PITTSBURGH:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1857.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

EXAMINATION.—Professor Simpson's pupils, First Ward public school, Allegheny, acquitted themselves very creditably, at an examination held on last Friday evening, and also on Monday evening.

The large recitation room was crowded with the friends and relatives of the scholars. The exercises on Monday evening consisted of declamation, original essays, and black-board exercises in mathematics, &c., in all of which most of the pupils showed a very fair degree of proficiency. It would be invidious for us to name two young Misses, who read very well original essays, on well studied subjects, or the declamation of at least two of the young lads, while *all* did well.

We were also amused with Mr. Snodgrass' singing, of the laughable catch of "Master and Scholar," in which he was accompanied by two of his young lady pupils. The chorus, by the school, did not of course come up to the standard of *good singing*. But with a little more practice, and a little more attention to the rudiments of this most important branch of common school education, we hope to hear better anon.

The Sewing school piece, with which the evening closed, was quite amusing, and an agreeable finale to a pleasant reunion of parents and children.

We wish Professor Simpson continued success. He has a large field for the exercise of his talent, and we opine he has reason to congratulate himself on the degree of proficiency and progress exhibited by the pupils of the institution under his control—as also the parents whose children are under his care. We are always pleased to see the masses—the youthful and the more aged, of both sexes—brought together in social gatherings, and these common school exhibitions, holding out as they do such incentives to study, should they not be encouraged?

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS, &c.—Before Judges McClure, Adams and Parke.

Com. vs. John Gregg; Information surety of the peace, on oath of David Lloyd. Prosecutor sentenced to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Mary McLaughlin, surety of the peace on oath of Eliza Robinson. Nolle prosequi entered on payment of costs.

Com. vs. Alexander Cready; Indictment assault and battery, on oath of Robert Scott.—Nolle prosequi entered on payment of costs.

Com. vs. Margaret McCarthy and Phillip Short; cross suits for assault and battery. The Grand Jury ignored the bills and the respective prosecutors were sentenced to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Conrad Karl, Morris Kelly and John Kunzler; Indictment assault and battery, on oath of Henry Smith. A plea of guilty was entered in the case of Karl.

The parties reside in Birmingham, and the offence is alleged to have been committed on the ninth of March. Karl was offered and admitted as a witness for the defence, when it was shown by his evidence that the two other parties had merely attempted to prevent Karl from striking Smith, and had not made an assault themselves.

Verdict if guilty, Conrad Karl sentenced to pay a fine of $20 and costs; and Morris Kelly and John Kunzler to pay a fine of $10 each and costs.

Com. vs. Patrick O'Brien; Indictment grand larceny, on oath of Hugh Dunlap. Verdict guilty.

Court adjourned till nine o'clock this morning.

IMPORTANT EJECTMENT CASE.—Before Judge Williams, Associate of the District Court.

Kramer & Nahm vs. Captain William Ward. George Selden, Esq., and Hon. A. W. Loomis for plaintiff; Mellon, Negley and Marshall for defendant. Action of ejectment to recover two acres of land lying partly in the 7th Ward and partly in Pittsburgh. Plaintiffs showed their title by purchase, at a cost of nearly $8,000, and of the payment of taxes in 1850, and since, and for the year 1848.

Defendant set up a deed from the Treasurer for this property sold at the tax sales of 1848 for the taxes of 1844, as unseated land for $3,00 and costs, the return of the collector that it was unseated, and the publication of the sale according to law. He also called witnesses to prove that the fences in 1844 were down, and the property used as a common.

The plaintiff then showed a lease of this property for five years; the possession of the tenant, until the sale to Henry Merritt in the winter of 1845; called witnesses to prove that fences were around the property in 1844, that it was occupied that year; that it had occupied for thirty years; that it was not returned "unseated" in the triennial assessment upon which assessment the sales depended.

