovered.

AUCTION SALE.—The sale of Mr. Micheltree's household goods took place yesterday. There was quite a large attendance. The lucky purchasers of the splendid Chickering Piano was a lady named Morrison. She bid $465. The piano cost $700.

Two beautiful, large, heavy plateo mirrors were knocked down at $108 each—a figure far below their real value. The pictures brought various prices, but they all, including the whole of the elegant furniture—were sold extremely low.

STEAMER ON FIRE.—The steamer Grand Turk, Capt. A. B. Gallatin, which left this port on Monday afternoon, caught fire in her cabin, when opposite Bank Lane, Manchester. She ran in to the shore, when the flames were speedily subdued by the application of sundry buckets of water. The only damage done was the burning of the oil cloth in the vicinity of the stove, a coal from which set the material on fire.

ANOTHER BURGLARY.—The variety store of Mr. W. P. Baum, St. Clair street, between Penn and the Bridge, was entered by burglars yesterday morning, by forcing the rear window shutters. A number of revolvers were taken, and unsuccessful efforts were made to get into the safe. The thieves did not take the moulds with them, and the proprietor very generously offers to send them too, if the thieves will furnish their address.

LARCENY.—A man named Nicholas Stilley was arrested yesterday for stealing a pair of boots from the store of Thomas Philips, corner of Eighth and Liberty streets. The stolen goods were found in Stilley's possession when arrested. The Mayor committed him to jail to await his trial.

THAT extensive stock of brussels, velvet, tapestry, ingrain, venitian, rag and silk carpets to be sold at McKenna's Auction House to-morrow afternoon, will be arraigned for examination this day and evening. Also to-morrow forenoon.

QUADRILLE PARTY.—The party to be given by the pupils of A. Bonnaffon, will take place on Thursday the 27th inst., at his Assembly Rooms, Wilkins Hall. Tickets to be had of A. Bonnaffon, No. 75 Fourth street.

DISTRICT COURT.—Judges Hampton and Williams on the Bench.

The case of Brunot vs. Petersons occupied the entire day yesterday.

D. AUL, JR. & BRO. will open this morning a large and beautiful lot of Mantillas, many styles of which are confined to themselves. Ladies who desire to purchase such an article should give them early call.

ANOTHER ARRESTED.—Konnsler, the companion of O'Brien and Bell, who broke jail last week, was arrested in Cleveland yesterday and brought to the city by the first train. He was locked up in his old cell at nine o'clock last evening.

FORESTALLING THE ALLEGHENY MARKET.—J. K. Willson, storekeeper, Ohio street, was arrested yesterday and fined by Mayor Adams for forestalling the Allegheny market. The defendant appealed.

BUCKETS, TUBS &c.—An excellent article of buckets, tubs, baskets, churns, &c., &c., may be found at Mr. Samuel Kroesen's store, under Masonic Hall. Give him a call.

Hon. Horace Mann, of Antioch College, Ohio, will deliver a Lecture before the Teachers of this city, on next Friday evening.

CHICKERING & SON'S PIANOS.—Mr. Mellor advertises his new Spring [illegible]

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 25.

SENATE.—Mr. Mason gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to amend the act remodelling the Diplomatic and Consular System.

On motion of Mr. Brodhead the Committee on Military Affairs were instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing one or more National founderies in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of War in his annual report of Dec. 15, 1855.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the Deficiency Bill.

A long discussion arose on the amendment appropriating $350,000 for paper arrears, printing and maps, which was adopted. Mr. Brown remarked that the only way to stop the giving out of fat jobs for printing worthless documents, is to establish a Government Printing Office, and to abolish the franking privilege.

