PITTSBURGH:

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 7, 1857.

REV. JOHN DOUGLAS will preach a sermon to the *Young Men's Christian Association*, on to-morrow (Sabbath) evening, the 8th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Plum Alley and Liberty-st.

Young men and the public generally are invited to attend.

WM. FREW, W. W. MAIR, } B. P. BAKEWELL, E. D. JONES, W. H. KINCAID, Sec. Com.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.—This body met Friday morning at ten o'clock, at College Hall, and organized by calling B. M. Kerr, County Superintendent, to the chair.

Vice Presidents—Col. Hiram Haltz, of Snowdon tp.; Christian Sulvely, Penn tp.; and H. H. Lewis, Sharpsburgh.

Secretaries—A. D. Simpson, Allegheny City; J. A. Emerick, Shaler tp.

Executive Committee—Messrs. R. Morton, D. Dennison, J. D. Guilford, D. McAllister, W. G. Thompson.

A very large number of teachers of both sexes was in attendance.

The Chairman stated that the object of the Convention was to discuss several important subjects of Education, and followed with a very interesting address on "Popular Education," showing that progression was the law of all the works of Nature, and that all great ends must be attained from small beginning—the acorn grows into the oak—the miniature fountain is the source of the majestic river—an insignificant snow-ball the primary cause of the gigantic avalanche—the child the father of the man. The address was listened to with marked attention throughout, and was highly creditable to the talents of our County Superintendent.

The Convention adjourned at half-past eleven till half-past one in the afternoon.

In the afternoon the Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Miller, of Mifflin township.

The Executive Committee reported the order of business for the afternoon.

Mr. L. H. Eaton presented a report on "School Discipline." He dwelt on the importance of a quiet, mild, and gentle, but firm demeanor, in the presence of pupils; on the importance of avoiding undue severity, either in reproof, or in administering punishment; of self-control; of entering heartily into the work of communicating instruction to pupils; into their trials, and interests, and thus securing their love and respect. But when other things fail, he held that the rod must be used as a last resort, and in such a manner as that the child might have cause to remember it. By these and other appliances, with the blessing of God on our labors, our schools may be made to take a high rank for excellence, and accomplish much for the future welfare of our flourishing Commonwealth.

On a motion to adopt the report, a general discussion was had amongst the teachers.

W. W. Reddick merely wished to make a few remarks for the purpose of getting the expression of the various persons present on the principles of Discipline recommended in the report.

Mr. Hastings, of Lower St. Clair, wished to have explained what the law was in regard to corporal punishment by teachers in the schools. The law, he understood, allowed Directors to expel a scholar for misconduct, but didn't give the teachers sufficient authority in this regard, concluding his remarks by saying that he tho't the schools south of the Monongahela were in a very bad condition in this regard.

Col. Hultz, of Snowdon, thought different from the gentleman who had just spoken. The schools south of the Monongahela would compare favorably with those of any other section of the county, and the Directors were men of the most intelligent character.

Mr. Kerr, by request, gave a few remarks. He thought home was the best place for study—the school-room for recitation. The schools of the rural districts were, so far as he could judge, in very good condition, and improving rapidly.

Mr. Boyd, of Shaler, made a few remarks in regard to the schools in the north end of the county.

Mr. Ashley, of Wilkins, wanted more co-operation of parents in their system of education—a home influence.

The report was then adopted.

Professor Dickson, of the High School, submitted the report on "Arithmetical Analysis," with several illustrations on the blackboard.

Committees on Resolutions, Publication, and on procuring the names of the Delegates present, were appointed.

The Convention then adjourned till half-past six o'clock, P. M.

In the evening a discussion was had on the report of Mr. Dickson on "Arithmetical Analysis."

The next thing in order was a lecture on "Grammatical Analysis" by Mr. A. Bay, which was the subject, also, of a long discussion, and was received with general favor.

Mr. J. Parker, of Wilkins, then delivered an essay on "Corporal Punishment—Its Uses and Abuses," which was quite a comprehensive paper, and was listened to with marked attention.

