GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 6, 1857.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company.

Pursuant to published notice in the several newspapers, as required by law, a meeting of the Stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company was held at their office in the city Pittsburgh on Tuesday, the 3d inst.

On motion, Gen. Henry McCullough, of Pittsburgh, was appointed President, and Wm. Perkins, Esq., Secretary.

The Reports of the President and Managers, with that of the Superintendent and Treasurer, were read.

After which, on motion, the Reports were approved and ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

On motion, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the Managers of the A. V. R. R. Co. are hereby authorized to make application to the Legislature for authority to create a preferred stock, to an amount not exceeding $250,000, at an interest of 12 per cent. per annum. That dividends on said preferred stock shall be paid from earnings of the Road in preference to other subscriptions to its Capital Stock, whatever agreements may exist in relation thereto, between Stockholders and Company.

Resolved, That the whole proceeds of said preferred Stock shall be applied to the extension of the road to the mouth of the Mahoning, and to Penna. Canal at Washington street, Pittsburgh.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Resolved, That the salary of the President, for the present year, shall be fifteen hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. McAuley this was amended, That it be recommended to the Directors to fix the salary of the President at $1500 per annum until the work on the extension to Mahoning be commenced.

On motion, Resolved, unanimously, That the Stockholders here present, desire to express their confidence in, and approbation of the Officers and Managers of the Road.

On motion, Resolved, That the Stockholders do now proceed to an election of President and Managers for the ensuing year.

Messrs. J. W. Biddle, L. Bonner and Thos. K. Litch were appointed to conduct the election.

On counting the votes the following persons were duly elected:—President, Wm. F. Johnston; Managers, Geo. W. Jackson, L. Wilmarth, F. H. Brunot, Jos. Buffington, David Leech, and D. C. Kaufmann.

On motion, adjourned.

H. McCULLOUGH, President.

WM. PERKINS, Secretary.

There were over 31,000 shares of Stock represented, out of 34,705 subscribed and paid.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE BREAKUP.—Crowds of anxious people were gathered about the wharf from an early hour yesterday morning, awaiting anxiously the movements about the river.—The sun shone warmly and brightly, and people's faces seemed to follow the example of Sol, everybody we met appearing to expect a change of affairs. There is no denying that without the river Pittsburgh, with all her railroads, would be but a dull looking place.

Steamboatmen were engaged busily preparing their crafts for whatever might turn up, drawing them closely into shore, and supplying extra cables, whilst the keel and flat-boatmen were getting the ice cut away from around their barges, and taking all the usual precautions of safety. The ice in the morning had a broken appearance, and during the day the muddy water could be seen boiling up in the middle of the river. In fact everything indicated something coming, and all that seemed to be wanted was a start from below.

Through the city, and around the neighborhood, the thaw was sending floods of water down the gullies and gutters, clearing all the snow and ice away, and giving the streets a more cleanly appearance in some places than they have borne for months, but rendering pedestrianism rather disagreeable.

INCIDENTS.

The height of water was about nine feet before twelve o'clock yesterday, but fell some during the day. Turtle Creek ran out and the ice sunk several coal boats in that vicinity. In the forenoon the ice started on the Ohio below Chartiers Creek, and at Merrimont's and White's Ripple and Seven Mile Island, but gorged again at Dead Man's, fourteen miles below the city. The Messrs. Lowrie's fleet of boats at Sewickley was considerably damaged. The Tom Jones, tow-boat, was cut down, but was pumped out and repaired. Several of the barges were pushed out from shore and cut down, but will be raised in a day or two. One of Judge Warner's lumber boats which lay at McKee's Rocks, was carried down below Horstead, and now lies in the gorge. Some twenty to twenty-five boats are in very bad positions between Charlers and Sewickley. One or two barges owned by Hall & Hunter are cut down and sunk at Merriman's.

At our landing an opening was made about four o'clock below the bridge, but the ice moved down only to the Point and there gorged. The bells rang in the expectation that it was all going, and people ran down to the levee in crowds, but had to turn back disappointed.

Several of the boats at the wharf had steam up, to be prepared for an emergency, and they were puffing away during the afternoon, seemingly impatient of the delay.

At the time we went to press, the stage of water was about ten feet and rising slowly. The ice had not yet moved from the Point, but it was expected every hour, and we should not wonder to see a clear river below the bridge this morning.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?—The custom of crying the hour by the Night-Police, which was abolished some time ago by the old Police Committee has been resuscitated by the new committee, and on Wednesday night was heard the old familiar cry of "past twelve o'clock," &c. This will be a great convenience to some of our citizens whose business requires them to arise during the night, as it gives them a chance of ascertaining the time which they would not otherwise have, and will also tend to beneficial results to the watchmen, as it may keep them from sleeping on duty in the noonotony which reigns during the night, and our citizens can ascertain their whereabouts when necessity requires their aid.

