GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 23, 1857.

FIRE PLUGS.—As there is a great deal of trouble experienced lately by the freezing of fire plugs, and the difficulty of thawing them, we will give a description of an apparatus used in Philadelphia, invented lately, for this purpose, and would recommend it to the consideration of all. It was tried in that city the other day, by the Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

The contrivance consists of a boiler and tank, with a hand forcing pump and gutta percha hose. The fire is built in the furnace with kindling wood prepared with camphene, and steam is thus generated in a few minutes. The "nut" is taken from the fire plug and a small hose is screwed in, and the other hose, to which a long branch pipe is appended, is thrust down to the bottom of the plug outside the pipe. The steam, at a pressure of from five to seven pounds to the inch, is now put on, and in a few minutes the ice becomes melted and the water flows. This is ascertained by the cold water rushing from the plug into the boiler. The heat of the iron plug and pipes is so great as to completely dry the straw which is usually packed around the pipes of the plugs in the cold season.

The whole apparatus is very portable, and it is not expensive, while it is so effective that a frozen plug can generally be thawed out in a very few minutes. The idea was first suggested by Marshal Murphy, who used a somewhat similar contrivance in thawing a frozen hydrant pipe at his own house. Mr. Ogden improved upon the idea first suggested by the Marshal, and the result is a very effective apparatus for the accomplishment of a very important object.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.—An examination of candidates for admission to this institution from the different Ward Schools was held on Thursday. Just one hundred applicants presented themselves—fifty-five females and forty-five males. The candidates are required to have attended one year previously at one of the ward schools. They are examined in Chirography, Orthography, Algebra, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and History—ten questions to each of the five latter branches. As many applicants as prove themselves competent are admitted, and there can be no partiality, as the different applicants are known only by the number on the card which is furnished to them. Only the number is put at the head of the sheet on which the solutions are given and the decision is made on the merits. The result cannot be announced until Monday next, as the careful examination of the different solutions—six thousand in number—will consume considerable time, and can scarcely be concluded before Saturday.

An examination of the scholars at present in the school, of whom there are about a hundred and twenty, will take place on Monday, for the purpose of ascertaining the progress they have made during the last term. The fall course in the school is four years. There are now four Divisions, admitted at different times, and the examination yesterday will make way for the fourth. An examination of applicants takes place twice a year, in January and July. The next will be between the 4th and 10th of the latter month.

NOTHING has yet been heard of McKinney the supposed murderer of young Norcross at Altoona, last week. The father of the deceased who was expected at Altoona on Wednesday, from his home in Massachusetts, has been kept back by the snow on the Railroad, and the body still lies at the former place unburied. Means are being taken, we understand, to obtain some information in regard to this mysterious affair from Danielith, Ill., where the deceased had been residing for some years past. The proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, where he stopped all night with McKinney before starting East from Pittsburgh, describes him as pale and delicate in appearance, with a very intelligent and mild countenance. He was suffering from a tumor on his side, and it is supposed by some that he fell in with this companion somewhere on his route, and that the latter had been very attentive to him in his illness, leading the young man to suppose he was a disinterested friend. We have heard that it is very probable that the man's real name who accompanied him is John Kinney, and not M'Kinney, as a man of that name, is a very desperate character, answering the description given of M'Kinney at the Eagle Hotel, who formerly resided in this city, but parted from his wife here and left for the West, was afterwards seen by some one from this vicinity who knew him, in the neighborhood of Danleith, Ill. The real circumstances and facts in regard to this strange affair, however, cannot be obtained for some time, if at all. We have taken some pains to gather some clue to the mystery, but as yet have been unsuccessful.

THE POOR OF CINCINNATI.—A meeting will be held to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock at the Mayor's office, for the purpose of taking into consideration the sufferings of the citizens of Cincinnati on account of the scarcity of fuel.—Let the recipients of Cincinnati's bounty of 1845 attend.

A PETITION, numerously signed, was presented to the Mayor yesterday, asking him to call a meeting, and the following is his response:

In accordance with the above call, the citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny City are respectfully invited to attend a public meeting to be held at Wilkins Hall, on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M., to take into consideration the destitute condition of the citizens of Cincinnati, as mentioned in the above petition.

