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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

News of the City and Neighborhood.

The Courts.

DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Hampton.—In the case of the P. & C. R. R. vs. Francis Schneider, where Schneider claimed damages in $12,000 for land taken by the Company and damages done to his lands, the jury found a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $2,228. Viewers had been appointed and had acted under the general railway law, estimating the damages at $1600, which the defendant deemed too small an award. Todd & Smith for Company; Howard for Schneider.

Leech, M'Alpin & Co., vs. Baird & Irwin. Action on an order drawn by defendants in favor of M. M'Cullough for powder. Verdict for plaintiffs in the sum of $476, Hamilton for plff's; Selden for dfts.

T. Little & Co's vs. C. W. Batchelor *et al.* Action to recover for a lot of broom corn damaged on board the steamer *W. J. Mackay*, owned by defendants. Verdict for plaintiffs in the sum of $22.

In Equity.—The P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. vs. The Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Pittsburgh, Henry A. Weaver, Mayor of said city, and Robt. Hague, Chief of Police.

The bill sets forth the incorporation of the O & P. R. R. by act of legislature, April 11, 1848, by which the company was empowered to connect with the P. R. R. at or near the City of Pittsburgh; that by an act passed by Legislature, Dec. 24, 1854, the Company is authorized to build a bridge over Allegheny River at the place where now constructed, and empowering them to connect with the P. R. R. at Liberty Street, and in doing that they were to pursue a line 200 feet below Penna. Canal and that by an act approved April 16, 1856, all the rights, powers, &c. of the O. & P. were consolidated in and transferred to the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. For the speedy completion of the road the Company applied to the City Councils and had an ordinance passed on Jan. 9th, 1854, granting the right of way over Penn Street and to Liberty St. on certain conditions therein set forth, with a proviso that it was to be done within two years. (a copy of said ordinance is set forth in the bill); that within 6 months after the passage of said ordinance, the company selected the present route of the road, with the approbation of the Canal Commissioners, who were personally present; and that, immediately after the selection of the route, with a bona-fide intention of completing the road into the city, on the 27th July, 1854, the company entered into contract with Henderson, Alleton & Co. to build the bridge since erected across the Allegheny, at an expense of $160,000; that within two years after the passage of said ordinance, the company expended $120,000 in carrying forward the work and bringing the road into the City of Pittsburgh; that the company was unable to complete the work within the two years, because of the opposition of the City of Allegheny, and on account of other unavoidable causes, fully set forth in this bill, and it was not until the 27th April, 1857, that they finally settled the route of said road in Allegheny City; that on or about the 25th of February, 1857, the company applied to Councils for a further expression of opinion in relation to crossing Penn street, and that from that time until the filing of this bill the city has never presented any plan that the company could accept; that the company have bought property and constructed the road in Allegheny City, exclusively from Federal street to the end of the bridge in Allegheny City to the amount of $100,000; the 10th of April, 1857, they bought the property known as the American Hotel property, at an expense of $150,000, as a place for passenger and freight depot, and on the 13th Dec. 1856, property on the south side of Penn street, opposite the road, as at present constructed, for $5,000; and that a lot was purchased on the north side of Liberty street, measuring 80 x 110, for $14,000, that on the 21st September, 1857, the trains commenced running into the city of Pittsburgh, and all this expenditure of money was made with confidence in the faith of the city that the connection would be permitted to be made with the P. R. R. on Liberty street. The failure to connect is estimated at a loss of $300 per diem to the company. The bill then sets forth in full that the city has refused to let them cross, and threatened to arrest the employees of the company if they should attempt to make the crossing; that in pursuance of said threat the Mayor wrote a letter to the President of the company, dated 21st December, 1857, informing him that any attempt (copy of letter set forth) to cross the street under the then present circumstances, would result in the arrest of those so attempting; that after the receipt of said letter the company desisted until the 27th Jan., 1858, hoping that the city would act in the case, and on the city's failure and refusal to act, F. Slatapery, with three laborers, under the direction of the company, while preparing the street for putting in the iron rails, were arrested by Robt. Hague on a warrant issued by the Mayor, and held to bail to answer at the Court of Quarter Sessions. A copy of information, etc., are set forth in the bill. This arrest was made by the city in her corporate capacity, and on advice of her Solicitor, and by reason of these threats and arrests the said company have been stopped, hindered and prevented from building the road.