The trial commenced on Thursday and occupied Friday, Saturday, Monday and a part of yesterday. The value of the property is about ten thousand dollars, and that, and the novelty of a suit involving a title by tax sales, attracted considerable attention. The jury about noon yesterday, found for the plaintiffs.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.—The following tribute of respect to the two divines who are about to leave our city is deserved, and must prove grateful to their feelings:

At a meeting on Monday evening of the Young Men's Christian Association, the following was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Rev. D. H. Riddle, D.D. and Rev. Alfred Cookman, have been called, in the Providence of God, to other fields of labor, after years of faithful, fruitful effort in this city, during which they have endeared themselves to the entire Christian community, and especially this Association, by eloquent and untiring devotion to its interests and aims; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Pittsburgh Young Men's Christian Association takes leave of these beloved and respected servants of Christ with sentiments of profound regret, and desire to convey to them this expression of our warm attachment and esteem, earnestly commending them to the fraternal regard of the Christian communities into which they may have removed, and the watchful love of Him who has declared, "Lo! I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

REV. DR. COOKMAN.—This excellent Christian gentleman who has filled the pulpit of Christ's (M. E.) church, with such signal ability for two years, preached, as we remarked on Monday, his farewell sermon on last Sunday night. In it indeed a great loss to this community, that two such men as Drs. Biddle and Cookman should leave it at the same time. To the large and highly respectable congregation, for whom Dr. Cookman has broken the bread of life, it will seem like the departure of a kind brother or a very dear friend, and to many, whom he has induced to follow Christ, his going will be as that of a father from the household where childhood has grown to manhood under the paternal smile. Dr. Cookman leaves his people loaded with their prayers and benedictions. We hope his lines may fall to him in pleasant places, and that all his labors of love may yield him a full return wherever in the good providence of God he may be called to administer to men in things pertaining to that life which lies beyond mortal ken, that land to which we all are hastening, and from which no traveller returns.

EXPLOSION OF BURNING FLUID—WOMAN SEVERELY BURNED.—Monday evening, as Mary Nugent, a servant girl in the employ of A. W. Young, the comedian, residing on Grant street, was about pouring some burning fluid into a lamp, which was ignited at the time, the fluid exploded, set the girl's clothes on fire, and burned her terribly in different parts of the body. When we inquired in regard to her yesterday, we were informed that the physicians were doing all in their power to relieve her sufferings, and that she would probably recover, though very much disfigured.

THE COUNTY FAIR.—The Board of Managers of the County Agricultural Society have determined upon the 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th days of September next for their annual fair.

The Premium List, which is now in the hands of the Printers, received great attention from the Board, and it will be found to contain many new features. The premiums in many cases are higher than ever before.

STEAMBOAT FIGHTS.—A large number of cases of assault and battery have come before our magistrates lately, the defendants being steamboat officials and the prosecutors deckhands and laborers on the wharf. Andrew Kline made oath yesterday before Aldermen Parkinson, charging Silas Alfred, second mate of one of the steamers lying at the wharf, with assault and battery. The case was settled by defendant paying costs.

ASSAULTED.—A man named John Gasner appeared before Alderman Parkinson, and made oath charging Samuel Gisinger with assault and battery. He alleges that the defendant approached him as he was standing on Federal street, Allegheny city, on Monday night, and made a brutal attack upon him, without provocation, striking and kicking him several times. The accused was held to bail for trial.

TUESDAY'S CASES—Before Mayor Weaver.

John Creel, for drunkenness, was committed to jail for twenty four hours; J. L. Phillips and Birsell were fined and discharged. Wm. Ryan, for disorderly conduct, was committed for ten days, and James McManus for five days.

Michael Dauley and John Baker, for vagrancy, were committed for five days.

As you walk up Federal street, Allegheny, it will not be lost time to stop and examine Carnaghan's stock of white shirts, furnishing goods, &c., &c., advertised in our paper.