Adjourned till nine o'clock this morning.

OPENING OF NAVIGATION.—We are happy to record the glorious fact that navigation has once more opened on our rivers.

The Kiskiminetas broke up Thursday evening, and boon after the Allegheny below, so that the latter is clear to Freeport, and no doubt above.

About noon yesterday, amidst the clamor of innumerable steamboat bells, and the shouts of a dense crowd of people gathered on the wharf, the immense field of ice gorged at the Point began to move downwards, and soon the Monongahela was clear from the bridge, and the Allegheny from Freeport, the ice pouring out of the latter in great quantities, carrying with it a number of flats, &c.

Just after the break up the tow-boat Active started down the Ohio, we presume on an "exploring expedition," and to see if a steamboat again in motion here was almost as much of a wonder as the first boat that plied our river was to the backwoodsmen along its banks.

The ferry-boat between Pittsburgh and Birmingham commenced its trips yesterday evening, though there was a good deal of ice to cut through. The Monongahela was not yet broken open above the dam.

The ice was from ten to twelve inches in thickness, and it is supposed a great deal of damage will be caused to the various craft below, of which there are great numbers lining the shores of the Ohio at different points.

The wharf presented yesterday a scene of activity, the various boats preparing for departure, and being laden, and river men in the greatest glee flying from one place to another attending to the business which is now opened for them in such abundance. We may all well thank Providence for this turn of affairs. Though the river did act rather badly in the fall, we anticipate no deficiency may now all be made up.

INTERESTING EXERCISES.—The students of the Theological Seminary, in Allegheny city, under the care of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, held their monthly missionary meeting on Thursday evening, in Rev. John. G. Brown's Church, Diamond street.

Mr. A. Henry, on behalf of the Committee on Jewish Missions, presented an interesting report in reference to the efforts that have been made to convert that truly singular people to Christianity.

An able and eloquent address on the present condition and prospects of the descendants of Abraham, by Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D., in which the learned gentleman maintained the opinion that this people, now scattered over the whole earth, will eventually be restored to the land of their fathers, closed the exercises of the evening which were listened to with marked interest by a large and intelligent audience.

BEFORE ALDERMAN MAJOR.—Yesterday morning, the following cases were disposed of by Alderman Major of the Sixth ward:

Mrs. Ellen Strain was arrested on complaint of Daniel McGlinniss, charged with illegal sale of liquor and keeping an unlicensed tippling house. She was held to bail in $300 for trial.

Charles B. Strain, Peter McCauker, and J. T. Digunm were held to bail, the first in $500, the second in $300, and the third in $200, charged with assault and battery on oath of Daniel McGlinniss. Daniel McGlinniss was then held to bail in $300, charged with threatening to kill and assault and battery, on oath of Charles B. Strain, and in $100 for an alleged assault on J. T. Digunm.

HIGHLY PERFUMED GLYCERIN FOR THE HANDS AND SKIN.—A white and delicate hand is the first attribute of beauty. "The Hand," says, Sir Chas. Bell, "distinguishes man from the brute; be careful of it, for in public society it is an index not only of the body but of the mind." For sale by Chas. H. Speer, Pharmaceutist, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, opposite the St Clair Hotel, Pittsburgh.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Young Mens Christian Association of Pittsburgh respectfully tender their acknowledgments to Gov. Pollock, the Hon. D. Ritchie, Hon. E. D. Gazzam, Hon. W. E. Stevenson, Mr. Sullivant, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, for valuable public documents.

By order,

R. D. FILSON, Librarian.

THE MCKEESPORT MAILS.—The citizens of McKeesport, and others residing along the line of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, are making efforts to induce the Postmaster General to make an arrangement for a mail contract with the above road, with the view to secure the delivery of a daily mail to the Post Offices along said line.

JOHN CORSON was committed to jail yesterday, on a charge of threatening the life of his wife.

