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PITTSBURGH:

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 8, 1858.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

News of the City and Neighborhood.

THE following communication should have appeared yesterday, but was unavoidably omitted:

OFFICE OF P., FT. W. & C. R. R. CO.
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 6th, 1858.

The announcement in a morning paper that "J. Edgar Thompson, Esq., President of the Penna. Railroad Co., had accepted the position of Chief Engineer of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, with a view of proceeding at once to the completion of the eighty-two miles between Plymouth and Chicago," although not literally true, may perhaps be regarded as substantially so.

The Board of Directors, (of which Mr. Thompson is a member, and was present,) at their last session just closed, had specially under consideration this subject, as they regarded the completion of the road to Chicago as the solution of the financial difficulties now surrounding the Company. The work west of Plymouth has never ceased through all the disastrous times, now we hope coming to a close. With the assets, set aside previous to October last, to be devoted to the completion to Chicago, and the material aid of the public-spirited citizens of Porter and Lake counties in Indiana, the Company has been able steadily, although with a slow pace, to push forward their work; and in this they are very greatly indebted to the persevering energy and sound discretion of Hon. Samuel Hanna, a member of the Board from Fort Wayne.

The rate of progress of the work for the past six months has not been equal to the vast interests already involved in this line—direct interests to the extent of fifteen millions of dollars, and contingent interests to an equal extent; besides the demand of the "Articles of Consolidation," and of the commerce of the country, that the road shall be completed to Chicago. It was this aspect of the case that induced the Board of Directors to look beyond their own present means, and to offer inducements to energetic capitalists to come forward with their capital and join it with certain valuable assets of the Company, and complete the road to Chicago the coming summer.

To carry out this plan, the Board of Directors have tendered to Mr. Thompson the post of Chief Engineer of the Company, with ample powers, and, as they believe, means, to accomplish the object. Although Mr. Thompson has not formally accepted the trust, I have good reason to believe that he will, and at once enter upon the duties assigned him, in which event, as everybody knows, with him, to undertake is to accomplish.

With this road completed from its own depot grounds in the City of Chicago to the track of the Penna. Railroad in this city, I believe it the most valuable property of the kind for its cost and length in this country, and one the least likely to be injuriously affected by the constant fluctuations of trade, commerce and trade. I have no hesitation in placing this opinion upon record, although the enterprise has been carried along, from its very inception in 1848 to the present moment by an unceasing struggle, and this struggle must continue until the goal for which the Company set out is reached, when an ample reward will be found for all the energies and means expended. The sacrifices of the past have fallen upon the stockholders: those for the short future (and it need be but short with proper co-operation) are expected to be borne equitably and fairly by bond-holders and general creditors as well as stockholders. A mile from each will accomplish the work.

Although this announcement is unofficial, I subscribe myself, G. W. CASS, President.

THE following item in regard to the officers and committees chosen for the ensuing year by the Horticultural Society, and that also relative to the election in the Agricultural Society, were crowded out of our paper yesterday by the Governor's Message and press of other matter:

President—Robert M'Knight.

Vice Presidents—Geo. G. Negley, John Murdock, Jr., James Reed.

Corresponding Secretary—Jeremiah Knox.

Recording Secretary—Alex. M. Stevenson.

Treasurer—Chas. Lockhart.

The following committees were also appointed:

Finance—G. G. Negley, C. L. Goehring, J. G. Coffin.

Library—Jeremiah Knox, James Reed, B. Bacon, Robert M'Knight, Randall Morton, Thos. Aiken.

Vegetables—Wm. C. Dunn, Robt. Cummings, David Geisler, C. L. Goehring, Alex. Negley, A. J. Woolslayer, L. Spahr, John Young, Jr., J. M'K. Snodgrass.

Printing—J. Wardrop, J. G. Coffin, Finley Torrence.

Flowers—James McKain, James Wardrop, James Murdoch, G. G. Negley, James Reed, J. G. Coffin, James Lamont, John Ferguson, Geo. M'Hatty, James S. Negley, John Henderson, F. M. Gordon, and A. H. Gross.

Fruits—Charles Lockhart, J. Knox, James Murdoch, Alexander Wilson, R. M'Knight, W. S. Bissell, James S. Negley, James Lamont, and John Murdoch, Jr.

Arrangements—Jeremiah Knox, J. M'Kain, James Reed, Charles Lockhart, Robert Cummings, Henry Thaxter, John Murdoch, Alex. Negley, A. J. Woolslayer, James Murdock, Alex. Negley, J. G. Coffin, W. C. Dunn, Thomas Aiken, Geo. B. Haven.