H. A. WEAVER, Mayor.

SEVEN common cases were attended to by the Mayor yesterday morning, the defendants each being furnished with apartments in the county jail for ten days, for vagrancy. A great many voluntarily applied for quarters in that institution lately, from poverty and destitution. God help the poor in such weather as this! We can say nothing worse of the creature in the streets during our daily walks now-a days that we cannot help but pray that the weather may improve, and business get brisk, if only for their sakes alone.

SLEDDING.—We must inform our juvenile readers, as we want to keep them out of a scrape, that the Mayor has informed us, positively, that he intends putting a stop to this nuisance on our streets, both for the sake of themselves and the citizens. A descent was made Thursday on a lot of boys engaged at this dangerous amusement, by the police, and three or four arrested, and this is but the first step towards stopping it altogether.

SERIOUS FALL.—Mr. Justice, toll keeper at the Hand Street bridge, fell on the ice at the end of the bridge, on Wednesday, severely cutting him on the head. He was passing out of the toll house to collect from a wagon which was about crossing the bridge when he slipped and fell against some wood-work. He was taken to his home, and soon after which he was attacked with fever, and is now lying in a very dangerous condition.

CAUGHT AT LAST.—The notorious and incorrigible Washington Freese, a member of an organized gang of light-fingered gentry who have so long infested our city, and committed so many depredations, who picked a woman's pocket on Christmas day, on Wood street, of $20, but escaped at the time, has at last been arrested by our efficient police, and sent to jail to await trial on a charge of grand larceny.

SALES OF STOCKS AND PROPERTY.—The following sales were made by P. M. Davis, auctioneer, last evening, at the Merchant's Exchange:

6 Shares Bank of Pittsburgh at $55,00
15 " New Castle Gas Light Co. at. 40,50
Eagle Steel Works (by order of Trust's) 17,350,00,

THE THERMOMETER at Richardson's, Market street, averaged five degrees below zero yesterday, and in more exposed situations from ten to sixteen degrees. Yesterday was not the coldest day by one degree we have had. The wind, however, rendered out-door operations rather disagreeable.

CHARTIERS VALLEY RAILROAD.—A meeting will be held to-day of the Stockholders of this road, for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposed consolidation with the Hempfield and Marietta and Cincinnati Railroads. The city will be represented in the meeting by a Committee of seven, including the Presidents, appointed at the last meeting of Councils.

ENGLISH BALLADS, duetts, trios, and quartettes will be performed this evening at the Amateur Concert for the benefit of Passavant's Infirmary, rendering the programme somewhat different from that of the previous evening; but the performers have shown themselves competent for any class of performances.

MAYOR WEAVER is engaged in examining the official standing, conduct and character of the night police with a view of selecting the best men for the night watch. The appointments when made by the Mayor, will be submitted to the Police Committee, and if approved by that body, will be immediately afterwards put on duty.

GAMBLING ON THE SABBATH.—The energetic Mayor's police have commenced work in earnest in bringing to justice all who disobey the law. A young man named Enoch Howell was arrested yesterday, and taken before his Honor on a charge of playing cards on the Sabbath. He was fined.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before Hons. Wm. B. McClure, J. E. Parke and G. Adams. The case of Com. vs. H. J. Sutton; indictment forgery, occupied the Court all day yesterday. It will probably be concluded this morning.

THE United States District Court holds an adjourned Court in this city in February.

THE WEBSTER LITERARY CLUB hold their regular weekly meeting this evening in Vigilant Hall, Third street, which has been fitted up especially for their reception. The Pittsburgh Club meet there to morrow evening.

THE WATER COMMITTEE met last night and re-elected Mr. E. S. WRIGHT, Assessor of Water Rents, JOSEPH FRENCH, Engineer of lower works, and J. O. SWARTZWELDER, Engineer of upper works.

THEATER.—It is only necessary to state that "Orion, the Gold Beater" will be repeated this evening to ensure a good audience. Also, "The Spectre Bridegroom."

ALDERMAN MCKENNA, who was badly injured the other day by being knocked down by a sled is, we are glad to say, recovering.

NEURALGIA, one of the most painful, as well as debilitating diseases known to the human family, is readily cured by that popular medicine, *Carter's Spanish Mixture.* Hundreds of persons have testified that they have found speedy relief from this distressing affliction by the use of the Mixture, after the most skillful physicians had utterly failed to do them any good.

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 PENNY.
Head Miller of the Messrs. Gilpin & Co.

