GAZETTE—CITY DEPARTMENT.

PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 25, 1857.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

THE City Councils held their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, February 23d.

In Select Council, present: Messrs. Galway, Kincaid, Lambert, Little, Mackin, Martin, Miller, Moorhead, Morrow, McCutcheon, Phillips, Reed, Smyth, Varnum, Wade, Ward, and President M'Auley.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of James Verner, relative to a lost warrant, No. 670, given to W. Burke, June 3d, 1856, with resolution:

That the Mayor be authorized to draw his warrant in favor of James Verner for $14 25, the amount of a warrant given W. Burke, June 3d, 1856, No. 970, appropriation No. 7, and charge the same to contingent fund, provided he secure the city from any loss by giving bond to treasurer.

Resolution read three times and passed. C. C. concurred.

Also, a communication from Firemen's Association, and resolution passed by that body, asking for 3,600 feet of hose. Referred to Committee on Fire Engines and Hose. In C. C. Mr. Herdman moved that Finance Committee be added, which was agreed to, and Select Council receded and concurred.

A petition from citizens of the Second ward, to have a gas lamp placed on Fourth street at its intersection with the Pennsylvania canal. Referred to Committee on Gas Lighting. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Morrow, a petition from citizens of the Eighth ward, in relation to Boyd street, near residence of James Ewing, asking an appropriation to grade said street from Fourth street to the southern line of Ewing's property. Referred to Street Committee. C. C. concurred.

Also, a petition for a sewer to be built from the line of Marion street, and to connect with the one already in use on Pride street. Referred to Street Committee. C. C. concurred.

Also, for the laying of water pipe on Marion street from Pennsylvania avenue to Locust st. Referred to Water Committee. C. C. concurred.

Also, petition relative to Patrick's alley. Referred to Street Committee. C. C. concurred.

Mr. M'Cutcheon, a report of the Committee on the Aqueduct and Canal, stating that the proposed improvement on Washington street from Penn to Pike street was in the control of the State, and not the city. Read and accepted. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Little, a petition for grading and paving Allegheny street, Ninth ward. Referred to Committee on Streets. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Morrow, a remonstrance of A. McMaster, W. B. Negley and others, against the proposed change of the location of Iron alley. Referred to special Committee having charge of the subject. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Phillips, a report of Committee on Claims and Accounts; with resolution to pay Whitney, Myers & Co. $268 25, and charge appropriation No. 3; J. B. Hartly for ice $5,75; and Geo. H. Hays for coats for $30,20, and charge appropriation No. 14; and Pittsburgh Gas Co. for $6,-896,89, and charge appropriation No. 14. Report accepted, and resolution read three times and passed. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Galway presented the report of the special committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens for the vacation of the canal, covering a memorial to the Legislature, and an act of assembly to vacate the canal, from the North side of the canal to the Tunnel, together with a resolution recommending the Legislature to pass the same.

Yeas and nays called on the resolution with the following result:

Yeas—Messrs. Galway, Little, Moorhead, Varnum and Wade—5

Nays—Messrs. Kincaid, Lambert, Martin, Miller, Morrow, McCutcheon, Phillips, Reed, Smyth, Ward, and President M'Auley—11.

Mr. Reed then offered the following:

Resolved, That our representatives in the Legislature be requested to oppose the passage of any Act of Assembly having for its object the vacation of any portion of the canal, situate in the city of Pittsburgh. Laid over on third reading.

Mr. Miller offered a resolution, That the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose be authorized to sell the horses belonging to the Steam Fire Engine.

Yeas and nays called and resolution lost by a tie vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Kincaid, Miller, Morrow, McCutcheon, Smyth, Varnum, Wade and Ward—8.

Nays—Messrs. Galway, Lambert, Little, Martin, Moorhead, Phillips, Reed and President McAuley—8.

Mr. Miller, a resolution that the report of the committee to raise the taxes of the city, made at the last meeting be printed. He strongly adrocated the publication of this report. It was a statement of facts gathered from the books and reports of the railroad companies referred to, and he saw no reason why the document should be withheld from the people.

The chair decided the resolution to publish out of order, as it was tantamount to one which had been offered and rejected at the last meeting.

Mr. Kincaid offered a resolution to have Duquesne street graded and paved from Penn street to Duquesne Way. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr Varnum, a petition from Wm M'Colly for the vacation of a certain alley in the Ninth ward, with a resolution granting the prayer, which was lost.

Mr. Ward offered a draft of a bill to be sent to the Legislature, to raise and equalize taxation, which he subsequently withdrew, in order that the bill for the purpose, reported by the special committee at the last meeting, might be taken up, which was accordingly done.

Mr. Wade moved to amend the act by adopting the report of the Finance Committee of the last Councils as the basis of the act.