Premiums—James Wardrop, James McKain, J. Knox, R. M'Knight, J. S. Negley, C. Lockhart, Adam Amon, James Lamont, James Reed, and Robert Cummings.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Allegheny County Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday, at the Society's rooms, Fifth street.

Gen. J. McK. Snodgrass in the chair; O. P. Shiras acting as Secretary.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to nominate a ticket for Board of Managers for the current year.

The Society then balloted with the following result:

President—Gen. Snodgrass.
Vice President—Benjamin Kelly.
Corresponding Secretary—R. McKnight.
Recording Secretary—O. P. Shiras.
Treasurer—James Reed.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Agricultural.—John McKelvy, W. P. Ferree, W. S. Bissell, John Young, Jr., Moses Chess, Z. Patterson, W. Oliver.

Horticultural.—Wm. Martin, Sr., Jno. Murdoch, Jr., J. S. Negley, C. L. Goehring.

Mechanical.—A. Speer, Samuel McKelvy, G. H. Thurston, Philip B. Kincaid.

The Society then adjourned.

The Board elect met and organized permanently by the unanimous re-election by acclamation of Capt. John Young, Jr., as Chairman of, and S. Schoyer, Jr., Secretary to the Board for the year.

After the transaction of some unimportant business the Board adjourned.

ACCIDENT.—We have again and again called attention to the fact that the place of stopping of the cars near Federal street in Allegheny, is exceedingly dangerous, and suggested that a railing or something of the sort should be made on the side towards the canal to prevent accidents. Several have already occurred there. The latest case occurred on Wednesday night.

Mr. Duherry, a citizen of Pittsburgh, formerly a book keeper at Mr. Haven's stepped off the cars there on the night aforesaid and on the side next the canal. He fell over the side of the platform a distance of some ten or twelve feet, heading among logs and rubbish, breaking his jaw in two places, cutting a gash in his neck and spilting his nose in a frightful manner. Such a neglect of necessary guards and precautions in such a place is, it seems to us, not only censurable but actionable.

FRIGHTFUL AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—An engineer, named Wilhelm, who has been employed in the mill of the Messrs Shoenberger met his death in a fearful manner yesterday.—The mill had just started on Monday—Mr. Wilhelm while at his business about the machinery, received a blow upon the head with the pitman which dashed him head foremost among the revolving wheels. His hand was caught among the cogs and his arm drawn in and mashed in a frightful manner. He was taken out, crushed and torn in a fearful way, and breathed his last in about a quarter of an hour. The unfortunate man has left a wife and three children to mourn his untimely end.

MR. PASSAVANT, in acknowledging the receipt of a large number of donations from all quarters, says:

"By these various rills of benevolence, we have been enabled to sink the debt on the Farm School another $1000, and are settling off the bills of the last six months, as fast as donations are received. To one and all of the benevolent donors, we render our sincerest thanks—but we desire especially to be grateful to the Father of the fatherless, for giving this feeble undertaking favor in the eyes of his people."

PROFESSOR FERGUSON wishes us to say to his audience of Monday evening and to the public in general, that the remaining portion of the lecture on *Burns*, will be delivered as soon as Excelsior Hall is not occupied. The proceeds will be appropriated for the relief of the poor. A collection will be taken up at the close of the exercises for the purpose. The Professor considering that he owes his audience the remainder of the lecture asks nothing for himself.

THE INAUGURATION.—The members of Council will meet at the Mayor's Office this morning, at 10 o'clock, to organize, after which they will proceed to Lafayette Hall, where Mayor Wenover will be inaugurated in due form.

ANOTHER CRIMINAL TRIAL.—The trial of Frederic Breninger for the murder of Malthias Frank, was on trial yesterday in the Oyer and Terminer. The alleged facts in this case will doubtless be remembered. The affair, which resulted in the death of Frank, occurred on the 18th of July last. A company, among whom were the prisoner and Frank, had been at a lager beer saloon in Reserve tp., and on their return home, all being, as said, more or less intoxicated, a dispute occurred, which resulted in a fight, and Frank receiving a stab in the neck, was killed. He stated, however, as is alleged, before his death, the name of the party who had stabbed him. So much for the history of the matter.

Breninger was brought into Court and the following jury empannelled to try the offence whereof he is charged:

1. S. P. Hullis,	7. William Hill,
2. Robert M'Ferron,	8. William Bell,
3. Jacob Bown,	9. George Erdner,
4. John Veeglly,	10. J. R. Hague,
5. Thos. Geoghagan,	11. Martin Hine,
6. Samuel Connor,	12. Samuel Dahlien.

