GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 29, 1856.

COUNCILS—The regular monthly meeting of the Councils was held last evening, October 27th.

COMMON COUNCIL.—President Marshall in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Messrs. Brown, Duncan, Errett, Evans, Fitzsimmons, Glenn, Griffin, Herdman, Hill, Hodkinson, Irwin, Kammerer, Kim, Kelly, Lare, Layton, Little, M'Adams, M'Kelvy, Quinn, President.—19.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Presentations of Potitions &c.—Mr. Fitzsimmons presented a petition from Thomas E. Warden for a gas for twenty-four burners on Fourth street.

By Mr. Griffin, from citizens of various wards relative to the steps along the bluff, at the head of Frido and Marion streets and asking for an appropriation to repair the same. Referred to Committee on streets with power to act.

Mr. McKelvy, from the police Committee, reported that the present inefficiency of the police of the city was caused by the fewness of them, and the mode of paying them. The following resolutions were presented.

Resolved, That the Ordinance Committee be, and they are hereby instructed to report an ordinance at the next regular meeting of Councils, increasing the number of the nightwatch to —— members.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee are hereby instructed to make arrangements for the payment of the city nightwatch in *cash* from and after the first of December next.

Considerable discussion ensued upon the resolutions, in which it appeared that the finances of the city were in a dilapidated condition, and the watchmen came in for considerable overhauling.

A motion to lay the resolutions on the table was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Evans, Griffin, Herdman, Kim, Lare, Layton, M'Adams, Quinn—8.

Nays—Bennett, Brown, Duncan, Fitzimmons, Hill, Hardkinson, Irwin, Kammerer, Kelly, Little, M'Kelvy, President—12.

On motion of Mr. McKelvy the resolutions were read three times and passed.

In S. C. the report was accepted, and Mr. Wade moved that this Council do not concur with the Common Council in the adoption of the resolutions. The yeas and nays were called, and resulted as follows:

Ayes—Clarke, Dean, Galway, Kincaid, Lambert, Murdock, Smyth, Taylor, Varnum, Wade and President M'Auley—11.

Nays—Alexander, Pollock and Reed—3.

So the resolution were non-concurred in.

The Committee on claims and accounts reported with the following resolution.

Resolved, That that Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of R. E. McGowin, for $528, in full to July 1, '56, for services for himself and assistants as Recording Regulators; also in favor of John Davitt, Esq., for $40 in full of his bill for signing City Coupon Bonds and charge the same to the contingent Fund.

On motion of McKelvey all after the word "Regulators" was stricken out and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Bill of *Daily Union* for eighteen dollars. Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.—S. C. concurred.

Mr. Fitzsimmons presented the following:

Resolved, That two hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to repair the Vigilant Engine House, provided that the company furnish the balance necessary to put it in good order. Read and referred to Committee on City Property.—S. C. concurred.

Mr. Errett, from the Finance Committee, presented an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance relative to the weighing of coal. Referred to Ordinance Committee, with instructions to report at next meeting. S. C. concurred.

Petition for gas mains on Walnut street, in the Fifth ward, was referred to Committee on Gas Lighting. S. C. concurred. Adjourned.

In Select Council, Present: Messrs. Alexander, Clarke, Drum, Galway, Kincaid, Lambert, Murdoch, Pollock, Reed, Smyth, Taylor, Varnum and President M'Auley.

Absent—Allen, Jones, M'Cutcheon, and Weaver.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition from the citizens of the Fifth ward, asking an appropriation of $600 feet of hose to the Fairmount Engine Company, which was read and referred to committee on Fire Engines and Hose. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Murdoch presented a petition from the school directors and property holders of the 6th ward, asking for gas mains on the south side of Franklin street. Read and referred to the Committee on Gas Lighting. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Alexander presented a petition from Samuel C. Lewis, relative to the condition of Allegheny street, which was read and referred to the Committee on Streets. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Drum presented a memorial from a Committee of the Directors of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, accompanied with statements of the cost, earnings, and financial condition of the company, together with a communication from a committee of the stockholders of the company, stating their inability to pay the interest on the bonds issued to the road by the city of Pittsburg, and the county of Allegheny, and appealing to the Councils to meet the semi-annual instalment falling due on the 3d of November proximo.

[Place as published yesterday.]

Mr. Wade submitted the following resolution, which was read three times and passed:

Resolved, That the memorials be referred to the committee on finance, with instructions to meet the memorialists at the office of the County Commissioners, on Wednesday next, at o'clock, P. M., and report to councils at a meeting to be held that evening. In the Common Council this resolution was amended by striking out all after the words "P. M." and inserting the following: "and report the condition and prospects of the road, and the propriety of extending the relief prayed for, at a meeting of the councils at the call of the committee," and passed. The Select Council receded from their former action, and concurred in the action of the Common Council.