According to the above important and reliable certificate, and the testimony of the numerous purchasers of these valuable mills, each one of these mills will make two and a half barrels of flour per hour, producing a yield of one barrel of flour from four bushels and five pounds of wheat. The mill, including the complete grinding and bolting apparatus, occupies a space only 25 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 5 feet high, and requires but 6 horse power to propel it.

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, also, during the evening at the Perry Hotel, corner of Hancock street and Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1m.d26.

We see by the Court records that the two Counterfeiters, White of Buffalo, and Lawrence of Epping, N. H., have been placed under ten thousand dollar bonds, each, for uttering and selling imitations of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.—This is right. If the law should protect men from imposition at all it certainly should protect them from being imposed upon by a worthless counterfeit of such a medicine as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. We can only regret that the punishment is not half enough. The villain who would for paltry gain, deliberately trifle with the health of his fellow man, by taking from their lips the cup of hope, when they are sinking, and substituting a falsehood—an utter delusion, should be punished at least as severely as the two counterfeits the coin of his country.—*Green Co. Banner, Carrollton, Ill.*

(From the Boston Saturday evening Gazette.)

Persons afflicted with a foul breath, which would remain under the curse of a disagreeable breath when by using the "*Balm of a Thousand Flowers*," a delicious perfume would not only render it sweet, but leave the teeth white as alabaster! Many persons do not know their breath is tainted, and it is the duty of their friends will never mention it. Put a single drop of the Balm on your tooth-brush and wash the teeth mind and morning. A fifty cent bottle will last a year.

A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION may easily be secured by using the "*Balm of a Thousand Flowers*." It will remove the pimples, and freckles from the faces of half a score and possess hue.—Wash a towel, pour on two or three drops, and wash the face night and morning.

SHAVING MADE EASY.—Put a few drops of the Balm in either warm or cold water, pour on two or three drops of "Balm of a Thousand Flowers," rub to the beard well with it, and make a beautiful soft lather much facilitating the operation of shaving. Price only *fifty Cents.*

Prepared by Perkins & Co., Proprietors, New York.

Sold by B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO., H. HINKE & CO., GEO. H. KEYSER, R. E. SELLERS & CO., and FLEMING BROS. T. C. CALLENDER, Masonic Hall, Agents for Pittsburgh. mh11tf

A Card to the Ladies.

DR. J. DUPONCO'S GOLDEN PERIODICAL PILLS FOR FEMALES, infallible in correcting irregularities, and removing obstructions of the Monthly Terms, from whatever cause.

All Medical Men Know

As well as many others, that no female can long exist in health unless the menses flow regularly and whenever an obstruction takes place, whether from exposure, cold, or any other cause, the general health begins immediately to decline, and the seeds of consumption have been sown, which in many consumptions among young females. Headache, pain in the side, palpitation of the heart, inability to sleep and disturbed sleep most always arises from the interruption of nature, and whenever it is found that the case, the Pills will invariably remedy all these evils.

Full and explicit directions accompany each box, which must be strictly followed, and all diseases peculiar to females may be speedily cured.

Price $1,00 per box. Sold only at all the Drug stores and by SAMPLE & REED, Agents for Allegheny; FULTON'S Drug store, Birmingham; JOHN SCOTT, 69 Fifth st., Pittsburgh and by W. A. GILDENENNEY & CO., 40 Fifth st., Pittsburgh. They will supply the trade at the proprietor's price and send the Pills by mail on receipt of $1,00 through any Postmaster.

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75 KEGS 6 TWIST TOBACCO in store and for sale by SHRIVER & DILWORTH

RYE FLOUR—6 bbls fresh ground Rye Flour for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

ROLL BUTTER—4 bbls prime Roll Butter, for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

BULK PORK—Shoulders, Sides and Hams for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

COD FISH—5 tcs. prime Cod Fish in store and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

WINDSOR SOAP—24 bxs Hyde's Windsor Soap for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

MOLASSES—20 bbls, English Island, in store and for sale by ATWELL, LEE & CO.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL—100 lbs just rec'd and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

CASTOR OIL—25 bbls just rec'd and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

REFINED BORAX—800 lbs in store and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

MOORHEAD'S MAGNETIC PLASTER—3 grs. in store for sale by FLEMING BROS.

