THE CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 18, 1857.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 17, 1857.—Members present, Messrs. Alt, Barnhill, Bennett, Berger, Black, Brown, Herdman, Hodkinson, Layton, McCandless, M'Cargo, McClintock, M'Farland, Meyer, Quinn, Robb, Ross, Shaffer, Smyser, Taylor and President, Errett.

On motion of Mr. Hodkinson the reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

The chair stated that the meeting had been called to take some final action on the Ordinance relative to licensing all Hacks, Drays, Buggies, &c., &c.

The motion to reconsider the vote on said Ordinance came up and was adopted.

The Ordinance was then finally passed by the following vote:

Ayes—Barnhill, Bennett, Berger, Black, Hodkinson, M'Cargo, M'Clintock, M'Farland, Ross, Shaffer, Smyser, President, Errett—12.

Nays—Alt, Brown, Herdman, Layton, M'Candless, Meyer, Quinn, Robb, Taylor—9.

On motion adjourned.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R. CO.—*Auditor's Department, Pittsburgh*, Feb. 1857.—The earnings of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Rail Road Company for the month of January were as follows, viz:

From Freight,	$64,518 74
" Passengers,	43,806 24
" Express,	4,139 29
" Mail,	3,490 63
Total,	$116,454 90
Total Earnings for same month in 1856,	$79,513 75
Increase (46½ per cent.)	$36,941 15

The above did not come to hand in season to find a place in our yesterday's edition. The main fact, however, is as noticeable to day, to wit: that the increase of January over the corresponding month last year is 46½ per cent. and this notwithstanding the storms and cold weather against which they were obliged to contend. Such a result is certainly very flattering to the management of this great thoroughfare.

IRON CITY COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—We paid a visit to this flourishing institution, under the charge of Professor Jenkins, yesterday, and were pleased with the result. In addition to other important advantages, this College has the benefit of a practical Professor of book-keeping of rare attainments and business capacity, Mr. I. I. Hitchcock. As far back as forty years ago, he published, as many of our present merchants and business men will recollect, a popular treatise on the branch of commercial education which he teaches. The spacious halls of the institution are daily attended by some two hundred students, of nearly every age and profession, ladies as well as gentlemen, pursuing profitably a commercial education, guided by the experience of their esteemed instructor. Their progress speaks highly for the advantages of the institution. The specimens of penmanship exhibited in their hall and done by Mr. Conley, professor of the art of chirography, are such as show him to be a master. We are informed that all those who have attended the lectures and teaching at this College are highly pleased with it as well as benefitted by the course of study pursued.

THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE begins to feel the influence of the approaching Spring. The country merchant is preparing his memoranda and making up his mind in reference to the best point at which to make his Spring purchases. Those who have not their minds already made up, definitely, will call first, as a matter of course, with those houses with whose address and business they have become most familiar by looking at the city papers. We command to our numerous country readers the various advertisers who spread before the public their stocks; and we advise those of our city merchants desirous of increasing their country and city acquaintance to send in their favors.

The Daily and Weekly *Gazette* reaches almost every dealer in that region of territory tributary to Pittsburgh, or likely to come here to purchase, and has long been looked upon as a good commercial index of the state of the city market.

CHURCH and School House robberies are becoming extremely frequent of late. It is only within a short time that the Fourth Ward School House, Allegheny, was entered and robbed, and later still those of the Third and Eighth Wards of our own city.

Last week St. Peters' Episcopal church, Grant street, the Methodist Protestant church, East Common, and Dr. Rodgers' church, Allegheny city, were broken open, ransacked and robbed. We hope the scoundrels who are perpetrating such outrages may be watched and apprehended.

OUR streets are getting in a very bad condition as the fine weather approaches and the frost is coming out of the ground. The cobblestones appear in some places as though they had been set in a swamp, and the sidewalks are almost as bad. Workmen were busily engaged yesterday in different parts of the city, clearing away the large amount of mud that has accumulated during the winter. The work of the scavenger was much needed, and we are glad to see that operations have commenced.