RIOT.—Esquire Hageman of East Birmingham yesterday committed for trial a man named Jno. Denan, who, with two others who have not yet been arrested, are charged with riot in the above borough, on the oath of Margaretta Gildea. The prosecutrix alleged that three individuals, one of whom was Denan, entered her house and acted in an outrageous and riotous manner, and putting her in great fear by their conduct.

DISCHARGED.—The Polander, Karroskarowski, who was arrested on Sundsy last by officer Hague, charged with robbing a store in St. Louis, was discharged from custody yesterday, in accordance with a dispatch received from the Chief of Police of the above city.

THERE were two alarms of fire yesterday afternoon—one caused by the burning of some shavings, on Fayette street, and the other by a burning chimney on Cherry alley, near Seventh.

BUSINESS on the canal has commenced in earnest, and a large number of boats are arriving and departing daily.

MUTTON ADVANCING.—Several large droves of sheep have passed through our city lately, en route for the East.

THE footpath between Penn street and the Aqueduct, which was destroyed by the fall of Leech's warehouse, is being rebuilt.

'COSTAR'S RAT, ROACH, BED BUG, &c., EXTERMINATOR.—We invite special attention to "*Costar's*" advertisement in another column. These Remedies for all domestic pests, such as *Rats, Cock-Roaches, Bed Bugs, Ants, Fleas, &c.*, are said to be invaluable; indeed, we can speak from actual knowledge of their rare merits. The name of "Costar" is a "household word" to New Yorkers, and his Depot, 370 Broadway, has, thronged by thousands daily. As the summer approaches we advise every one who would be rid of the above named pests, to send and procure a timely supply of the *Exterminator*. Druggists and Dealers also should send their orders early if they would secure the Agency for articles for which there is a *constant demand*, and on which a fair profit may be realized.

These Remedies, we learn, are being extensively introduced throughout the *Canadas, West Indies*, and *South America*, as well as the United States. Orders (large or small,) accompanied by the cash, will receive prompt attention if addressed to "Costar's" Principal Depot, No. 888 Broadway, New York.—*Richardson' Journal.*

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We publish as a great curiosity the following characteristic letter, received by our friend Dr. J. C. Ayer, of Lowell, Mass., from the "Rebel Chief," or usurping Emperor of China, in acknowledgment for quantities of his CHERRY PECTORAL and CATHARTIC PILLS, the Dr. sent him as a present.

To DR. AYER in America—

The great curing Barbarian of the outside country.

Your present of sweet curing seeds (*Pills*) and fragrant curing drops, (*Pectoral*) of the Cherry smell, has been brought to Hugeen Tsene—the mighty Emperor (Kwangte) of the terrible stout Ming dynasty, by the grace of heaven revived after an interval of ages—Prince of peace (Taping-wang) of China, the central flowery land. He directed his powerful Mandarins to give them to the sick according to what the Interpreters read from your printed papers (*directions.*) Be profoundly happy, O wise Barbarian! for I, Yang-sen-Taing, say it. Your curing seeds and sweet curing drops were given to the sick in his Army of the Winged-Sword, and have made them well. Be profoundly happy while you live for this is known to the Mighty Emperor of China, who approves your skill, and permits you to send more of your curing medicines for his fierce armies of myriads of men.

They may be given to Chiang Lin, Chief Mandarin of the Red Button of Shanghai, who will repay you with Tea or Silk or Gold.

The high Mandarins of China, have heard of your great knowledge, surpassing all other Foreigners, even aspiring to equal Yang-sen-Taing of our own healing teachers, who make remedies that cure instantly. We are glad to know you bow in trembling-terror before our Mighty Emperor.

Written by YANG-SEU-TSING,
Minister-in-chief of the restored Imperial Ming Dynasty, destined by the heavenly wisdom to rule in China.

(Translated by the American Consolate at Hong Kong, China, 3d May, 1855.)

BOOKS.

NEW & UNEXCEPTIONABLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AT DAVIS'S, 61 Market street.—The Paper Doll Wardrobe; Little Susey's Letters to Her Parents; Little Susey's Six Birth Days; Little Susey's six Teachers; The Flower of the Family; The Orphan Boy; Duty and Inclination, by author of Sixth Army, &c.; Little Ben, by author of Work, or how to do it; Little Henry and Bearer, or what they did in the country, by author of the "Little Susey Books;" Only a Dandelion; The Christian Year Book; a Golden Treasury for the Young. Also, the following books from the same publisher:—The Death of Little Children, by Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.; The Smitten Household, or thoughts for the afflicted, by S. Irenaeus Prime, D.D.; W. R. Williams, D.D.; W. H. Stoddard, D.D., &c.; Agnes and the Little Key, or bereaved parents instructed by children; Sacred Poetry, or a Young Communicant, by James W. Alexander, D. D. mr25

BISHOP SIMPSON—A very fine photograph Portrait of Bishop Simpson, by Brady of New York, just recd and for sale by J. T. KEAD.
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TELEGRAPHIC.

Three Days Later from Europe.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The steamship Africa has arrived, bringing Liverpool dates to the 7th instant.

Lord Palmerston announced in Parliament that a dissolution would take place in May, and until then he would continue to maintain the former policy with regard to China, and hoped, with the aid of France and America, to compel the establishment of additional commercial advantages.

The Chancellor of Exchequer brought forward his financial measures of a reduced income tax, also for a reduction of the sea duty from 1s 7d to 1s 5d; also, precisely the same scale of duty on sugar, both of which were passed by a considerable majority.

The Prussian Ministry has been defeated on the divorce bill.

The signing of the treaty of Peace with Persia has been officially announced in the House of Lords, and it has been sent to Teheran for ratification.

The Russian telegraph reports the signing of a commercial treaty at Teheran between the United States and Persia, by which American consuls are permitted to reside in the Persian cities.

Austria seeks a similar treaty with Persia.

The Chinese news received by private letters continues unsatisfactory, but there is nothing really additional.

Reinforcements are being dispatched from England.

It is reported that Commissioner Bowing has been recalled by the British Government. Also, that on the 5th of December the Chinese seized the East India Company's opium depot.

The Neufchatel Conference was opened at Paris on the 5th inst, but the proceedings are private. All the foreign troops have left Greece.

COMMERCIAL.

LIVERPOOL, March 6.—Cotton market generally unchanged, closing quiet and steady. The sales during the week amounted to 5,100 bales, including 4,500 bales to the speculators and exporters. The sales to-day are estimated at 7000 bales, 1000 being to speculators; the market is firm.

Advices from Manchester are unfavorable.—Breadstuffs are very dull and show a declining tendency.

The weather is favorable for the crops.

The provision market is quiet.

The money market is slightly more stringent; consols for money closed at 93¾.

The iron market closed firm.

Breadstuffs; Wheat declined 3d; sales at 8@9d for white; red wheat also declined 3d; quoted at 7s 9d@8s 6d.

Flour continues very dull; quotations nominal at 28@30s for State, 30@31s for Southern, and 31@32s for Ohio. Corn declined 6d; sales of white at 35s@35s 6d; yellow 33s 6d@34s; mixed 33s@33s 6d. Lard buoyant at 71@72s. Rosin steady at 4s9d for common, and 8@15s for fine. Spirits Turpentine closed firm at 32@43s. Crude Turpentine is 10s@10s6d. Rice steady at 21@23s. Quercitron Bark 12s6d@13s; Baltimore 11s6d. Lard Oil has advanced; sales at 60@65s.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 24.—Robert E. McHatten has been appointed Post Master of New Orleans, Vice Mr. Nevitt, removed.

The departments are overwhelmed with applications, personal and by mail, for minor appointments growing out of misapprehensions as to the principle of rotation, which, as a general rule, is intended to apply only to the larger class of officers.

Several applications have been made for the construction of the wagon roads to the Pacific authorized by act of the late Congress, but the Secretary of the Interior has taken no action in the premises.