Mr. Hunter reported a bill providing that Spanish Milled or Mexican quarters, eights and sixteenths, be received at the U. S. offices as 20s, 10s, and 5c, and made a legal tender, for all sums not exceeding five dollars; these fractions when received to be re-coined. It authorizes the President to issue a Proclamation legalizing a new cent piece to be formed either by reduction of the copper of the present cent, or by alloy with some other metal.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE.—On motion of Mr. Walker, the Committee on the Judiciary were instructed to inquire whether the Kansas Investigating Committee have power to coerce the attendance of witnesses and punish for contempt.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, said when the House was organized, he was very unexpectedly to him, self appointed to the distinguished position of Chairman of Ways and Means, and yesterday a distinction was conferred upon him by the chair, equally unexpected as the former. Finding that the latter involves and important services entirely incompatible with the duties assigned him when the House was organized, he asked the House to excuse him from serving as head of the committee to proceed to Kansas to take testimony. He expressed his gratitude for those two very honors conferred on him and especially the latter, because of the peculiar circumstances at this time surrounding him.

Mr. Campbell was excused, and Mr. Sherman was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Phelps introduced a bill authorizing the President to cause the Southern boundary line in Kansas to be defined and marked. Referred to the Committee on Territories.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill defining the right of voters and the duties of the Commissioners of Elections in the city of Washington and for other purposes.

Humphrey Marshall offered an amendment requiring persons naturalized to be residents one year immediately, the election to entitle them to suffrage.

Mr. Jones of Tenn. and Mr. McMullin opposed it on the ground that it proposed to make an unjust distinction between native and foreign born citizens, and to indirectly extend the naturalization laws.

Mr. Davis of Md. considered this amendment necessary to protect the purity of the ballot box. He alluded to the rough and raw material gathered and marched to the polls, not to vote, but to be voted by their managers.

Mr. Meacham said this bill had been drawn with great care, approved by men of all parties, and unanimously reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia. The gentleman who offered the amendment belonged to the Judiciary Committee, which has power to report a bill changing the whole of the Naturalization Laws, and yet he comes forward with this little patch on a measure which alone concerns Washington.

Mr. Campbell of Ohio, hoped that a similar provision will be inserted in territorial bills to put an end to improper influence of foreign votes controlling elections.

Mr. Boyce advocated equality before the law. After a foreigner becomes a citizen treat him as such. While professing to take him to the bosom of American paternity, do not let it be delusive. Let him be a citizen in spirit as in name.

Mr. Harris, of Illinois, referred Mr. Davis of Md. to the fact as shown by the census in 1850 in the last named State, that educational intelligence by comparison of numbers was largely in favor of persons of foreign birth.

Mr. Davis—That conveys no instruction.

Mr. Harris. Then the Gentleman is beyond the reach of instruction.

Mr. Hall of Mass, argued that the amendment secures equality before the law, and will prevent the control of elections by persons employed on the public works.

Mr. Richardson spoke against discriminating; saying that the sooner the right of citizenship be conferred the better for the foreign born and the country.

Mr. Carlisle contended that if the Bill passed without this amendment it will confer advantages on foreigners not possessed by natives.

Mr. Zollicoffer understood that one-third of the voting population of Washington, consists of Government employees. The bill designed to give aliens power over them at the ballot-box.

Mr. Whitney believed that the Bill was the product of an effort on the part of the Administration to stifle the sentiment of the people on the American question, by introducing an alien vote.

Mr. Meacham, in response to a question by Mr. Smith, of Tenn., remarked that not one word was said in Committee referring to the Administration or any political party.

Mr. Keith and Mr. Goode opposed, and Mr. Weller advocated the amendment.

Pending the discussion the House adjourned.

MILWAUKIE, March 24.—The Supreme Court have rendered a writ of ouster against Barstow and establishing Bashford's claims.

MILWAUKIE, March 25.—Mr. Bashford has taken the necessary oath and assumes the duties of Governorship to-day.

MILWAUKIE, March 25.—Gov. Bashford has sent a message to the Senate. The House adjourned to prevent its reception. Acting Governor McArthur has refused to give way to Bashford. The latter threatens force if necessary.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The flour market opened steady with a moderate demand for home consumption and a trifling inquiry for export; at the close there was a material falling off in the demand, and the market was scarcely so firm, while prices exhibited no material change. Sales 550 bbls at $6,87@7,50 for common to extra State and mixed to good Western; $7,25@$8 for fancy and low to medium grades of extra Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin, and $8,25@$10 for extra Genessee. For Southern flour there is less inquiry but the market is without important alteration; sales 320 bbls at $7,75@$8,12½ for mixed to good brands and $8@9 for fancy and extra.