It's astonishing how soon the ladies find out where the best and cheapest dry goods are sold. It's only a few days ago since A. McTighe, corner of Grant and Fifth streets, received his new stock, and yet within that short time some of his best styles have been mostly disposed of. This circumstance, of itself, indicates that McTighe keeps better goods, and sells them cheaper than his neighbors. The ladies will now find, at this establishment, the best assortment of fancy and staple dry goods in the city.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Before Judges McClure, Adams and Parke.

John Plankerton vs Robert Brown. Plaintiff called and nonsuited.

John J. McCombs vs Peter Perchment; action on a special contract. Verdict for defendant for $25, on plea of set off.

Ihmsen vs The Monongahela Navigation Co.; action for damages for washing away of some land in the borough of Birmingham. On trial.

JUVENILE THIEF.—James Reece, a lad about twelve years of age, was arrested yesterday and taken before the Mayor, charged with attempting to rob the money till of Bridget Burns, a milk dealer on Union street. He was committed to jail, but an attempt will be made on Saturday, we understand, to send him to the House of Refuge, which would be a good place for a number of other urchins in our city who are making a bad commencement in life.

CONCERT.—We would direct attention to the notice of a concert to be given by the Sabbath School Children of Asbury Chapel at the Sixth Presbyterian Church, on Franklin street between Logan and Fulton streets. The money realized for tickets at ten cents each is to be applied for the purchase of a Sabbath School Library. The whole plan is so worthy of patronage that we know we need not bespeak a full house.

"SPECIAL INJUNCTION."—We were politely notified by High Constable Hague yesterday that the bulletin-board in front of our office must be taken down and put out of the way, so that hereafter all who wish to examine our valuable sheet must call at the office and procure a copy. The ordinance in regard to projecting signs, etc., in the street, is hereafter to be enforced throughout the city.

MAYOR WEAVER had five cases before him yesterday morning. The Aldermen's offices were bare of interesting items, drunkenness, vagrancy and drunkenness having come before them during the day. We are glad, however, in one way, that such news is scarce, as we are sure our citizens are better satisfied with a quiet city, and no items, than one full of brawls and burglaries.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY comes this year on Sunday. The various military companies of the city are making preparations to parade on Saturday or Monday next. We like to see the day celebrated properly above all others, as the commemoration of one whose example should be kept constantly before the minds of the rising "Young America."

THE lecture of Dr. Hayes, which was announced for last evening, has been postponed till this evening, that gentleman having missed the connection at Cleveland. The lecture is on the tip-toe of expectation, as the widespread reputation of Dr. Hayes renders his appearance one of the chief features of the lecture season.

ANOTHER marriage took place in our jail Monday evening. The parties were John Orenbaugh, aged about twenty years, and Ellen Swager, aged only about forty. The magistrate who performed the ceremony refused, for some time, but both parties, and the parents of the young man, probably also those of the *young* woman, expressed their desire to have the knot tied.

THE vehicles on our thoroughfares are beginning already to keep at a respectable distance, as they pass the crossings, since the determination of the Mayor to enforce the ordinance. People have now some little chance of passing through the city, without being detained five or ten minutes every square or two.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams.

The second case of I. Z. A. Patterson vs. Tassey's administrators, is now on trial, and has occupied the last two days in this Court. There are still two other cases of the same parties.

THE following Act of Assembly has been reported by a Special Committee of Councils, and is now under consideration. It is published for general information:

AN ACT

To enable the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh to levy an additional tax for the payment of interest on Rail Road Bonds.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh shall be, and they are hereby authorized in addition to the powers now vested in them, to levy, assess and collect a tax for the use of said City in paying interest on such of its bonds as the said City is legally bound to pay, and which have heretofore been issued to the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Rail Road Company, the Allegheny Valley Rail Road Company, and the Chartiers Valley Rail Road Company, said tax to be levied, assessed and collected on and from the capital stock of the several Insurance Companies, Trust Companies, Insurance Companies having agencies in said City, Gas Companies and Bridge Companies located and doing business in, at, or adjoining said City; and also upon the capital stock of the several banks in said city, the capital stock whereof is not exempt by law from taxation, and also on all real estate situate in said city owned or possessed by any Railroad Company, and also upon all real estate owned by any church or religious association whether the title to the same be in the corporate name of any church corporation or association or held in the name of any individual or individuals in trust or otherwise, and also upon the capital stock of the Monongahela Navigation Company, and also upon the capital stock of all dividend paying copper stock companies, and also upon all money at interest. And the said Councils shall and may assess levy and collect a business tax on and from all banks, corporations and companies located or doing business in said city, the capital stock whereof is now exempt by law from taxation, which said tax to be levied assessed and collected under this Section shall not exceed twelve mills on the dollar for the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven, and not exceeding nine mills on the dollar for any subsequent year. But the said Councils shall in no case levy and collect any more taxes under this Act than shall be necessary to meet the interest outstanding and accruing upon said bonds, during the year for which such tax shall be levied, after deducting all payments or dividends towards said interest that may be made by the Railroad Companies aforesaid or their assigns.