The chair decided the amendment out of order, under the rules, the bill being upon its third reading.

A desultory debate ensued, pending which Mr. McAuley moved the previous question, which was adopted, Mr. Wade only voting in the negative.

The yeas and nays were then called on the bill, which resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Little, Martin and Reed—3.

Nays—Messrs Galway, Kincaid, Lambert, Miller, Moorhead, Morrow, Phillips, Smyth, Varnum, Wade, Ward and President McAuley—12.

So the bill was lost, and on motion all the papers relative to the business were referred back to the special committee.

Adjourned until Wednesday evening, Feb. 25.

Common Council—Members present: Messrs. Ahl, Barnhill, Bennett, Berger, Black, Edgar, Henderson, Herdman, Hodkinson, Kim, Layton, M'Candless, M'Cargo, M'Collister, Moore, Meyer, Quinn, Ross, Robb, Shaffer, Smyser, Taylor, Wilkinson, Errett, President.

Minutes of two previous meetings read and approved.

Mr. Bennett presented two petitions for amendment of weighing ordinance, so as to compel the weighing of slack, and also of coal delivered to manufacturers. Mr. Bennett moved their reference to a select committee of five, which was agreed to, and Messrs. Bennett, McCollister and Berger appointed on part of C. C. In Select Council, action concurred in, and Messrs. Varnum and Martin appointed on committee.

Mr. Berger, a petition for paving of Pride street from Pennsylvania avenue to Colwell. Also one for grading and paving Fulton street to Cliff. Mr. Barnhill, one for paving Congress street, from Webster to Wylie. Mr Hodkinson, one to grade Cliff street from Gum to Ledlie. All of which were referred to Committee on Streets.

Mr. Kim, a position to lay gas pipe on Scott street, from Clark to Decatur. Referred to Committee on Gas.

Mr. Kim, a petition to pave Pride street from Vickroy to where present paving ends. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Mr. Wilkinson, a petition that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company be compelled to light with gas that portion of Liberty street not now lighted, traversed by their trains. Referred to Committee on Gas.

The Committee on Printing reported bills and a resolution to pay the *Gazette* $184,25, and the *Union* for $18,25—which was passed.

Mr. Shaffer offered a resolution, instructing committee on water to place a fire plug at the corner of Penn and Rush sts. Referred to said committee.

The Committee on Fire Engines made a report, accompanied by a resolution appropriating three hundred dollars to the Fairmount Engine Company, for the purpose of purchasing a reel, and charge same to contingent fund.

The President stated that much of that fund had been expended to pay judgments, and but two thousand remained.

Being objected to, on third reading, the resolution was laid over.

Sundry items of business from Select Council were taken up, and action of that body concurred in. [See Select Council proceedings.]

The Council adjourned till Wednesday evening.

In all of which action, not otherwise noted, the Select Council concurred.

INDUSTRIAL SEWING SCHOOL.—A meeting of the ladies of both cities, who are friendly to this benevolent institution, will take place in the school house on Pennsylvania avenue, opposite Tunnel street, on Thursday next, the 26th inst., at 3½ P. M.

The object of the meeting is to elect a Directress and Assistants for the ensuing three or six months. The very efficient Directress' term of office, for which she is so well qualified, and to the duties of which she has attended with pleasure and punctuality from the commencement of the school, will elapse on that day. There are eighty-two names on our list; the average number in attendance during the last month was fifty. The enterprise, though in its infancy, has already accomplished much good through the instrumentality of the young ladies who have attended in teaching these little girls order, cleanliness, and industry. It is hoped that the friends of the poor, or moral culture, and habits of industry, shall not permit so worthy an undertaking to go down for want of means or friends. Any assistance in shoes, stuff for garments, or money, will be thankfully received by the subscriber, or at the school. We earnestly invite the ladies of the different churches to attend the meeting on next Thursday.

By order, J. C. SINCLAIR.

POCKET PICKED.—Yesterday afternoon, a woman named Catharine McGinness, the wife of a hard-working man, had her pocket picked, in a dry goods store on Market street, of $116, belonging to her husband, who had earned it by hard toil. She stated that a woman who was in the store at the time, whom she described, had pushed against her, and she thought she felt her threrusting her hands into her pocket, but didn't take much notice of it at the time, as she supposed it was accidental, until she found that her money had been taken. Information was made at the office of Alderman Johns, who dispatched officers Maxwell and Keup in search of the suspected person. They arrested a young girl in the Birmingham omnibus, at the other end of the bridge, who gave her name as Maria Edwards, and Mrs. McGinnis identified her as the person who had jostled her in the store. Miss Edwards positively denied any knowledge of the affair, and as the money was not found in her possession, the alderman held her to bail for further hearing. The store was very much crowded at the time; and it seems probable from the circumstances that the girl arrested is not the person who took the money.