The bill then prays the defendants may answer 16 interrogatories attached to this bill, said interrogatories involving the several allegations set forth in the bill. In consideration of these premises, the bill prays the issuing of a subpoena against the defendants, that they answer the interrogatories and the bill, with a prayer for a special injunction against the defendants, to restrain them from hindering the proposed crossing and secure the using the said crossing when completed; and that upon a final hearing, the decree of injunction be made perpetual; that the right of said complainants to use said street be declared and enforced, and that the company may be quieted in the use of the streets. The bill is signed, sealed and sworn to by G. W. Cass, President of the road; and attached to the bill is a plan showing the route of road from the bridge to junction at Liberty st.

This bill was filed by J. H. Hampton, Esq., on the 16th of February, 1858, and the Court fixed Saturday last for hearing the argument on the motion for a preliminary injunction, but owing to the illness of Judge Williams, Judge Hampton postponed the case until next Saturday. Its importance demanded that it should come for hearing before a full bench. This bill covers 27 pages of paper.

Before Judge M'Clure, Adams, and Park on Saturday the appointment of an assignee to the Blair estate was the first subject that arose. The place was made vacant by the resignation of Mr. J. J. Mitchell. Several gentlemen of the bar were present in the case. Petitions from creditors to the amount of $27,000 were submitted asking for the appointment of Andrew M'Masters Esq., to be assignee and others to the amount of $16,000 in favor of J. C. Cummins. It was stated that the debts of Mr. Blakely amounted to some $62,000 and the assets to about the same amount. The court received the petitions and will give its decision in the matter in a week or two.

Mr. Mahon made application that the order in the case of Eli Hanna arrested for horse stealing here and afterwards escaped, be resinded. It appears that the man forfeited his recognizance and was afterwards arrested in Crawford county on charge of forgery and therefore he could not appear here. The court declined to make an order for the present.

The motion in arrest of judgment in the case of James M. Kelly, awaiting sentence for murder in the first degree, was appointed to come up for argument, but owing to the absence of the District Attorney, now in Washington City, and also on account of the fact that counsel for the prisoner had not been able to prepare their arguments as they desired, the matter was postponed until next Saturday.

Mr. Snowden, one of the counsel for Kelly, then asked that an order directing subpoenas to issue to certain witnesses, touching certain irregularities and derelictions on the part of one of the jurors, heretofore reported, be made.

Judge M'Clure stated that he had scrutinized the juror in question, and he was satisfied that said juror was not under the influence of liquor at the time when the verdict was rendered. The order was refused.

Mr. Howard stated that there were other grounds. The defence could prove that a written paper had been sent to the jury after the charge of the Court. The Judge asked for the names of the witnesses. Mr. Howard stated that their names are Valentine Fehl and a tipstaves of the Court, Mr. Smith.

Judge M'Clure then said that the Court was anxious to hear the arguments in this case, and would be ready for them next Saturday.

Wm. M'Creary, one of the alleged robbers of Mr. Mustin, at the "Indian Spring," in the 7th ward, was admitted to bail in $1,500.

Wm. Maxwell, of Fayette Co., was sentenced to the Penitentiary for two years. He was convicted of stealing $20 of Wm. Anderson, after having administered to him drugged liquor.

A long confab in the case of Steinburg, convicted of picking the pocket of Mr. Reifly, then took place. A woman was brought up to tell that the money lost by Mr. R. was taken from his pocket by his wife, when her husband was a little the worse for liquor. It was shown, on the other hand, that Reifly had money in both pockets. Sentence was postponed for another week, which is the third if not the fourth postponement in this case.

THE CONCERT in the First Presbyterian Church united $100 for the Allegheny Benevolent Society, and the Lecture of the Rev. Mr. Bradford $34.

PRENTICE'S LECTURE.—A fine, large, intelligent audience was attracted to the lecture of Mr. Prentice on Saturday night. He was listened to throughout with the most profound attention.

After some general remarks, forming a highly appropriate introduction to the lecture, upon the present aspect of American politics, he discussed his subject under three heads. In all well-established governments, and such as give promise of permanency, there were three great general ideas involved, viz:

1st. A system of education that shall give high place to sound political instruction.

2d. A spirit of allegiance and loyalty, and

3d. A spirit of nationality.

To these criteria he brought our nation at the present time and found it woefully lacking. He attributed the present prevailing lack in these respects to the lack of statesmen and the overshadowing spirit of selfishness and demagoguism in our public men. His criticism of our politicians was very sweeping and severe—too much so perhaps.