Forts Kearney and Laramie will not be abandoned till Autumn.

Although it is understood that the following New York appointments were made to day the official promulgation has been withheld: Mr. Smith, Collector; Mr. Hart, Surveyor; Mr. Sanders, Navy Agent; Mr. Byenders, Marshal; Mr. Fowler, Post Master; Mr. Birdsall, Naval Officer.

Robert J. Walker was at the White House today and was offered the Governorship of Kansas, which, his friends say, he declined.

ST. LOUIS, March 24.—The Illinois and Upper Mississippi are still falling with a good boating stage on the former, and 4 feet or less on the lower rapids of the latter. The Missouri rose four feet at Boone-ville within the last 24 hours, and is still rising. Weather hazy and cool.

BALTIMORE, March 24.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has abandoned the defence of the injunction suit, brought by the city, to restrain the issuing of dividend bonds.

The Mail from South this morning brings New Orleans papers of Wednesday last

ST. LOUIS, March 24.—The river is still slowly receding at this point and the upper streams are all falling. Weather cloudy and damp. There was a heavy rain last night accompanied by thunder and lightning; the storm extended far to the West and North.

LOUISVILLE, March 24.—River five feet on the falls, and seven feet nine inches in the canal, rising. Thermometer 53 degrees. Clear weather.

BALTIMORE, March 24.—Market quiet to day, and prices wholly unchanged.

NEW YORK, March 24th.—Flour market depressed with sales of 5,600 bbls State at 25c lower; sales at $5,00@5,75; Ohio 15c lower; sales at $5@6,45; Southern 10c lower, sales at $6,15@6,60. Wheat is depressed, with sales of 6000 bush at 3c decline; rates nominal. Corn is dull and heavy; sales of 22,000 bush at a decline of 1c for white and yellow, and mixed 2c. Pork is steady; prime has advanced 20c per bbl; sales at $19,20; Beef and Bacon firm. Whisky 1c dearer; sales at 26@26½c. Stocks generally lower and dull; Chicago and Rock Island 105¾; Cumberland Coal Co. 19; Illinois Central Road 132¾; Illinois Central Bonds 10¾; Erie Railroad 53¾; Cleveland and Toledo 73; Cleveland and Pittsburgh 54¾; Milwaukee and Mississippi 71¾; New York Central 88¾; Reading 79, Virginia Sixes 91¾; Missouri Sixes 84¾; Sterling Exchange 108@108¾.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Clover seed continues in steady demand, and 200 bus. prime, sold $9@9,25. Breadstuffs continue dull, and under the Africa's accounts prices are drooping. Flour is offered at $5,87½ per bbl, which is a further decline. Rye flour sells at $4. Corn Meal $3,25. Wheat is dull and lower; sales of red at $1,41@1,48, white $1,65@1,60. Rye commands 82@83. Corn very dull and prices unsettled, sales new yellow at 68@65. Oats sells at 47@48. Whisky dull in bbls at 27 and hhds 25.

CINCINNATI, March 24.—The steamer's news rendered Flour, if possible, more dull and unsettled; prices are entirely nominal; the receipts are moderate and the stock is rapidly increasing. Whiskey has advanced to 22½ with sales of 1400 bbls. There is no important change in Provisions; sales of 200,000 lbs bulk Sides at 9¾, to be delivered 30 days hence, and 50,000 lbs Shoulders in bulk at 8s indicating a decline of ¼c; there is a moderate demand for Mess Pork, to fill orders, at $21,50. Bacon is neglected and prices are nominal; small sales of Lard at 18¾ for barrelled; the market closes decidedly heavy. Cloversed firm at $7,37@$7,50; with a fair demand.

The river has risen 18 inches within the last 24 hours and is still rising; there are now 17 feet water in the channel. Weather damp, and clear and cloudy at intervals.