MILITARY CONVENTION.—A convention was held yesterday, at the Court House, of the officers of the volunteer military companies of Allegheny county, to choose delegates to the State Military Convention, which meets on Thursday to take measures for certain modifications of the militia laws of our State.

Col. Hiram Halt was called to the Chair.

The following persons were elected delegates: Gen. J. McK. Snodgrass, Col. Thomas Rowley, Lieut. Large, Lieut. J. Heron Foster and Mr. Delboice.

Resolutions were then passed instructing the delegates to urge the legislature to pass an act for a better assessment and collection of militia fines; an act appropriating the militia fines collected in the State to the use of the State, to regularly organized military companies in the commonwealth; an act to authorize the election of an officer (with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel) by the military of and in each county, with prescribed duties; an act to remedy the insufficiency of the present military rules and regulations; and an act providing for an annual encampment of the volunteer companies in the State.

Some discussion then took place in regard to the careless manner in which the State arms and equipments are kept in this vicinity, after which the Convention adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING'S CASES—Before Mayor Weaver.

Wm. Turner and Alex. Speers, for disorderly conduct, were fined and discharged.

James McCosker, who resides on Boyd's Hill, was arrested for annoying the neighbors and threatening to beat his wife. He was committed for ten days.

Thomas Gallagher, for drunkenness, and John Graves, for disorderly conduct, were committed twenty-four hours.

Henry Neeper, for throwing filth upon the public street, was fined $5 and discharged.

A driver of one of Leech & Co.'s drays was arrested on complaint of a lady, for driving in too close proximity to other vehicles on the street. He was fined and discharged.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.—On and after Wednesday Feb. 25, the passenger trains of this Company will be run to and from Federal street Depot, Allegheny city, and all points on the line of the road. The trains will leave Allegheny city daily, Sundays excepted, at 9.45 A. M. and 3.00 P. M. The 9 45 A. M. is the only one by which passengers can go to Cleveland—the 3 00 P. M. train making no connection to that point. The 9.45 A. M. and 3.00 P. M. trains both run through to Bridgeport and Belle Air. The 9 45 A. M. train makes close connections at Cleveland with trains for Toledo, Sandusky, Chicago and all points to the North-west.

DUFF'S MERCANTILE COLLEGE, PITTSBURGH.—Those who appreciate the impressive and appropriate lectures upon Commercial Ethics by the Rev. Mr. Ferguson, or upon Commercial Law, recently delivered by the Hon. J. M Kirkpatrick, before the students, will know how to estimate the value of an education finished in such an institution. No paper professors are paraded in advertisements to decoy strangers. As our readers have often heard of Mr. Murphy's plan of teaching his pupils how to spoil the counterfeiter's occupation, we recommend them to call and see how he does it. He teaches a private class as well as the college.

TRANSPORTATION.—We this morning add another Transportation advertisement, to our columns—that of Messrs Kier & Mitchell. This firm are well known to the commercial community, and have facilities for doing a large carrying business, say 2000 tons per month each way. We bespeak for them a share of the carrying trade, and would refer our readers to their advertisement.

THE cheapest Dry Goods in the city can now be found at A. McTighe's, corner of Grant and Fifth streets. Large quantities of new goods are being daily received at this establishment, and the prices are put down at the very lowest possible figures. This being the case, we do not wonder at seeing McTighe's store always so very full of customers. Ladies, if you want cheap dry goods, don't fail to call at the corner of Grant and Fifth.

COMMITTED.—Yesterday, a man named Jackson Dailey, who could not be induced to work for a living, and is suspected to be a pickpocket, was arrested by the Mayor's police and committed to jail for thirty days for vagrancy. The Mayor is determined to clear the city, if possible, of all such characters, and no doubt the number of thefts and other similar depredations that occur continually in our city will be decreased.

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

In the case of C. Ihmsen vs. the Monongahela Navigation Company, the jury yesterday rendered a verdict for defendant.

Lawrence Diesch vs. G. Weyland. Plaintiff called and nonsuited.

William B. Donaldson vs. Clay & Kauffman. Plaintiff called and non-suited.

THE main water pipe on Fifth street, yesterday, bursted just below Grant street, and created quite an excitement. A branch was being laid into a building adjacent, and the workmen commenced operations on the main pipe without giving notice at the water-works, for the purpose of having the water shut off—hence the accident.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judges Hampton and Williams.

Rogers et al. vs. McCurdy; action of ejectment for a lot of ground in Hatfield. Plaintiff took a non-suit.