BECKER'S EYE SALVE—3 bro on hand and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL—10 grs. in store and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

GERMAN CLAY—60 tons on hand and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

BUTTER—3 bbls prime Roll for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS

DRESSED HOGS—5 this day rec'd by HENRY H. COLLINS.

LIME—100 bbls for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

GLASS—500 bxs 8x10, 9x12, 10x12, 10x14 for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

LARD—2 bbls for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

PEARLS—12 casks for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

STARCH—150 bxs Rochester Pearl Starch for sale to the trade at Manufacturers prices by HENRY H. COLLINS.

FEATHERS for sale by HENRY H COLLINS.

5 TIERCES DRIED BEEF rec'd and for sale by JOHN M GILL & SON.

ROLL BUTTER—5 bbls, strictly fresh, rec'd and for sale by BELL & LIGGETT.

COSHEN CHEESE—100 boxes "Extra" just rec'd and for sale by J. B CANFIELD.

NITRATE OF SODA—100 sks for sale by J. B CANFIELD.

OIL CLOTH TABLE COVERS of superior quality and desirable patterns; also, Stand and Bureau Covers, just rec'd from our manufactory, for sale wholesale and retail, at the Oil Cloth Warerooms, No 56, and 58 Wood st. ja13 J. & H. PHILLIPS.

TRANSPARENT OIL CLOTHS, for window shades, green and buff, of all widths, for sale wholesale and retail, at No. 56 and 58 Wood st. J. & H. PHILLIPS.

FAMILY GROCERIES—Teas, extra Green and Black; superior quality Sugars, Spices, &c. Fresh Fruit, Preserves, Dried Fruits, Flour, Corn Meal. R. W. Flour always on hand at 57 Fifth st., Pittsburgh. ja10 R. W. SIMPSON & CO'S.

FRESH ROLL BUTTER—1000 lbs Fresh Table Butter rec'd at 27 Fifth st., opposite Masonic Hall. ja20 H. RIDDLE.

20,000 LBS PRIME SHOULDERS for sale by JOHN McGILL & SON, No. 259 Liberty street.

5 TIERCES RICE just rec'd and for sale by JOHN McGILL & SON.

1 BBL. EGGS; 2 kegs prime country Lard just rec'd and for sale by JOHN McGILL & SON.

EXTRA FAMILY FLOUR—100 bbls extra Genesee in store and for sale by BELL & LIGGETT, Water street.

JUST RECEIVED FOR 1857—The American Almanac or Repository of useful knowledge for the year 1857. A full supply in paper and in cloth bindings, rec'd at ja15 KAY & CO 55 Wood street.

PURE RYE WHISKEY—Superior to any Brandy—MORRIS & PATTON in the Diamond are offering some very old and pure Rye Whiskey at $4 per gallon that beats any Brandy at double the price. Lover of the article try it by all means.

PHYSICIAN'S SADDLE BAGS—3 doz. on hand and for sale by FLEMING BROS.

SEED—25 bush Timothy Seed for sale by de20 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

TOMATOES—5 bbls. Tomatoes, put up in cans, rec'd on consignment and for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

CARB. AMMONIA—1000 lbs just rec'd and for sale by ja10 FLEMING BROS.

SYRUP—50 bbls New York and Balumore Extra Syrup for sale by JOHN FLOYD & CO.

PIG IRON—50 tons Pig Iron for sale by ja12 JOHN FLOYD & CO.

LARD & LARD OIL BARRELS WANTED by WM. B. HOLMES & BRO., corner Market and Front sts. de13

WHITE FISH.—50 bbls; 100 hlf do; for sale by J. B. CANFIELD de20

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, January 22.

SENATE.—The consideration of the Submarine Telegraph bill was resumed.

The consideration of the sub-marine telegraph bill was resumed.

Mr. Pugh moved to amend by adding the proviso that no money shall be paid under the authority of this act until a convention shall have been concluded between the United States and Great Britain, whereby such portions of the British possessions in North America as command the Western terminus of the telegraph shall have been subjected to the principle of naturalization as adopted in the Central American treaty of 1850.

Mr. Seward said the discretion was lodged in the President. If he deemed the interest of this country required such a treaty, he would doubtless take the proper measures for that object.

Messrs. Hunter, Thompson, of Ken., Pearce and Geyer opposed the bill for various reasons.