Mr. Collier, in a clear and pointed speech, opened the case for the Commonwealth. Thereafter

Samuel Wicklin was sworn—Stated that on the night aforesaid he had heard talking and altercation among a party; heard some one say, "Fred, what have you got in your hand;" soon after I heard some one say he was shot; Frank came running up to where I was; asked me to help him, that he was cut; caught him and put my hand on the cut; held him there until the doctor came, when I let him go: I was with him till he died.

Mr. Collier said he wished to prove the dying declarations of the deceased, made a few seconds before his death, as to who cut him.

Mr. Collier to Witness—Did the deceased make any declaration to you?

Witness—He did; he told me "Fritz" cut him.

Mr. Collier—Did he know his condition as to his approaching dissolution at the time.

Witness—He called a man in the room here, and said, "Good bye, Fred, I'm going to die;" he told him in my presence that Breninger had cut him.

Cross-examined—Did not hear any person hallo, "My God, is there no one to assist me;" heard the man that was knocked down say, "Oh, oh;" Frank appeared to be a little scared about the cut

AFTERNOON SESSION

Samuel Wickline and John Wickline were examined. The latter testified that he was with Frank and Beckert on his way home from town at ten o'clock at night; Frank, the deceased, stopped at Gertz's and treated the others to a glass of beer; there was a number of persons sitting at a table singing songs. At twelve o'clock the party walked down the road to go home, and Breninger had his hand in his pocket; Breninger made a motion to draw his weapon when Geltz knocked him down, but he got up immediately; Frank then cried out to Geltz, "he has a pistol." Breninger walked towards Frank and Gertz and witness saw him strike four times; did not know who he was striking. Deceased immediately after came running toward witness and said, "Oh, John, I am shot, Fritz shot me." Deceased asked witness to feel where he was wounded; he found the blood flowing rapidly. Deceased then ran to witness' brother and told him that "Fritz had cut him."

In the cross-examination but little of interest was elicited.

Lawrence Mutzig, sworn—Know Frank, helped arrest Breninger; found him in bed; his shirt was bloody.

Cross-examination elicited nothing.

Samuel Wickline, recalled—Examined as to the clothing of Breninger; his shirt was a little bloody when he was arrested.

Gotlieb Geltz, sworn—On the evening in question was in the yard of his uncle; was asked by Breninger to go to Gertz's tavern; it was 8 o'clock; got beer; others joined them, Geo. Hartman, Chas. Albright, and others; in a little while Henry Baker, Mathias Frank and Wickline came in and sat down at the same table; were drinking and singing; staid till 12; went down to the plank road; went with Mathias Frank and Breninger down to the road between the two; saw the handle of something sticking out of Breninger's pocket; he put his hand in his pocket; put my hand on Breninger and asked him "what have you in your pocket" three times; he gave no answer, but drew a knife from his pocket; he faced me and motioned with his knife opposite my head; I thought he would cut me and I knocked him down; he jumped up and ran over to me and Frank, he cut down several times till I saw him cutting Frank about the head, I could not tell just where; Frank cried, "Oh, I'm shot." Frank ran up the road and Breninger down the road; I stood where I was; Becker ran after Breninger but soon came back and asked where Frank was; we went after Frank and found him in Mr Gertz's yard; staid there about 25 minutes, till the doctor came, and then went after Frank's uncle; when we got back Frank was dead.

Cross-examined—Drank five or six glasses of beer during the night; was boxing with John Wickline that evening; didn't say that if I was sober I could get the better of you; did not behave badly at the house; did not break glasses; did not strike the counter with a chair. This witness was submitted to a most searching cross-examination, extending through a considerable time. His testimony as taken before the Coroner's jury was brought up, and the question was pressed whether he did not say before that jury that he "heard Frank say, 'I'm shot,' and that's all I know about it." The witness was very unwilling to answer questions which would tend to implicate himself in the transaction, but he was finally induced to do so, and if his evidence should prove somewhat conflicting it may seem inconsistent. This point was argued a little and then the defence proceeded.

W. H. Whitney, who was one of the Coroner's jury was examined in brief and the Commonwealth rested, after which Mr. Hampton proceeded to open the case for the defence in which he stated what they expected to be able to prove. His speech was clear, energetic and concise.—At about 9 o'clock Court adjourned.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCILS was held at the Mayor's office last evening. In Select Council, President being absent, Mr. Galway was called to the chair. Members present were, Galway, Rimcaid, Little, Mackin, Martin, Moore, Miller, Morrow, Pollock, Phillips, Reed, Varnum, Wade, Ward.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of Auditing Committee read and adopted. On motion of Mr. Wade, the reading of accompanying documents was dispensed with.

Mr. Varnum presented a resolution authorizing the printing of the Report and documents one time in each of the papers authorized to do the city printing. Mr. Miller moved as an amendment that the printing be done under the direction of the Auditing Committee. As amended the resolution was adopted.