The tone of his whole address was funebral. We can assure Mr. Prentice that he did not address a man last Saturday evening who is in favor of disunion; nor did he address many, we dare to say it, who do not love liberty, the liberty which the revolution established, more even than they love a Union purchased at the price of Slavery.

That portion of Mr. P.'s address which relates to disunion, and the spirit of sedition rife at Washington, would find appropriate auditors at the national Capital and in Charleston, not here.

The danger to the Union is not great we imagine. It would be much less were a few heartless fire-eating demagogues banished and driven from the land. One thing is sure: there can be no danger in doing right, let the result be what it may. There is a large party in the Free States who have come to the conclusion that they will stand up for right and justice and let the consequences take care of themselves.

Disagreeing with much that was advanced in that lecture, we can nevertheless bear witness to the eloquence and beauty of the composition the chastenessss of the style and the happy manner in which it was delivered from the first to the last.

WASHINGTON, PA., Feb. 20, 1858.

Editors Gazette:—In the case of the *Commonwealth vs. William Jones, Jr.*, convicted at last term, of murder in the first degree, the Court this morning announced their decision upon the motion for a new trial made at the last term—They granted the motion according to the accused a new trial.

They barely announced the decision of the Court, without delivering any opinion. This is looked upon as a very summary method of disposing of a matter of such vast importance; and when it is recollected that but one reason out of all those placed on file by the defendant's counsel, was left standing, viz: "that the verdict was against the weight of evidence," the public here are at a loss to account for the present decision. The jury were told in the charge, in so many terms, that if they believed the testimony of Margaret Tuten they were bound to find the prisoner guilty—and that the weight of that testimony was a question solely and exclusively for their determination. Yet after thus fully committing this question to their adjudication, it seems that their decision of it is reviewed and reversed by the Court, on a motion for a new trial.

The Harper case was taken up on Wednesday last, and the testimony closed on last evening. Mr. Acheson is now addressing the jury for the defence. Mr. McKennan will close for the Commonwealth. Yours, &c., SPECTATOR.

THE CENTRAL CHURCH.—We stated in good faith on Saturday that Dr. Jacobus would not probably accept the call of the Central Church to be their pastor for more than one year. We were so informed. We learn however, and are very glad to know the fact, that the Doctor accepts the call without any qualification and that he entered upon his duties yesterday. We are sure that under his ministrations that church will be built up in strength and numbers, and trust that a full measure of prosperity may attend it.

Since the above was placed in type we received the following communication.

EDITORS GAZETTE:—I was sorry to see the mistake into which you were led, on Saturday morning, relative to the Central Presbyterian Church of this city. Having been present at the organization of the Church, having presided at the making out of the call for Dr. Jacobus, and having presented the call to the Doctor, and knowing well his sentiments both before the call was made and since, I can assure you and your readers, that he comes with the same purpose of performance in his relation to this church as any other pastor. The rest is the minister's part, and on the people's part, no intended limitation to a year, or to any other definite period. Those therefore, who may think of uniting with the congregation can do so with a similar confidence of enjoying the continued ministrations of the pastor elect to that which they would in putting themselves under any other pastor in the two cities. Very respectfully,

DAVID M'KINNEY.

THIS evening at Neptune Hall, will be given a social entertainment by the Neptune Fire Co. As this is the birth-day of the honored father of our country, GEORGE WASHINGTON, we indulge in the hope that the members of this genteel and well disciplined company may give such an entertainment on the occasion worthy of. Their hall is beautifully finished and decorated appropriately. The managers have secured a good band of music, and those desiring to do honor to the festival can secure tickets by calling upon either of the managers to-day.

THE Steubenville *Herald* is hard upon a portion of the people of Washington county, for an alleged refusal to permit the bodies of Fife and Charlotte Jones to be buried in a burying ground in the eastern portion of said County. The *Herald* would always do well to be sure of its facts before it enters judgment. No such refusal occurred. The bodies were taken by the relatives of those unhappy creatures and buried as they desired to have them in a ground in Nottingham township.

MR. A. DUSENBERE, brother-in-law of ex-Mayor Volz, and a highly respectable merchant of Muncatine city, died suddenly on the 8th instant. Mr. D. some years since was engaged in a mercantile house in this city. He leaves an affectionate wife and several interesting children to mourn his irreparable loss.

DRAYMEN, and other owners of vehicles, should take out their license before the last day of the present month, to avoid the ten per cent. they will have to pay, as the Market Constable fee, for making the return.

COMMON PLEAS.—The Court of Common Pleas will meet to-day. A large number of cases is in the list. It will sit all this week and probably longer.