LOOKING ON THE COMMON.—The Mayor informs us, for the purpose of giving all timely notice of his intentions, that he contemplates abolishing altogether the practice of loafing about the corners of the streets, especially on Sundays. The corners of Fifth and Smithfield, Wylie and Tannel, Fifth and Grant, Fifth and Market, and innumerable others, have become regular rendezvous for loafers of all ages, who insult passers-by with their remarks, and we are glad that the Mayor has resolved to stop it. Let all loafers taking warning therefore, as a corps of police will be on duty hereafter on Sunday and at other times, to arrest and have fined, or disperse such assemblages.

SEARCH OF WATER are very good in their places, but it appears that the one discovered near the Custom House, on Fifth street, will cause a great deal of trouble. The foundation of that building is in some danger, and workmen are still occupied in finding a plan to obviate the difficulty. The water looks fresh and clear as it bubbles up from amongst the gravel, and if we had a Yankee amongst us, we might have a fountain erected on the spot, and in the summer time retail the cool liquid at so much a bucket full, as the people in the city sometimes would give a good deal for a draught of pure spring water.

YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—At a late meeting of the members of this Institution, it was unanimously resolved that the terms of membership to *unmarried* ladies admitting them to all the privileges of the Library, be fixed at TWO DOLLARS per annum. At the same meeting the clause of the constitution requiring new members to pay an *initiation fee of one dollar* was repealed. Annual subscription to all is four dollars per year. No books will be given out for a few days after the 7th inst., to enable the Librarian to rearrange the books.

REWARD OFFERED.—Gov. Pollock has offered $500 reward for the apprehension of the murderer of Norcross. A man was arrested in Philadelphia the other day on suspicion of being David McKim, but was discovered to be the wrong person. This reward will probably lead to the arrest of the real murderer, as he is well known to the police of various sections of the country, and we hope it may, as a more fiendish assassination we have not heard of for some time than this one.

OFFICER HAGUE desires us to caution the public against a host of pickpockets and thieves who are gathering about our city at present from almost every quarter. He informs us their usual plan is to make preparations to commit robberies and other depredations about the time the river is breaking up, and then depart on coal boats down the river, when they have accomplished their designs. When our citizens are forewarned in regard to them they may in some measure be forearmed.

TEN world-renowned Ole Bull, who has experienced lately a great number of undeserved misfortunes, is now in our city. Would it not be well for some of the lovers of good music to get up a concert? He is a great favorite in our city, both for his high artistic talents and his goodness of heart, and an affair of this kind, we have no doubt, would be successful, as well as a tribute of gratitude to his services in behalf of humanity and freedom.

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS held a meeting last evening.

The Finance Committee recommended an increase of 25 per cent on the water tax of the city.

A resolution was then passed making the percentage on the collection of all city taxes three per cent instead of five as formerly.

Several reports of committees were read and some unimportant resolutions passed, and after electing the "Dispatch" and "Freiheit's Freund" city printers, Councils adjourned.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.—A regular meeting of the members of the Association will be held this afternoon, (Friday, February 6th,) at three o'clock, at their Rooms, in Fourth street. Punctual attendance is requested, as business of importance will be transacted. Among other questions the bill now pending before the Legislature of Pennsylvania in relation to the Usury Laws, will be discussed.

EDWARD J. ALLEN, Secretary.

SALES OF STOCKS, &c.—The following sales of Stocks, &c., were made by P. M. Davis, Auctioneer, at the Merchants' Exchange on Thursday evening:

15 shares Bank of Pittsburgh	$	64 25
15 do Citizens' Deposit Bank		55 75
30 do Western Ins. Co.		27 50
Ground rent of $100 per annum		1,175 00
do $60 do		700 00
Steamer Paul Jones		14,000 00

JAMES NEWLAND was committed for a hearing, yesterday, by Alderman Major, on suspicion of larceny of about $20 taken from the Eighth Ward School House on Wednesday. A homoepathic medicine chest was brought to the office by one of Alderman Major's police. Newland alleges that he found it, however, and told the officer where it could be had.