The Mayor was authorized to draw his warrant in favor of W. H. Whitney for $20 in full of his services as clerk.

Mr. Galway from the Committee on Finance presented the report of the Committee and accompanying resolutions. The report was read and accepted, and the resolutions approved.

Report of Aqueduct Committee was read and accepted. Report of Street Committee read and accepted. A resolution was passed that the members of the Street Committee shall consist hereafter of three members from the Common and two from the Select Council. A resolution to abolish the Committee on Claims and Accounts, was passed. In all the action of C. C., S. C. concurred.

In Common Council, the President being absent, Dr. Ahl, on motion of Dr. M'Candless, was called to the chair. Members present: Messrs. Ahl, Barnhill, Bennett, Berger, Black, Brown, Fitzsimons, Henderson, Herdman, Holmes, Layton, M'Candless, M'Cargo, M'Clintock, M'Collister, M'Farland, Meyer, Quinn, Robb, Ross, Shaffer, Spuyser, Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Berger, from the committee appointed at last meeting relative to the right of way of the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. Co. across Penn street, presented a report, with an ordinance relative to the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. Co. The report was accepted. The ordinance was read twice and laid on the table.

The President then appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Herdman presented the annual report of the Water Committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the report of the Auditing Committee.

The chair presented a bill of M. Ginan, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of Michael Ginan, for twenty-five dollars, in full for services in keeping door at the market house during sessions of Councils—and charge the same to the Contingent Fund. Read three times and passed.

Mr. Smyser presented the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council be tendered to the President of this Council for the fairness and impartiality with which he has discharged his duties. Read three times and passed.

Common Council concurred in all action of S. C. except the abolition of Committee on Claims and Accounts. Adjourned.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—The firm of J. Cochran & Bros. was dissolved on the 6th instant, Mr. James A. Cochran having withdrawn. The business of this well known firm will be continued as heretofore under the name and style of J. Cochran & Brother, at the old stand.

MRS. RUSH had not so good a house last night as her merits deserved. Yet she had a highly respectable audience, who were highly pleased with her tasteful and spirited rendition of her authors. She is a woman of fine ability, and we wish that she could have such an audience at another time as she ought.

THE annual election of officers for the Young Men's Library Association will take place on next Monday evening. See advertisement.

JUDGMENT RECEIVED.—In the case of Alfred B. McClimont vs. the county of Allegheny, to recover moneys expended by him in paying the necessary expenses of the Commonwealth, Judge Knox, in the Supreme Court in Banc in Philadelphia, on the 4th inst., delivered an opinion, concluding that "from reason, from usage, and from authority, the county of Allegheny is legally bound to pay the demand for which this suit is brought." The judgment of the District Court of this county was reversed and judgment entered for the plaintiff and against the defendant for the sum of $340 12-100, and costs of suit.—*Dispatch.*

SHOT.—Jesse Grayson, a colored man of this place, while returning from a meeting in the African Church, on New Year's eve, came in contact with a gang of rowdies, who were engaged in a fight in the vicinity of the Foundry, and immediately on his reaching the scene of conflict, a pistol, loaded with shot was discharged by one of the combatants, and Grayson received the contents in his leg, which in all probability, had been murderously aimed at another person. Dr. M'Kennan dressed the wound and we believe the patient is doing well.—*Wash. Com.*

DROWNED MAN FOUND.—The Coroner last week held an inquest on the body of a man, found in the Ohio River, near Phillipsburg.—The body when first discovered, was partly embedded in the sand, and had evidently lain in that position for several weeks. The deceased was apparently about 40 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches in height; black hair; was newly shaved, and had on satinett pants, check shirt, and flannel drawers. There were no papers about his person by which his name or his residence could be ascertained.—*Beaver Argus.*

LIBERAL DONATION.—The Board of Manager's of the Allegheny County Agricultural Society Subscribed and sent on to the Farm School in Centre County, during the present week, the sum of $500. Our Agricultural Society has been most admirably managed during all the past years of its existence and is now under the control of an excellent board of officers, as may be seen by reference to their names. Its funds have been well managed and this donation is doubtless but an earnest of what they will do at some subsequent time, if fortune shall continue to favor them.

FELL DOWN.—The venerable Dr. Heron, for so long, long a time pastor of the first Presbyterian church in this city, now Rev. Dr. Paxton's, had quite a severe fall on New Year's day, in the street. We are rejoiced to learn that although considerably injured he is convalescing and does not appear likely to suffer any permanent injury from this mishap. We trust that there are yet in store for him many a year in his vigorous and genial old age, in which the sum of a beautiful life seems garnered as an example and an invocation to all who behold him.