A GREAT FOX HUNT is to come off in Lawrence county to-morrow. A large number of the New Castle good people are to join in the fun.

DIED—On Sabbath, 21st inst., WILLIE, infant son of H. Biddle, aged five months.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral without further notice, this afternoon, at 2½ o'clock to proceed to the Allegheny Cemetery. Carriages will leave the corner of Fifth and Market streets at 1½ o'clock.

PARTIAL REPORT FROM THE LECOMPTON COMMITTEE.—We learn that the Special Committee of Congress, on the Lecompton Constitution, have determined to make a partial report in the course of a day or two. They will set forth that their final report will not be made until all the members of the Committee have time afforded them to come on to Philadelphia. The object of this visit is that each man may get himself a new suit at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Boy's Raglans and sack coats, Gents French and sack coats Raglans, &c., and a full stock of winter gloves, Gauntlets, Mufflers, Shawls, for Men and Boys, still on hand at Carnaghans, Federal street Allegheny. Cash buyers will find the prices an inducement.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—Simonds, of St. Louis, who made and sold a counterfeit of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, has been placed within the narrow limits that should catch all scoundrels. Imprisonment, though it be for years, can scarcely punish enough the heartless villain who could execute such an imposition upon the sick. The wicked, rascal who for paltry gain could thus trifle with the health and life of his fellow man—take from his lips the cup of hope while sinking, and substitute an utter delusion and cheat, would falter at no crime, and should be spared no punishment. Some of his trash is still extant in the West, and purchasers should be wary of whom they buy.—*Gazette, Utica, N. Y.*

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Highly perfumed. Sure cure and preventative of Chapped Hands, Face and Lips, for sale at

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NEW YORK, August 30, 1852.

We, the undersigned, having made trial of Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Liver Pills, prepared by Fleming Bros., Pittsburgh, must acknowledge that they are the best medicine for Sick Headache, Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, that we have ever used. We take pleasure in recommending them to the public, and are confident that if those who are troubled with any of the above complaints will give them a fair trial, they will not hesitate to acknowledge their beneficial effects.

MRS. HILL, East Troy.
MRS. STEVENS, West Troy.

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mlf No. 80 Fourth street.

Telegraphic.

Latest from Europe.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The steamship Africa arrived this morning, with Liverpool dates to the 6th of February.

Liverpool Cotton Market, Feb. 5.—The sales of Cotton for the week were 74,000 bales, of which 5500 were sold to speculators and 3000 for export. The market opened with a slight advance for all qualities, but this was lost; new Uplands 1-16 d. The sales on Friday were 6000 bales, including 1500 for speculation and export. The market closed steady at the following quotations: Fair Orleans 7½; middling do. 6 15-16; fair Mobile 7½; middling do. 6½; fair Uplands 7; middling do. 6¼. The stock of Cotton in port is 330,000 bales, including 175,000 of American.

The Manchester advices are favorable, and all qualities have advanced.

HAVRE, Feb. 4th—*Breadstuffs.*—The market is very dull for Flour, and Corn of all qualities has declined.—Richardson & Spence quote a declining tendency for Flour which is unsaleable and quotations are nominal. Western Canal 26s. 5d@27s. 6d. Philadelphia and Baltimore 22s. 6d@23s. 9d. Wheat 27s. Wheat is steady and the market closed firmer. Corn dull and all qualities have declined; mixed yellow 33s; white 32s.

Provisions.—The market is dull. Beef is steady; Pork heavy. Bacon quiet, and all qualities have slightly declined. Lard is heavy and there is a decline in all qualities. Tallow has declined 1s.

Produce.—Sugar is buoyant with an advance for all qualities. Coffee is steady. Tea is slow of sale and prices are unaltered.

London Money Market.—The money market is slightly easier. American securities are active and tending upward. The bank rates have been reduced to 3½ per cent. Consols are quoted at 96 for money and 96¼@96¾ for account. The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £295,000.

London Markets.—Barings circular quotes Breadstuffs are very dull. Welsh Iron Rails and Bars are firm at £6, 10s for both.

Parliament reassembled on the 4th when Lord Palmerston gave notice of a bill in regard to conspiracies to murder. It meets the refugees question. India affairs claimed considerable attention in Parliament. Lord Palmerston gave notice of a bill for the amendment of the government in India. Address were voted by both houses, congratulating the Queen on the marriage of the Princess Royal. Mr. Roebuck asked Palmerston, whether any communications had passed between France and England with regard to the alien act, or the alteration of the criminal code, he spoke bitterly against Napoleon and the French officials.