EVANSVILLE, March 24.—The following boats passed down: steamers, Pete Whitstone; St. Lawrence; Rainbow; Fashion; Mansfield; Joseph S. Conn; Jesse K. Bell; Melrose.—The following boats passed up: Belmont; Southerner, Wm. Bird; John Briggs; Isaac Shelly; Woodford.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23.—The Cotton market has been active to-day, at ½c dearer, with sales 20,000 bales at 13½@13¾ for middling. Sugar ¼ cent higher Breadstuffs quiet. Pork firm. Freights unchanged. Sterling Exchange 108½.

STEAMBOATS

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COMMERCIAL.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE OFFICE,
Wednesday Morning, March 25, 1857.

Business was less active yesterday. The sales were as follows:

FLOUR—sales 65 bbls superfine on wharf at $5; 100 bbls do on private terms; 60 bbls extra and extra family from store at $5,75@5,87; 75 bbls superfine extra and extra family at $5,25, $,75 and $5,12; 70 bbls do at $5,37; $5,62 and $6.

GRAIN—Sales 150 bus Oats at dock at 34c; 700 bush do on wharf at 35c; 200 bush Red Wheat from store at $1,20.

HAY—Sales 9 loads at $10@14.

BACON—Sales 3,000, 6,000 and 10,000 lbs at 9c for old Shoulders, 10c for new, 11½c for Sides, 12½c for Hams, 500 pieces at 10, 11½, and 12½c; 6,000 lbs Hams at 12½c; 3 000 and 5,000 lbs Shoulders at 10c; 1,000 lbs Sides at 11½c; 5,000 lbs Shoulders and Hams at 10 and 12c; 5 tcs S C Hams at 13½.

WHISKY—Sales 50 bbls raw at 25c.

GLOVERSEED—Sales 61 bush at $5; 80 bbls, in lots, at $9@9,25; 15 bush at retail at $8,75.

LARD OIL—Sale 13 bbls No. 1 at 81 05.

DRIED PEACHES—Sales 20 bush at $2,22.

POTATOES—Sales 300 bush mixed, Neshannocks, Pink Eyes and Blues at $1,50; 20 bush Neshannocks at $1,65.

BUTTER—Sales 12 bbls good roll at 20c; 5 bxs choice at 22c.

EGGS—Sale 6 bbls at 14c.

BEANS—Sale 25 bush from store at $2,75.

FISH—Sales 15 bbls large No 3 Mackerel at $10,50.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

MECHANICS' BANK.—The books of this institution were opened yesterday, according to announcement, and subscriptions to the stock was very brisk. At the closing of the books in the evening the whole amount subscribed amounted to $70,000. This is considered a most excellent beginning, and if the same spirit is manifested for a few days the sum required by the charter to be subscribed previous to the commencement of business will soon be obtained. We hear that the Bank of St Louis had the sum of $200,000 subscribed to its capital stock.—St Louis Com. Saturday.

The business of the Sub Treasury was: Receipts, $157,011 09; Payments, $100,459 85; Balance, $18,247,488 64 against $17,562,313 in a Saturday; showing no change of importance. The amount paid for duties during the week was $678,000 against $1,100,000 during the previous week.

The supply of money continues to increase and discount rates are lower than early in the week; and the Bank statement on Monday will probably show larger loans.—Call loans are very abundant at 7 per cent.

Stocks are not improved in the Money Market, and at the first Board there was a general decline.—N Y Tour. & Reg.

* The Imports at New York, week ending March 21, were $2,201,557, against $1,427,590 same week last year. The imports of Groceries were very large.

The aggregate imports of the week, including Dry Goods, were $3,858,237, against $3,066,222, and

For the year thus far	$51,573,940
Last year	39,681,877
Increase	$11,992,063

New and dangerous counterfeit XXs letter B, payable at the Northerville branch of the Bank of Kentucky, are in circulation. The closest scrutiny is to distinguish it from the genuine note.

A new counterfeit V on the State Bank of Indiana has also made its appearance.