THE Magnificent Furniture arranged on the second floor of Davis' New Auction Rooms, is to be sold by catalogue this morning at 10 o'clk. It comprises the largest and most splendid assortment ever offered in one sale; and as this sale is peremptory, in the order of catalogue, without detention to bidders, all ladies and Gentlemen wishing such articles should attend promptly at the hour.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A young man, name unknown, was fatally injured on Monday afternoon, at the coal pits of the "Little Saw Mill Run Coal Company," at Saw Mill Run. The man had been employed by the company for the last five years, in the capacity of driver, and while driving out to the mouth of the pit, his head struck a projecting piece of slate, breaking his neck. He was buried on Tuesday.—*Union.*

A RARE CHANCE.—The proprietors of the Wooster *Republican*, having determined to change their business, offer their establishment for sale. The *Republican* is a first rate paper, one of the best in Ohio.

THE THEATRE.—The performances of Mr. Sefton and daughter at the Theatre are received with great favor. Their engagement is proving highly successful. They offer an excellent bill to-night.

MR. B. L. AMEEN, late of the Allegheny Seminary has accepted a call to preside over a congregation in Johnstown, Pa.....A revival of religion is progressing in the Presbyterian church at Mercer.

THE Washington House was discovered to be on fire yesterday morning, at about 6 o'clock. The flames were soon extinguished, however, without doing any great damage to the building.

MR. GEORGE SCOBIST, the attentive Treasurer of Mr. Foster's Gaieties will take a benefit, this night. A good bill is offered in our advertising column, which one Mr. Foster himself will take a benefit next week.

MR. STEWART, Member of Congress from the 23rd District of this state spent the holidays at home in Mercer and returned to Washington on Saturday last.

DR. JAMES KING, of this city, will lecture in Washington, Pa., on the "Processes of Disease as Illustrative of Divine Goodness" to-morrow evening.

Two fellows confined in the Butler county jail, broke out and escaped on the night of the 22nd ult.

Telegraphic.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 7.

SENATE.—H. Hammond, Senator from South Carolina, in Place of Mr. Butler, deceased, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Seward, of New York, presented a petition from the citizens of Cannandaigua, N. Y., praying for the adoption of some practical measure, by which the people of the North may co-operate with the people of the South in the extinguishment of slavery, by making a fair and honorable compensation to the slave owners for full value of their slaves.—The petition was ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. King, a resolution was adopted requesting the President to furnish, if not incompatible with public interests, copies of the correspondence and dispatches from our Ministers at the Courts of England, France and Prussia, on the subject of the dangers to emigrants, arising from contracting with irresponsible parties for their inland passage.

On motion of Mr. Foote, a resolution was offered calling on the President to communicate all official dispatches and correspondence of Robert McLane and Peter Parker, late Commissioners in China, with the State Department.

On motion of Mr. Owinn, the Committee on Foreign Relations was instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for compensation to a Minister Plenipotentiary to the Empire of Japan, and for other officers of the United States Government in that Empire.

A message was received from the President in response to a call for information relative to the recent events in Central America. While the President says that Colin. Paulding committed a great error in arresting Capt. Walker, he thinks it is quite evident that Com. P. was actuated by patriotic motives and a desire of promoting the interests and vindicating the honor of his country. The government of Mr. Buchanan continued to disapprove by the act, but was relieved or benefitted; it alone would have a right to complain: it is quite certain it will never exercise that right.

A long and warm debate ensued, in which Messrs. Seward, of N. Y., Doolittle, of Wis. and Pearce, of Md., sustained the views of the President, and Messrs. Davis, of Miss., Collamer, of Vt., Brown, of Miss., Pugh, of Ohio, Toombs, of Ga. and Douglas, of Illinois, argued in opposition.

The message was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate then went into executive session.

HOUSE.—A select committee was appointed to inquire into the circumstances attending the sale of Fort Snelling, which consists of Burnett, Morris, (Ill.,) Morrow, Dunlap and Pratt.

To-morrow being the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, it was agreed that when the House adjourn to-day it be till Monday. The House then went into a Committee on the President's Annual Message.

Mr. Thayer maintained that if we wish we can and shall Americanize Central America, but have no desire to do so at the expense of our national honor by violating treaty stipulations or laws of the United States. The only proper way of effecting the object was by peaceful emigration, as the only method, and he desired the neutrality law to be amended.

Mr. Washburne, of Mo., denounced the Lecompton Constitution, and said that the administration never intended that the people of Kansas should decide the slavery question for themselves.

