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☞ OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY. ☜

News of the City and Neighborhood.

The P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. Crossing.

We give in full, below, the decision of the Court in the matter in the caption. It was prepared and read by Judge Hampton yesterday morning. The injunction upon the Mayor and City asked for in the bill filed on the 16th of February last by J. H. Hampton, Esq., a compend of which we gave at the time, is granted as may be seen by a perusal of the following:

HAMPTON, P. J.—The bill sets forth the act of Assembly, incorporating the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, approved the 11th of April, 1846, with its various supplements, together with an act bearing date the 16th of April, 1856, by which that Company, together with other similar companies in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, were by virtue of the legal enactments of those States respectively, consolidated into one corporation, known by the name of the "Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company," possessing and enjoying all the rights, privileges and franchises granted or conferred upon the original corporations.

That under their original charter they constructed their road from Crestline, in the State of Ohio, to Federal street, in the city of Allegheny. That by the terms of their charter they were bound to connect their road with the Pennsylvania Railroad at or near the city of Pittsburgh. That in order to complete this connection as speedily as possible, and to prevent any difficulty between themselves and the city of Pittsburgh, they applied for the passage of an ordinance by the latter. That on the 9th of January, 1854, an ordinance was passed granting them the right of way across Penn street, to connect with the Pennsylvania Railroad on Liberty street, in said city. That said ordinance contained a proviso limiting the time for completing such connection to two years from the date of its passage, and requiring the selection of one of the routes named therein within six months thereafter. That by a supplemental act of the Legislature, passed the 14th day of December, 1854, they were authorized to construct their road on its present route west of the Aqueduct and Canal, in the city of Pittsburgh, to Liberty street, there to connect with the Pennsylvania Railroad. That they proceeded with all possible speed and at a great expense to erect a bridge across the Allegheny river, and construct their road from Federal street, in Allegheny city, to the line of Penn street, in the city of Pittsburgh, and that the same was completed and opened for use in September last, and has been in constant use ever since. That they have purchased grounds on the north side of Penn street for a depot, at an expense of $250,000, and have also purchased a lot of ground extending from Penn to Liberty street on the line of their road. That they were prevented from completing their road within the period of two years by causes over which they had no control; but that within that period they had entered into extensive contracts, and expended the sum of $120,000 in the prosecution of the work.

It further states that on the 27th day of January last, they commenced operations on Penn street, preparatory to laying their track across the same, when their engineer and workmen were arrested by the Mayor and his officers, and held to bail to answer, for a supposed offence, in the Court of Quarter Sessions. That the city authorities have threatened by letters and verbal declarations that they will prevent the Company by force, if necessary, from constructing their road over Penn street, and forming a connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad on Liberty street. That by reason of the wrongful conduct of the city, her officers and agents, they are wholly estopped, hindered and prevented, from completing the connection.

They, therefore, pray the Court to enjoin the said defendants, their servants and agents, from interfering with their alleged rights in the premises: and from preventing the construction of said road, and from using it when made.

The facts set forth by the complainants' bill, being verified by the President's affidavit, and not denied by answers or affidavits on part of the respondents, must be taken as true for the purposes of the present application. If these facts clearly established the right of the Company to lay down the track of their road across Penn street, and connect the same with the Pennsylvania Railroad on Liberty street, the preliminary injunction prayed for must be granted; otherwise it must be refused.

This right is claimed on two grounds:

1st. Under their charter of the 11th April, 1846; and its supplement, passed 14th Dec., 1854.

2d. Under the ordinance passed by the City Councils the 9th of January, 1854.

The learned counsel for the respondents resist this application on these grounds:

1st. Because the Legislature has no power over the streets of Pittsburgh, they having been laid out and dedicated to the public by the Penns, on ground embraced within the limits of one of their manors, which was never confiscated, and the title to which was never vested in the State.

2d. Because the Company failed to complete their road within the time specified in the Ordinance, to wit: the period of two years—by which failure all the rights and privileges granted by the same were forfeited.

3d. That the Company, in case they failed to agree with the City on the terms upon which they might cross Penn street, was bound by their charter to apply to the Court of Common Pleas for the appointment of viewers.

These objections will be considered in their order, hereafter.

Let us first consider the rights of the complainants, under their charter and its supplement; and secondly, their rights under the Ordinance of the City Councils.

By the first section of the Act of the 11th of April, 1846, chartering this Company, it is provided, "That the said Railroad Company shall connect, at or near the City of Pittsburgh, with the Pennsylvania Railroad, with the consent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company." This consent, the bill alleges, has been duly obtained.