KANSAS AGAIN.—Two men who have recently been driven out of Kansas, called upon us yesterday. They are brothers named Hennolds, who emigrated from Philadelphia county two years ago, had made their claims, built their houses and barns, laid in store fine crops of wheat and corn, and purchased mules and horned cattle, and were quite comfortable. They lived about 27 miles west of Lawrence. A company of border Missourians came to their houses at night, fastened the doors upon the outside and set fire to the houses and barns. These brothers escaped from their burning dwellings and were fired upon by the concealed ruffians. They escaped however with their lives. They saw Gov. Geary on their way home, who treated them with the greatest kindness, gave them $50 and will do all he can to bring the villains to justice. These men who visited us, speak highly of the Governor. They have brought their families thus far on their way home. They will remain a few days in Allegheny, then go home to Philadelphia, and afterwards return to Kansas by themselves to see what they can do. They think there will be hot work again in Kansas in the spring.

CAMPHENE LAMP EXPLODED.—The alarm of fire last evening was caused by the accidental explosion of a campheno lamp at a house on Liberty street near the canal. The flames communicated to the window curtains, which blazed up to such an extent as to fill the house with smoke, and this led to the belief that the house was on fire. It was extinguished, however, without doing much damage. No one was injured by the explosion, fortunately.

RESIGNED.—George W. Glass, who has been master machinist on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad for some four years, resigned the office yesterday. His retirement will be received with much regret by the employees of the road, having been a general favorite.

THEATRE.—Three pieces will be performed this evening. "El Hyder," "Paddy Miles' Boy," and "A Glance at Philadelphia." The stock company now at the Theater is an excellent one.

OFFICER RICHARDSON arrived in the city yesterday with David Hall, from Cincinnati, and that individual is now lodged in jail charged with burglary and larceny.

THE TOW BOAT TOM JONES, owned by Messrs. Lowrie & Co., lying at Sewickley, was not injured so much, Thursday, by the ice, as to prevent her from proceeding down with her barges as soon as the river opens.

THE new Board of Guardians of the Poor organized Thursday, by electing W. J. Howard, President, and George Fortune, Esq., Secretary. The usual business was then transacted, after which the Board adjourned.

THERE were six commitments to jail yesterday for disorderly conduct, four of which came from the Mayor's office.

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 safely rely on the virtues of *Carter's Spanish Mixture*, a never-failing antidote for this destructive poison. 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 continually in his path wherever he goes. I have not visited any 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 in each, on the door post of some bazaar, the peculiarly American looking iron card, 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 musulman are seen the bottles with their English, Spanish, French and German faces turned towards the crowd, and on enquiring we are told that foreigners are not the only purchasers, but the true believers themselves, attribute 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 presented to the Sultan, and is now in constant use in his harem, and in the hospitals of the Empire."

[From the Boston Saturday evening Gazette.]

"A Fortune teller.—What lady or gentleman would remain under the curse of a disagreeable breath when by the use of *Dr. Sage's 1000 Thousand Flowers*, as a dentrifice would not only render it sweet, but also make the teeth white as alabaster. Many persons do not know their breath is bad, and the only way to be sure of your friends will never mention it. Put a single drop of the "Balm" on your tooth-brush and cleanse the teeth night and morning. A fifty cent bottle will last a year.

A Beautiful Complexion may easily be obtained by using the *Balm of a Thousand Flowers*. It will remove tan, pimples, and freckles from the skin, leaving it as soft and tender as a babe's. Wet a towel, pour on two or three drops of the Balm and wash the face night and morning.

SHAVING MADE EASY.—Wet your shaving-brush in either warm or cold water, pour on two or three drops of "Balm of a Thousand Flowers," and rub the beard well and soft, it makes a beautiful soft lather much facilitating the operation of shaving. Price only 50 Cents.

Ferrance & Co., Proprietors, New York.

B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO., JOHN D. PARK, GEO. H. KEYSER, R. E. SELLERS & CO., and FLEMING BROS Pittsburgh. R. B. CALLENDER, Masonic Hall, Agents for Pittsburgh. mh3t1ywd

DR. J. BEHRNS'S GOLDEN PERIODICAL PILLS FOR FEMALES, infallible remedies for irregularities, and removing obstructions of the Monthly Turns, from whatever cause.