Mr. Murdoch presented a report of the Committee on Gas Lighting, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of the Pittsburgh Gas Company for $12,253 41, for amount of bill from July 1st, 1855, to July 1st, 1856, and charge the same to appropriation.—The report was accepted, and the resolution was read three times and passed. The C. C. concurred.

Mr. Taylor offered the following:

Resolved, That the Street Committee be and they are hereby authorized to contract for the grading and paving of Locust street from the line of the present lasting to Butler street.

Read and referred to the Committee on Streets. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Drum presented the bill of L. Y. Clark, amounting to $12, for bill posting, which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Drum presented the following:

Resolved that the gas mains be laid on Wilkins street, from Penn street to Wood's Brewery —about a hundred and fifty feet.

Referred to Committee on Gas Lighting. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Galway presented the following:

Resolved, That the gas mains be laid on Hancock street from Penn street, about a hundred feet.

Referred to Committee on Gas Lighting. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Reed offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas Lighting be instructed to have the Gas mains laid upon the east side of Tunnel street, from Wylie street two hundred feet northwardly.

Referred to committee on Gas Lighting. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Smyth offered the following, which was read three times and passed and concurred in by the Common Council.

Resolved, That the sum of $500 be added to appropriation No. 7, and that the same be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Mr. Clark offered the following, which was read three and passed and concurred in by the Common Council.

Resolved, That the Gas of $100 be taken from the Contingent Fund and applied to the increase of the appropriation on the Monongahela wharf.

Mr. Murdoch offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the Select Council be, and he hereby is, instructed to act as temporary chairman of the finance committee, whilst considering the application of the Alleghany Valley Railroad, inasmuch as the regular chairman will be absent from the city.

A communication was received from Joseph L. Lowry, relative to a new description of Fire Plugs, accompanied with a draft of the same. It was referred to the committee on Fire Engines and Hose, and the Water committee, together with the Superintendent of the Water Works. Not acted on in Common Council.

The resolution appropriating $250 for repairing the roof of the Independence Engine house, which passed S. C. at last meeting, was sent back from C. C. amended by inserting $200 instead of $250. The S. C. receded from their former action and concurred in the action of the C. C.

The sale of the S. C. as a former meeting, recommending the payment by the Diamond Market House Association of $165,00 costs in the cases of Tiernan and others vs. the City to John Taggart, was non-concurred in by C. C. and referred back to the Market Committee. The S. C. receded from their former action and concurred in the action of C. C.

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

John Berkeley, *alias* Wilson, *alias* Williams, was convicted on both charges of Grand Larceny, and on one was sentenced to two years imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

George Ball and Adam Ball were convicted of larceny upon oath of John Gibberich. The defendants are the parties who stole a quantity of shoes and retailed them on Prospect street.—They were remanded for sentence.

John Lamp was acquitted of a charge of Assault and Battery, and the prosecutrix, Catherine Peri was sentenced to pay the costs.

James Campbell was sentenced to pay the costs and give bail in one hundred dollars to keep the peace on an information of surety of the peace brought against him by John Knowlson.

John Campbell was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery preferred by Samuel Johnston, and the latter was sentenced to pay the costs.

John Schahill was arraigned upon an indictment for larceny, but the prosecutor not appearing, and no evidence to establish the charge being in possession of the prosecution, he was discharged.

Samuel Bolton plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery. The defendant was employed in Adams, Macklin & Co., Glass Works, and committed the assault upon the complainant, Francis Laughler, with an iron pipe, because the complainant was whipping defendant's brother. The Court sentenced the defendant to pay 6¼ cents and the costs of prosecution.

Jacob Bower was arraigned on an indictment for larceny upon oath of Henry King. The defendant was charged with stealing two shirts and two pairs of drawers. The Commonwealth failed to make out its case, and the jury rendered a verdict of acquittal without leaving their box.

James *alias* Rosin Graham was arraigned on the charge of firing Cowling's Restaurant, Federal street, Allegheny, on the night of the 19th of April, resulting in the destruction of twelve or fifteen buildings; Roberts and Swartzwelder for Commonwealth; and Hays and Hampton for prisoner.

The following witnesses were examined.

John Cowling sworn—I resided on the 19th of April last on the right hand of Federal street, adjoining the canal. On that night I left the keys of my house with my brother. I keep an oyster house; the building was of frame, and very long. I heard the fire bell about twelve o'clock; came down and helped remove the furniture. Everything was burnt up; the fire lasted about three hours. Have known the defendant since he was ten years old.