The French Consuls are not hereafter to grant passports to British subjects.

The new French penal law was undergoing modifications. A decree invests the Prince Jerome Napoleon with the right of attending Councils of State and presiding during the Emperor's absence.

The trial of the Neapolitan revolutionists of June last commenced at Salerno.

There is nothing later from India or China.

Liverpool, Saturday 6th.—The sales of Cotton today have been 10,000 bales, the market closing very firm. Breadstuffs continue very dull. Provisions are unchanged.

By telegraph to Liverpool.—London Feb. 6.—noon.—Consols for money are quoted at 95½@96 and 96@96¼ for account.

(Special Dispatch for the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20.—The House on Thursday, proceeded to consider Bill No. 117 relating to costs in certain cases, allowing juries to divide costs which was read a first time, and recommitted to the Judiciary Committee. An act to prevent the forcible and fraudulent crossing of bridges without payment of toll was slightly amended in Committee of the Whole, passed finally and goes to the Senate. An act to repeal all laws of the State relative to the assessment and collection of the collateral inheritance tax was lost by 13 against 66.

In the Senate to-day, the bill for the incorporation of the Washington Infantry was passed finally and needs but the Governor's approval to be a law. The bill granting additional powers to the Hospital passed finally and goes to the house. Also the Bill to change the name of the Allegheny Institute.

HOUSE.—The following bill was read in place by Mr. Negley relative to the Militia. The following were reported as committed: To exempt the Hammersley estate from the collateral tax: Relative to suits for the violation of Ordinances. The following were reported with amendments: Mr. Foster's Road Law, and an act allowing justices to divide costs.

The Committee reported the following with a negative recommendation; relative to paving streets in Allegheny: to change the manner of voting in Washington County.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—The Independence correspondent of the Republican, under date of the 16th, says: The Salt Lake mail arrived last night. Conductor Beaver reports snow from one to six feet deep on the mountains. The weather was extremely cold. He left Camp Scott on the 1st of January. The troops were in good spirits, and earnestly wishing for good weather and reinforcements, so as to make a descent on Salt Lake City.

From Mormon prisoners and straggling Utah Indians, Col. Johnson was kept well advised of the movements of the Saints. Active preparations continue for reinforcements to the troops in the spring.—Their municipal regulations are very stringent; suspicion fastens on everybody the least inclined to favor the action of the United States government.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—The Pacific Hotel was burned at 5 o'clock this morning. Eight or ten persons were killed, and many were seriously injured by jumping from the windows. It is impossible to ascertain now the particulars or names of the killed and wounded.

Second Dispatch.—The burning of the Pacific Hotel proves to be a much more terrible calamity than reported this morning. About 100 persons were in the house, between 40 and 50 of whom are missing. The following are the names of the persons so far known to be killed: Bruce M'Nitt, Burkhart Wurst, Paul Steerit, Mrs. Jenny Jones and child, all of St. Louis; Mr. Johnston, of Chicago; Henry Roebecist and T. Hart Stroog, of Rochester, N. Y.; Wm. Saunders Taylor, George Crane, and Miss Jones, whose residences are unknown; Charles Davis and William Cunningham, of Terre Haute and Alton Railroad; Miss Hunter, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Graham, of Illinois; one room, whose names are unknown, and a negro boy.

The following persons were seriously injured: James F. Geary, reporter of the St. Louis *Leader*; Ethen Hayes, of New York; Jonathan Jones, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wm. Turner, and Sharpe, the watchman of the house.