The House adjourned.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Gov. Banks' Message is mainly devoted to local affairs, but it closes with a review of the Kansas difficulties. The funded debt amounts to $1,300,000, and provision has been made for all but $215,000. Unless the expenses are reduced below what they were last year, there will be a deficit of $600,000 to be met by State tax. He also recommends the suppression of bank notes under five dollars, and after three or five years the suppression of notes under ten dollars. Concerning Kansas he says nothing but the direct intervention of Federal influence can force through Congress the Lecompton Constitution. If the Government, without the sanction of the people, can force upon Kansas that Constitution—conceived by fraud and violence—it will be the weightiest blow ever given against free governments.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—St Joseph papers to the 29th state that an express passed through that place with dispatches from Leavenworth, which brings the intelligence that a superior body of Mormons overpowered Col. Cook's command while passing from Ham's Fork to Fort Bridger, butchering 200 and taking a number of prisoners, hanging all the officers that fell into their hands. The report is doubtless false or greatly exaggerated.

SANDWICH, C. W., Jan. 7.—Great excitement existed to-day in consequence of the Sheriff declaring McLeod elected to Parliament over Rankin, the Ministerial candidate. From two to three thousand people assembled, and the Sheriff was obliged to flee to Michigan to save his life. McDonald Reeve attempted to address the crowd, but he was beaten and severely injured.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The weather is clear. Mercury 36 degrees.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 7.—The Reports of the Departments were received to-day.

James Onslow was elected additional sergeant-at-Arms, by a vote of 49 against 42.

Mr. Yoeghly offered resolutions in reference to the death of Mr. Backhouse, late member of the House from Allegheny. Eulogistic remarks were made by Messrs. Yoeghly, Foster and Struthers.

In the Senate, Mr. Gattman announced the death of Mr. Backhouse, and both houses adjourned till Monday, in token of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The special election is appointed to be held on Tuesday, the 26th of January.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—The river is falling, with about 6 feet water to Cairo. The Illinois is falling fast, with 4 feet water in the channel, and it is frozen over above Peru. The Missouri is also falling, and a good deal of ice is running in the upper part of the river. The Upper Mississippi is still falling, with 5 feet water on the bar at Dubuque. The weather is cold. There are 40 inches of water on the rapids, but the navigation is much impeded by floating ice. It froze hard here last night. The weather to-day is clear. The mercury is below freezing point.

PETERSBURGH, Va., Jan. 7.—A Walker indignation meeting was held here this evening. The largest hall in the city was crowded. Among the speakers were Mr. Tyler, of Richmond, A. D. Banks and others. Resolutions denouncing the arrest of Gen. Walker, by Com. Paulding, were adopted.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan 7.—The Republican State Convention to-day nominated Gov. Hale by acclamation for re-election and A. H. Dunlap of Nashua, for Railroad Commissioner.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 7.—The Directors of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad have voted to surrender the road to trustees for the benefit of stockholders.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 7.—William H. Cowes lately under Gen. Walker in Nicaragua, and afterwards connected with the Memphis Tenn., *Bulletin*, committed suicide last night by taking laudanum.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 7.—The notes of the Missouri banks are thrown out by our bankers. The Merchants' Bank of Cleveland has suspended.

Another Letter from Texas.

TRAVIS CO., TEXAS, Aug. 15, 1854.

Messrs. Fleming Bros—Dear Sirs: There were several cases of Chills and Fever in my mother's family at the time we received the M'Lane's Liver Pills ordered in my letter of June 12th, and a few doses administered in each case produced the desired effect, then demonstrating the efficiency of these celebrated Pills in that disease.

Mother hasgot been troubled with the sick headache since she has Commenced taking these Pills, and as we have but few of them left, you will please send us another dozen Jar's worth. Direct, as before, to Austin, Texas. Respectfully yours, MEREDITH W. HENRY.

☞ Purchasers should be careful to ask for DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS, manufactured by FLEMING BROS., of Pittsburgh, Pa. There are other Pills purporting to be Liver Pills, now before the public. Dr. M'Lane's genuine Liver Pills, also his celebrated Vermifuge, can now be had at all respectable drug stores. *None genuine without the signature of* JONES & FLEMING BROS.

Commercial.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

[Reported Specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1858

FLOUR—no sales from first hands; the market was firmer but without noticeable change. Sales from store of 200 bbls at $5.75 for extra and $4.50 for family. Retailers dc and 50 do at $4, $4.25 and $4.50; 21 do extra at $4.25 and 40 and 41 do at $4.25 for extra and $4.50 for family.

GROCERIES—sales of 10 hhds N. O. Sugar at 7¼, and 20 hhds Molasses at 36c.