Cross examined.—My house extended back about sixty feet; closed my house generally about eleven; there was a ten-pin alley under neath the eating-house; it had been closed for two months; I had charge of it; the chimney in the kitchen was of brick; there was a frame partition on both sides of the chimney; don't know how many bricks deep the chimney was; the chimney was built from the ground up thro' the floor; nobody made an examination next day after the fire. The soot in the chimney has been on fire twice before this fire occurred. No fire ever occurred in the ten-pin alley. In the summer season we kept the restaurant open till the morning train left, but not in winter; we never had an accident in the alley from candles and gas. We had two boxes and one room for visitors; the boxes in front of the bar; the room was behind the bar. The room was heated from the kitchen. The chimney was between the bar-room and the kitchen. Never told anybody that the old house would be burnt down yet if I wasn't more careful. Mr. Anderson lived in the adjoining house. My brother and me were insured for $900; my brother held the lease, and I rented from him; his name is Edward Cowling; I had $300 on my furniture. The policy would have expired in five or six weeks. The policy was for one year. Edward Cowling, sworn—I was at my brother's house the night the fire broke out; I went in next seven, and my brother asked me to mind the house while he was out. I did so. There was one fire in the house that night, and that was in the cooking-stove; the house was lighted with gas. I closed the house about eleven o'clock; business had been slack; it was a warm evening; can't say whether it was moonlight. I live right opposite. My brother's house was on the corner of Washington and Federal streets; none in the alley, as if hadn't been used for almost two months. There had been no customers in the house for near two hours before I closed; closed the front part of the house and went home; went to bed; awoke about twelve, and happened to go to the window, and saw the flames arising from my brother's house in the neighborhood of the pavement. The ten pin alley had been repaired and there were a good many shavings there; I ran over to my brother's and woke his wife up; she had two children with her. I got in by forcing the back door on the porch through; it fronted on Washington street; I took them over to my house; my neighbors were waked up and helped me move a part of the furniture. The whole square was enveloped in flames. I saw them first, were coming up between my brother's house and Mr. Anderson's. There was an opening between the two houses in the basement, but not above. There were a few matches in the house. The house was built on piers. The inside fixtures were frame. Have known the defendant for about eight years; hadn't seen him in my brother's house for six weeks before the fire.

Cross-examined—There was about a gallon of whisky in the house that night. The whisky were in a box on a shelf in the bar-room. There was a long vacant room up stairs. The fire looked as if it had broken out between the houses. There were some people at the fire when I went over first, but can't say how many. Business was dull about the time of the fire.

James Willis sworn—I collect the night of this fire; have known prisoner for five or six years; saw him the night of the fire; he came to the hall door of M'Ginnis' house where I was working, on the corner of South Common and Federal street, about a square from Cowling's. This was about seven or eight minutes after twelve. He asked me if I could give him some matches; I told him I had none to give him — He then asked me if I could give him some paper, I told him I had no paper to give him; I asked him what he wanted with the matches; he told me Mr. Cowling had sent up for some matches to light up to give him a drink. I told him I would give them to him and went back into the bar and got him some—four or five or six. He then started away. He staggered down to the circhstone, and said, "I'm a little drunk to-night"—about fifteen minutes afterwards I saw the fire. It was ten minutes after twelve when I left the door; didn't see him again that night. Cowling's establishment was burned down.

Cross-examined—I watch McGinnis' house at night; I was standing at the hall door when Graham came up. The porter went to the grocery on Graham left. That's the way I know the time, because he asked me to look. Persons came to the house after that time Graham left and before the fire; they were strangers to me. There was a gas post opposite Cowling's house.

Samuel Teets, sworn—Recollect the night of the fire; know Graham; have known him several years; saw him at the fire, corner of Leacock and Federal streets, about 2 o'clock in the morning. Had shortly afterwards the same morning a conversation in a house three doors from Leacock street on Federal; they were giving the firemen a supper; I was at a table eating and he came in, and set two or three chairs from me, and pulled out a couple of chisels; I asked him what he was going to do with them; he allowed he was going to use them; told him he'd better put them in his pocket; had no more conversation at that time. A butcher named Greenwood and I went out to the corner, we were standing there talking, and Graham came along, smoking a cigar, and asked him for one, and just at that time Graham came out. Graham says "come with me and I'll get you a cigar," he and I and Greenwood and another man went up past the fire; we stood there awhile, and he allowed he could see the man that set it; that's the cigar stump. We started down again, he and I behind the others; as we were passing the fire, he said to me, "it was me done this;" I kind of looked at him, and he looked at me and said "it was me put this agoing;" I told him he ought'nt to talk that way, there might be somebody about who would hear him; he allowed he didn't care; we walked a few steps then until the constable arrested him.