All Medical Men Know

As well as many others, that no female can enjoy good health unless she is Regular; and whenever an irregularity takes place, whether from exposure, cold, or any other cause, the general health begins immediately to decline, and the want of such a remedy has been the cause of many consumptions among young females. Headache, pain in the side, palpitation of the heart, loathing of food, and disturbed sleep most always arises from the interruption of nature and whenever that is 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, and sold by all the Druggists and by SAMPLE & REED, Agents for Allegheny; EDITON'S Drug Store, Birmingham; JOHN P. SMITH, 68 Market st. and by W. A. GILDENKENNEY & CO, 43 Fifth st., Pittsburgh. They will supply the trade at proprietors prices. Send the Pills by mail on receipt of $1.00 through Pittsburgh P. O. mh3t1ywdkwly

PITTSBURGH CHEMICAL AND VARNISH WORKS

FINCH & CO.,

RESPECTFULLY inform Druggists and Dealers in Varnishes generally that they have for some time been engaged in the preparation of all descriptions of Copal and other Varnishes, and are now prepared to supply their friends and the public generally with articles of the very best manufacture, made of the best material, and selected with the greatest care and on the most favorable terms.

FINCH & CO. intend to devote themselves to cultivating a first class trade, and have no doubt that their efforts, so to trial, will prove satisfactory. Their Varnishes will be found equally low with any of the eastern manufacturers, and being determined that no article shall leave their works but of approved and tested quality, they only ask for a trial and a share of public patronage.

To our fine BOAT COACH VARNISH we would call particular attention. This article is equal to the English Coach Varnish of the very best brand, being made exactly after the process of the first class English houses, by Mr. Thomas Dugmore, who for many years was foreman of the most extensive establishments in England and Scotland.

Our Anti-Corrosive BLACK VARNISH we would particularly recommend to founders, Rail-road Companies and Manufacturers of iron generally. Its peculiar qualities prevent oxydation entirely, which is a great desideratum to those using varnish for iron, and preferable to asphaltum and other compounds.

All orders left at Messrs. JOHN IRWIN & SONS' Front street, will be punctually attended to; or with J. FINCH, 127 Third st. jan26dawly

A Farm Wanted

IN Exchange for well Improved Property in the city of Pittsburgh. The homes are nearly new, and prices low. Any gentleman seeking a bargain, enquire of JOHN THOMPSON, 102 Third street. feb4tdawtf

SECOND-HAND PIANO FOR SALE FOR $150.—An excellent Rosewood, fashionable style, six octave Piano, made by one of the best New York makers. *For One Hundred and Fifty Dollars cash*, we sale by JOHN H. MELLOR, 81 Wood st.

WOOD ENGRAVING executed with dispatch IN ALL ITS BRANCHES, in the neat style at the lowest possible PRICE, by J. H. SEYMOUR, Union Buildings, Corner Fourth and Sycamore sts., Cincinnati, Ohio. N. B.—Particular attention paid to large Portraits, Heads, Steam Boat and Business Cards. 17:ly

GROCERIES.

75 bbls Molasses; 20 bbls S. R. do; 20 bbls cool to prime Sugar; 20 bbls crushed and pulverized sugar; 115 bags prime fine Coffee; 75 boxes 6s and 8s Lump Tobacco; 25 kits Large No. 1 Mackerel; 10 bbls Cod Fish; 50 boxes Dried Herring; 125 bif Onions; 4,000 Rye Nails assort'd sizes; With general assortment of Groceries for sale by R. ROBINSON & CO. 255 Liberty street. ja28

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

36 BBLS. RYE FLOUR, rec'd this day and for sale by O. D. LECIL, ja30 No. 116 Second street.

CORN MEAL—500 bushels prime Corn Meal just rec'd and for sale by REIS & BERGER Corner 2d and Smithfield streets. jan27

STRAW & FODDER CUTTERS of all the various improved patterns for sale by HOLMES & COLLINS. ja21

GROUND RENT FOR SALE—A ground rent of Twenty-seven Hundred Dollars on a good property in the city will be sold at a fair rate. Apply to B. MLLER & SON. 49

VENISON, VENISON.—15 saddles fresh Venison, cut *pt steaks 25c per lb.*, Fresh Hens and Geese Prairie Quails, rec'd and for sale at 27, 5th st., opposite Mason & Co's. feb R. RIDDLE.