J. Brown vs. Massey, Caldwell & Co., and same vs. G. U. Hazlep; action on promissory note. On trial.

LARCENY.—Margaret Emitt was committed to jail for trial Monday evening by Alderman Daft, of the Eighth Ward, on a charge of larceny, on oath of Ellen Barrett. A second commitment on the same charge was lodged against her by Alderman Major, yesterday, on oath of the same person.

ESQUIRE HERSTRONG, of East Birmingham, yesterday committed to our jail for trial a man named John McQuade, charged with larceny and surety of the peace, on oath of Mary Albridge.

FIRED.—The owners of the steamer Philadelphia were fined yesterday by the Mayor for loading their boat on the Sabbath.

EXTENSIVE BURGLARY—ESCAPE AND CAPTURE OF THE THIEF.—On Saturday night last, the cutlery establishment of Mr. Cartwright, on Wood street, was broken into and robbed of a large amount of cutlery, &c. The clerk in the store suspected a man named Henry Seibert of being the burglar, from some circumstances which had come to his knowledge, and the Mayor issued a warrant for his arrest. Officer Bostwick proceeded to Seibert's residence, near Girty's Run, and after a strict search found several pistols, a powder flask, &c., concealed in a cupboard. He then went to the rolling mill of Lorenz, Stewart & Co., where Seibert worked, arrested and brought him to the city on Monday evening. When examined by the Mayor, he acknowledged having stolen the articles found in the house some time previously, but denied all knowledge of the robbery on Saturday night. He was locked up in the watch-house for further hearing.

Yesterday morning it was found that he had broken the lock of his cell during the night and made his escape. The Mayor immediately dispatched officers Wray and Knox to Girty's Run, in pursuit. Persons working at the mill, supposing that he had escaped, watched him closely when he returned there, and saw him secreting to a hollow stump in the neighborhood, and filling his pockets with something, after which he went to his own house, loaded his rifle, and started off. When the officers arrived, they found they were three hours behind time, and the mother of Seibert, for the purpose of intimidating them, told them they had better not try to arrest him, as he would be sure to shoot any one who attempted to take him. They got on his track, however, and after a long and hot chase, came up with him in a peddler's wagon near Bakerstown. When Wray rode up in front of the wagon, Seibert snatched up the rifle ready to fire, but the officer was too quick for the rascal, and, after a short struggle, succeeded in capturing him. He was fastened to a horse and brought to the city. Some of the property stolen Saturday night was found in his possession, and he was fully committed for trial by the Mayor.

CAUGHT AT LAST.—James McAlease, who was concerned with John Kemp, who is now in the Penitentiary for the offence, and David Hall, arrested lately in Cincinnati, and lodged in our county jail, in the robbery of a clothing store on Liberty street, sometime during last spring, but was allowed to run at large by some means until now, was arrested on Monday evening, by officer Officer Jones, of Alderman Major's police, and lodged in jail by that magistrate for trial, on a charge of assault and battery, on oath of Amos Kelly. A true bill was found against him by the Grand Jury, on a charge of burglary, and both Hall and he will soon be brought to trial.

A GOOD BILL-POSTER.—John W. McCarthy, a young man of energy, is now engaged steadily in this business, and also distributes notices for funerals and weddings. Orders may be left at this office, by mail, telegraph, or otherwise, and they will be promptly attended to.

IMPORTANT TO MILKMEN.—The Mayor has informed us that hereafter the act prohibiting milk carts from traversing the streets on the Sabbath day, after four o'clock in the morning and before five o'clock in the afternoon, will be rigidly enforced. Milkmen will take notice.

THE alarm of fire on Monday night was caused by the burning of the tar house attached to the paper mill of Howard & Co., in Manchester. Some thirty bundles of paper were burned and a quantity of tar was destroyed. There was no insurance.

TOMORROW will be observed as a fast-day by the different Presbyterian denominations.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, February 24.

SENATE—Mr. Hale moved a reconsideration of the vote, by which the Senate passed the bill authorizing the people of Minnesota to form a Constitution and State Government.

Mr. Thompson, of Ky., was opposed to the bill because it would bring into the Senate two additional Senators, against what he considered the best interests of the country.

Mr. Douglas hoped that the motion would prevail, in order that they might strike out the unnecessary restricting suffrage to citizens of the United States, so that the bill might pass as it came from the House.

The vote by which the bill was passed was reconsidered by 35 against 21

Mr. Hale moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment was adopted respecting suffrage to the citizens of the United States.

Mr. Biggs earnestly argued in favor of retaining the amendment.

Mr. Crittenden regarded this amendment as involving a great and important principle when the Constitution of future States were to be laid American hands should perform the work.

On motion the Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE—The Executive, Legislative and Judiciary bill was passed, the House concurring by two majority in the action of the Committee of the Whole on the bill of the Union, striking out the appropriation of $20,000 for the expenses of the Kansas Legislature.