Cross-examined—Don't know a woman named Farrington, and never told her I would have my revenge out of Graham; never told Mary Glenn so; never told her that Graham pretty near got me in a tight place and I would get him in a tight place; never had anything but good feelings for Graham.

Adjourned.

SUPREME COURT.—Before Chief Justice Lowrie, and Judges Lowrie, Woodward, Knox and Black.

TUESDAY, Oct. 28.—M'Kay as George P. Smith & Co.; No. 10, 1856. Error to the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver county; judgment of non pros.

O'Donnell vs Mullen; No. 88, 1856. Error to the Court of Common Pleas of Butler county; argued by Graham for plaintiff in error.

M'Closky, et al vs Cyperi; No. 13. 1856. Error to the Court of Common Pleas of Clarion county; argued by Shannon for plaintiff in error, and by Reid for defendant in error.

Pearson vs Wallace; No. 35, 1856. Appeal from decree of the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence county; argued by M'Gifin for appellant; and by M'Comb for appellee.

The court having disposed of the list for the 17th and 18th Districts, adjourned till Wednesday, November 5th, at ten o'clock A. M.

ESCAPE OF OFFENSIVE GASES.—The President of the Allegheny Gas Company requests us to say that the article in *The Chronicle* reflecting upon the Company for permitting a stench to arise from the Penitentiary sewer, is unfounded, the Company not using that or any other sewer to run off its gasses and vapors, but having a deep well for that purpose.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton.

Empire City Bank, for use, vs. Jacob Grau; verdict for plaintiff for $566,62.

Robert Robb vs. David Greer, Jr.; Foreign attachment. The plaintiff offered in evidence the record of a Judgment in the Inferior Court of Muscogee county, Georgia, wherein Robert Robb is plaintiff and David Greer, Jr., defendant, entered on July 15, 1847, for $600 debt, $36,96 interest up to that time, and $6,75 costs.

The defendant's counsel objected, that the certificate represented the Judge as a Judge of an inferior Court; that it did not represent him as a presiding Judge, and that it did not purport to give the whole record but only a part of it. The objections were overruled by the Court, and a bill of exceptions filed. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,006,82.

John Hickman, Administrator of Moses Gutner vs. James McCully. This was an action brought to recover the value of 308 barrels of flour which had been destroyed by fire in McCully's warehouse, on Penn street, in July, 1853. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant induced him to store the flour there on the assurance that the building was safe and that there was a sufficient amount of insurance to cover the value thereof in case of fire. The case assumes its importance and interest to merchants from the fact that there are several others of a similar nature. About 6000 barrels of flour were in the warehouse at the time it was burned. The defendants allege that no consideration was given for the safety and insurance of the flour, and hence they say they are not liable for its loss. The case is still on trial.

ACQUITTAL OF M'CREARY.—The town was taken by surprise yesterday by another verdict of acquittal in the United States Court—acquittals are the order of the day there—in the case of United States vs M'Creary. Nearly every person who heard and read the testimony expected a different result. We suppose the verdict was agreed upon by discrediting the chief witness for the prosecution, though his testimony was supported in the material points by other witnesses, and his character for truth sustained by many of the most respectable and influential citizens of Washington county. This was all the jury were to know about the matter; if they were influenced by any previous knowledge they travelled out of the line of their duty.

Judge Shaler, in commenting on Monday upon the number of acquittals in the U. S. Court intimated his intention to resign his position as District Attorney, as though many of the clearest cases of crime had been pressed by him, no conviction followed. He supposed as the fault could not be attributed to the Court or the Jury it must be to him. With this conclusion, no one who has listened to the cases for the government in the trials alluded to will agree. The fault beyond doubt rests somewhere else. Jurymen should look at this matter more closely: one of the most common crimes of the day is the uttering and passing of counterfeit United States coin, and a verdict of acquittal in every case is only an encouragement.

PASSING SPURIOUS COIN.—On Monday afternoon, a man named James Culbertson was arrested and brought before Aldermian Wilson, charged with passing spurious coin. He went into a store on Liberty street and purchased some eight cigars, offering in payment a spurious Spanish quarter dollar, which was detected by the store keeper. Afterwards he went into another store and passed two quarters of the same description, but on their being pronounced to be spurious, he redeemed them. Previous to this he passed one of the quarters on John Myers, a boarder at Keller's tavern, on Penn st., Fifth Ward, who went and made information against him. On being searched, ten dollars in Mexican quarters and thirty-four dollars in U. S. half dollars, all spurious, were found upon him. He was committed to jail to answer the charge at the next United States Court. He will be acquitted, of course.