CREATING A DISTURBANCE IN THE DIAMOND.—John Keefe, John Curran, and Wm. O'Brien were arrested Wednesday evening and brought before the Mayor yesterday morning, charged with creating a disturbance in the Diamond.—The watchman had great difficulty in arresting them, as they made a good deal of resistance, and the Mayor fined them $5 each and costs.

MANTRAPS are in great abundance throughout the city at present, several collar doors and gratings are in a very rickety condition, especially on Wylie street between Washington and Federal, and now the weather has opened it would be well to have them repaired, and thereby save broken limbs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton, Feb. 5.—Henry vs McCabe; action for rent; verdict for plaintiff for $70,00.

Kramer & Rahm vs J McKee impleaded with W. H. Johnston; action on a promissory note; verdict for plaintiff for $401.

We solicit the attention of those who may hold notes on the Erie City and Lancaster Banks to the advertisement of O'Conner Bro. & Co. in our columns this morning.

DAVID HALL, the young man arrested in Cincinnati for several thefts committed in this city, will be brought here this evening by officer Richardson.

JOHN L. MATTHEWS, a half-crazy individual who had been performing some queer pranks on Third street yesterday afternoon, was committed by the Mayor for vagrancy.

AN EXHIBITION will come off next week at the High School. The pupils are now engaged preparing their performances, and we have no doubt it will be a creditable affair.

THEATRE.—"William Tell" and "The Fireman's Bride" is the programme announced for this evening. "The great actress from India" will soon be here.

MEETING OF TEACHERS.—A general meeting of the teachers of Allegheny county will convene in College Hall this morning at ten o'clock.

MERCURY, when taken to excess, debilitate the system, destroys the marrow, weakens the blood, and brings about disease which renders life burthensome. When such is the case, the sufferer may readily find relief in the use of *Carter's Spanish Mixture*, a never-failing antidote for this destructive poison. In Virginia alone there are hundreds of persons who have been permanently cured of mercurial affections by the use of Carter's Spanish Mixture.

EXTRACT from a letter by the Rev. Mr. Churchhill of Boston, who is now travelling for his health in the East.

"It gives one an ever present idea of the expansive enterprise of his countrymen, to find their commodities of commerce constantly in his path wherever he goes. I have not visited a single considerable city of Turkey, where I did not find the Medicines of my country represented by AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. In Smyrna, Aleppo, Jaffa, Jerusalem and Constantinople, we see its each, on the door post of some bazaar, the peculiarly American looking testimonial of Dr. Ayer, saying in a language which not one in a thousand of the passers by can read, *"Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for Coughs, Colds and Consumption, Sold Here."* On a shelf behind the cross-legged mussulman are seen the bottles with their English, Spanish, French and Greek faces turned towards the door, and on enquiring we are told that foreigners are not the only purchasers, but the true believers themselves waive their trust in fate to try this product of American skill, when they find there is no other cure for them.

I was told yesterday that the Cherry Pectoral had been prescribed to the Sultan, and is now in constant use in his harem, and in the hospitals of the Empire."

ELECTED A BANK DIRECTOR.—Among the Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, elected for the present year, appears the name of Geo. W. Childs, Esq., of the firm of Peterson & Childs, publishers.

On the 26th ult., the amount of money in the United States Treasury subject to draft was $21,496,881.

[From the Boston Saturday Evening Gazette.

A Perfumed Handkerchief.—That a gentleman would remain under the curse of a disagreeable breath when by using the "*Bale of a Thousand Flowers*" as a dentifrice would not only render it sweet, but leave the teeth white as alabaster! Many persons do not know their breath is bad, and the subject is a delicate theme, friends will never mention it. Put a single drop of the "balm" on your toothbrush and wash the teeth night and morning. A fifty cent bottle will last a year.

A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION "*Bloom of a Thousand Flowers.*" It will remove the "*Moles of a Thousand Blemishes*" including *Tetters, pimples, and freckles* from the skin, leaving the skin soft and smooth. Wet a towel, pour on two or three drops, and wash the face night and morning.

SHAVING MADE EASY—Wet your shaving brush in other warm or cold water, pour on two or three drops of "*Bale of a Thousand Flowers*," rub the brush, lather and it will make a beautiful soft lather much facilitating the operation of shaving. Price only 25 Cents.

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

R. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO., H. MINER & CO., GEO. H. KEYSER, R. E. SELLERS & CO., and FLEMING BROS PITTSBURGH. Masonic Hall, Agents for Pittsburgh. T. R. CALLENDER, Masonic Hall, Agents for Allegheny. mh11tfwd

DR. A. LOUVINON'S GOLDEN, PERIODICAL PILLS FOR FEMALES, infallible in correcting irregularities, and removing obstructions of the Monthly Turns, from whatever cause.

