PITTSBURGH:
MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1856.

IMPORTANT DECISION—PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TAXES.—Our readers are aware that efforts have been made for some time past on the part of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to relieve the road of the State, county and city taxes on property within the city limits, and that on Saturday a week ago, another step was taken by the solicitors of the company in the Common Pleas, in a motion to stay the proceedings of the collectors, who had seized upon a locomotive for security, until the appeal to the Court was determined.

On Saturday, Judge McClure read a lengthy and able opinion upon the application, the substance of which is embodied in what follows: The Court proceeded to say that this matter was an appeal from the County Commissioners to the Court of Common Pleas, setting forth that the Company was aggrieved by the assessment of taxes, and praying the Court to set aside the decision of the Commissioners so as to be relieved from the payment of the taxes, the Court to declare the property not liable to be taxed for such purposes. The Court was asked to make absolute the rule staying all proceedings until the Court has determined the appeal. The Court then recited the law of 1852, which gives to individuals in cases of appeals the right to a trial by a jury of five or seven men. The justice declined the jury, and threw the whole matter on the Court alone, and demanded a decree; whatever that decree might be, the Supreme Court could not interfere with it, as it was final. Inasmuch as the question was of great public importance, the Court would set forth the reasons upon which the opinion was based.

1st. Had the Court of Common Pleas jurisdiction under the act in the matters set forth in the petition?

2nd. Had the County Commissioners jurisdiction?

In this case the question was—the right to tax at all, the party claimed a total exemption; the Court was asked not to say that the assessment was exorbitant, but that it was null and void. The Court were of opinion that the act did not mean that a majority of five or seven men could proceed so summarily to fix finally and forever what is and what is not exempt from taxation. The act only creates a speedy and easy way of adjusting the rates of assessment, and was in harmony with the whole body of acts and judicial decisions relating to taxes; it did not invest three or four men with the power to say what should or should not be exempt, and this decision to be final.

Public necessity demanded that no impediment be thrown in the way of the collection of taxes. Government must go on; right or wrong taxes must be collected. There can be no prevention, but there is redress. The Court could reduce taxes but could not set them aside altogether.

The Court therefore affirmed the decision of the County Commissioners in refusing to abate the taxes.

It overruled the motion to stay proceedings.

The rest of the appeal was dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

WARD NOMINATIONS.—Several of the Wards nominated Ward Republican tickets on Saturday night last

SECOND WARD.—The following ticket was nominated:

Select Council—A. S. Bell.
Common Council—J. J. Bennett, A. McClintock, A. McFarland.
Judge—W. P. Funderburg.
Inspector—Robert Rogers.
Assessor—Jno. Green.
Constable—W. C. Wray.
School Directers—C. A. Batchelor, Minas Tindle.

FOURTH WARD.—Over three hundred and fifty votes were cast.

Select Council—James McAuley.
Common do. Wm. R. Brown, N. Holmes, jr.
Alderman—P. R. Kincaid.
School Directors—Richard Hays, J. Fullerton.
Constable—John Wagley.
Judge—J. R. Clarke.
Inspector—John Hare.

FIFTH WARD.—Nearly three hundred votes were cast.

Judge—James Blair.
Inspector—George Wilson.
Assessor—Caleb Russell.
Constable—Henry Sherrer.
Select Council—Alexander H. Miller.
Common Council—James Reace, David Fitzimmons, Joseph Ross, Dr. H. Snyser.
School Directors—Henry Murphy, George W. Coffin.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Singerly that the Republicans of the Ward acquiesce in the nomination of Mr Weaver for the Mayoralty, and recommend him to the cordial support of the Republicans of the city.

A PROPOSED NEW COAL RAILROAD.—On Saturday, in the Court of Common Pleas, Sir Sproul, of the firm of Williams & Sproul, and Judge Shannon, presented to the Court a petition of Messrs. Jones & Lauth for the appointment of six viewers to assess the damages upon property surveyed for a new coal railroad, at Brownstown, running three quarters of a mile, and terminating at the Monongahela river. A number of the property holders were present through counsel to object to the petition.

Mr. Woods appeared for Thomas and Joseph McClurg, and objected that to touch the property of his clients, the road would have to curve where there was not the least occasion for so doing in the nature of the property adjoining.

Geo. P. Hamilton, Esq., for the executors of John McClurg, deceased, objected that the road was a private concern, and the coal would not be profitable unless they trespassed upon the rights of private property. Jones & Lauth were not the owners of the coal at all; they do not intend in good faith to build a railroad for public use, but to their rolling mill. The coal property belonged to C. Thomas. He asked that proceedings be stayed until the title of the petitioners be entered of record—and until the proper parties were in Court.