Rye flour in slow request at $4,25@$6,25 for fine and superfine; for Canadian flour there is only a very moderate demand, the market does not exhibit any material or important alteration; sales 700 bbls at $7,87½@$9,25 for superfine and extra. Corn meal plenty and dull at $3,87½ for Jersey, $4 for Brandywine and $17,50@$18 for purchasers. Wheat quiet and prices nominally the same; sales 2900 bush white Canadian at $1,92½; sales 1000 bush white St. Louis at $1,92; 400 bush red Western at $1,70 and, within a day or two, 40,000 bush red western for export, part at $1,72 and the remainder on private terms.

Rye only in moderate request and market heavy at $1,10@$1,14 for common to prime parcels, sales 10,000 bush. at prices within range, sales have been made, to arrive the first 10 days in April at $1,10. Barley scarce and firmly held, sales 400 bush. good Canadian at $1,28. Corn, a good business doing chiefly for home consumption and to fill contracts, sales 54,000 bush. at 64@66, for new mixed, 65@70 for White, 66@70 for yellow, and 70 delivered for old mixed Western. Oats selling slowly at 40@44, for State and Western.

Pork continues dull; mess plenty and heavy; prime scarce and firmly held, sales 450 bbls at $15,75@$15,81½ for mess; $15 for prime and $16 for prime mess. In Beef there is no change worthy of note, the demand is moderate, sales 200 bbls at $8,25@$8,75 for country prime; $9,25@$11 for country mess, and $13@$13,25 for repacked Western mess. Beef Hams very moderate supply, with good demand at full prices; the range is $13@$16,50; sales 100 bbls. prime mess Beef continues quiet at $18@22.

Bacon on good demand at full prices; sales 1000 boxes short ribbed middles for April delivery at 8¾; Dressed Hogs selling at 6¾@6¾; Lard in fair request at 7¾@7¾ for Shoulders, and 8¾@9¾ for Hams; sales 190 packages.—Lard a shade lower; sales 400 bbls at 9½@10.—Butter remains as last noticed; Cheese selling slowly at 8@10½; Whiskey dull and lower, sales 300 bbls Ohio and Prison at 28@29, closing with buyers refusing to pay over 28 cents.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—There is a better demand for Flour and prices are firm; sales 1200 bbls. standard brands for export at $7; there is a limited demand for the supply of the city trade at $7@7,25 for common to good brands, and $7,50@8,50 for extra and choice family. Rye flour steady; sales 500 bbls. at $4. Corn Meal in request with further sales of 400 bbls. at $3. The demand for Wheat is steady, with but a limited amount offering; sales 1000 bushels fair to prime red at $1,65@1,75, and small lots of white at $1,80@1,90. Rye dull and heavy; sales 500 bush. Western at $1, but most buyers are offering less. Corn is in fair request; sales 2500 bush. yellow afloat at 59. Oats dull; sales 300 bush. Cloverseed; fair to prime at $8,50 per 64 lbs. from first hands and $8,75 from second hands. Whiskey firm at 29@30 per gall. in bbls. and 27 in hhds.

BALTIMORE, March 25.—The Flour market is firmer and prices have advanced; small sales Howard street and City mills at $7,75 and unchanged. There is a good demand for Corn and prices move slightly improved; sales of yellow at 59c. by weight.

CINCINNATI, March 25.—Flour firm; but little doing; sales are confined to small lots at $6,75@$6. Sales 6000 bush Oats at 25. Whiskey dull and irregular; sales 950 bbls at 19@19½. Provisions firm; Mess Pork $14; Bulk Meats 6¼@6¾; sales 50 hhds; Bacon Sides and Shoulders at 7¾@8¾ packed. Sugar in fair demand, sales 85 hhds common and choice at 8@9¾. Molasses firm, sales 40 bbls at 41, sales 344 half bbls at 43. Sales 40 bags Coffee at 12¾. The river has risen six inches since noon.

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COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR MARCH.
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REVIEW OF THE PITTSBURGH MARKET,
For the Week ending March 25, 1856.