Mr. Weller was not willing that $70,000 a year be expended by this telegraph while a similar connection with the Pacific, which was vastly more important, was neglected.

Mr. Butler was not willing to trust the destinies of this country to a wire controlled by Great Britain, and urged other objections to the bill.

Messrs. Rusk, Douglas, Seward and Mallory pressed its passage.

Mr. Bayard remarked that it was certain that if practicable a line will be established, and it were better we should have some share in it, as we cannot prevent its construction by our refusal to participate in the enterprise. He would vote for the amendment as adopted, providing for such arrangement as may be necessary to secure to each government the transmission of its own messages by its own agents.

Mr. Pugh withdrew his amendment.

Several amendments of a verbal character were made when the Bill was passed. Yeas 29; nays 18. Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bell, of N. H; Bell of Tenn., Benjamin, Brodhead, Brown, Collamer, Dodge, Douglas, Durkee, Fessenden, Fish, Foote, Foster, Hale, Houston, James, Jones, of Iowa; Mallory, Pratt, Rusk, Seward, Stuart, Thompson, of N. J.; Toucey, Wade, Wilson, Wright and Yulee—29. Nays:—Biggs, Clay, Crittenden, Evans, Fitzpatrick, Geyer, Green, Hunter, Iverson, Mason, Pearce, Pugh, Reed, Slidell, Thompson, of Kentucky; Toombs, Trumbull and Weller—18.

Mr. Wilson introduced a Bill to procure a bust in marble of the late Chief Justice William Cushing of Massachusetts.

The House bill to enforce the attendance of witnesses &c., was received and by unanimous consent referred to the Judiciary Committee who forwith called a meeting and in the course of five minutes reported it without amendment and asked for its immediate consideration.

Mr. Wilson objected. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—The pending question, was, on motion, to reconsider the vote by which was passed the resolution directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to keep Mr. Simonton in custody, and lay that question on the table.

Mr. Humphrey Marshal asked where was Mr. Simonton; whether he was now in custody, and if so, by what authority.

The Speaker replied that was a question not properly before the House.

Mr. Marshal maintained that it was pertinent to know the fact.

Mr. Orr said that Mr. Simonton could not be confined until the final disposition of the Resolution.

The Speaker remarked that the Sergeant-at-Arms had informed him that Mr. Simonton was in custody and present. (Voice, "where is he?") Many voices responded, "there he is at the desk."

The pending question was decided in the affirmative—yes 116; nays 77. The House resumed the consideration of the bill reported from Select Committee mote effectually to enforce the attendance of witnesses on the summons of either House of Congress, and to compel them to discover testimony.

Mr. Davis of Maryland from a select committee reported a substitute providing pains and penalties in addition to those now authorised. He explained that it contemplated delicate and efficient punishment. No witness is to be hereafter allowed wilfully to refuse to give testimony or produce any paper, and if he does he shall be liable to imitment for misdemeanor, and on conviction shall pay a fine of not more than $1000 nor less than $100 and be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for not more than twelve nor less than one month; the witness to be protected from any criminal prosecution for any testimony he may give before a Congressional Committee, but is not relieved from prosecution for perjury. Mr. Davis called on the House to relieve the committee from difficulties which stand at the threshold of their investigation.

Mr. Wilson wished to substitute imprisonment in jail instead of the Penitentiary, as the latter was used only for felonious offences.

To this the Select committee agreed.

Mr. Washburn, of Me., wanted more effective Bill to compel parties to give testimony. The purity of Congress demanded it; but the Committee on the Judiciary should examine the Bill to ascertain whether its provisions were not inconsistent with the rights of the citizens secured by the Constitution.

After debate the bill passed; yeas 163, nays Messrs Bennett, of N. Y., Billinghurst, Bliss, Burlingame, Colfax, Edwards, Hughston, Mace, Humphrey Marshall, Quitman, Walbridge and Watson, 12.

The House passed a bill to establish the office of Surveyor General in Nebraska, and for other purposes and then adjourned.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 22.—The steamer Highflyer from Paducah for New Orleansunk at Grand Chaine and is supposed to be a total loss.

The river is frozen over here and at Cincinnati, for the first time for 21 years.

The Ohio is frozen at New Albany, and they are crossing it for the first time for forty years.