J. L. Koethen appeared for the Ormsby's, and in support of Mr. Hamilton's objections, said that the plan did not show that petitioners had any land whatever.

Judge Shannon replied at some length. The Court declined making the appointment, until an issue was made, and an opportunity was had to decide upon the legality of the objections.

MEETING OF DELIAVEN MEN.—The DeHaven men of Allegheny met in Republican Hall on Saturday night. The organization was as follows:

President—W. W. Martin.
Vice President—James Miller.
Secretary—James McBrier.

The chair read a document expressive of the sentiment of the meeting; after which, upon motion, the nomination of Harmar DeHaven was ratified. Messrs. Dill, McClinnis, Smith (D. W.) Dr. Herron and Davidson were appointed to inform Mr. DeHaven of the action of the meeting. They shortly returned and reported that Mr. DeHaven placed himself in the hands of his Republican friends. Report accepted and Committee discharged.

A motion was made to appoint a Committee to wait upon Messrs. DeHaven and Sawyer and request them to refer the matter to the people.

A Sawyer man demanded a pledge that the DeHaven men would abide by that decision.—The pledge was put by the Chair and voted down.

The motion was carried and therefore a Committee could be appointed. The meeting adjourned.

ALLEGED FOUL PLAY.—The *Chronicle* says:—On Thursday night a man named J. McGeecy was found lying on the street, infront of a house near the corner of Washington and Prospect sts. He was in an insensible condition, and the Guardians of the Poor, thinking his life in danger, sent him to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital next day. He remained there till this (Saturday) morning, when he expired. From inquiries made it was ascertained that he had been at a house in the neighborhood where he was found on Thursday evening, and that he got into a fight there, which resulted in his being thrown violently into the street. The supposition is that the injuries he received even more than the exposure to which he was subjected, caused his death.

THE annual election of officers for the Young Men's Christian Association will take place this evening at the rooms of the association, over James K. Reed & Co.'s Jewelry store, Fifth street.

A meeting of the association will be held, commencing at 7½ o'clock. A full attendance of the membership is requested.

JOHN H. CLARKE, Sec'y.

THE FILLMORITES AND THE MAYORALTY.—An adjourned meeting of the Fillmore City Convention was held on Saturday evening.

The balloting resulted in the nomination of Daniel M'Curdy for the Mayoralty. Several Committees were appointed, after which the Convention adjourned.

THE PANORAMA.—All who have seen Dr. Barclay's Panorama of Jerusalem, concur in awarding it a high measure of praise; all classes of our readers will find the hour spent it witnessing it, well spent and profitable.

A LARGE stock of fresh goods, comprising staple and fancy goods, clothing, boots and shoes, just received from the East, for immediate sale, will be closed out this morning at Davis' sales rooms, in large lots to the trade.

PROVOKING THEFT.—Dr. Ward's larder was robbed on Christmas morning of all the fowls and pastry in readiness for Christmas day. Dr. W. resides on Penn street; a number of other residences in the vicinity were also entered.

INSTITUTION CHARTERED.—On motion of W. O. Leslie, Esq., the Court on Saturday granted a charter to the Metropolitan Building and Loan Association.

THE SCHENLEY ESTATE.—Capt. Schenley, in a letter to the Allegheny Councils, objects to the payment of $26,000, assessed for grading and paving the streets bounding his extensive property, on the ground that the sum is exorbitant, and the work poorly done. The letter was referred to the Street Committee with instructions to inquire into the allegations in the letter.

PRIMARY MEETINGS.—The Democracy held their primary meetings on Saturday night.

WILMINGTON, Delaware, October 23, 1856.—MESSRS. CLARK.—*Gentlemen*: This is to certify that the mills of your patent owned by the Messrs. Gilpin & Co., and now in full operation in the Brandywine Mills in this city, have fully come up to their expectations, and are all you represented them to be. With one mill we can make sixty barrels of flour in twenty four hours, and a yield of twenty-four and a half barrels to the hundred bushels of wheat. This, after having given the mills a fair trial, appears to be the average yield from good wheat.

Yours respectfully, JOSEPH PENRY.
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Messrs. T. & E. & James M. Clark have one of the full sized mills in constant operation at Ryan's Building, No. 31 Fifth street, Pittsburgh, where they offer for sale the patent right for many valuable counties and States throughout the Union; and also the European patent, which has lately been granted for this valuable invention, which is attracting so great attention, not only in the United States, but throughout Europe.