All Medical Men Know

As well as many others, *that we cannot cure every good* health article *she is recommended to cure*, and whenever an obstruction takes place, whether from exposure, cold, or any other cause, the general health becomes immediately so disorder, and the want of such a remedy has been the cause of so many complaints among some of our fellow citizens, the general health becomes immediately so disorder, and disturbed sleep most always follows, in this 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, and sold by all the Druggists in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, and Birmingham; FULTON'S by SAMPLE & REED, Agents for Allegheny; FULTON'S Drug Store, Birmingham; JOHN FOUST, 225 Liberty st.; and by W. A. GILDENENNY & CO., 82 Fifth st. Pittsburgh. They will supply the trade at proprietor's prices, and send the Pills by mail on receipt of $1.00 through Pittsburgh P.O. mh11tfwdw

Commercial Hotel,

Corner of Girod and New Levee, New Orleans.

F. K. STEEL would most respectfully inform the travelling public that he has taken the above named Hotel.

The Hotel has recently undergone a thorough repair and renovation, and has been fitted up with new and elegant furniture, carpeting, &c. &c. The proprietor will pay every care and attention to the comfort and wants of his boarders. The table will be supplied with the best the markets afford.

This Hotel being situated in the immediate vicinity of the business part of the city, as well as being convenient to the *Steamboat Landing*, the proprietor hopes that by strict attention to the wants of his patrons to receive that liberal patronage that has ever been bestowed upon this house.

Price of Board per Day, $1,00.

The Bar will be stocked with Wines and Liquors inferior to no other house in the city. A good lunch from 10 to 12 A. M. Also obliging and accommodating attendants.

C. BUSCH, Supt.

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Valuable Property at Private Sale.

THE undersigned offers at, private sale, a small FARM, containing forty acres, well watered, about thirty of which are cleared and in a good state of cultivation, on which is erected a large Frame House, with a mountain of water at the door, a frame stable, corn crib, wagon shed, and other small buildings; also, a young orchard. This property is situated in the Borough of Venlow, Scott Tp., Washington Co., 16 miles west of Pittsburgh, on the road leading to West Middletown. The above property is now occupied as a Tavern, but well suited for a private dwelling. For further particulars, apply to the subscriber, residing on the premises.

HUGH McDOWEL.

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FRESH ARRIVAL

OF TOBACCO AND CIGARS at the Wholesale Warehouse of EDWARD T. SCHERAW, No. 241 Liberty street, opposite head of Wood st.

50 boxes Gen. Grant's No. 1;
20 boxes W. H. Grant's No. 1;
20 boxes Eugene Howard;
15 boxes James H. Grant, Eagle No. 1;
50 boxes of various other brands of lower grades, with a choice assortment of the finest quality of Tobacco;
20,000 Vara Penina, 10,000 El Trabuco Imperials;
20,000 Vara Penina, 10,000 El Trabuco Demi Regalia;
10,000 Fire Fly, 10,000 El Trabuco Demi Regalia;
5,000 Eagle Principe, and 150,000 various other brands of Germany Cigars.

Now open for examination and sale at the above place.

EDWARD T. SCHERAW.

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BUTTER—12 kegs prime Butter for sale by JOHN FLOYD & CO. ja12

PEARL ASH—60 bbls in store and for sale by J. R. CANFIELD. ja21

GLASS—500 boxes 8 by 10 glass for sale by HENRY H. COLLIN. de30

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

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

OILS—40 bbls prime Linseed Oil; 25 bbls Fall and 2 Winter Strained Lard Oil; for sale by R. ROBINS & CO. ja22

TELEGRAPHIC.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE BALTIC.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The steamship Baltic, from Liverpool, arrived this evening, bringing dates to the evening of Wednesday, the 21st of January.

The steamship Europa arrived at Liverpool on the 18th.

The political news is unimportant.

The Neufchatel prisoners were liberated, and the difficulty was considered settled.

The assassin of the Archbishop of Paris has been condemned.

A mutiny took place on board the J. L. Bogart in the Mersey by negroes. The chief mate was injured. The second mate was arrested for shooting three of the crew.

Lord Napier will probably leave for Washington in three weeks.

The weather was very mild.

Lord Palmerston has issued a circular to the House of Commons stating that business of great importance would be laid before the coming session of Parliament, and expressing an earnest hope that all the members will be in their places at the opening.