SECTION 2. That in case the tax authorized to be levied assessed and collected in pursuance of the first section of this Act shall not amount to a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds that then the said Councils are hereby authorized to levy assess and collect a business tax on and from the amount of the sales of merchandise and manufactures in said city, and upon the amount of business done by pawnbrokers; telegraph companies, and express companies and upon the annual professional income of attorneys at law and physicians located and doing business in said city, which said tax shall not exceed in amount the number of mills provided for in the first Section of this Act.

SECTION 3. That all money bona fide invested or loaned at interest or for income or on mortgage or judgment, or on personal security, or by purchase of negotiable notes shall be deemed to be money at interest for the purposes of this Act—but no bank trust company or other corporation which shall pay a tax under the first Section of this Act shall pay a tax for the money loaned by them at interest.

SECTION 4. That in case any Cashier, Treasurer, Secretary, or other officer of any corporation, association or company the capital stock or business whereof are made taxable under this act, and in case any individual or firm shall feel himself or themselves aggrieved by any assessment made in pursuance of this act, that then the Treasurer of said City with the approbation of a majority of the Finance Committee of Councils for the time being, shall have power to reduce the said assessment upon such Cashier, Secretary, Treasurer or other officer, individual or firm, filing his or their affidavit in the office of the Treasurer of said city stating the amount and value of said capital stock or business, and the amount of the alleged over assessment, which, said affidavit may be made before any Alderman of said city.

SECTION 5. That the amount of any tax which may be assessed, levied and collected under this act shall be retained and deducted by the Cashiers, Treasurers, or other officer having charge of said banks, institutions or companies from the profits made by the same and shall account for and pay the same into the Treasury of the City of Pittsburgh, one half thereof on the first day of June, and the balance thereof on the first day of December of each and every year, and on failure to pay the same then the property of said corporation or company shall be subject to levy and sale by any ward constable for the payment thereof upon a warrant to be issued by the City Treasurer for the time being, and the Directors, Cashier, Secretary or other officer of said corporation or company for the time being shall be jointly and severally liable in their individual capacity for the payment thereof, and the same may be sued for and recovered in the name of "The Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Pittsburgh," as debts of the like amount are recoverable.

SECTION 6. That the taxes authorized to be levied, assessed and collected by virtue of this act are hereby specially appropriated to the payment of the interest on the bonds aforesaid, and shall be used for no other purpose, and shall be paid out under the direction and control of said Councils of the City of Pittsburgh to such bond holders as the said corporation of Pittsburgh are legally bound to pay.

SECTION 7. That from and after the passage of this act, the person holding for the time being the office of Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh, and the Solicitor for the Commissioners of County of Allegheny, or any member of Councils, shall not directly or indirectly act as Solicitor for any Railroad Company in which the City of Pittsburgh or the County of Allegheny now hold or may in future hold any part of the capital stock, and the Solicitors aforesaid shall be ineligible to any position or office as Director or otherwise in any such Railroad Company.

SECTION 8. That all acts of Assembly or parts of acts which are inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

FORESTALLING.—Thomas Gaskill was taken before Mayor Weaver yesterday, charged with forestalling the market, but there being circumstances in the case which mitigated the offence, he was discharged on payment of the costs.

THEATER.—The performances commences this evening with "Rob Roy," followed by some wonderful feats of the Elephant, and concludes with "The Miller and His Men."