MACHINE POETRY.—Do you wish to cut a dash? Take your cash, to A. M'Tighe's, at Fifth and Grant, with your aunt, or your husband or your beau; for M'Tighe's the man, we know, to dress you up from head to toe if you go. Do you wish to dress up gay? biz away, to M'Tighe, I do not joke, and get a cloak. Have you spent your money all? make your husband buy a shawl. At M'Tighe can suit you all, great and small; if your purse is something less, then, I guess, you can buy a handsome dress, nothing less—a handsome worsted plaid, to make your husband glad, and set your neighbor mad, can be had, cheap for cash, at A. M'Tighe's, corner of Grant and Fifth streets.

BOARD OF LICENSERS.—Leopold Sahel was heard yesterday on an application for license to keep a hotel.

The house on Washington, 24 Ward, Pittsburgh, withdrew his application for license

The sessions of the Board for this month will close to-day. No license will be granted until the bonds are approved. Those interested will please take notice.

THE CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.—We understand that this company is negotiating for land for depot buildings in Manchester. It is the intention of the Company to run a steam tug to connect with the city.

AGRICULTURAL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Agricultural Society will be held this morning at ten o'clock.

A Superior Piano Forte and Household furniture will be sold this afternoon at Davis' Auction Rooms.

A quantity of Teas, Sugar, Liquors &c., will be sold this morning at Davis' Auction Rooms.

AMUSEMENTS.

All Advertisements of Concerts or Public Amusements must be paid for invariably in advance.

FREMONT SOIREE

GRAND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Songs for the People.

The Fremont Glee Clubs of Pittsburgh and Allegheny will give a Grand Musical Entertainment FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN KANSAS, at Lafayette Hall, on

Friday Evening, Oct. 31st, 1856.

The entertainment will consist of Fremont Songs and Glees, and other pieces, which will be announced in future notices.

Doors open at 6½ o'clock; performance to commence at 7½. Admission 25 cents.

C. W. SATCHELOR,
R. P. MCDOWELL,
H. L. WELLS,
Committee of Arrangements.

Tickets for sale at J. R. Weldin's book store, Pittsburg, B Olschbrah's book store, Allegheny, and at Fremont Head Quarters, corner of 4th and Wood sts., Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.

Lessee and Manager.....JOSEPH C. FORTESQUE.
Stage Manager.....J. BUSHEE. Acting Manager, G. J. FOSTER

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Boxes and Parquette.....50 | Private Boxes, large...$4 to $5
Second Tier.....25 | Private Boxes, small...$ 00
Boxes for colored persons.....25

Last night but three of MISS MATILDA HERON'S engagement, who will on this occasion, for the particular desire, appear in her own great play of MADGE, being positively the last time it can be represented this season.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 29th, 1856.
Will be performed for the fourth time in this theatre Miss HERON'S great play of
MADGE.
Medea, Miss Matilda Heron, Orosse, Julia M. Cook; Jason, Mr. Leonard.
A fairy dance by.....Miss H Lang.
* The whole to conclude with the grand spectacle of
LA FILLE DE L'EXILE.
Ivanhoe, G. Foster; Isaac of York, Nourse; Lady Rowena Mrs. Young; Rebecca, Julia M. Cook.
NOTICE.—To morrow night, Miss Heron in a great part.
New in preparation and will shortly be produced in a grand style, DEMON.
NB Doors open at 7; curtain rises at 7½ o'clock.

AUCTION SALES.

P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer,
Commercial Sale Rooms, corner of Wood and 5th st.

GOLD & SILVER WATCHES, GUNS, &c., At Auction—On Thursday evening, Oct. 30th, at 7 o'clock, at the commercial sales rooms, will be sold, an extensive assortment second hand Gold and Silver Watches; Fine Fowling Pieces; German Silver Table and Tea Spoons, superior Violin, 2 Guitars, 12 sets Mathematical Instruments, 2 superior new Violins, 2 second hand Double Barrel Guns, 1 Revolving Pistol &c.
oct29 P. M. DAVIS Auct.