Lord Napier arrived at London to make preparations for his departure on his American Mission.

The alledged cause for mutiny on board the ship J. L. Bogart is that they shipped under articles for New York, but subsequently learned that the ship was to proceed to Mobile, where, as they are nearly all colored men, they would be retained in slavery.

A dispatch from Berne dated the 18th states that the Neufchatel prisoners were on the preceding night escorted by a detachment of Swiss troops to the French frontier.

The Federal Council have given orders for immediately disbanding the troops.

Private advices from Shanghai to Nov. 19th say there is proof that the opium shipments from that port may prove excessive. Owing to a scarcity in the province the English at Canton are strengthening their positions, but showed a disposition to remain on the defensive until they receive advices from England. Meanwhile reinforcements are understood to be sent for.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS, Jan. 21st.—*Cotton.*—The market is quiet and steady and prices are generally unchanged. The sales for three days amount to 18,000 bales, of which 4000 were taken on speculation and for export. The quotations are: Middling Orleans 7¾; Middling Uplands 7 7-16d. The sales to-day, Wednesday, will probably amount to 6000 bales, the market closing quiet. The circulars of Brown, Shepley & Co., and Richardson, Spence & Co. quote the market as quiet and generally unchanged; they quote Middling Orleans 7¾; Middling Mobile 7¾d@7 7-16d. Middling Uplands 7 7-16.

The Manchester Market was very quiet.

LIVERPOOL CORN MARKET.—Breadstuffs generally are dull and all descriptions have slightly declined: Wheat; lower and middling grades have declined 1d@2d. Flour is inactive with a decline of 1s and quotations are nominal. Richardson, Spence & Co. quote Western Canal at 31s@32s; Baltimore & Philadelphia Flour 32s @33s; Ohio 34s@35s. Corn dull; quotations have declined 6d; Mixed Corn 33s@33s 6d; Yellow 34s; White 35s@35s 6d.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET, 20th.—Market dull and prices are generally unchanged. Lard very dull, the receipts during the past week have been considerable; quotations are nominal at 68s@69s. Messrs. Beigland, Athya & Co. quote Ashes as dull. Rosin steady at 4s 8d for common. Spirits of Turpentine quiet at 44s 6d@46s.

LONDON MONEY MARKET, 21st, (Noon)—The Money Market is slightly easier. Consols for money closed at 93⅞ for account; the quotations are 93⅜@93⅞.

LIVERPOOL, 21st, Afternoon.—Breadstuffs closed dull. Provisions steady. Holders of Lard are willing sellers at 68s, but buyers demand a reduction. Cotton closed steady, but holders are willing sellers.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 5.—SENATE—The Senate agreed to all the House amendments to the bill relating to foreign coins, and the coinage of cents, and added another.

The Senate passed the House bills confirming entries of land under the Graduation Act, and extending the time for selling the lands granted to the Kentucky Asylum for the education of the Deaf and Dumb.

Mr. Rusk introduced a bill for the transportation of the mails from the Mississippi river to San Francisco.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Patents for 1856 was received in both Houses.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE—Mr. Campbell moved the previous question on the Senate Submarine Telegraph Bill, which was not sustained, 45 only voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith, of Va., thought it an unwise policy of the Government to sanction this remarkable proposition. There was no constitutional authority to embark in this enterprise. He did not believe its advantages would be as great to the Government as claimed, the terminus of the line being on British soil. If, as they were assured, it would be established whether this Government assist or not, where was the necessity of pressing the bill into hasty passage.

Mr. Stuart advocated the bill, maintaining that if we enter into postal treaties with foreign governments and pay $890,000 annually to Ocean mail steamer service, we have the same power to assist in this enterprise at less expense.

Mr. Moore regarded this matter of much importance believing that it would lend to greater results than had yet been anticipated by any one in this House. It was connected with the postal of the country, and with the view of exalting it to its merits, he moved that it be reported to the Post Office Committee.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, and Mr. Washburne of Me., severally said that this motion amounted to a defeat of the bill.

Mr. Mace asserted them that this was not his intention.

Pending the subject the House went into committee on the Tariff Bill which was nominally under consideration.

Clingman in the course of a speech on Central American and Cuban affairs said the Clarendon and Dallas treaty stands on a treacherous foundation and he hoped that it would never receive the sanction of this government. He thought that we had a right to expect a bold policy on this subject from the incoming administration and not a truckling course from a fear of Great Britain, with whom there were no danger of war. He intended to introduce a Resolution to this effect: Whereas this House have taken occasion to express condemnation of the expediting of the slave trade, they view with still greater repugnance the slave trade in white men or coolies under the British and Spanish flags. If the members support this declaration with unanimity, it cannot fail to reach on the liberal world, for this never was a deliberate body whose opinion was entitled to as much weight, considering the large number of persons here represented, and their intelligence, wealth and independence.