Mr. Sherman, rising to make a personal explanation, said he noticed in an official report of the proceedings of yesterday the words, "Hale's lie," uttered by the Speaker in a voice, and attributed to Mr. Wright, of Tennessee, as having been uttered to something that he (Sherman) had said in the morning debate on the amendment of striking out the appropriation of the Kansas Legislature. Mr. Sherman now wished Mr. Wright to say that he chose relative to that remark, and whether he was or was not correctly reported.

Mr. Wright replied that he meant by it no disrespect to the House. He believed then, and now believes, the statements made by that gentleman untrue.

Mr. Sherman said the remark was made in so low a tone that it was not and could not be heard in his part of the house; whether this was intention or not is for the House to judge, before he was informed of what was said the member had left the hall, from what he could learn he believed it was a language of blackguardism induced by excitement and intoxication.

The speaker reminded the gentleman he was not in order.

Mr. Sherman supposed it was only necessary to call the attention of the member with whom his relations heretofore, though not intimate, had been kindly, to the remark which had been read to call forth from him a manly retraction but in this he found he was totally mistaken.

Mr. Wright said he could not of course be expected to bandy epithets with the gentleman of Ohio until he relieved himself from imputations already cast upon him That was all he had to say.

The House passed the bill to refund the duties on goods destroyed by the fire in New York, and the Senate joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause inquiry to be made into Barclay's process for preventing abrasion, counterfeiting and the deterioration of coins of the U. S.

Mr. Colfax from the Committee on Elections to which the House referred the petition of 2200 citizens of California asking for the expulsion of Herbert for killing Keating, reported that the petition was accompanied by no proof and no authority was given to the Committee to compel the attendance of witnesses, therefore it was for the House to determine what further action shall be taken.

Mr. Barksdale remarked that he was credibly informed by Californians now here that this petition was got up in the Vigilance Committee rooms of San Francisco He did not believe a man of them ever voted for him, and they were considered as a band of outlaws. He looked on the petition as a compliment from that quarter.

Mr. Colfax said this petition was not referred to the Committee till the 11th inst; hence it would be seen that they had acted as promptly as the time allowed

Mr. Walker inquired of Mr. Colfax what was the object of making a report, but a proposition for no action.

Mr Colfax replied because it was by the unanimous instructions of the Committee, and for the reason that the House might, if it saw fit, direct further action.

On motion of Mr. Boyce the report was tabled.

Mr. Walker endeavored to say a few words, having acted as Mr. Herbert's counsel, but Mr. Traxton interposed an objection, which Mr. Walker retorted, came from a political partisan. Subsequently, Mr. Walker said, he made that remark without remembering that Mr. Traxton was a minister, perhaps pastor of some church, which prevented him from resenting an insult. Under the circumstances he should feel ashamed of himself did he not apologize to him; if he wounded him he was most heartily sorry for it.

The House went into committee, when Mr. Washburn of Illinois indicated his desire to proceed to the consideration of the river and harbor bill.

Mr. Letcher inquired what's the use? they will only be vetoed.

Mr. Washburn—We will pass them over the veto.

Mr. Campbell of Ohio made an ineffectual motion to the consideration of the appropriation bills, but the friends of Internal Improvement measures voted them down. The struggle continued for several hours, when the committee rose.

Mr. Washburn offered a resolution for the discharge of the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union from the Bill to continue the improvement of Cape Fear River, and that the House proceed to its consideration which shall be in order to submit amendments for other similar works, pending which the House adjourned.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 24.—The river is five feet on the falls and stationary. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 67.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the Supreme Court the Chief Justice announced that no argument would be heard after Friday, the 27th instant, and that the Court would adjourn on Friday, March 6th.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—Flour steady at $6 12½. Wheat unchanged. Corn declined 2@3 cents; White selling at 55@58c.; Yellow at 57@60c. Whisky unchanged.

Latest from Europe.

PORTLAND, Feb. 24.—The steamship Canadian has arrived from Liverpool with dates to the 10th inst. She sailed early on the morning of the 11th inst.

The parliamentary return of the income and expenditures of the year ending, September 30, shows a total income of upwards of 71,000,000 pounds, and expenditures of about £88,000,000.

In the House of Lords, reference was made to an article in the Paris *Moniteur* intimating the probable union of the Danubian Principalities.—Lord Lyndhurst wished to know whether the Divan, that was about to assemble, would take into consideration the question of the union, or whether it would be decided by representatives.

Lord Clarendon replied that he had read the article in the *Monitor* with surprise, but at present he should abstain from expressing any opinion on the subject.

Mr. Wm. Layard, in the House of Commons, inquired whether the Persian Ambassador at Paris was negotiating a treaty with Lord Cowley under the same full powers he possessed at Constantinople.