The Knoxville Mercury says—"Twenty five cents on the dollar are offered now for the issues of the Bank of East Tennessee. The parties purchasing at low ruled holding them, or it may be but with them property which the assignees of the Bank are authorized to sell.

The Zimmerman Bank of Canada was principally owned by Samuel Zimmerman, the millionaire who fitted out the Hamilton disaster, a few days since. The Bank will wind up its affairs in consequence.

The notes of the Bank of Perth Amboy are, for the present, redeemed by the Union Bank, New York, at par.

In relation to this the N. Y. Times says:

The concern expired five or six years ago, but was revived last season as Bank of Circulation, under circumstances of suspicion, which induced us to warn the public not to take its notes. We are now asked to give prominence to a notice from the President of the Bank that the repeal of the charter failed "by the conservation" of the New Jersey Senate, and that the business of the Bank continues "as heretofore," and that its circulation will be redeemed, "as heretofore," at the Union Bank in New York, at par. We have no feeling on the subject, except to place the facts before the public.

Money is in free supply for good paper and collaterals in the street. Transfertings in the banks, however, moved considerably their activity to discount.—Phil. Inquirer, Monday

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R.—Illinois Central has further declined. It closed yesterday at 134 and 134½, and commenced this morning at 135¾, went down to 134 and finally left off at 132¾. The transactions amounted to twenty-one hundred and fifty shares.

The large decline in Illinois Central was caused by the decision of the company to issue eighty-five thousand shares of new stock. Of the meeting which decided upon this course we have the following report:

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad, held at Chicago on Wednesday, it was decided to issue new stock to the amount of eighty-five thousand shares, one half of the present amount of the stock, which is apportioned among the stockholders in the ratio of one share of the new to two of the old stock. One third of the new stock is to be issued on the 1st July next, and the remainder on the 1st of January following, on the payment of thirty dollars per share, which will make it to an equality with the old stock, on which it has amount has now been paid. This arrangement will place $2,550,000 at the command of the directors, which it is contemplated will be all that is wanting in addition to the proceeds of the sales of the lands of the company, to finish the road.

Among the receipts of produce at St Louis on Friday, were 1,500 sacks wool (one item, 15 sacks wool, thrifty 196 lb from 100 ft of Lower Ohio, 12,000 pieces Pork, 200 pieces Bacon, 10 tubs lard, 2 bbls do, 1 bbl Pork, 200 pieces Whisky. The receipts of flour yesterday, since January 1st, compare as follows:

Bbls. casks	1847.	1856.
Lard, tierces	1,000	1,500
Do. barrels	13,750	1,350
Do. kegs	13,153	1,427
Pork, barrels	6,770	592
Do. casks	23,169	6,500
Do. pieces	3,328	840
	166,905	9,605

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Pittsburgh & Cleveland R.R—1 cask wine, 20 bbls do, H Townsend & co; 19 cks beer, W Oblecton & co; 20 do do, 1 do rubber, 5 do half bushels, Shriver & Silversmith; 1 bbl coal oil, J H Moore; 1 bbl butter, 1 do lard, Burgess & Scott; 1 car lumber, O W Welbrain & co; 9 pieces, corner 5 boxes, 1 bbl butter, J B Caldwell; 91 drs brooms, Kirk Dodge & Meiser; 10 bbls flour, J Kingsley & co; 1 bbl do, do; 1 carriage, Stoblane & Aspy; 20 sks peas, J L Black; 5 bbls butter, P Peterson; 8 kegs lard, J B Caldwell; 2 do butter, 2 do eggs, Kast; 1 Fire Engine Chief, Wiers & co; 1 set machinery, Kast; 7 bales buzzs, W Neile; 3 bbls butter, Watt & Wilson; 7 cts pig iron, Sinnick & co; 2 bbls butter, 2 do eggs, 7 bbls eggs, 8 do butter, 7 kegs lard, Kast; 9 bbls eggs, Kast; 7 cars shc, 4 bbls eggs, 1 do bacon, 7 sks potatoes, owners; 4 bbls eggs, 8 do butter, 2 do flour, 9 sacks beans, 52 do potatoes, 1 do green apples, Kast; 3 bbls pork, steln rock; 1 box dry goods, 3 kegs, 1 pack sundries, 1 tcs hams, 3 cases eggs, 40 bbls meal, 55 bbls whisky, 20 do do, 10 bbls meal, 20 reapers and mowers, 231 dry hides, Lynch & co; 1 bbls tallow, 1 box 123 tools, Cooper & Lewis; 10 bbls high wines, Miller & Ricketson