UNDRESSED SHIRTING MUSLINS—Murphy & Burchfield invite the attention of buyers to their assortment of above goods, and of the best manufacture. Having purchased largely of these goods before the late advance in price, can sell them at old prices. Also heavy do, and *pure Flax* Bosom Linens—a good article. ja22d4w

HESKIELL'S OINTMENT, a certain cure for Tetter, Frosted Limbs, Burns, Scalds, etc, for sale only by JOS. WEMING. ja21

INGERSOLL'S IMPROVED PORTABLE HAY PRESS—The most simple, durable, perfect and cheapest Hay Press now in use will also press hops, broom corn, rags and barks, for sale by HOLMES & COLLINS, 129 Wood st. ja14

TRANSPARENT OIL CLOTHS, for window shades, green and buff, of all widths, for sale wholesale and retail, at No. 24 and 26 St Clair st. ja13 J. & H. PHILLIPS.

OILS—40 bbls prime Linseed Oil; 25 bbls No 1 and 2 Winter Strained Lard Oil; for sale by R. ROBINSON & CO. 42

TELEGRAPHIC.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The steamship Africa arrived off Sandy Hook at two o'clock P. M., with advices from Liverpool to the 29th inst.

The Swiss difficulty, though nominally settled, was to be referred to the Conference.

Later dates from China state that the British have taken the French folly fort and were again bombarding Canton.

The ship Confederation, from Philadelphia, has been wrecked in the Mersey.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 25.—The cotton market opened heavily to-day, but improved at the close and prices are stiffer, but the quotations are unchanged. Some of the circulars quote the improvement at ⅛d; the sales of the week have been 41,500 bales; of which 5,500 were on speculation and 2100 for export. The sales to-day have been 10,000 bales. The quotations are; Middling Orleans 7¾d; Middling Uplands 7 7-16. Breadstuffs are dull. Provisions continue inactive.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The money market is slightly easier. Consols for money are quoted at 93¼@93⅝.

BREADSTUFFS.—Market dull. Wheat has declined 2d: flour 6d; corn slightly cheaper, and very quiet; Western Canal Flour 31s@31s 6d; Ohio 34s@35s; mixed corn 33s@33s 6d. white do 34s 6d@36s.

PROVISIONS.—The market continues inactive. Lard dull at 67@68s.

ASHES unchanged and quiet. Spirits of Turpentine 44s 6d@46s.

ROSIN steady at 4s 6d@4s 9d. Teas are unsettled at 9d@1s advance.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Baring Bros. quote Welsh rails steady at £85; Welsh bars £8, and pig iron at 74s. Money market slightly easier. Consols for money are quoted at 93¼@93⅝, and for account 93⅛@93⅝. Banker's rates are unchanged.

The bullion in the Bank of England has slightly decreased.

American securities are steady, but generally unchanged, excepting Illinois Central, which has an advancing tendency.

The London Morning Herald states that the Cabinet Council, held on the 21st, had under consideration the reconstruction of the Cabinet, and that offers of another coalition were made some weeks ago. Among other changes it is said Gladcon will be replaced in the exchequer.

The merchants of the principal cities of France have appealed to the Emperor in behalf of French citizens who suffered by the destruction of Greytown by the American frigate Cyane.

The British fleet has captured the forts of Bushire and the Island of Karnoch in the Persian Gulf. It is also rumored that the Russians have occupied Ostrachan.

Later advices from China state that the Canton authorities continue obstinate. The British have destroyed the French Folly, and the Chinese have burned the foreign factories and houses. The Oriental Hyrs and Mercantile Banks were destroyed by fire, and the shelling of Canton has been commenced.