CHEESE—sales of 30 box Goshen at 11, and 40 do W. R. at 9@9½.

LIME—a sale of 10 bbls Louisville at $1.37½.

HAY—sales at scales of 12 loads at $16@16 50 ton.

BACON—sales from city packers, to the extent of a few lots to the retail trade at, 7 and 7½ Shoulders, Sides and plain Hams.

ALLEGHENY CATTLE MARKET.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1858

BEEVES—the supply is again large, running up to 1,100 and prices gave way a shade. The sales amounted to 800, and the range of figures was from 3¾ gross, equal to 4c net. Only inferior cattle sold at 3¾@4; good common sold at 3½, and medium to choice at 3¾@4.

SHEEP—700 head were in pens, of which butchers took 275 head, at $3.25@3½ gross, and $1.75 ⅌ head.

HOGS—continue to come in freely. The receipts this week amount to 6,600 head, 2,300 of which were sold here and the rest were sent East. Prices ranged from 4@4½ gross, from dcc@1 rating.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The following is a comparative statement of the condition of the Banks, December 29 and Jan. 2:

	Dec. 29.	Jan. 2.	
Loans	$97,262,653	$98,549,993	Inc. $1,287,340
Specie	12,142,099	12,261,946	Inc. 1,119,847
Circulation	5,022,187	5,030,563	Inc. 138,216
Deposits	70,130,897	71,633,221	Inc. 2,496,737
Undrawn Deposits	10,040,270	10,202,326	Inc. 1,374,407

—N. Y. Trib.

PHILADELPHIA BANKS.

	Nov. 1857.	Jan. 1858.	
Loans	$21,199,462	$21,210,447	Inc.$ 10,985
Specie	2,074,260	3,038,134	Inc. 1,149,030
Circulation	2,141,115	698,934	Dec. 1,152,219
Deposits	15,625,788	15,896,114	Inc. 170,326

The receipts of Flour at Chicago and the amount manufactured by city millers for three years, compare as follows:

1857	bbls.	520,312
1856	"	410,999
1855	"	489,924

The receipts of Wheat and Corn at the same point, for four years, compare thus:

	Wheat.	Corn.
1854	bush. 2,625,346	430,755
1855	" 3,258,007	8,823,277
1856	" 5,767,100	11,998,998
1857	" 10,244,511	7,400,130

Shipments of all kinds of Grain during the past Four Years:

	1857.	1856.	1855.	1854.
Wheat, bush.	9,206,752	6,286,155	8,277,420	9,445,052
Corn	6,837,992	7,641,023	11,129,659	6,814,615
Oats	2,229,082	1,890,248	1,014,247	416,774
Rye	41,157	19,513	569	1,000
Barley	148,421	92,662	19,051	17,995
Total	12,244,185	15,819,218	20,501,276	16,744,438
Flour into wheat	275,175	317,095	1,043,545	1,229,240
Total	12,002,320	16,022,313	21,583,821	18,022,678

The Cleveland Trade Report says: "The total quantity received by railroads and canal for the year, amounts to 221,200 tons. The total lake exports for the year, amounted to 221,020 tons, which is 65,987 tons over 1855 or 17½ per cent. Increase in the exports of 1856.

The amount received last year came in the following manner:

By Canal	120,416
By Cleveland & Pittsburgh R. R.	50,000
By Cleveland & Mahoning R. R.	91,648
Total	211,200

—Cleve. Herald.

TWO FREE TRADE—Free trade and free negroes are the two things contemplated by the Democratic party at present. The negroes of the previous week have undergone a change, and the free trade exhibition is now undergoing a change, and we are now holding back with caution as can be.

If hogs generally considered we will pack more hogs here this we last year, and some think fully one hundred thousand more will come in. This is probably above a correct estimate—though the advices from the surrounding country would render it a plausible one. The receipts during the week stand now as follows:

Total for the week	41,047
Previously reported	261,541
Total for the season	302,588
Same time last season	228,352

The whole number received this season is now within about 12,000 of the whole number packed last year.

Advices from the West are decidedly substantial, that over the half of the hogs in Iowa and Illinois have not yet been brought to market; feeders anxious and determined, and only in these states, but in this State, Indiana and Kentucky, to feed all the corn they possibly can to them before they bring them to market, and there can be no doubt that the packing business will be continued until the weather becomes too warm for the business.—Cin. Price Cur.

Imports by River.

MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION CO—9 bbls market lime, Graham & Miller; 4 bickerkins, 12 bbls apples Morgan; 25 do, owner; 3 hogs, Robinson; 10 bxs, 9 bxs rpe Scott; 11 bbls salt, Howe; 30 do flour, House; 25 bush bran, owner.