IMPORTS BY RIVER

CINCINNATI by Telegraph—15 tcs dry ham, Hussey & Wells; 100 bbls grass, Irwin & co; 25 bales hay, Smith; 10 kgs medicine, Fahnestock; 10 bbls soap, 2 bbls eggs, Lowrie & co; McCandless, Evans & co, 1st of boat carriers; Jones & Cooley, 47 tons pig metal, Lloyd, Lemon & co; 22 tons, Hussey, Hussey, Cooper & co; 1 tag trimm, Whiting & Wells; 44 tcs hams, 50 bbls lard, 50 bbls bacon, Leech & co.

MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION CO.—5 boxes, 1 keg, 1 horse, 11 pkgs sundries, 2 pumps, 20 tcs castings, 10 bbls flour, owners; 45 rolls leather, R Fetterman & co; 250 boxes glass, Reppert; 217 bgs corn, Baxter & M'Cord; 20 do do, 65 bbls flour, Swindler; 100 bbls paper, 22 kegs nails, Bagaley, Cooper & co; 15 sacks meal, M'Clurg; 5 grain bags, Swearingen; 2 boxes, 1 keg, Hilton; 7 bbls flour, owner; 25 do do, Kripps; 500 bxs shot, Berry & co.

CINCINNATI by Avalanche—95 bxs pipes, Atwell Lee & co; 27 bbls whisky, J & T Grout; 1 box, Swindler; 2 do, 12 tcs hams, 63 bbls bacon, Leech & co; 1 bbl midge, J A Nutch; 1 coon, 20 bbls segs, H Kea, Jr; 87 bbls flour, McShane & Aspy; 50 do, J S Liggett; 100 do, Leech & co.

RIVER TRADE.

FOREST CITY from Wheeling brought in one of the fullest freights which she has had this season. We had the entire list but have unfortunately mislaid it.

The River stood last evening at dusk at between 4 and 10 feet. It had not yet felt the rain that fell in frequent showers during all the forepart of the day.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather, business was quite active at the wharf and many boats with full freight were ready to leave at nightfall.

We note the arrival at Cincinnati of a fleet of boats which left this city on the top of the late rise, the various tributaries of the Ohio were pouring in a flood of water. The Lacrosse left with a fine freight for this city on Monday.—Also the Wenona, Dunmark, H. F. Lee, Rocket, Enlan, Minnestonka, and Hallman were to leave on Monday and Tuesday.

The Ben Franklin, which we have heretofore noted as damaged by snag together with her cargo is insured at Philadelphia, the loss not great however. She will go on the ways at Paducah.

The Thos. Scott left Nashville for this city on Tuesday last.

The Defender, Dubuque and North Star left St. Louis for this city on Thursday.

STEAMBOAT REGISTER

ARRIVED.—Luserne, Brownsville; Jefferson, do; Gil Bayard, Elizabeth; Minerva, Cincinnati; Orb, Nashville; Kellerson, do; Telegraph, Brownsville; Emma Graham, Zanesville; Alma, New Orleans.

DEPARTED.—Luserne, Brownsville; Jefferson, do; Gil Bayard, Elizabeth; Forest City, Wheeling; Wheeling Packet, Wheeling; Buckeye State, Cincinnati; River Wave, St Hilian, St Louis; New York, Cincinnati.

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