MESSRS. O'CONNOR, Bao. & Co., Wood street, continue to purchase all depreciated and uncurrent bank notes. We would direct attention to their advertisement in another column.

JOHN SMITH was before the Mayor again, yesterday, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was committed to jail in default of a fine of $5,00

MERCURY, when taken to excess, debilitates 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. Churchill 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 seen 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 waive their trust in fate to try the 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."

DR. J. DIPONCO'S GOLDEN PERIODICAL PILLS FOR FEMALES, infallible in correcting irregular life, 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 obstruction 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 so 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 wherever 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 disease peculiar to females may be speedily cured.

Price $1,00 per box, and sold by all the Druggists and by SAMPLE & LEMO, Agents for Allegheny; FULTON'S Drug Store, Birmingham; JOHN P. SMITH, 52 Liberty 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. [feb11:3mdeow&T]

LARD OIL—10 bbls on steamer Lacross for sale by feb12 ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 17.—SENATE.—Mr. Seward's bill for a perfect home valuation principle in the tariff of 1846 was laid on the table at his own instance in order to avoid embarrassment in its consideration by Mr. Adams' amendment to exempt railroad iron from duty. It is his intention to call it up at a future day.

The Senate passed a bill in addition to an act more effectually providing for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States. A bill to amend the act for the better organization of the Treasury Department, and for the collection, transfer, and safe keeping and disbursement of the public revenue and a bill confirming to the States the swamp and overflowed land therein were also passed.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill further to amend an act for the better security of the lives of passengers on board vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam.

Mr. Bell, of Tenn., introduced a bill to secure to all the States some greater measures of justice and equality in the distribution of the public lands and the proceeds.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill to increase the pay of officers of the Army, which was passed after debate, without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Toombs a Resolution was adopted directing the committee of Commerce to enquire into the expediency of exploring the river Niger in Africa.

On motion of Mr. Broadhead a Resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Commerce to enquire into the expediency of authorising the Secretaries of War and the Navy under proper direction to make exploration and verification of several surveys already made for a ship canal near the Isthmus of Darien to connect the waters of the Pacific with the Atlantic by the Atriol and Truando rivers.

HOUSE.—Mr. Wakeman called up Mr. Barbour's motion to consider the vote by which the Senate Submarine Telegraph bill was referred to the committee on Post office.

Mr. Jones, of Tenn., moved to lay the motion on the table which was negatived.

The question on reconsidering was then carried.

Mr. Jones, of Tenn., moved to lay the bill on the table which was negatived, ayes 77, nays 114. He then ineffectually moved to refer the Bills to committee of the Whole on the State of the Union; the vote was ayes 77, nays 112.

The proposed Submarine Telegraph was under discussion. Messrs. Jones of Tennessee, Campbell of Ohio, and Florence of Pennsylvania, debated the question with some spirit. Mr. Jones moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the 3d of March. Negatived by 74 against 114.

Mr. Wakeman moved to recommit the bill to the Committee of Ways and Means, when such amendments as would be proper could be made. Agreed to.

The House then passed, by 99 against 79, a bill for the relief of the people of Kansas, repealing all rules and regulations purporting to be laws adopted at Shawnee Mission by a body of men claiming to be the Legislature, and declaring invalid all acts and proceedings of that assembly; likewise providing for a new election of members of the Legislature, and pains and penalties for illegal voting and unlawful interference with the rights of voters.

A separate vote was taken on the preamble of the Bill declaring unjust and unwarranted the test oaths as prescribed for voting or holding office in Kansas; that the House Committee of Investigation report that the Legislature was not elected by legal voters, but was forced upon them by non-residents in violation of the Organic act of the territory and having thus usurped the legislative power it enacted cruel and oppressive laws. This was adopted by a majority of 95 against 68

The House then adjourned.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—The Texas arrived with Balize dates to the 10th. The Tennessee had arrived. Colonels Titus and Lamont proceeded up the river and attacked 300 Costa Ricans at Cady's Point at the mouth of Pengagua and defeated them with a heavy loss. The American loss is trifling. The steamer's machinery getting out of order it came back to Punto Arenas to be repaired and had gone back again. There is no doubt but that they will be in full possession of the river in a week.