The fire caught in the drug store under the Hotel, and the flames spread so rapidly before the inmates could be rescued, that the stairways were enveloped by the fire, and all egrees was cut off, except at the windows. Many leaped from the third story, and were horribly mangled or instantly killed, and many more were unable even to reach the windows, and were burned in their rooms. Several more bodies are supposed to be in the ruins, and hundreds of excited men are carefully engaged in removing the rubbish. The wounded were promptly taken charge of by their friends, or sent to the Hospital, where their injuries were immediately attended to. Several of the wounded cannot possibly recover. The loss of property is upwards of $50,000.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—River falling, with not more than 5 feet to Cairo. The ice is increasing in thickness and quantity. All the upper streams are closed. Weather clear and moderating; thawing in the sun. Mercury 32°.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 20.—Last evening the Methodist Protestant Church, Sixth street, near Race, was partially destroyed by an explosion of defective gas pipes. About seven o'clock, some fifteen persons assembled in the basement of the church for the purpose of holding meeting, when a strong odor was observed. Efforts were made to discover the leakage of the gas. Light was applied to the metre, when a blaze burst forth, but was extinguished by a bucket of water. Quiet had been somewhat restored, when a tremendous explosion occurred, tearing up the floor, shattering the walls, and making a perfect wreck of the entire basement. In the upper part of the church half the pews were torn up, window blown out, and portions of the floor blown at high as the ceiling. The doors were blown off their hinges and forced into the street. The explosion was heard a distance of half a mile. The windows of many of the houses in the vicinity were destroyed. Eight or ten persons were severely injured. Two or three are not expected to recover.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 20.—An altercation occurred at the dinner table at Brown's to-day between J. B. Clay and Mr. Cullom, late clerk of the House; subsequently Cullom struck Clay with his open hand in the face.

This morning Ex-Lieut. A. C. Rhind posted Commander Boutwell as a liar and scoundrel near the Navy Department. It is understood the difficulty originated several years ago in the Pacific, but it was recently renewed before the Naval Court of Inquiry.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—The Court house at Belle Air in Harford county, was nearly destroyed last night by fire which was accidental. Many of the records were destroyed. The building was not insured.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The snow storm continues with great violence. None of the South steamers left last night, and only the Stonington boat arrived this morning.

NEW PROVIDENCE, Feb. 20.—Joseph H. Harris Tobacconist was murdered last night by one of his negroes. A mob hung the negro to-day.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—On Thursday evening five prisoners attempted to escape from the Sing Sing prison, but they were all captured. Three of them were shot, two will probably die.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 21.—The Anti-Lecompton Democrats have abandoned their design of publishing an address to the Country.

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DRY APPLES—50 bus. best quality rec'd and for sale by JONES & COOLEY. feb1 No. 80 Fourth street.

LEATHER WAGON WHIPS—50 doz. assorted size, warranted of the best quality, on hand and for sale by WELLS, RIDDLE & CO.,
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COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION FOR FEBRUARY.

ISAIAH DICKEY, V. Pa. W. W. MAIR, JOHN FLEMING
DAVID M'CANDLESS, JAMES GARDNER.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

(Reported Specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PITTSBURGH, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1858.

FLOUR—Sales at depot of 50 bbls on private terms; from store, 100, 30, 100 and 50 bbls at $4 000@$4 12 for super, $4.50 for extra and $4.75@$5.00 for family extra, not much of the latter offering—over $4.75@$4.87.

GRAIN—Sales from first hands of 200 bus Oats in lots at 37c, and 150 do from store at 39c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Sales of 20 sks from store at $1.20@$1.60 ⅌ 100 lbs.

CORN MEAL—Steady sales in small lots at 60.

BUTTER AND EGGS—Prime Roll butter is held firmly at 18@19, but the inquiry on Saturday was very light. Eggs are firm at 12½ for packed; a sale of 600 dozfresh at 11.

HAY—Sales at scales of 5 loads at $16@$18 ⅌ ton.

WHISKEY—Sales of 25 bbls Rectified at 20@21.

GROCERIES—Sugar is held firmly at 7@7½; sales of 20 hhds at 7. Molasses, 40 bbls, on private terms, and 15 do, to country at 32.

CHEESE—A sale of 200 box on private terms; steady sales also in the small way at 9.

PEARLS—A sale of 8 tons on private terms.

LARD—Sales of 10 bbls No. 1 country at 9@9¼.

Imports by Railroad.

P. Fr. W. & C. R. R.—150 bus corn, 68 do oats 50 do potatoes, sundries; 50 bus wheat, Tugart & co; 17 bbls apples, J Plummer; 150 bgs rye, Simpson & Nelson; 25 bdls paper, Perkins & co; 300 bus wheat, J Craig; 2 cars lumber, W Evans; 1 bbl eggs, J Hill; 5 pkgs butter, 1 sks rags, 1 bg lard, R Robison & co; 22 sks cloverseed, 6 bbls lard, 45 sks flour, Brown & Kirkpatrick; 60 bbls flour, A Taylor; 142 sks rye, M'Clurkan & co; 180 bbls flour, S Harbaugh & co; 40 sks wheat, Kennedy & Bro; 5 bbls alcohol, H L Fahnestock & co; 3 tcs hams, W M'Cully & co; 2 cars coal, W A McCurdy & co; 1 car lumber, Hall & Speer; 15 bgs rye, 85 do oats, W Smith & co; 15 kgs lard, Atwell, Lee & co; 12 bxs cheese, J H Caufield; 3 bbls beans, R Hutchinson; 50 bxs candles, Hacker, Cograve & co; 8 bbls hooks, W Noble; 205 bus wheat, Voegtley & do; 6 cars cattle, 25 bbls eggs, 11 do butter, 30 bbls apples, owners; 110 sks do apples, Rea, 102 bbls pork, 250 pcs do, 19 kgs lard, 900 bus wheat, 721 do barley, 21 bbls butter, 46 sks cloverseed, 83 bags, 16 bbls eggs, 49 tcs ham, 16 bbls apples, 29 bxs bacon, 10 bbls whiskey, 250 bus sasp, 50 bbls oil, 254 do flour, 59 do beef, Clarke & co.