Mr. V. Smith, in the absence of Lord Palmerston, said he believed the Powers were precisely the same, and he had every reason to hope that the negotiations would result satisfactorily.

Mr. D'Israeli again repeated in the most positive terms that a treaty had been made by France guaranteeing to Austria the Italian possessions.

Lord Palmerston denied that the treaty existed, but admitted that France, during the Russian war, agreed to assist Austria in case of insurrections in Sicily.

The Paris *Presse* says unexpected difficulties have arisen between Prussia and Switzerland respecting the affair of Neufchatel.

The Emperor of Austria has decided upon granting a general amnesty to all political offenders. It is rumored that the Emperor of Russia will do the same to the exiled Poles.—The relations between Austria and Russia and Austria and France are unpromising.

Turkey is about to take formal possession of the Delta of the Danube. Austria has officially notified the Porte that the evacuation of the Principalities will be completed by the 24th of March.

The India mail has arrived at Suez. There is nothing important from the Persian Gulf. A China letter of the 10th of December, published in the Paris *Moniteur*, states that the damage sustained by the foreign merchants was not so great as at first stated Of the thirteen European quarters at Chi-Han-Hong five were destroyed, and of the eighty-one foreign factories at Canton but twenty-one were burned.

As soon as the English ships commenced firing, the floating population of vagabonds at Canton rushed into City-San-Hang and pillaged it, and then set fire to the European stores. The incendiaries were soon dispersed by shells from the English ships, when the French seamen extinguished the fires. The Chinese town suffered terribly, as well by the fire from the English ships, as from the native soldiery. Of the twelve great factories belonging to the Hong merchants, nine were destroyed at the first attack.

The Earl of Clarendon has fully approved all the acts of Admiral Seymour and Commissioner Bowring.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 10.—Various Liverpool circulars quote the cotton market steady and unchanged. The sales for three days were 28,000, including 20,000 on speculation and for export; the market closed steady at the following quotation: Middling Orleans 7¾; Fair Middling Upland 7 7-16; Middling Mobiles 7 9-16 for Brazilian and Egyptian long stapled. The cotton market is active and all qualities had considerably advanced. The Manchester markets are quiet.

Richardson, Spence & Co quote Breadstuffs quiet. Wheat inactive, and quotations barely maintained. Flour also inactive; quotations nominal at 6@6s lower. Corn quiet at 3s@3s. White Wheat quoted at 9s 3d@9s 9d. Western Canal Flour 30s 6d@31s 6d. Baltimore and Philadelphia Flour 31s@32s. Ohio Flour 33s 6d@34s. Mixed Corn 33s 9d@34s. Yellow Corn 34s 6d. White Corn 35s@35s 6d. Provision market generally unchanged. Pork dull; Bacon also dull and unchanged. Lard 70s, buyers demand a reduction. Queerzitron bark Philadelphia 11s 6d. Baltimore 10s 9d.

LONDON, Feb. 10—Consols for money 93@93¼. There was increased activity in the money market, owing to temporary demand for money to pay for gold exported to France. Considerable gold had arrived from Australia.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 24.—In a letter from Judge Lecompte, dated January 9th, to Attorney General Cushing, he says he has too much self respect to respond to any intimation unfavorable to either his official or personal conduct, unless requested by the President to do so. The amazing information that he was to be removed, disclosed him of the full confidence upon which he had relied as the last security against injustice, censure, and condemnation without a hearing, which he would not ask to be redressed, never having had any temptation to contribute to peace by pandering to the popular spirit before the advent of Gov. Geary. He should regard his advent in the territory as a woful case to the land. He accuses Gov Geary of misrepresenting facts He denies that peace in Kansas in the slightest degree is peilled by his official acts and brands as grossly false the statements that he had refused to release free State men on bail He avows that he will conscientiously discharge his duty uncontrolled by the President or Gov. Geary.