Advices to the 31 had been received of Walker by the steamships from Panama. The enemy under Coras had approached near Rivas and had been driven back on the 28th. Henningsen with a force of 400 attacked 1500 of the enemy at St. George, driving them from their position and then returning to Rivas. Walker's whole force is 1200 of which 1100 were fit for duty and in excellent health and spirits, with provisions and ammunition for three months

A private despatch from the agent of the Associated Press, dated Greytown 10th, confirms the above.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 17.—The bill increasing the pay of officers of the Army, which now only awaits the signature of the President, will give Lieut Gen. Scott $1,828 additional, making his yearly compensation $10,620. The increase of each Brigadier General is $1,100; Colonel $800; Lieut. Colonel $650; Major $650; Captain $400; Lieutenant $300; making their salaries respectively $7,500, $8,000, $2,600, $2,200, $1,800, and $1,500 The average increase is $600 to each officer, or in all $525,000 An old law provides that any increase of pay shall the army relatively affects that of the Marine corps.

The following are the names of all the members from the non-slaveholding States, who joined the Southerners in voting against the bill in the House declaring the Legislature of Kansas spurious, its laws invalid, and providing for a new election: Messrs. Allen, Broom, Cadwallader, Campbell, English, Fenton, Foller of Maine, Hall, Harris of Illinois, Kelly, Miller of Indiana, Morrison, Packer, Peck, and Whitney.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 17.—The Western New York witnesses have not arrived. The Committee are ready to report. It is confident-ly asserted by friends of the Allegheny Land Bill that nothing has been discovered by the Committee throwing suspicion on that measure. Gen. Shields has received this assurance from a member of the Committee

A petition numerously signed by citizens of California asking for the expulsion of Herbert has been referred to the Committee on Elections in the House

The Dallas Clarendon treaty was mainly attacked by Democrats. Mr. Seward, it is understood, made a speech in its favor, as did others on the Republican side.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—The Kansas correspondent of the Republican says the Bill authorising courts to admit to bail in certain cases which had been vetoed by Gov. Geary, has been passed over his head by one dissenting vote in each house.

The commissioners appointed to investigate charges against Surveyor General Calhoun have reported in his favor.

Gen. Clark charged with killing Barbour has given himself up and entered a recognizance to appear at the spring court.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb 17.—It is believed to-night by members of Congress and others both from letters and verbal reports from Wheatland that the new Cabinet will be composed of Lewis Cass, Secretary of State; Cobb, of Georgia, Sec. of Treasury; Ex Governor Floyd, Secretary of War; Governor Brown, of Tenn., Navy; Toucey, Attorney General; Jones of Penna, Post Master General; Jacob Thompson, of Miss, Secretary of the Interior.

DETROIT, Feb. 17.—The Michigan Legislature adjourned on Monday at noon. Acts were passed disposing of lands given to the State by the General Government to certain Railroad Co's. A banking law is to be submitted to the people. A resolution passed granting aid to the German emigrants in Kansas and instructing their Representatives in Congress to vote for the admission of Kansas as a free state. Also a law organizing an independent Supreme Court.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—A special election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expulsion of Mr. Slough from the Ohio Legislature, was held yesterday. All the returns are in but from one township and one precinct. Hosea (Independent) has 13 majority over Slough (Democrat) who was nominated. The returns to come in will probably increase Hosea's majority from 30 to 50 votes.

SECOND DESPATCH.

Slough who was expelled from the Legislature has been defeated in this county, and Robert Hosea returned in his place.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Private despatch from Havana, dated 13th, states that Dr. Kane, then dying, could not survive a day.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—River falling; 12 feet in the channel; weather warm, cloudy and clear alternately.