Mr. Staunton said there was no question of the necessity for a reduction of the revenue, but this was especially a manufacturer's bill, to the injury of the agricultural classes. Fifty-two millions and a half pounds was the annual product of wool of this country, involving a capital of fifty millions of dollars. Should this become a law, that interest will be stricken down and against it he protested and argued.

Letcher appealed to gentlemen who desired to save the country from commercial revulsion compared to which that of 1837 would be unimportant, to go with him in adopting some measure which will reduce the revenue, leaving every man free to contribute unnecessarily cast upon him in the effect of this project. He advocated a reduction of duties on nearly all the articles enumerated in the schedules of the act of 1846. He believed with Mr. Staunton that the bill reported from the majority of the Committee of Ways and Means was thoroughly for the benefit of manufacturers.

The Committee rose.

The Senate's resolution providing for counting the votes for President and Vice President next Wednesday was adopted; Messrs. Jones, of Tenn. and Howard were appointed tellers on part of the House.

Recess till 7 o'clock, P. M.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 5.—The Republican Congressmen from Indiana have dispatches from Indianapolis, that instead of 25 senators being present at the alleged senatorial election yesterday, but 23 out of the 50 attended, 11 less than a quorum, and 62 Representatives, 5 less than a quorum. The Senate by 7 majority had denounced the joint convention as illegal and unauthorized by them, and protest against the U. S. Senate swearing in the senators alleged to be elected. The two American votes cast were given by Representatives and not by the two American Senators who declined any participation in the election.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—Santa Fe dates to Dec. 27th are received. The legislature was organized on the 3d. Facundo Pino was re-elected President of the Council and Serafin Ramirez Speaker of the House. The corn crop is abundantly sufficient to meet the demand. The Indian depredations still continue. The Gazette is speaking of the condition of the Territory says the Governor is either grossly ignorant of the condition of the territory or intends to mislead the government.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—Evening.—The river is still swelling a little, but there is no new movement of the ice to report. It has been raining slowly all afternoon and promises to continue during the night.

An attempt will be made to raise the Grace Darling as soon as the Submarine can be got to work. She is valued at $20,000 and is insured for $15,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Among the documents in Gen. Scott's correspondence is an opinion of Attorney General Cushing, dated Jan., 1856, to the effect that the act creating the rank of Lieut. General does not confer upon Gen. Scott, all authority which was imposed by the law of 1798, upon Washington, who was thereby made commander of the armies, while Gen. Scott was appointed Lieut. General by order of the President of the United States. The rank carries retrospective pay and emoluments, but no retrospective authority.

Gen. Scott's correspondence with the officers of the Government, goes back as far as 1848, and that between him and the Secretary of War, during 1855, and contains the following features:

Secretary Davis, July 25th, 1855, says:—"I leave unnoticed the exhibition of peevish temper, in reply to an enquiry from this Department."

General Scott replies, July 30th: "It would be easy to show that the whole letter in which you charge me with exhibiting a peevish temper, is as flippant in its statements and logic as in that accusation. Certainly, as Secretary of War, you have done enough to warrant more than a suspicion that from the first you have considered it your special mission, by repeated aggression on my rights and feelings, to goad me into some perilous attitude of official opposition to prove my long forbearance, for at my time of life all angry discussions are painful.

"I will now proceed to enumerate some of the productions alluded to, without detaining you in this place on your partisan hostility to the brevet of lieutenant-general, and to the compensation that Congress intended to attach thereto." General Scott alludes to one of the Secretary's captious reports, and his capping the climax by usurpation and absurdity. He likewise says:—"Following out your personal rebuke in your letter of the 12th, your object is, in violation of principle, to crush me into a servile obedience to your self-will. I know your obstinacy; and I know, also, what is due to myself as a man and a soldier; and if I am to be crushed, I prefer it at the hands of my military peers."

The Secretary replies in an unofficial note, dated August 2d: "Your present accusation which charges me with usurpation for most unworthy ends, and imputes to me motives inconsistent with official integrity, is considered basely malevolent and pronounced utterly false."