WHEELING per steamboat—25 bbls, 1 bx glass, Smith; 85 kgs barley, Wood; 4 bbls, 1 bx, 1 box; 6 bxs drugs, Kennedy; 6 bbls apples, Wayman; 14 sks beans, Gaff; 7 bbls eggs, 1 bx, owner.

ST. LOUIS per Monongahela—45 bbls alcohol, 5 do spirits, B A Fahnestock; 50 bbls lime, Dickey; 10 bbls alcohol, Nevin & co; 5 bbls, 1 bx tobacco, Hoyt; 8 do, 1 do, Taylor; 5 bas pectoral, 1 bx books, Kennedy; 152 bbls, Harbaugh; 22 bbls, Delange; 40 cks sides, 75 bbls alcohol, 361 bbls flour, Clark & co; 1 bbl oils, owner; 1 bbl sugar, 1 kg syrup, 1 bx tea, Kerr, 17 rolls cable, 14 chains, Watson; 150 bbls molasses, 31 hhds sugar, House; 16 hhds sugar, Shriver & Dilworth; 20 bbls molasses, R Dalzell; 150 bbls molasses, Bagaley, Cosgrave & co; 220 sks bran, Holmes; 10 kgs, 1 bx tobacco, Lewis & Edgerton.

CINCINNATI per Economy—6 rolls candle wick, Flagg; 10 bxs soap, Robinson & co; 25 bas soap, 17 do candles Wray; 78 bdls paper, English; 10 hhds sugar, 40 bbls flour, Gardiner; 23 tes lard, Jas Dalzell; 100 bbls flour, Graham & Thomas; 30 do, 91 do whisky, McCrickart; 32 do, Mellinary; 274 bbls flour, McCully; 2 hhds sugar, owner; 200 kgs wheat, Kennedy; 7 bars steel, 50 bbls beef, 1189 bbls flour, 4 hhds tobacco, 75 do hams, 21 hhds meat, 300 kgs lard, 24 hhds sides, 50 bbls pork, 430 sks wheat, Clark & co.

RIVER NEWS.

The weather was, yesterday, bright and pleasant, continuing remarkably pleasant for the season. The number of boats has not seriously diminished at this port for the last three months. The Metropolis arrived day before yesterday from St. Louis. Her manifest may be found above.—The Economy came in with a large load yesterday morning from Cincinnati. We suppose she is to go in the same port again.....The Rosalie is now the regular packet in connection with the Cheviot between this and Wheeling.—They are both good boats and have excellent men in their offices as clerks and on their decks as captains.....The Jacob Poe, Capt Stewart and Jo Brown, clerk, was all ready to leave for Louisville last evening.....To-day the steamer Lizzie Martin is due from Zanesville and will doubtless be ready to leave for there again at her regular hour on Saturday.

Steamboat Register.

ARRIVED—Jefferson, Brownsville; Luzerne, do; Colonel Bayard, Elizabeth; Rosalie, Wheeling; Economy, Cincinnati.

DEPARTED—Jefferson, Brownsville; Luzerne, do; Colonel Bayard, Elizabeth; Rosalie, Wheeling.

River 8 feet and falling

Telegraphic Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Cotton, sales 1000 bales at an advance of ⅛; Upland Middlings 9¾. Flour firm; 9000 bbls sold.—Wheat quiet; quotations nominal. Corn steady and quiet; 12,000 bush sold. Mess Pork buoyant at $15.16@15.25.—Lard buoyant at 9¾@9¾. Whisky steady at 21½c. Beef Hams firmer at $14.50@18. Butter 11@16. Pig Iron $26@27. Linseed Oil 54@55c. Sugar active; Orleans 5 5-8c declined ⅛@⅛c; sales at 5¼@7¾c Havana 6½@8½c. Coffee steady at 10¾@10c. Orleans Molasses 32@35c. Freights firmer; Cotton to Liverpool 3-16c on four 24; on grain 6c. Stocks active: Chicago & Rock Island 73; Cumberland Coal 11½.—Lacrosse & Milwaukie 12; Mich. Southern 39¾; N. Y. Central 76¾; Pennsylvania Coal 86½; Erie 29; Cleveland & Toledo 45½; Milwaukie & Mississippi 23½; Virginia 6ses 93½; Missouri 6ses 70; Tennessee 80.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The foreign news has caused more firmness in Cotton, but otherwise no change. Flour is dull at $4.62½@4.75 for superfine, and $5@5.25 for extra and extra family. Rye Flour sells slowly at $4, and Corn Meal at $3. Receipts of Wheat continue small and but little demand for it; sales 3000 bush at $1.08@1.15 for Red, and $1.18@1.20 for White; further