The first impulse of reviving business is just now felt in all departments of business. The long-expected, long-deferred break-up in the rivers has taken place. The Monongahela and Ohio are now clear of ice, and the Allegheny is partially clear. The opening of the latter stream, however, extends only to Freeport.

The first arrival of boats from below took place on Monday, and the first departures on Saturday. We are of course, unable to note anything but the beginning of the changed aspect of affairs. But little produce has yet had time to come forward, and transactions are consequently limited. In the course of this week the change will be more apparent.

In the articles of Sugar and Molasses, however, there is for the present an abundant supply. The receipts on Monday and yesterday were quite large, and purchasers will have a chance of supplying their wants. The market was entirely bare when these opportune arrivals took place and as the whole surrounding country was as bare as the city, it is presumable that the present large receipts will soon be absorbed. Such was the case in Cincinnati, as will be seen by the annexed from the Commercial:

"Notwithstanding the large arrivals of sugar and molasses since the opening of navigation, the stock of both is again quite reduced, the demand from the interior being very large. Several cargoes are coming up however and large supplies may soon be expected. Sugar is firmly held at previous rates, and molasses is tending upward in price, but rather the contrary, and the present current rates of coffee and sugar are actually below what they can be imported for."

There has been a great activity since Friday last in the shipment of goods to the west. A fleet of boats numbering thirty has been loaded and dispatched, and still the supply is kept up. Every boat that has yet gone out, has been loaded down to the guards.

The depression in the prices of breadstuffs caused by the foreign news continues. The effect of the general opening of the water courses throughout the west, affording opportunities for cheap transportation, has yet to be seen. Some anticipate large receipts from all quarters, while others think that the heaviest part of the crop was sent forward in the fall. The rain dealers on the lower lakes are of the latter opinion.

Money is in moderate supply, but the demand is improving. The banks find themselves able to retable to discount all the good paper offered them. Exchanges and currency remain as before.

The water, we understand, is to be let in the Pennsylvania canal this week, if the weather should not prevent, and navigation will be resumed at the close of this week or beginning of next. The Ohio & Pennsylvania canal is to be opened next week, unless the weather should prevent.

The Cincinnati Commercial of Monday says:

"The provision market is firm, with a good demand for bacon and bulk meats. Pork is held with great firmness, under the conviction that the supplies must be light after that high rates will be realized notwithstanding the decline in Liverpool. Lard is dull at 7¾@8 for Prime. Hay is dull at $12 for Prime. Rye is dull at 24@25. There is an active demand for potatoes at 60 cts per bus from country. Large shipments are making to the south. The money market is firm at 7 to 12 for acceptable local paper. The banking houses continue to draw on the east and on New Orleans at ¼ premium. We notice large quantities of gold are being received at New York from the west. It is very clear that the amount of produce going forward is not sufficient to employ the business of the west, at the cost and freight that the balance of trade is now against us. The present rates of exchange will lead the western banks to act with more caution in regulating their circulation."

The eastern papers quote a good demand for money, rates for No 1 paper on the street ruling at 7@10.

The importations of the week ending yesterday, for the past week, it will be seen from the subjoined statement that imports of dry goods are nearly double in value the corresponding week of last year:

	1855	1856
Dry Goods	$944,235	$1,526,622
General Merchandise	1,996,554	2,216,031
Total	$2,940,807	$3,438,087
Previously reported	22,287,742	20,944,706
Total since January 1st	$22,228,555	$44,382,793

It is evident that importations are again made to a ruinous excess and the lesson of extravagance and its consequences of commercial disasters lately impressed upon the country is to be ineffectual.

The value of merchandize exported during the week was $1,458,053, against $1,031,266 in the corresponding week last year. The specie exported during the week was as follows:

Total for the week	$258,973
Previously reported	2,737,253
Total since January 1st	$3,043,867
Same time 1855	2,016,097
Same time 1854	2,560,499
Same time 1853	2,459,178
Same time 1852	7,102,496

ASHES—sale yesterday of 5 tons Pearls at 9, four more, which seems to be the ruling rate; Pots are nominal at 6, sales of imported Soda Ash, in 5 cks lots, at 3¾, on time.