Sales amounting to ten thousand dollars have been made within the last four weeks, and sales of greater amounts are under negotiation.

The Messrs. Clark can be consulted at No. 31 Fifth street, and during the evening at the Perry Hotel, corner of Hancock street and Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1md26.

RHEUMATISM, in its most aggravated form, disappears from the system like frost before the rising sun, when *Carter's Spanish Mixture* is brought to bear upon it. This great purifier of the blood dives at once to the root of all such diseases, and drives it from limb to limb, and joint to joint, until its stronghold is captured, and it is forced out of the system through the pores of the skin. Let the suffering try it and become healed.

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The following statement of the Affairs of the Company, is published in conformity with a Provision of its Charter:

Premiums marked off from Nov. 1, 1855, to Oct. 31, 1856—

On Marine and Inland Risks	$426,604 23
On Fire Risks	118,613 95
	$545,118 23
Premiums on Policies not marked off Nov. 1, 1855	207,736 81
Premiums marked off from 1st Nov. 1855, to Oct. 31, 1856—	$752,904 04
On Marine and Inland Risks	$371,971 83
On Fire Risks	102,560 59
	$474,532 42
Interest, &c. rec'd during same period	21,660 25
	$496,072 67
Losses, Expenses, &c., during the year as above—	
Marine and Inland Navigation Losses	$275,080 44
Fire Losses	73,529 98
Return Premiums, Reinsurance & Agency charges	97,633 26
Expenses, Rent, Salaries, Stationery &c	17,210 15
	$463,453 82
The Assets of the Company are as follows—	
Bonds and Mortgages, and Real Estate	$101,350 94
$50,150 Philadelphia city 6 per cent. Loan	45,135 00
$1,677 77 do Warrants	931 53
$15,000 Phila. Wilm. and Balt. R. R. 6 per cent loan	12,600 00
$10,000 Camden and Amboy RR. 6 per ct. Loan	14,000 00
$10,000 do do do do	1,000 00
$20,000 Penna. R'd. 2d mortgage, 6 per ct Bonds	17,000 00
$20,000 do do. RR mortgage do do	12,000 00
103 shares Penna. RR Company	4,887 50
100 do North Penna. RR Company	1,125 00
6 do Phila. Baltimore & Grave Steam Tow Boat Company	600 00
2 shares Philadelphia and Savannah Steam Navigation Company	200 00
2 shares Philadelphia Exchange Company	121 00
Scrip and Stock of sundry Insurance Companies	11,444 43
Bills Receivable	212,885 34
Cash on hand	37,611 25
Estimate due at Agencies—Fire, Inland Marine Policies recently issued, and other debts due the Company	121,685 01
Subscription Notes	150,000 00
	$700,524 67

NOVEMBER, 3, 1856

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of SIX PER CENT. in Cash, on the Capital Stock, and SIX PER CENT. on the Scrip of the Company, payable on and after 1st proximo.

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The following statement exhibits the business and condition of the Company to Nov. 1st, 1856:

Risks, to Nov. 1st, 1856	$214,651 00
Fire Premiums	176,709 61
Interest on Loans	8,764 47
Total Receipts	$400,125 58
Paid Marine Losses	$24,437 04
Paid Fire do	29,737 89
Expenses, Salaries and Commissions	45,489 00
Reinsurance, Return Premiums and Agency charges	27,474 68
	$127,139 61
Balance Remaining with Company	$273,057 07

The ASSETS of the Company are as follows—

Phila. City and County Bonds	$ 16,848 18	
Railroad Bonds	11,930 00	Cost price
First Mortgages, Real Estate	143,350 00	
Stocks, Collaterals, on call	22,409 00	
Girard and Consolidation Bank Stock	5,275 00	
Deposited with Duncan, Sherman & Co., New York	20,000 00	
Deferred Payment on Stock not yet due	97,700 00	
Notes for Marine Premiums	106,080 59	
Due from Agents, secured by Bonds	33,386 18	
Premiums on Policies recently issued, and debts due the Co.	24,470 58	
Balance in Banks	10,426 74	
		$523,057 07

The Board of Directors have this day declared a

Dividend of 15 Per Cent.,

Payable on demand, on the business of the Company, to the 1st inst.

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The assets of the Company, on January 1st, 1856, as published agreeably to the Act of Assembly, were as follows, viz:

Mortgages	$291,000 00
Real Estate	21,277 00
Temporary Loans	55,000 11
Stocks	61,000 00
Cash, &c	64,346 61
	$1,092,623 72

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