CONGRESSIONAL

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 6.—SENATE.—On motion of Mr. Wilson, a resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Commerce to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to expend such sums as he may deem necessary, not exceeding $50,000 for the further exploration of the Lapiath and its tributories.

Mr. Fish, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported back a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to pay the officers and seamen engaged in the expedition in the search of Dr. Kane, the same rate of pay as was allowed the officers and seamen on the expedition under Lieut. Dehaven.

The private calendar was then taken up

Senate passed the House bill for the relief of Mary Roside, and receded from its former amendment against the allowance of interest.

The House passed seventeen private bills, and then adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Judge Striker was before the Investigating Committee yesterday.—Mr. Simonton notified the Committee of his readiness to obey their summons, but was not recalled.

A deputy sergeant-at-arms left this afternoon for New York on business for the Committee.

The House Post Office Committee are willing to give the Collins contract to any party who will take it on the original terms, and purchase the steamers at a fair valuation; if not Mr. Collins retains it.

Mr. Sumner is not here as reported.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 6.—Noon.—The steamer Gen. Pike is reported sunk and lying with her chimneys down. The W. Cheesman, Yorktown, and Maringo broke loose from Charlestown landing, and are now in eight of the city, in the ice, trying to land. The gorge here has given way. River rising rapidly. No boats injured here.—The Eastern Mail went over the Falls, and is presumed to be safe at Portland. The Superior when last heard from was running up the Kentucky shore. No arrivals or departures since last evening. Weather pleasant.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—Flour unchanged, with a moderate demand at yesterday's prices—Whisky firmat 23 with a good demand. Cloverseed held firmly at $7 per bushel. Corn active and firm, with sales 8,000 bush. at 62@64 cheily at former rates. Provisions quiet; buyers holding off. Bulk meat, rather more offering, but prices unchanged; sales 60,000 lbs. shoulders, in bulk, at 7¾. Lard held more firmly at 12@12¼, for bbls. and kegs.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—We have received tonight, New Orleans papers of Thursday and Friday last. The only news they contain is a confirmation of the account of the invasion of Tampico by Gen. Garzia, and the forcible seizure at the house of the British Consul of $240,000 belonging to foreign merchants.

WHEELING, Feb. 6.—The weather continues mild. The ice commenced running from above at six o'clock this morning; it stove a hole in the steamer Arcola lying at the wharf, but the damage is slight. The steamer Chicago is reported sunk below. The river has risen to fifteen feet nine inches and is now at a stand.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—Not much ice in the river. A gorge is reported above New Richmond, from whence steamer Lancaster has arrived, being the first arrival since the break up. Weather warm and cloudy. River rising slowly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—It is understood that President Pierce and Sidney. Webster are subponed in the Cushing case at New York, which, in case of an adverse decision to the defendants, will be carried to the Supreme Court

PORTSMOUTH, Feb. 6.—River rose six feet last night. The ice started this morning, and the river is still swelling. No damage done.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 6.—The National Theatre was destroyed by fire this afternoon.—Only the bare walls remain.

ZANESVILLE, Feb. 6.—The ice is moving.—The weather is very mild and cloudy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The market is firmer under the steamer's advices. Flour less active and declining, with sales of 10,000 bbls. Wheat is steady; sales 5,000 bush. Corn firmer, with sales 76,000 bush. Provisions steady. Bacon firmer; sales 1 ton. Dressed Hogs sell at 5¾@10 per lb. Whiskey in moderate demand and steady. Coffee quiet. Sugar firm; sales of Orleans at 10¼ Molasses quiet. Spirits of Turpentine steady. Tobacco firm at 11@12 ⅌ lb. Rice dull. Freights irregular. Stocks firmer, but dull.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The advices by the Baltic have had but little effect upon the market. Flour is in rather better request; 600 bbls sold at $6,37½, and 300 hlf bbls at $7,12½, small sales to trade at former quotations, Rye Flour dull at $3,65. Corn Meal $3. There is a steady demand for wheat, without change in prices; 800 bus Red sold at $1,60@1,62; White ranges from $1,60 to $1,64. Rye; sales 1200 bush at 82c. Corn unchanged; small sales old yellow at 68c; 5,000 bush do on private terms, and some now at 65. Oats; sales 66,000 bush Penna. at 47. Whisky firmer; sales in bbls at 26@26½, and in hhds at 25c.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—Flour dull. Wheat 1@2 cents lower. Corn unchanged. Whisky selling at 26½@27½.