RIVER NEWS.

The news at this point as respects river matters is at present very scarce. In fact while navigation is entirely suspended, all one can do is to look on and keep silent. The river will soon however, but a very little sun or one or two days of warm rain to make it navigable again and in first rate boating order. When that time comes we may expect a good stroke of business from the accumulating freights which are daily collecting here and awaiting shipment. The items from our exchange are of no importance, but such as they are we append. The Cincinnati Gazette says:

"The Lacrosse, Capt Devinney; J W Hallman, Capt Hayes; Lehigh, Capt Shunk; New York, Capt Gilmore; Prince Donna, Capt Ford; James Wood, Capt Robinson; Defender, Capt Evans, and Diamond, are ready to leave for Pittsburgh as soon as the weather moderates.

Negotiations were pending, yesterday, between the Fremont and James Wood, for the latter to relinquish her up river freight on the Fremont, and return to New Orleans, and the former to continue on to and from Pittsburgh.

We heard it intimated, among steamboatmen, on the levee yesterday, that within a day or two, there would be a further advance of rates on freight to New Orleans.

The Louisville boats are receiving sugar at New Orleans, for this port at 50c per cwt. There is but little coming to the Falls City, and scarcely any going to St Louis.

The Altamount came down last night, from Wheeling instead of the Gladiator, and will go up today in her place, as the regular packet. The officers of the A, report the river full of slush ice most of the way down, but not heavy enough to prevent boats from reaching Wheeling. The gorge at Brown's Island has not yet given away.....The Joe Harper, Capt Underwood, a new boat, will be ready to make a trial trip to-morrow. She goes to New Orleans next Monday, without fail, from Louisville.....We learn that the present owners of the Virginia have sold the former owners, Mr Shriver and Capt Wells, for damages for over valuation of the boat. They claim that the old owners represented the value and capacity of the boat. In the mean time the former owners have sued the new owners for damages, and have attached the boat, and in a perilous situation. Her safety is seriously doubted by those who are posted as to her present locality. The Clara Dean, Sam Hale the and other steamers along the river are in safe harbors, and are unlikely, in any event to sustain damage from the ice."

The steamer Sam Gaty has been sold at St Louis. The price paid was $12,000.....Since the explosion of the steamer Fanny Fern, it has been suggested that nothing better could be expected of a boat that carried that name .....The Alvin Adams reports the unlucky Quaker City hard aground on Cincinnati bar, in the lower Ohio.

MISSOURI RIVER—The following lines of boats will run on the Missouri and tributaries of the Missouri:

Lightning Line—7 boats; total value, $156,000; total tonnage, 2,250.

Union Line—11 boats; total value, $455,000; total tonnage, 4,053.

Independent Line—27 boats; total value, $1,049,000; total tonnage, 14,003.

To the latter great line the Bowman and Eby-Lura belongs.