Teams are crossing here. The gorge above Shippingport gave way and sent all the boats at Portland adrift. The steamer Belle of Pittsburgh, on the coal landing at Davers, but was saved, the Peter Fellon and R. J. Ward are aground. Other boats are hemmed in by the gorge. The thermometer is four degrees above zero.

BOSTON, Jan. 22.—Charles B. Fessenden, an extensive East India trader, has failed. His liabilities are about $500,000.

The ship Jane H. Gledden, from this port, bound to Liverpool, has been abandoned at sea. Her crew were rescued.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 18.—The steamer Caroline arrived with dates from Jacesonville to the 16th. Gen. Harney has withdrawn the flags of truce and declared war against the Indians. There has been a heavy gale and storm here. The thermometer indicates 22 degrees below zero.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The ship Guttenberg arrived here today. She reports having passed on the 20th, 75 miles east of Cape May a vessel on fire, supposed to be a whaling bark or brig. There was no one on board, and no boats near.

St. Louis, Jan. 22 —A dispatch from Cairo says that the Highflyer which has been aground at Grand Chain for several days is a total loss—We have no particulars.

NEW YORK, Jan 21.—The London correspondent of the Commercial Advertiser has intimated that Lord Napier will be the new English Minister.

MILWAUKIE, Wisconsin, Jan. 22.—The Democratic members of the Legislature, have nominated Judge Dann for U. States Senator.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22 —The New York and Baltimore roads have resumed their regular trips.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—*Cattle Market.*—At the cattle market 800 beeves were sold at an advance of ¼ to ½ cents, bringing 8¼ to 11c and extra 12c. Sheep; 6500 sold at an advance of from 50 to 75; Swine: 400 sold; prices firm at 7¼ to 7¾ for corn fed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Cotton active; the foreign letters by the America have caused greater firmness; 7000 bales were sold; the sales for the past three days amounted to 15,600 bales. Flour steady; 8500 bbls sold. Wheat steady. Corn declining. Provisions steady. Whisky buoyant. Sugar firm; Orleans 11. Freights irregular. Stocks firmer; Cumberland 20¾; Michigan Southern 87¼; N. Y. Central 84¼; Reading 82¾, Erie 62¾.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Flour quiet but firm; common and good brands are offered at $6,37½@6,50, but there is no export demand and the sales are confined to small lots for the supply of retailers and bakers within the range of these figures, and extra and fancy brands from $6,62½ to $7,50. There is nothing doing in Rye flour or Cornmeal and prices are nearly nominal—Grain; the market is very poorly supplied with Wheat and it is wanted; small sales of good Red at $1,52 per bushel; no sales of Rye, Corn steady at 68 for old yellow and 65 for new; Oats 47 @48c per bushel. Whisky scarce; small sales of bbls at 29@30 and 26@28 in hhds.

CINCINNATI, Jan 21.—Flour firm and higher; after report yesterday 500 bbls. sold at $5,50 and 600 bbls at $5,60. This morning sales of 220 bbls at $5,60@5.55 and 211 bbls extra at $5,62@5,70. The receipts for the last 24 hours amounted to 531 bbls. Whiskey lower; sales 35 bbls at 22c and 100 from wagons at 22½—Provisions; after report yesterday 1000 bbls. Mess Pork at $18; to-day we heard of no sales for inferior; holders an advance for most articles; sale 50 bbls Lard at 11. Groceries unchanged. Wheat firm and in good demand at $1,14@1,16 for red and $1,18@1,19 for white. Corn in active demand at 50@52. Barley unchanged. Rye is in fair request at 80c. Oats in good demand at 43@44.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 21.—Mr. Simonton is in the close custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms at a private boarding house, where his friends have free access to him. He has engaged Reverdy Johnson as counsel, and intends to bring his case before the Circuit Court on writ of *habeas corpus* to test his rights as a citizen and the rights of the press, under the action of the House as affecting the personal liberty of which he has been deprived.

The submarine telegraph bill, as passed by the Senate, retains all the features as originally introduced, but it has undergone amendment the better to secure its object and render its provisions more explicit.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 —Information has been received here that Joseph L. Chester, the recusant witness, summoned by the Corruption Investigating Committee, has taken measures to be released from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms by habeas corpus. The sergeant-at-arms, however, in a despatch just received from Philadelphia, makes no mention of such a fact.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The Academy of Music was re-opened last night under the management of Maurice Strakosch, with a brilliant and very full attendance. A tumultuous reception was given to the principal *artistes*, Madam Parodi and Signor Tiberini.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION FOR JANUARY. J W HAMAN, V. P., JOSEPH DILWORTH, F R BRUNOT, D H WILLIAMS, E GREIG.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE,
Friday Morning, Jan. 23, 1857.