Valuable Property at Private Sale.

THE undersigned offers at private sale, a small FARM, containing forty acres, well watered: about thirty of which is cleared and in a good state of cultivation, on which is erected a large Frame House, with a sunk kitchen 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 village of Venice, Coal Tp., Washington Co., 18 miles west of Pittsburgh, on the road leading to West Middletown. The above property is now occupied as a Tavern, but will suited for a private dwelling. For further particulars apply to the subscriber, residing on the premises.

HUGH McDOWELL. ja19:3tw*f

FRESH ARRIVAL

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

50 boxes W. H. Grant's A No. 1;
20 boxes Eugene Howard;
18 boxes James H. Grant, Eagle No. 1;
10 boxes of various other brands of lower grades, with a choice assortment of the finest quality of Tobacco;
25,000 vara Ponies, 10,000 El Trilpan Jumerillas;
10,000 Fine Fly, 10,000 El Trilpan Cuenta Regalia;
5,000 Eagle Principe, and 150,000 various other brands of German Cigars.

Now open for examination and sale at the above place. de19 EDWARD T. MEGHAW.

COMMERCIAL.

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

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE, Saturday Morning, Feb. 7, 1857.

FLOUR—sales 20 bbls extra from wagon at $6,50, bbls from store at $6,37; 30 bbls extra and extra family at $6,62@6,75; 55 at $6,38@6,50; 60 superfine extra and extra family at $5,87@6,37@6,50; 125 at $5,75@5,87@6,12.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—sale 60 sacks at $3,12½ ⅌ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—sales 200 and 150 bus ear Corn at depot at 62c; 150 bus Wheat at $1,20.

HAY—sales 18 loads at scales at $10.

CLOVERSEED—sale 50 bus from store at $6,50.

BAGS—sale 2000 A at 22c.

LARD OIL—sale 5 bbls No 1 at 95c.

BACON—sales 2000 lbs Shoulders at 9c for old, 9½c for new; 2000 lbs Western at 8½c; 2000 lbs Hams at 10½c.

THE RIVER OPEN.—The ice moved out yesterday and the river is again open. Last year we waited for a similar event until the 21st of March. The Monongahela is open nearly up to Birmingham: below the bridge the water ran nearly clear of ice yesterday afternoon. The Allegheny is broken up, as far as the aqueduct at Freeport, and nearly all day yesterday its waters rushed by the city like those of an immense ice-sluice. Its surface is covered with shapeless masses of decaying ice seeking the warmer waters below.

The depth of the water by the pier mark varied during the afternoon from ten to eleven feet, sudden changes occurring as the ice gorged or gave way below.

The constant stream of drays which has so long run in the direction of the Pittsburgh Ft. Wayne and Chicago depot, was lessened in volume yesterday and a portion of it had already began to set toward the Monongahela landing. The long line of steamers lying there had already been getting ready for the occasion and many of them are already up for ports on the lower Ohio and Mississippi. The large quantities of offes still running much of it yet, hard and strong, will probably render them tardy in getting out for a day or two.

The extreme anxiety with which this "break up" has been looked for was a fair gauge of the activity with which the actual event will be followed, already the streets and warehouses begin to show the tokens of new life with which the happy time of the season has inspired them.

THE WEATHER.—The Thermometer on Thursday and yesterday at various points along Front street showed a temperature varying from 60 to 65 degrees above. This is unusual and after a temperature of 6 to 10 below zero which we were enduring but 12 days since it is quite oppressive.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The Petersburgh (Va.) Intelligencer states that the banks in that city refuse the notes of the bank of Scottsville and those of the Merchants' Bank of Lynchburgh, although they are duly endorsed by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and therefore carry the responsibility of the latter. The Intelligencer adds:

"We mention this as a not uninteresting item of public intelligence, for the notes of the above banks have a very extensive circulation."