Telegraphic Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Cotton closed firm; 1,000 bals sold. Flour firm, sales 10,000 bbls. Wheat dull; 2,500 bush sold. Corn quiet at 69@70c for white, and 68@70c for yellow. Pork dull. Lard quiet. Beef steady. Rice quiet. Sugar quiet. Bacon firm, but lower. Hams 10@9c. Shelders 6¾@6¾.....Butter active at 12@18c for Ohio. Molasses quiet and higher and holders demand a further advance; sales at 35c, but at the close 32c was demanded. Linseed Oil has declined 1c, sales at 63@65c. Tallow firm at 11c. Freights dragging. Stocks higher; Cumberland and Erie, 25½; Reading, Lawrence and Milwaukie, 1½; New York Central, 1½; Pennsylvania Coal, 72; Illinois Central, 1½; Michigan Southern, 2½; Galena and Chicago, 2½; Erie, 2½; Cleveland and Toledo, 1½; Canton Company, 2½; Missouri Sixes, 4½; Tennessee Fives, 4½.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20—Breadstuff market extremely quiet, and prices drop for all descriptions, except Corn, which is rather higher. The export demand for Flour is limited, and the only sale reported is 3,000 bbls. Ohio extra at $4 37½@4 62½ for common and good family extra, and $4 75 for extra family lots. So Rye Flour there is nothing doing. Corn Meal is dull. Old Pennsylvania is quoted at $2 37½. But little Wheat is offering, and there is but little demand for it; sales of 2,000 bush Pennsylvania and Western sold at from 96c to $1 05 ⅌ bush for inferior to prime quality, and at $1 08@1 10 for white; 1,500 bushels fair Maryland White, in store, sold at $1 12. Rye is quoted at 70c nominal, and several small lots sold at 70c. Corn is higher, with sales at 75c, in store. Oats in fair demand, lots from Pennsylvania sold at 38c ⅌ bush. Provisions are quiet and prices have a downward tendency. Mess Pork is held at $21. Sales of Pickled Hams at 9½c. Groceries are dull. Coffee is firm, with sales of 1,000 bags Rio at 10½@11c, cash. Whisky is better demand; sales of 200 bbls Pennsylvania at 21½c, cash, and Prairie at 20c, cash, in bbls at 21c.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—Flour unchanged. Wheat quiet and prices drop; sales of Pennsylvania red at $1 05@1 08; southern fancy red at $1 10; and white at $1 15@1 20. Corn dull; sales of white at 70@72c; yellow at 72c. Provisions quiet and unsettled. The river has fallen two inches within the last 24 hours. The weather is cloudy; Mercury 24 degrees.

BUFFALO, Feb. 20.—Flour quiet and steady at $4 37½@4 62½ for Ohio. Wheat steady; Red $1 05@1 06; White $1 08@1 20. Corn in good demand, and firm at 65@66c for Yellow and 60c for Mixed. Oats dull at 34@36c. Whisky quiet and firm at 22@23½.

Amusements.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.

MISS KIMBERLY.....LESSEE AND MANAGER.
J. C. HANLEY.....STAGE MANAGER.

PRICE OF ADMISSION.

Boxes	50c.	Private Box, large	$3.00
Second Tier	25c.	Private Box, small	5.00
Third Tier	15c.	Colored Box	50c
Colored Gallery	25c.		

Single Seats in Private Box, $1.00.

Great success of the unrivalled Comedian, Mr. JOHN E. OWENS, who will appear this evening in his unequalled impersonation of Dr. Ollapod, in the sterling old English Comedy, entitled the

POOR GENTLEMAN.

MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 22d, performance will commence with Colman's fine old Comedy in 5 Acts, entitled the

POOR GENTLEMAN!

Dr. Ollapod.....Mr. John Owens.
Favorite Dance.....Miss Turnbull
To conclude with the Farce, in 1 Act, entitled

MISERIES OF HUMAN LIFE!

☞ The Management having purchased a right to perform Mrs. Bateman's highly successful play of "*HELP*," it will be produced to-morrow evening, the popular Comedian JOHN E OWENS giving his unequalled personation of MRS. APEX, and Miss KIMBERLY the character of

Auction Sales.

P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer.
Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth Street.

VALUABLE STOCKS AT AUCTION.—On Tuesday evening, Feb. 23d, at 7 o'clock at the Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth St. will be sold, for cash, per further sale:

20 shares Bank of Pittsburgh Stock;
20 " M. & M. Bank do
8 " Mechanic's Bank, do
10 " Citizens' Bank do
10 " Iron City do
23 " Allegheny Bank do
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DAILY SALES AT NO. 54 FIFTH ST., At the new Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth street, every week day, are held public sales of goods in all variety, suited for the trade and consumers, from a large stock which is constantly replenished with fresh consignments, that must be closed forthwith.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., Dry Goods and fancy articles, comprising nearly everything needed in the line for personal and family use; table cutlery, hardware, clothing, boots and shoes, ladies wear, &c.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., household and kitchen furniture, new and second hand; beds and bedding, carpets, elegant iron stone China ware, stoves, cooking utensils, groceries, &c.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., fancy articles, watches, clocks, jewelry, musical instruments, guns, clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes, books, stationery, &c. P. M.