FLOUR—Bulk; sales of 10 and 20 bbls extra at depot at $6,25; 45 do from wagon at same; from store, sales of 200 bbls in lots, at $5,85@5,87 for super. $6,40@6,50 for extra and $6,60@6,87 for extra family.

GRAIN—a steady inquiry; sales of 100 and 125 bus Oats on arrival at 38; 300 bus new corn at 62; 300 bus Rye at 65; and 80 bus Wheat at $1,30.

HAY—sales from store of 20 bales at $12 per ton.

HOMINY—sales of 21 bus at $2,12.

OIL—sales of 10 bbls No 1 Lard at 95.

SEEDS—sales of 23 bus small white at $2,50.

CHANDBRIES—a sale of 5 bbls at $12,50.

BUTTER—sales of 2 bbls choice roll at 23, which is the outside figure.

CHEESE—sales of 20 bxs W at 10¼ and 25 do Goshen at 12½.

LARD—a sale of 30 kgs No 1 on private terms.

BACON—small sales of new Shoulders at 9 and Hams at 12.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The Cincinnati Price Current furnishes the following statement of the flog trade for the week, and also for the season:

	Past week.	For the corresponding week.	Same season last year.	Same season this year.
From Ky.				
By rivers and R R	3,265	195,497	250,854	188,160
Through droves	800	33,300	24,487	47,680
Slaughtered at Plattsville and vicinity	1,500	26,000	23,270	33,130
Totals	5,565	254,317	289,201	333,243

The cold weather has assisted in cutting short the packing business, and the season may now be regarded as having closed. Dressed Hogs are saleable for shipment to New York at $7,25@7,50 net.

Indiana Free Bank paper was taken by Bankers yesterday, at 22½ per cent discount, with the exception of course, of the suspended institutions.—Cin. Gaz.

The notes of the discarded Indiana and Illinois Banks are becoming in more favor, and with the exception of those which have failed are being taken at 2 to 3 per cent discount. The following Banks are the ones which have failed: The Grammer as Lafayette, Shawnee at Attica, Savings' Bank of Connersville, Farmers and Mechanics at Indianapolis. The rates of these and of the four Illinois Banks noticed in our last are discounted at various rates, ranging from 20 to 50 per cent.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Pittsburgh Ft. W. & C. R.—375 bus barley, W H Gaut; 8 bbls flour, Shoenberger; 31 tons iron ore, Loyd & Black; 2 hogs, H McCullough & co; 85 pkgs paint, Ellwstock & co; 64 bills handles, McElroy & co; 74 bbls barley, Rhodes & Verner; 343 dcz handles, Newmyer & Hill; 10 pcls paper, J Rhea; 1 bbl butter, J Leard; 1 bbl lozenges, Wm Phillips; 1 bbl flour, Shriver & Dilworth; 31 bbls frames, Fred & co; 104 bbls sand, Lyon & co; 20 bbls flour, Wahl & Wilson; 12 pkgs woolen stuff, McWhinney & co; 20 do, Phelps, Carr & co; 160 bus corn, Shaw Brothers; 50 do corn meal, Lee & co; 50 do do, same; 50 do do whisky, Wallace & Gardner; 65 bus corn, Gibson & co; 15 do oats, 18 do rye, J Craig; 1 car stave, G W Smith; 2 tons fire clay, D Bennett; 6 bbls rye flour, J Ice; butter, Brown & Kirkpatrick; 3 bbls do, J Floyd & co; 221 bbl. corn, 29 bus rye, J Patterson; 25 bbls flour, S Harbaugh; 10 bxs candles, S Hope; 1 bbl butter, J Pitt; 1 do do, Mrs Kirkpatrick; 1 do do, J Biddle; 20 bus wheat, Lyon & co; 20 bbls flour, Fleming & co; 104 do sand, Lyon & co; 20 bbls flour, Wahl & Wilson; 12 pkgs woolen stuff, McWhinney & co; 20 do, Phelps, Carr & co; 160 bus corn, Shaw Brothers; 50 do corn meal, Lee & co; 50 do do whisky, Wallace & Gardner; 65 bus corn, Gibson & co; 15 do oats, 18 do rye, J Craig; 1 car stave, G W Smith; 2 tons fire clay, D Bennett; 6 bbls rye flour, J Ice; butter, Brown & Kirkpatrick; 3 bbls do, J Floyd & co; 221 bbl. corn, 29 bus rye, J Patterson; 25 bbls flour, S Harbaugh; 10 bxs candles, S Hope; 1 bbl butter, J Pitt; 1 do do, Mrs Kirkpatrick; 1 do do, J Biddle; 20 bus wheat, Lyon & co; 20 bbls flour, Fleming & co; 104 do sand, Lyon & co; 20 bbls whisky, J H Parker; 20 bbls flour, Graham & Thomas; 20 do do, A Hunter; 1 bbl oil, Jones & co; 1 do do, Mellwaine; 20 bbls oil, 100 bbl do do, J Miller; 20 do do, J Miller.