WHEELING, Feb. 17.—River nine feet in the channel. Weather warm and clear.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17 —Fall returns give Hoses 11 majority. The official returns may vary the result.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 17.—The river is 6½ feet on the Falls and is falling. Weather warm and somewhat cloudy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Cotton firm; sales 3000 bales. Flour steady; sales 9000 bbls. Wheat declining; sales 28,000 bush at $1,75@1,80 for white. Corn quiet; sales 4,300 bush. Provisions steady. Coffee firm. Sugar dull at a decline of ⅛. Molasses firm at 76. Freight easier. Cotton to Liverpool 7-32. Stocks dull, Chicago and Rock Island 98; Canton Co. 17¾; Illinois Central 154; Illinois bonds, Freelands 94; Michigan Southern 75; N. Y. Central 88½; Reading 78¾; Galena & Chicago 104; Cleveland & Toledo 72¾.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Cloverseed has advanced; 600 bush sold at $7,62½@7,75. Timothy seed worth $3,75. Breadstuffs excepting corn are dull. Flour freely offered at $6,37½. Rye flour has declined to $3,62½; 500 bbls old stock corn meal sold at $2,87½. Wheat dull, not much offering, small sales of red at $1,49 @$1,50; white at $1,60@1,63. Rye is wanted at 82c. Corn in good demand at 66@66c for new, and 68c for old. Provisions unchanged.—Whisky has advanced to 29 in bbls., and 27 in hhds.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—Cotton market firm, and holders demand an advance; 6 500 bales at 12¼@12¾ for middling; the receipts are 9000 bales. Sugar 10¼. Flour has declined. Yellow corn 63. Pork dull. Lard in bbls 12¼.—Freights on cotton to Liverpool 9 16 d; to Havre 13-16 c. Exchange on London 107; on New York ½@1¼ discount. The private advices from China have caused a great excitement in the tea market. Seven thousand chests have been sold to day at prices higher than have ever before been obtained in this market.

COMMERCIAL.

COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION FOR JANUARY.

J. W. HALMAN, V. P., JOSEPH FILBERT, W. R. BRUNOT, D. H. WILLIAMS, E. GREGG.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE, Wednesday Morning, Feb. 18, 1857.

FLOUR—the amount offering from first hands was small, and enhanced only 25 bbls super on Wharf at $5,25; 41 do super and extra at $5,18 and $5,25 and 43 do extra at $5,75@6,00. From store, sales of 60, 37 and 20 bbls at $5,50 for super, $5,12 for extra and $6,00 for family extra.

GRAIN—the supply of Oats lively, and sales of about 400 bus on arrival at 32@33c. Corn, sales of 100 bus at 65@66.

BACON—sales of 3000 lbs old Shoulders at 6¼, and 1000 lbs Hams at 10¾.

LARD—sales of 25 bbls No 1 at 95.

BUTTER & EGGS—sales of 10 bbls roll butter, in bbls, in lots, at 20, and 2 bbls eggs at 25.

BEANS—sales in lots of 60 bus small white at $2,25.

CHEESE—a fair demand; sales of 20 bbls Goshen at 12½.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

CINCINNATI MARKET, Feb 16.—Flour—the market was quite dull to-day, and the demand limited. The receipts were quite large. The sale comprises 700 bbls at $5,25@5,50, closing dull. The receipts during the last twenty hours were 2,619 bbls.

Whisky—the demand was active to-day, and rather in excess of the supply. The sales were 1,500 bbls at 27½@28 including 230 bbls from wagons at 27½@28.

Butter—the market continues dull and heavy. The only sale we heard of to day was 2,000 lbs Prairie packed at 12½c. Roll range from 16 to 19c.

Seed—Clover continues in demand but nearly all that offers was obtained for some price to-day. The transactions were 45 bbls and 5 bbls at $7, 45 bbls at $7,25, and 6 do at $7,50. The demand is less active.

Pork—Mess is firm at $18,50, but the demand is but moderate.

Bulk Meats—the sales which transpired to-day were 25 bbls Shoulders, cash, at $1,80, 110 do do, at Ripley, at 2½c, and 110 do do, at Maysville, at 2½c. The market is quiet and in order to effect sale a lower rate have to be accepted.

Lard—the demand under the influence of favorable advices from New York, was quite active on Tuesday and prices advanced fully ¼c. The sales reach 1,600 bbls and tes at 12c and 400 do at Maysville at 11¾c. The market closed with an active demand at 12c for prime, but holders were asking higher prices.