The Senate committee on Finance have agreed to report amendments to the Tariff Bill. Mr. Hunter, the chairman has approved the Bill on his own authority and will endeavor to procure the consideration of the subject to morrow.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—The steamship Cahawba arrived to-day from Havana, bringing the remains of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, the Arctic Explorer, who died at Havana on the 16th inst. His remains were received by a Committee and were escorted to the City Hall, where they will lie in state till to-morrow at 4 o'clock, when they will be conveyed on board the steamer Woodruff, for Louisville, en route to Philadelphia. The city authorities, military and civic societies, and citizens generally will participate in doing honor to his remains. The highest honors were paid his remains by the highest officials at Havana as they were conveyed to the Cahawba.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A commercial letter from San Juan, dated February 12, states that Walker's forces have suffered two important defeats since the arrival of the recruits from New Orleans. Col. Lockridge is reported as having abandoned the expedition up the river. His troops were coming down the river on long rafts.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24—The steamboats Bolivar and Humboldt, came in collision on Friday last. The Humboldt was bound for Nashville, and is a total loss, with twenty of her crew, mostly negroes. The Belfast was uninjured.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Mr. Sumner started for Washington to-day, to resume his seat in the Senate. He will proceed to Europe in the Fulton on the 7th of March.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Cotton market is buoyant, with sales of 2,500 bales Orleans at 10c; Upland Middling at 10¾; fair Upland at 11¾c. Flour is declining; the sales were 9,500 bbls of Southern at $6 70. Wheat is dull and irregular; the sales were 20,000 bush. Corn is inactive and prices irregular; sales 55,000 bush at 73c for mixed, 74@77c for yellow, and 78@80c for white. Provisions are firm. Coffee firm and active, with sales of 13,500 bags Rio at 11@12¾c; some Java at 15c. Sugar active and buoyant. Molasses sales at 75@76 cents Freights are heavy. Stocks are dull; Chicago and Rock Island at 103¾; New York Central 89¾ Reading 80¾; Michigan Central 94¾; Erie 56¾ Cleveland and Toledo 78¾; Milwaukee and Mississippi 66.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—Flour dull without quotable change; small sales at $6,20@6,25.—Whisky firmer with sales of 1000 bbls at 28.—The Provision Market continues buoyant, and holders are the close asked a further advance.—The sales were 400,000 lbs. Shoulders at 8c 150 hhds Bacon at 10¾ for Sides and 9c for Shoulders. 600 packages of Lard at 13¾ for prime. Receipts of Pork 200 bbls. Receipts of Lard 400 kegs.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 24.—The river is five feet on the falls and stationary. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 67.

COMMERCIAL.

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

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE, Monday Morning, Feb. 23, 1857.

FLOUR—no large transactions to report and market without change; sales from first hands reported of 100 bbls fine at $4,50, four mos. interest added; 50 do do, at $4,60; and 50 bbls super on wharf at $5,00. From store, 50 and 100 bbls extra and extra family at $6,25 and $6,50.

GRAIN—Oats held at an advance; no sales from first hands, but holders in store ask 40c without, however, finding buyers. Corn, sales 70 bus from store at 55, and 150 bus new Rye from store at 65c.

GROCERIES—sales to the city trade of 65 bbls N O Molasses at 75c and 5 hhds N O Sugar at 12c.

PROVISIONS—there was a rather excited feeling in the Provision market yesterday, and prices were quite firm: a lot of 75,000 lbs Bulk Hams was taken for the east at 9¾, cash; of Bacon, 5000 lbs old Shoulders at 8¾; 3000 lbs do at 9c; 10,000 lbs do on private terms; 4000 lbs do at 9½; 4000 lbs old Sides at 10; 3000 and 5000 lbs new Hams at 12; 2000 lbs do at 12½; and 5 tcs sugarcured do at 13¾; market closed firm at 9¾, 10¾, and 12¾ for prime new city cured. Mess Pork is held firmly at $20, and Lard at 13@13¼, for city No 1. Dried Beef, small sales at 13.

HAY—sales of 15 loads at scales at $8@13 per ton.

OIL—sales in lots of 20 bbls Pat. Lard Oil at 97.

HOMINY—a sale of 10 bbls at $6,75.

WHISKY—a sale of 100 bbls raw at 26.

SEEDS—a sale of 5 bbls Timothy from store at $2,72.

FLOUR METAL—a sale of 200 tons Tennessee, on the way, deliverable at Cincinnati, at $34 net.

DRIED PEACHES—in fair request; a sale of 200 bushels Tennessee, at $3,60.

WOOL—sales of 500 lbs, tub washed at 39, and 200 lbs, inferior, burry, at 30.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The commerce of the port, although smaller than last week, shows an increase compared with the corresponding week last year, both inward and outward. The imports greater than dry goods were $2,874,484 against $1,325,562. The result is:

	1856	1857
Aggregate of the week	$3,805,134	$5,046,657
Previously	20,238,831	29,440,109
Total for the year	$24,042,065	34,610,766

The money market was generally stringent to-day, the banking houses being unable to discount all the paper offered. Rates of interest remain at 1@1½ per cent for good business paper. Eastern Exchange is steady at ¼@½ prem. New Orleans ¼@¾ prem. The latter continues equal to ⅝@⅞ per cent per annum.