STATEMENT of deposits and balances for deposits in the Bank of Pittsburgh, the amount of which shall not exceed two dollars, and which in the three years next preceding the date of this statement have not either been increased or diminished, the names of the depositors, the dates when such deposits were made or increased, and the amount thereof:

Names	Residence.	Date.	Amount
Jno Devlin	Not known	1852, January 25th	$100,00
Jas Devlin	do	1852, May 6	172,33
Jas Driscoll	do	1852, July 1	100,00
Jas Hartley	do	1854, February 21	170,00
Jas Jones	do	1854, November 14	100,00
Pat McCaffrey	do	1852, December 1	107,00

Allegheny County, ss.

City of Pittsburgh, ss.

John Snyder, Cashier of the said Bank of Pittsburgh, being sworn and affirmed according to law, doth say that he believes the above statement is true to unclaimed deposits to true as stated. JOHN SNYDER, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of December, 1856. C. W. ERNEST, Notary Public.
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ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Robert B. Hays, dec'd, late of Tarentum, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate will make payment to the above administrators, at Tarentum, and those having claims against the estate will present them for payment, duly authenticated. Mrs. SARAH HAYS,
ja16 1w* SAMUEL BLACK.

Orphans' Court Sale.

BY virtue of an alias order of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny county, dated Dec 20, 1856, will be sold at the commercial sale rooms, corner of Wood and 5th sts, an excellent collection of miscellaneous books from the private library of a gentleman removing. It comprises many of the choicest authors in elegant literature, and the most desirable works on the physical sciences. Among them are Webster's large Dictionary, Robertson's History of America, Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible, Chalmer's Posthumous Works, 9 vols; Manual of classical literature, Craik's History of Pittsburgh, select British Poets, 11 vols; Cavallo's Philosophy, 3 vols; Spurzheim's Phylonomical System, Mechanics' Magazine, 5 volumes; Scientific American, 4 vols; American Journal of Science and Art, 39 No; Johnston's Physical Atlas of Natural Phenomena, Lyell's United States 2 vols; Dana's Mineralogy, Muller's Meteorology, Wright's Commentary on Newton's Principia, Rational History of Hallucinations, Spencer's Poetical Works, Perry's Religion of Ancient Romantic Poetry, Herschell's Outlines of Astronomy, works of Thomas Dick, 4 vols; Bradford's Historical, Geographical and Commercial Atlas, Practical Mechanic and Engineer's Magazine, 3 vols, &c., &c.

Also a great variety of the recent popular book publications, and the usual assortment of the day.

P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

SALE TO PAY CHARGES—On Wednesday morning, January 28th, at 10 o'clock, at warehouse of G. N. Leech, No. 110 St street, for account whom it may concern, to pay charges and storage, will be sold, a large quantity of second hand goods among which is household furniture, iron and tinware, cordage, carpenter's tools, nails, &c. &c. P M DAVIS, Auct.

AUCTION SALES—Daily at the Commercial Sale Rooms, corner of Wood and 5th streets, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; fancy and staple dry goods, boots, shoes hats, caps, &c. At 7 o'clock, P. M., furniture crockery, glassware, &c. Commencing at 6½ o'clock, evening, clothing, watches, guns, pistols, violins, pictures, &c. &c. de5 P. M. DAVIS. Auctioneer.

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