Bacon—about 60 bbls sold at 5½c for shoulders, and 6¼@6¾c for sides. The demand is quite moderate, but holders are firm.

Sugar—the market rules firm, with a fair but not active demand. Sales of 85 hhds, at 11¼ to 11¾c for fair to prime.

Molasses—the sales were 41 bbls at 70@72c. The market is slightly easier.

Wheat—the market continues very firm at $1,36@1,40, 20 for prime red and white. The receipts during the week amount to 4 700 bushels.

Barley—sales of 500 bushels fall at $1,35, and 400 do do at $1,35. Spring is in good demand at $1,45@1,50. The receipts for the week amount to 2,200 bushels.

Rye—the market is firm and unchanged.

Corn—There is a good demand for old and new Corn at full prices. Sales of 600 bushels new at 62c. The receipts during the week amount to 34,231 bushels.

Oats—the demand continues active, and prices are very firm at 40c.

Hay—the market is quiet, at 21 prime on hand.

Potatoes—prices are firm at $1,10 ⅌ bushel for Pinkeyes.

Apples—there is a brisk request, and the receipts are quite at $2,25@2,50 ⅌ bbl for good to choice.

The Indianapolis Sentinel states that the holders of the notes of the Greencastle and Shawneetown banks will receive but little more than 37 cents on the dollar, and this will have to be paid by the securities of the State Treasurer.

The rates of freight at Cincinnati are as follows:

To Pittsburgh—Whisky and Oil, 50 cts; Flour 50c; Pork, 40 cts; Molasses, 75c; Cotton, 75c. Round Freights, 11@25 cts ⅌ ton.

To St. Louis—Dry Goods, 25 cts ⅌ hundred; Heavy Freight, 20 cts; Whisky and Oil, 35 cts ⅌ bbl; Ale, 37½ cents

To Nashville—Whisky and Alcohol, $1 ⅌ bbl; Ale, 50 cts; Glassware, 87½ cts; Round Freights, 40 cts ⅌ ton.

To New Orleans—Whisky and Oil, $1,25; Pork, $1,00; Flour, 75 cts; Potatoes and Onions, 75 cts ⅌ bbl; Round Freights 50 cts ⅌ ton.

To Wabash River—Whisky, $1,25; Molasses, $1,50, and Round Freights, 35 cts per hundred.

Pork is going to the South and to Cuba in large quantities, to pay for cotton, sugar, &c. The steamer Oshawbud, which left New York on Saturday, carried out more than eleven hundred thousand dollars in specie, in the lines:

For the ports of Havana, Cienfuegos, Sagua and New Orleans	$1,000,000
Total	$1,103,500

From what we could learn last evening, about twenty-five per cent of the total had arrived. A few of them went over the table. Some reported sales of the lines load at $1,100 to $1,200, and the retail price was 15 cents. Three hundred and twenty tons of pork in a vessel at Fulton. The market will doubtless be well stocked in a few days, for cotton will require but a moderate supply, and is totally out of cord.—Cin. Com. Friday.

There was a very good demand for Money to-day, and the supply of currency was less scarce than heretofore noticed, but all the good paper offered was discounted at 1 @1½ per cent. Eastern Exchange was very firm at ⅛@¼ premium. New Orleans continues very scarce, and rates were decidedly firmer, and quotable at ¼ @½ premium. Gold continues very scarce, and parties who desire to obtain subscriptions to the Stock of the State Capitol in the entire, while the counterfeits are the private stocks of Washington and Rittenhouse.

Coal—As announced in yesterday morning's Courier, a fine supply of coal has arrived at our wharf, and the demand continues as lively as here yesterday. The retail price for the best Pittsburgh was 15c delivered. Small boat loads were sold at 13½c. Nine miles of boats, as follows, four going to Louisville, Mr Parrett, one pair to Gibson, one pair to St Louis, and three pair to Wabash & Illinois, passed over the falls yesterday, on their way to New Orleans.—Louisville Courier, Friday.