SUPERIOR PIANO FORTE At Auction—On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 29th, at 3 o'clock, at the commercial sales rooms corner of Wood and 5th st. will be sold, a superior Rosewood case Piano Forte, 6½ octaves, nearly new.
oct28 P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

TEAS, SUGAR, LIQUORS, &c., At Auction—On Wednesday morning, 29th inst. at 10 o'clock, at the commercial sales rooms corner of Wood and Fifth streets, will be sold,
11 chests Young Hyson and Black Teas,
3 bbls N. O Sugar,
6 bbls Alcohol Whisky,
6 casks Madeira Wine,
Cigars, &c. &c.
oct28 P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

15 CASES BOOTS & SHOES At Auction—On Friday morning, Oct. 31st, at 10 o'clock, at the commercial sales rooms, corner of Wood and 5th sts. will be sold,
96 pr Mens' super Kip Boots,
276 " Brogans,
The above are a fresh desirable stock, suited to the season.
oct28 P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

VALUABLE LAW LIBRARY At Auction—On Wednesday evening, Oct. 29th, at 7 o'clock, at the commercial sales rooms corner of Wood and 5th sts., will be sold, by catalogue and carefully selected Law Library, principally composed of the very latest and best editions of Reports, Treatises, Digests &c., which have been purchased new but a short time, and cannot well be distinguished. Catalogues are now ready.
oct28 P. M. DAVIS Auct.

PRATT'S CLOSING SALE OF BOOKS—On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Oct. 27th, 28th and 29th, at 7 o'clock, at the commercial sales rooms, corner of Wood and Fifth streets, will be sold the last and close big sale of Books in Pratt's 10th annual sale to this city, which will embrace many of the most valuable works of his collection, such as Irving's Mahomet, Waverly novels, Britton's quartet, Encyclopedia Americana, Wilson's tales of the Border, Shakespeare, Chambers Edinburgh Publication, N.Y. Willis' writings, Goodrich's works, M'Culloch's commercial dictionary, Ures' dictionary, London gallery of pictures, American in Europe, and nearly all the standard works, as well as several hundred reams fine letter and commercial note paper, superior gold pens, &c., all of which must be closed out in the above named evenings.

Now is the time for great bargains. Books at private sale during the day at very low prices.
oct27 P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

SUNDRIES—300 bags Rio Coffee;
100 bbls S. H. Molasses;
40 " Golden Syrup do;
25 hhds N O & P Sugar;
1000 pkgs. New Market do;
250 boxes Soaps;
500 kegs pure White Lead;
500 " No 1 Lard;
50 bbls No. 1 Lard;
10 box New Cheese Rack;
25 " Tobacco.
In store and for sale by
WATT & WILSON,
No 62 Liberty street.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION, FOR OCT.

JAS. W. HALDEMAN, V.P.—J. W. DOWLER, F. L. RITTER, D. H. WILLIAMS, T. B. USCHER.

REVIEW OF THE PITTSBURGH MARKET.

For the Week ending Oct. 29, 1856.

Business is moderately brisk, considering the suspended navigation of the rivers. The jobbers meet with a fair run of orders, and the manufacturers and produce dealers would be busy, if the stocks of the former of Sugar and Molasses and of the latter of breadstuffs, were larger.

Considerable rain has fallen during the week, and the rivers have swollen a few inches; but it will require much heavier and more continuous rains than any we have had, to bring the rivers up to a good boating stage.

The demand for money is brisk and the market may be said to be growing tight. The banks are carrying all the paper they deem it wise to hold, having their discount lines quite full, and considerable first class paper is finding its way to the street. Paper strictly No 1 is placed at from 8@12 per cent. Eastern exchange is rather scarce, and the banks are drawing at ¼ premium.

The money intelligence from the East and from Europe is not considered favorable; and although the west is in too good a condition to be affected directly by the disturbing causes elsewhere, the indirect results must be felt every where. Germany has just passed the culminating point of a financial crisis, and France is just approaching the same point. The result in both, eventually, will be the same; the moneyed men and merchants will find that they have carried themselves through by a system of sacrifices and heavy discounts on loans which many of them will find eventually ruinous, and from which they will be unable to recover. In the meantime, the whole commercial body in Europe seems to be excited, disturbed and apprehensive, with no very well defined expectations of the future.

The main effect of these things upon this country will be a heavy drain upon us for our gold. Our large indebtedness to Europe—rendered too large by reckless importations this year—will have to be paid for in coin. Fortunately, we are in a position to bear easily a good deal of this. Our California receipts average four millions a month; and the reserves held by the sub-treasury and banks being large, there is some margin for a heavy depletion. We speak of this as a possible rather than a probable event; but if it should happen, the merest tyro in finance can figure out the serious stringency in money matters that would follow in this country.