Gen. Scott replying, August 7th, says:

"I have received a note from you dated 2d inst., which you seem to desire me to consider as unofficial. I shall not comply with that irregular fancy, as you can have no legitimate claim to address me, except as Secretary of War. Accordingly, I shall treat your communications, whether designed as private and sourrilous, or as public missives of arrogance and supercilious-cousness, as equally official. There are beauties in them which ought not to be lost, and it shall not be my fault if I do not render your part of this correspondence a memorable example to be shunned by your successors."

To this the Secretary replies, Sept. 7th. "Nor am I to be at all deterred from a full exposure of the groundlessness of your charges by the threat you make of rendering my part of the correspondence a memorable example, to be shunned by my successors. This is mere brevado in one who affords the most memorable example on the records of department, of a vain controversalist defeated, and a false accuser exposed.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—The ice is moving off. The river is rising slowly. Weather warm and clouding up; it looks like rain. The ice moved this morning at half past three o'clock for a distance of two miles and gorged again.

The steamers Gipsey, A. W. Quarrier and Jas Watt, lying just above the city, were sunk. The Quarrier had on board a cargo of groceries for Kanawha river, which were badly damaged.—The boats at the wharf were uninjured.

The weather is warm and cloudy; very little rain. The river is raising slowly. The steamers Dunleith, Thomas Shriver, Yorktown No. 2, A. W. Quarrier, Gipsey and James Watt were sunk by ice; all will be raised; none of them are large boats. About 30 flat boats were carried off. There is not much ice in the river now, owing to a gorge four miles above.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 5.—About four o'clock this morning the ice moved, and again struck the Grace Darling and stove a hole in the hull; she now lies in a careened position; her boiler deck outside is submerged and her bow is thrown somewhat on shore.

The river is still rising slowly, and the ice is very active. [illegible] and cold and cannot last much longer. The damage to the Grace Darling is not yet ascertained.

EVANSVILLE, Feb. 5.—Evening.—The steamers Chancellor, Diamond and Metropolis arrived here to-day and left the Bowling Greene, W. A. Bawes and the U. S. Mail through above. The steamers Erving, Denby, U. S. Mail and Moses McLellan are all loading here for below.

The weather is fine and the ice is disappearing fast.

The Rainbow has gone to Henderson and will be up by morning.

WHEELING, Feb. 5.—The weather has been warm and clear. It rained hard yesterday afternoon and night. The freshrake at 9 o'clock this morning and is now gorged below the city. No boats were damaged. The river is still closed above. There are eleven feet four inches in the channel, partially caused by a gorge.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Neill's Cabinet factory in Essex street was burnt this morning; loss $25,000.

Two men were arrested this morning, having a large amount of counterfeit bills on the Girard Bank in possession.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 5—6 P. M.—The ice has started from Six Mile Island; the wind is blowing from the south which keeps the ice on the Indiana side. The river rose 4 inches in an hour. The ferry boats have suspended their trips till the ice passes down.

VINCENNES, Feb. 5—Evening.—The ice has nearly all disappeared in the Wabash. At and below this point the river is raising slowly and the weather is warm and cloudy.

ZANESVILLE, Feb. 5.—The Muskingum is raising fast. Weather warm.

Jeremiah Leslie, an old and highly respected citizen was run over by the engine of the express train at the depot, this noon, and instantly killed.

NEW RICHMOND, Feb. 5.—The ice broke two miles above, at 10 last night; there is now no ice for five miles above, and none in sight below. It is probably gorged, as the river is rising pretty fast.

PORTSMOUTH, Feb. 5.—The river is rising slowly. The ice moved fifty feet yesterday evening, but is still here. The weather is very warm.

MAYSVILLE, Feb. 5.—The ice has not moved yet. Weather pleasant.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—The river is open from Evansville to New Orleans. The break up is general.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5.—Flour and Whisky unchanged; rates of red wheat at $1,40@1,45.—White wheat $1,65@1,60. Yellow corn 63.—White corn 65.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Cotton quiet, sales 1000 bales. Flour firm; sales 10,000 bbls. Wheat firm; sales 8600 bushels, at $1,85 for prime white, and $1,50 for red. Corn firm; sales 55,000 bush. Provisions steady. Whisky firm. Coffee steady. Sugar buoyant; sales N. O. at 10 and Havana at 11¼. Molasses steady. Freights dull. Stocks dull: Cumberland Coal Co. 19; Illinois Central 90½; Michigan Southern 80; N. Y. Central 90½; Erie 60¼; Mich. Central 95½; Cleveland and Toledo 76½; Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati 103.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 5.—Flour is a shade higher and in better demand, sales 600 bbls at $6,40@$6,50 for superfine and $6,60 for extra, the receipts are light. Whisky has advanced to 23c. and 120 bbls were sold at this rate, though 700 bbls sold at 22½; the market closed at 23c. and firm. Cloverseed is in better demand, with sales of 180 bbls at $5,85@7. Mess Pork has advanced to $18,50 with a moderate demand. Bulk Meats are quiet; 60,000 lbs. sold on the depot at 7¼ for Shoulders and 9c. for Hams. Lard has advanced to 12c. with sales of 300 bbls; demand active with more buyers than sellers. Groceries firm with an improved demand.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Charles McFarland, late of Wilkins township, notice is hereby given to persons having claims against said estate to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement, and all persons indebted to the estate will please call and settle their accounts.