The total receipts of gold at New York from California for the last seven months are $23,431,000.

There was a larger supply of means in the street to-day offering on call and loan, and the Stock Brokers made all their wants with less effort than on Tuesday or Monday. The Discount Brokers report rather firmer rates for money on mercantile paper, the late Southern mails having brought into market a liberal offering of choice short acceptances, which go at 6@8 ⅌ cent; and discounts on Long Dates at 8@9 ⅌ cent. Fair paper rates 10@12 ⅌ cent. The Custom duties this week are quite heavy; to-day they are $200,000. The whole receipts of the week reach $1,411; disbursements, $105,549; balance this afternoon, $1,305,145. The Yerals took out $276,223 in Gold. It will be noticed from our January trade returns that while $15,508,000 in Specie went out, for Foreign ports, $586,000 in Foreign Specie was brought in, leaving the loss to the Specie reserves of this City, for the entire month, only $472,000, while the California deliveries were $2,437,000.

N Y Times, Thursday.

Ten dollar notes on the Bank of Commerce, Boston, stamped with two twos, have made their appearance. The alteration is very skilfully done, and will deceive all except the most expert judges. The figures in the corner and the two twos on the margin are taken out by a chemical process, and the word ten printed in. Genuine tens may be detected by the rissette of a steamship in the centre, and the portrait of the late Robert G Shaw in the right hand corner; also a group of female figures in the left hand corner.

CINCINNATI MARKET.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, February 4.

FLOUR—The market was rather firmer to-day, and lots of desirable brand were generally held at $6,50. The sales were 200 bbls at $6,50@$6,60. The receipts during the last twenty four hours were 437 barrels.

WHISKY—The market continues firm, with a good demand. Sales of 90 bbls at 27½c, and 160 do from wagons at 27½c.

CHEESE—The market continues without change of importance.

BUTTER—The market is dull, without change in prices.

PROVISIONS—The market was quiet to-day, but continues firm, with very little disposition to realize. We understand Lard sold, to a considerable extent, at 11c for barrel and 11½c for keg, but the only sale made was for 100 tierces at 11½c. Bacon in good demand and prices firmer; sales of 75,000 lbs, at 7¾c for the outside rates for Clear Sides.

GROCERIES—Sugar is firmer, and generally held for higher prices and refiners, but the demand continues quite moderate. No change in Coffee or Molasses.

WHEAT—The market is firm, and the receipts are readily taken at prices ranging from 125 to 135 for fair to prime white.

CORN—The demand is active, and prices firm at 62.

RYE—The receipts are very light, and sell quick at 75c.

APPLES—There is a good demand at $2,50@$2,50 per barrel.

In our general markets we have to notice increased firmness, but the transactions to day were not extensive, as we must wait a further advance. We note a few sales of Flour at $6,50, but did not learn the particulars of sales, that we could rely on. Bacon is firmer, but we hear of no sales. Lard and Lard Oil are firmer, but we hear of no sales at present; the nearest approach to a sale is merely an asking price, Mess Pork is firmer, but we hear of no sales. Flour continues very much in the old rut, and prices, and round lots of desirable brands were to-day held at $6,50. The arrivals from the seaboard manufacturing and the favorable reports from the seaboard manufacturing and the favorable reports from the seaboard indicate, and the favorable reports from the seaboard indicate, combine to stimulate holders to the utmost.

The demand for Money is increasing as the evening of the year approaches, the favorable prospect which stimulated business yesterday and to-day; but the market retains its easy features, and local paper ranges from 8 to 10 per cent. In Exchange there is no alteration. We quote Eastern at ¾@1 premium. New Orleans is nominally ¼@½ premium.

By reference to the Bank Note Table in another place, it will be perceived that the rates of discount on the notes of the solvent Indiana, Illinois and Michigan Banks have been reduced 1 per cent. Indiana is now taken at 5 per cent discount, and Illinois and Wisconsin at 2 per cent.—Do Gas.

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