The N Y Tribune of Monday says:

The imports of the week at other than Dry Goods are $1,917,417, against $1,625,179 last year. The aggregate for the week is:

	1855.	1856.
Dry Goods,	$1,598,160	$780,072
General Merchandize,	1,626,179	1,917,412
Total,	$3,224,339	$2,702,484
Previously,	117,425,810	178,454,958
Total since Jan 1,	$120,650,149	$181,157,459

The exports of the week, exclusive of Specie, are $1,254,184, against $1,765,176 last year. The total since 1st January is:

	1855.	1856.
This week,	$1,765,176	$1,256,184
Previously,	91,852,470	58,214,159
Total,	$93,617,645	$59,867,343

The imports of specie for the week and for the year 1855, thus far, were as follows:

Total for the week	$219,766 27
Previously reported	20,657,730 39
Total, 1856	$20,877,496 66

In addition to the above, $155,000 went from here for the Boston steamer, making, with the loss to the Sub-Treasury, an aggregate of about $500,000 for the week.

There is considerable movement on call loans in Stock circles, but the supply of money is good, and after the first of the month it will be difficult to borrow on any day during the week. The contraction of the banks is still going on, but the effect is not severely felt. First class short paper is not pressing on the market, and goes without difficulty at 8@9 per cent. The currency is, however, for good names at four or six months 9 to 10 @ 12 per cent.

The Arabia's mails have been received. The City articles of the London journals speak of a continued activity in money, notwithstanding the high rates of interest, and allude to some symptoms of relief in Paris. The arrivals at Liverpool have been moderate, and almost wholly from the United States, the entire of which have been swallowed up in the export demand.

There were two failures of some importance among the produce dealers last week, and rumors as to the standing of some others. But these cases are generally considered as exceptional, and it is the prevalent opinion, the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser says, that business never stood on a firmer basis than at present.

The New York Evening Post says: The provision dealers are to whom we alluded yesterday as having failed, were Messrs. Hendrickson & Co., and Messrs. Hall & Nephews. They were very heavy, and their flour and grain dealings have also been large. The failure of this firm will weaken many other firms in New York and the country.

We learn, also, that much of the large indebtedness of this house is owing to the West, to Milwaukie and Chicago especially; and the banks who hold their paper will suffer severely. The goods of the house are said to be ample for a failure, but dishonored, amount, it is stated, to $70,000. Some banks were also shipped very heavily in the meantime, on grain on speculation, getting advances from the agents of the consignees. The creditors figure individually for large sums. There is much excitement on the Corn Exchange in consequence of this failure.

The Cincinnati Gazette of Monday says:

The week has been unusually dull and unsettled today. One of the leading houses did not draw, and others checked mostly at premium. The rate, however, cannot be said to have been fully established, though the indications are that the market will settle at ¼@¾ premium. The demand, however, is moderate, and manufacturers are not disposed to supply themselves at these rates beyond current wants. Good customers quiet at ¼@¾ premium. We have no change to notice in Money matters. The demands somewhat in advance of the supply; but there is no pressure in the market and first class paper has not yet been offered in the street to any extent.

The failure of Thomas Lee & Co., announced by telegraph from New York, was the leading subject of conversation to-day on 'Change, and general anxiety was manifested to learn the names of other houses referred to in the dispatch. One of the latter was Snyder, Reed & Co. The failure of this house was known to our bankers three days ago, but nothing has been said with reference to it in public. It did but little, if any, business in this city. Theodore Perry & Co. have been the principal purchasers of Lee in this market, for years. For six months past, and to their operations the high relative prices maintained here, as compared with New York, are attributable. The house speculated largely in breadstuffs and provisions, but the failure was not, it is believed, caused by recent losses. Heavy losses were made a year ago on stocks and produce, and these have been increased rather than diminished by the business of the past season. No statement of affairs has been published by the firm.

At Philadelphia the Government market is still unsettled under the late advices from abroad; there are no changes in rates, but prime paper rose slow at 9@10 ₱ cent.@ annum, the tendency being upward.

At Boston money is abundantly supplied at from 8 to ¾ ₱ cent for desirable paper, and up to 9 and 10 for good second class engagements.

In Cincinnati increased stringency is observable in the money market. The Discount Houses have in several instances been taxed to their utmost ability to accommodate their customers. First class names 1 ₱ cent ₱ month. Exchange on New York has declined, and the rates are now 1 ₱ cent discount buying and selling.

The advance in the market is very firm. Oils are generally unchanged. Sugar is firm with an active market.

LONDON MONEY MARKET, Oct. 14.—The money market is a trifle more stringent. Consols for money closed at 91¾@92¾.

The Atlantic left Liverpool at noon on the 15th. Off Arrmshead she saw the ship Tonawanda from Philadelphia, on the 23d she saw the Arego, and on the 27th the Erricsson.