BEANS—a sale of a small lot was made yesterday from first hands at $1,75 for good small white; from store held at $2,00@$2,25; inferior are held at $1,50, and mixed are not inquired for.

BEEF AND MEAT—receipts of western cured are coming in freely; sales yesterday of 500 lbs and 250 pieces country cured at 5¾, 6¾ and 7¾.

BACON—the supply is still light but it is improving, and prices have a tendency downward; prime city cured Shoulders and Hams are held generally at 8¾@8¾; for Shoulders 9 for Sides and 10¾@11 for plain Hams; the sales yesterday were 10,000 lbs Shoulders and Hams in lots, at 8¾ and sides; 5000 lbs do at 8 and 10¾; and 6000 lbs do at 8¾ and 11; on Monday, 10,000 lbs at 8¾, 9 and 11; sugar cured Hams are quoted at 12¾.

BUTTER & EGGS—The demand for butter is quick and lively and above all the offers; sales yesterday of 8 bbls good roll at 21@22 and 15 do prime at 23, and these quotations have ruled all week. Eggs are in good supply, just now, but the inquiry is good; sales on Saturday of 10 bbls in lots at 17; on Monday 10 do at 18@19; and 8 do yesterday at 18, closing with a downward look.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—a sale yesterday of 50 sacks of 50 lbs each at $2,00 ⅌ 100 lb.

BALTIMORE, March 25.—The Flour market is firmer and prices have advanced; small sales Howard street and City mills at $7,75 and unchanged. There is a good demand for Corn and prices move slightly improved; sales of yellow at 59c. by weight.

POWDER—steady with a good demand; Blasting $4,00 and Rifle $7,75 ⅌ keg.

SEEDS—holders of Clover are rather firmer in their views, and we note sales from store of about 100 bus prime Illinois, in small lots, at $8,50, a small lot of Ohio seed sold from first hands at $7,50. Timothy is steady at $3,00@$3,50 for good to prime, and Flax at $1,65@$1,70.

SHEETINGS—Pittsburgh manufactured Sheetings are selling at 5 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 $2,50; 8x10 at $3,50; 8x12 to 10x12 at $4,00; and 9x13 to 10x14 at $4,25; 9x16 10x15 and 10x16, $5,00; 10x17, $5,25; and so on, in like ratio. Subject to the discount of 10 per cent, for cash. Country brands ranks at 50 cts per box less.

WHITE LEAD—firm and in steady demand at $2,50 ⅌ keg for pure in oil, and dry 9 cts ⅌ lb., subject to the usual discount. Red Lead, 8¾@9, net, and Litharge, 8¾.

WHISKEY—tends downwards; sales of rectified in the small way at 32@33.

CATTLE MARKET.

ALLEGHENY, March 24, 1856.

BEEVES—the supply to-day was full and prices receded; over 500 head were offered, of which about 400 were sold prices ranged from 3¾@4¾ for good common to prime choice. Inferior cattle are hardly worth quoting.

SHEEP—only 200 head in pens, all of which sold at 4 @5 gross, for good medium to choice.

HOGS—200 head sold at 5¾@6, gross, in retail lots to butchers.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

BROWNSVILLE BOATS—327 bbls flour, east; 77 do. 458 bus oats, 73 bbls whiskey, 200 bus barley, G W Smith; 600 bus wheat, Wilmarth & co; 8 sks scraps, B A Fahnestock 10 pkgs to order, Pittsburgh; 4 Chickens; 43 do do, Hubbard Means & co; 225 bus glass, W McGuire; 231 do, G A Berry; 50 do, Kirkpatrick & Wilson; 180 do, owners.

WHEELING, by Forest City—145 bbls flour, McGilla & Roe, 85 bales seed, 46 pkgs butter, cast; 245 sks peanuts, Dlaker & co; 257 bbls paper, 25 dgs brooms, McFadden, Means & co; 62 sks wheat, 10 bxs soap, Graham & Thomas; 25 bbls vinegar, 2 do do, Wm Phillips; 2 do do, E Speers & co; 25 doz brooms, J B Oantis & co; 9 bbls butter, H H Collins; 235 sks wheat, 121 do rye, Wilmarth & co; 20 bbls flour, S Edmiston; 94 bbls app ss, 200 bbls paper, sundry consignees.