LUKE S. DAVISON, Adm'r.

East Liberty, Jan. 24, 1857.—jan26:6tw*

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION FOR JANUARY.

J W HALLIDAY, V. P., JOSEPH DILWORTH, F R BRUNOT, D H WILLIAMS, E GREGG.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE, Friday Morning, Feb. 6, 1857.

FLOUR was dull and declining a little yesterday; sales 40 bbls extra from wagon at $6,25; 25 on private terms: 82 extra and extra family at $6,12½@$6,25; 20 extra from store at $6,37; 30 extra family at $6,50; 70 at $6,87.

GRAIN—sales 100 bushels new Rye from store at 64; 100 bushels old at 60.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—sales 500 lbs in sks from store at $3,12½.

HAY—sales 7 loads at scales at $10@$12.

CLOVERSEED—sales 42 bush from store at $5,37; 55 at $5,50 An advance.

BEANS—sale 100 bush white at $2,75.

DRIED APPLES—sale 44 bush from store at $2.

CHEESE—sales 55 hrs Goshen at 12½; small lots W R at 10½.

BUTTER—sales 12 and 4 bbls prime roll at 20c.

OIL—sales 15 bbls No 1 Lard at 95c; 5 bbls, "Elephant" at $1,10.

SUGAR—sale 5 bbls B Coffee at 12½c.

BACON—5000 lbs Shoulders at 8½c; 100 pcs old at 8½; 1000 lbs Sides at 9¾; 1000 lbs hams at 12½; 200 pcs Shoulders, Sides and Hams at 9½, 10½ and 12c.

RIVER.—At twilight there were 9 feet 4 inches water and rising. The ice near the point gave way and moved about three rods at 4 P. M. From present appearances and with 24 hours continuance of this weather we may have an open river at any hour. Three miles below it is open now.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Cincinnati Commercial says for Feb 4:

The Provision market continues buoyant, and the spec ulative demand heretofore noticed, quite general. Mess Pork, country packed, sold to-day at $18,25, and city packed at $18,50; held stiffly at $18,50. All the Lard to go had at 11½, was taken and holders at the close were firm at 11½. The advices from the Western packing place fully sustain the predictions of a short crop, and this stimulates dealers, who think, however, that prices will be run up too too high, thus stopping the consumption, and, notwithstanding the short crop, the stock will be found large, when the season it pretty well advanced. Flour was rather firmer to-day, but the demand is only moderate. Whisky rules firm at 22c.

In our general market, business, owing to the continued suspension of navigation, has been light, and outside of the provision trade transactions have been of a stiff of three or four banks that have special arrangements with houses here to receive their paper at par. But the market value of the paper in the absence of special arrangements is 2 per cent discount. Complaints are made by the friends of the Free Banks in Indiana because of this discount, while other currency, as difficult of conversion into gold, is received at par.—Ohio Gaz.

The Philadelphia Board of Trade have adopted a resolution to transmit a memorial to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, soliciting the passage of a general banking law, upon a plan somewhat similar to that in operation in New York.

As noted yesterday, the Money movements of the week in Wall street are quite large, creating activity in demand loans, and more shifting of accommodation between lender and borrower than last week, but no serious difficulty in the general supply. The differences paid on home contracts, at the opening of the Stock Exchange, have somewhat increased. Prime paper, particularly of short date, is still in request at last week's rates, 6@6½ ⅌ cent, 60 days; 8@9 ⅌ cent, 90 days to 4 months. Fair names range 9 to 12 ⅌ cent on 4 to 6 months.—N Y Times.

The demand for money continues to be quite active, but the supply is good. The banks are not lending freely to the street, the wants of their mercantile dealers being considerable. In some cases more than legal interest is paid for early stocks. The current call r