There was a sweeping activity in the Provision market to day. It appeared as if a combination had been entered into to clean out the market, or rather to get the control of the stock, and raise prices to leap forward without stopping at reasonable points. The day's business was perhaps the largest transacted this season. The products sold exceed in aggregate value $300,000. Mess Pork closed at $19,50, with no sellers below $20. Bulk Meats were carried fully up to the highest point attained previously this season, and closed with a decidedly more buoyant feeling than has heretofore been exhibited. Barrel Meats were at the extraordinary price of 13c @ lb. The Bulls and the Bears are working as vigorously in the Provision market now as they ever did in the New York Stock market; and to use a Wall street phrase, the Bears appear to have been effectually cornered. They may have their time yet, but for the present they are decidedly down. One thing to be considered, however, is that these Bulls and Bears do not consume hog products to any great extent, and the extensive operations that are now in progress do not reduce the stock materially so far as we can discover.—Cin Gaz.

The exports of pork from this port for the week ending this day, and for the year 1857, thus far, were as follows:

Total for the week	$279,608 00
Previously reported	2,833,974 50
Total, 1857	$3,113,540 88

The week closes with a much easier money market than it opened with. The amount of capital offering on stock loans is largely increased and is quite ample. There is not, however, much confidence felt in the continuance of ease, and March is looked for generally with considerable apprehension in monetary circles. Specie, though, from the imports full if large, and the demand for coin for the payment of duties ceases, as one of the leading importers predict, the Banks may continue strong enough to afford all the facilities required by our business men. The supply of good paper in the discount houses is quite moderate and rates are unchanged, 9@10 per cent, with a few transactions at 8 per cent. On call the rate for money is 7 per cent, and at the Stock Boards turning stocks the rates pay 9 to 12 per cent.—N Y Trib.

The exports for the week, other than specie, were $1,019,363, against $1,313,915 last year. The net 1 for 1856 paid duties to $3,010,874, against $8,099,119 same time last year.—N Y Trib.

FURTHER OF FRITZGARD.—Within the past few days Messrs J B Wilder & Co have made the acquaintance of some of feathers we neglect ever having recorded. They have shipped thirty thousand pounds to Eastern Market—valued at over eighteen thousand dollars.—Lou Journal.

IMPORTS OF BOSTON.—Value of importations at that port for the week ending Feb 13, a little over $2,000,000—the largest ever before during one week.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Pittsburgh Ft W. & C. R. R.—1 car states, G W Smith; 9 tons iron ore, Graff, Bennett & co; 6 bbls rye flour, 70 dcs wooden ware, McNoblisses Means & co; 62 do, T Little & co; 70 do, Hagaley, Cosgrave & co; 41 do, McCurkan & co; 33 do, Baldwin & co; 7 tons iron, Bailey, Fox & co; 7 do, J Woods & co; 9 do, H Childs & co; 104 bbls oats, 3 bbls seed, 1 cks cordage, J Gaiz; 3 kgs lard, 7 bbls rye flour, R Dalzell & co; 5 do, W H Lucas & co; 7 do, P Paterson; 20 dcs brooms, Burgess & co, 119 sacks oats, Kinnear & co; 2 kegs lard, 3 bbls beeswax, 2 kgs feathers, 1 bd butt, Shriver & Dilworth; 2 do, Marshall & Robinson; 2 do, McCurkan & co; 93 do flour, J McCally & co; 100 bbls, M Dunaggan; 6 bus potatoes, 39 per marble, 4 bbls eggs, 3 do butter, 1 car cattle, 2 do hogs, owners; 10 tons sig metal, Rimbo & co; 160 bbls flour, A Hunter; 656 bbls flour, 20 roll leather, 41 pigs butter, 11 do eggs, 41 kgs butter, 10 bbls do do, 1 cks alum, 11 sacks wool, 500 lbs candles, 100 bbls whisky, Leech & co.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

ST LOUIS by Moderator—500 bs wool, 25 sks feathers, 9 cases brandy, 2 bxs liliters, leech & co; 2 bgs books, 1 bbl nuts English & Richardson; 10 bbls sheepskins, 1 rollina & co; 3 bbls whisky, G W Burnside; 167 dry hides, 75 do green, G W Swindler; 250 bbls flour, 50 do whisky, Graham & co.

WHEELING by Forest City,—5213 fire brick, Singer & Hunter, 4 pkgs merchandise, Robinson & Hill; 11 sacks dr apples, 10 bbls do, Jno Herbert; 1 bag butter, 8 Harness & co; 125 bdls paper, McCutcheon & co; 50 dcs brooms, Holmes & Collins; 50 do do, Atwell, Lee & co; 600 do do, McCandless, Nimick & co; 14 kgs butter, 52 do fresh, 11 do butter, 5 bbls flaxseed, 22 dcs brooms, Hackett; 10 bdls paper, Karr; 11 do do, Mellor; 100 do do, R O Cochran; 25 bags barley, Rhodes & Verner; 75 do corn, T Little & co; 100 empty barrels, J J House.

LOUISVILLE by Commerce—4 chests, 4 chest lines, 3 bbls, Irwin & Dilworth; 100 bbls