ST. LOUIS, by Golden State—74 bales cotton, Forsyth & co; 100 do, Ramsey & co; 45 do, Paul & co; 1 do, Gordon; 600 pigs lead, T H Nevin & co; 20 hhds bacon, 168 tcs do, 800 pcs do, W B Holmes & Bro; 1011 bbls flour, owners.

FORT SMITH, by Reliance—372 hides, J Laughlin; 101 bbls tallow, Wilson & Gorman; 59 bbls eggs, 11 bbls tallow, Dlaker & co; 10 bxs cream, Fahnestock & co; 2 do, Phillips; 1 box; 47 do, 6 hhds bacon, 307 bxs do, 6 bales skins, 130 bbls oil, sand.

LOUISVILLE, by St. Louis—10 bales cotton, 198 sks wheat, 147 do nuts, Dlaker & co; 27 do wheat, Bryan & co; 27 hhds tobacco, sundry consignees; 100 bales cotton, 201 do lard, 116 hhds bacon, 117 tcs do, 100 bxs do, 140 bbls oil, 23 do whiskey, 271 do lard, cast.

NEW ORLEANS, by J W Hallinan—45 bxs soap, 10 do candle, Graham & Thomas; 22 do syrup, J W Butler, 50 bales cotton, Kennedy & co; 102 bxs meat, 90 tcs do, 200 bbls do, 50 do grease, 200 kgs lard, 100 bbls whiskey, cast; 10 hhds sugar, H Dalzell & co; 15 do, Mercer & Robinson; 10 do butter, 50 do sugar, J & W Bax; 40 bbls molasses, 12 bxs do, sundry consignees; 41 rolls leather, Jones & Cooley; 12 do, 35 bales skins, H Graff; 16 bbls molasses, Atwell, Lee & co; 50 do, J Floyd & co; 50 do, Coleman, Hallinan & co.

NEW ORLEANS, by Argyle—33 hhds sugar, 99 bbls molasses, J Floyd & co; 18 hhds sugar, Willer & Kickstson; 33 do, 87 bbls molasses, J Dalzell; 25 bxs soap, 10 do candles, 10 bbls sugar, Atwell, Lee & co; 10 do, H Dalzell & co; 40 do, 300 bbls molasses, Bagaley, Cosgrave & co; 100 do, Smith, Hair & Hunter; 112 sks beans, 200 bbls lard, 238 bxs candles, 200 do soap, cast; 100 bbls molasses, 78 hhds sugar sundry consignees.

CINCINNATI, by Messenger—49 bxs drugs, 87 bales cotton, 229 bxs meat, 105 bbls do, 20 tcs do, 50 bbls do, 100 bbls oil, 300 do whiskey, 100 bxs candles, 6 do saddles, 1 do harness, 1 do saddle tree, 1 do harness & saddle tree, Graham & Thomas; 1 do harness & saddle tree, Atwell, Lee & co; 4 bbls alcohol, J P Scott; 10 do, H Dalzell & co; 24 do, 25 bxs soap, 5 do candles, sundry consignees.

ST LOUIS, by Six W Wallace—12 pkgs scrap copper, Nothnagle & co; 1000 bxs meat, cast; 28 bales leather, Bryan & co; 56 bbls molasses, J McBevitt; 273 bgs wheat, Bryan & co; 56 bbls molasses, 8 hhds sugar; 12 bbls oil, sundry consignees.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

OHIO & PENNA R R—31 pkgs glassware, M Edwards; 54 tgs wheel, 41 sks rye, J Craig; 240 pcs meat, R Dalzell & co; 150 bus wheat; 250 sks rye, Wilmarth & co; 125 bbls flour, 69 do oats, 34 do beef, 3 bbls beef, Bell & Liggett; 15 doz brooms, Ross & McCombs; 4 sks wool, 781 do rye, 264 bus wheat; 5 bbls pork, 12 do eggs, cast; 9 bbls seed, McCandless, Means & co; 4 bbls butter, 1 do do egg