Letters from Paris on the financial crisis state that it is less unfavorable. The bullion in the Bank is said to be increasing both at Paris and the branches.

A camp of 40,000 is to be established soon at Chalons Sur Marne.

Prince Mehemet Ali of Egypt has arrived at Paris.

PARIS.—It is rumored that the Rothschilds have contracted with the Bank of France to supply gold to the amount of £6,400,000.

Revolutionary documents addressed to the Italian people purporting to be signed by a committee for the people and students of Paris, have been secretly posted in various quarters in Paris. It urges them and promises assistance.

Latest from California

ARRIVAL OF THE ILLINOIS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The steamer Illinois arrived at 3 o'clock P. M., with San Francisco dates to the 5th, and $1,632,000 in specie. She also brings 400 passengers. The principal consignees of the treasure are: Wells & Fargo, $300,000; Drexel & Co., $225,000; Metropolitan Bank, $200,000; Howland & Aspinwall, $133,000; William Hoge $118,000; Duncan & Sherman, $110,000; Thomas Watson $23,000 and G. W. Wines, $10,000.

Business in San Francisco was improving and the mining intelligence was encouraging.

Ex-Governor M'Dougall was arrested on his arrival out charged with illegal voting.

The jury in the case of Ex-Collector Hammond, on trial for embezzling the public monies had disagreed.

The Grand Jury of San Mateo Co., found an indictment against Ex-Governor M'Dougall for frauds at the May election, and he was held to bail in $500.

Dr. Armstrong was murdered near Sacramento, by a man named Colebrook, and while the latter was being examined the citizens broke into the court, disarmed the officers and seizing the prisoner, carried him off and hung him upon a tree.

The suit of Meslek versus Sunderland has been decided in the Supreme Court in favor of plaintiff, giving him a title to one-third of the city of Sacramento, worth $3,000,000.

The papers publish a letter from Col. Fremont in answer to a letter of inquiry addressed by the editor of the San Francisco Bulletin to the three Presidential candidates. The other candidates, the Bulletin says, declined to answer. Fremont's letter has given great satisfaction to the citizens generally.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.—Gallego Flour $15,50; Better 35c; Mess Pork $35; Lard 23c; Whisky 62½c.

Advices from Oregon state that the prospect of peace with the Indians is very flattering.

Capt. Bowman of U. S. army became insane and wandered from his friends; his body was afterwards found in the woods.

There is nothing important from Washington Territory.

The ship of war John Adams arrived at Honolulu; all well.

There is nothing important from the Isthmus.

Lieut. Chas. W. Aby of the frigate Saratoga, died at Aspinwall on the 7th inst.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Cotton quiet with sales 600 bales. Flour steady with sales 15,000 bbls. Wheat firm; sales 92,000 bush. Corn buoyant; sales 44,000 bush. Pork firm. Beef quiet.—Lard firm. Whiskey steady at 34. Coffee dull and ½ lower; small sales Rio at 10@11¼. Sugar buoyant; sales 1700 hhds N. O. Molasses quiet. Freights easier. Tallow easier; 100,000 lbs at 12¾. Bacon quiet. Butter firm at 16@21. Linseed Oil steady; sales 4000 gall's at $1,06. Stocks are dull.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 28.—Flour dull and heavy; sales 214 bbls at $6,80@5,90. The imports since yesterday were 2239 bbls. Wheat steady with a good demand; sales 400 bush prime red at $1,18. Rye active at 75@77. Whisky, no sales; prices nominally 23c. Sugar unchanged, demand fair, sales 19 hhds fair Cuba at 8½. Molasses, sales 71 bbls at 35; the market is very firm. The river is unchanged; weather cloudy and cool.

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150 casks Extract Logwood,	100 bbls Venetian Red,
200 kegs Sup. Carb Soda,	600 lbs Oil Sassafras,
250 gals Sweet Oil,	100 bbls Dye Woods,
100 lbs Citric Acid,	300 lbs Oil Origanum,
200 " Oil Spruce,	20 cases Gum Arabic,
200 ounces Iodine,	50 bbls Epsom Salts,
100 lbs English Cakemel,	50 " Yellow Ochre,
150 " Blue Mass,	25 " Black Lead,
125 bbls Lampblack,	60 " Alum,
100 " Whiting,	20 " Flour Sulphur,
10 " Putty,	25 " Roll Brimstone,
	67 bbls Tanners' Oil,
	25 " Bleached Sperm Oil,
	15 " Powd lm Sack,
	25 " Spanish Brown,
	12 cases Gum Shellac,
	15 bbls Refined Borax,
	10 cases English Lustre,