BUFFALO STEEL CLOSE—DEADLOCK—Dispatches were received yesterday from Lincoln, stating that Governor Harmon and the leagues are firm. It is supposed that the Aldrich has shipped the steel fate. Nothing is said about the Mary O. which lay in company with the Harmon, with two barges in tow, loaded with 3,000 bushels of wheat for St. Louis. The Illinois was on a stand at Fort Gratiot yesterday, having lost her rudder post and fellow-piece. The People which started on Wednesday for Detroit, got only two miles above the mouth and returned. We found the Illinois in a state of great confusion. The rudder post to the bottom of the river, the upper crust 3 ins no less than sixteen inches thick. We learn from Capt. Ketchum, that the Vienna is a complete loss, but we have been broken into small fragments. It was his intention that the Iron Age had been carried away and substantially damaged by the New Ben Ascend as reported sunk. The hulls in its gaps at Peoria, although closed below.—Detroit Free Press, Friday.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD

Pittsburgh PW. A C. R. R.—76 bdls paper, 9 Harper; 1 bxl binder, Spriver & Dilworth; 7 bxs hard, Hegeler, Chegaray & co; 56 tons iron ore, Zug & co; 20 bbls flour, L Peterson; 154 tons coal, Stevenson & Nelson; 2 sks dowsed, 4 do flax, 4 do rags, Watts & Wilson; 90 drs lycoons, M M Gormly; 65 sks, P Peterson; 38 bgs beans, 11 bgs coriander, Brown & Kingsbury; 23 sks, 2 bbls butter, Mc Clurkan & co; 70 bgs flaxseed, Smith & Dilworth; 17 pkgs dry fruit, W Cooper & co; 100 this flour, A Hunter; 100 lake cotton, Rinn & co; 12 bxs starch, Fisk & co; 1 bbl bolts, J B Campbell; 90 sks flour, J McCully & co; 18 bgs potatoes, 26 do onions, Rea & Dyer; 1 bxl dry goods, 11 pkgs lard, 1 car plaster, I do insulin, I do gutta percha, Hartwell; 10 bbls butter, 10 kegs, owner; 165 bbls whiskey, 78 pkgs butter, 40 bbl pork, 47 bbls do, 60 tcs do, 50 tcs lard, Leech & co.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

WHEELING by Forest City—18 bbls apples, owner; 18 bbls beans, Leech & co; 20 do butter, Rhodes & Werner; 19 do, W Harvard; 31 sks beans, 20 do butter, Rhodes & Hill; 10 bbl whiskey, Wallace & Gardner; 42 bbl, Hartwell & co; 104 do, Williams & Allen; 8 bbls lard, J Herbert; 21 sheep, owner.

MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION (CO.—63 channel, Kiskiminetas, Leech & co; 440 yards glass, Fleck; 167 sks, Ihmsen; 156 do, J Rapert; 171 do, R Darnell & co; 61 sks oats, 45 bbls flour, Williams & Allen; 38 bbls ale and 20 do corn, 19 bbls apples, owners; 200 bbls pork, A Ed berson.

STEAMBOAT REGISTER

ARRIVED—Lucerne, Brownsville; Jefferson do, Col Bayard, Elizabeth; Forest City, Wheeling; Emma Graham, Louisville; St Anthony, Cincinnati; Uncmos, Nashville.

RIVER.—The river was rising slowly yesterday, owing to the warm weather so generally observed. The metal marks indicated 8 feet, last night.

A HOMESTEAD FOR $10.—SECOND DISTRIBUTION OF FARMS AND BUILDING LOTS, in the Gold Region of California. Virginia, to be divided amongst 10,000 subscribers, on the 15th of April, 1857. TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH—one half down, the rest on the delivery of the deed. Twenty acres of Land and a Building Lot in a Farm, ranging in value from $10 to $20,000. These Farms and Lots are sold on chance by sealed envelopes of keys, two dollars each, and the retail price was 10 cents. Thirty thousand envelopes, containing the keys, are sold at the above price. A company of settlers, called "The Sacramento Pioneer Association," have formed, and will commence settlement in the spring. Ample security will be given for the faithful performance of contracts and promises. Persons who wish to obtain subscribers, or to become subscribers themselves, should address the undersigned, who will be done for every agent, where possible, or for full particulars, subscription, agencies, &c., apply to B. HAUDE, Port Royal, Caroline Co., Va., or to

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