The first section of a supplement to this Act, approved the 14th of December, 1854, provides, "That the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company is hereby authorized to connect its Railroad with the Pennsylvania Canal and the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the City of Pittsburgh, by erecting its proposed bridge across the Allegheny river, alongside of the Canal Aqueduct now erected thereon." The Company is prohibited from approaching nearer to the Aqueduct or Canal than two hundred feet, at any point between the Collector's office, in Allegheny, and Liberty street, in the City of Pittsburgh, without the consent of the Canal Commissioners.

Whatever powers are granted by the charter of a private corporation, either in express terms or by necessary implication, may be exercised by the company, but beyond that it cannot go. In regard to this kind of grant, the ordinary rule of construction is reversed, and the charter is to be construed liberally in favor of the public, and most strongly against the grantees. A doubtful charter, or a doubtful power under a charter, cannot exist. When the power is expressly given, there can be no room for doubt; so when the implication arises naturally and necessarily out of the express powers, the right is equally clear. If the powers or privileges be coupled with conditions; they must be strictly complied with; but if no conditions be annexed, the powers granted may be exercised in a reasonable manner, having due regard to the rights of others whose interests may be affected thereby.

In the Commonwealth vs. Erie and North-east Railroad Company, (3 Casey, 354-5,) Black, C. J., says: "The right of a company to build a railroad on the street of a city depends, like the lawfulness of all its other acts, upon the terms of its charter. Of course when the power is given in express words, there can be no dispute about it. It may also be given by implication for instance, if a company be authorized to make a railroad by a straight line, between two designated points, this implies the right to run upon, along, or across, all the streets or roads which lie in the course of such line. So also when an act of incorporation directs a road to be made between certain termini, by such route as the grantees of the privilege shall think best, it may be located on an intervening street or other common highway, if in the judgment of the directors, it be necessary or expedient to do so."

By applying these rules of construction to the act of Dec., 1854, let us inquire whether this Company has the right to cross Penn street and connect their road with the Pennsylvania Railroad on Liberty street as claimed in their bill? That act, as we have already seen, authorized them to erect their bridge over the Allegheny river, where it now stands, and to construct their road so as to connect with the Pennsylvania Railroad, on Liberty street, at a point not less than two hundred feet from the canal. Here we have two points expressly given, only a few hundred feet apart, with Penn street lying directly between them, in such a position as to render it utterly impossible to connect these two points without crossing this street. What, then, is the clear, distinct, and necessary implication arising out of this express power granted by the Legislature? If a Railroad Company were expressly authorized to construct their road along Liberty street from its eastern extremity to the Point, this would involve the necessity of crossing, perhaps, a dozen other streets in its progress; and yet it would scarcely be thought necessary by any one, to name each one of those streets, and confer special power on the Company to cross the same. In such case the right to cross all intermediate streets would be clearly implied, otherwise the power to construct their road between the two given points would be rendered nugatory. So here, if the complainants are denied the privilege of crossing Penn street, the express power of connecting the two given points, conferred by the act, becomes a dead letter on the statute book.

This right is rendered still more clear, when we take into consideration the fact that this company is *compelled* by its original charter to connect with the Pennsylvania Railroad *at or near* the city of Pittsburgh; and its route, in order to form that connection, is specifically designated by the supplement of Dec. 1854, and the privilege so granted is not coupled with any conditions whatever as to the terms on which it shall be exercised or enjoyed. Thus, it is abundantly manifest, that their right to cross this street, and form the connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad, on Liberty street, could not be more clear, distinct and certain, if the power were specifically given in express terms.

But there is another aspect of this question which renders the right claimed by the company still more impregnable. Under their original charter and its supplement, requiring them to form this connection, and designating the route, they have erected their bridge, purchased the right of way, and property for a depot, and constructed their road at a vast expense, to the line of Penn street, within a few feet of the point of intersection with the Pennsylvania Railroad, on Liberty street. All this has been done on the faith of a contract with the public; for it is now the settled doctrine, says Mr. Justice Woodward; (3 Casey, 309,) both in England and the American Courts, that an act of incorporation is a bargain between a company of adventurers and the public. "If this be so, even the Legislature itself could not interfere with the rights of this company under their charter, without at the same time protecting the corporators from injury, and that only by an express reservation in the charter itself."

But the Legislature has not attempted to exercise any such power, nor has the State interposed any obstacles or objections to the connection sought to be formed. This right, it seems, is claimed by the corporate authorities of the city of Pittsburgh, who derive all their powers over the streets of the city from their charter granted by the legislature. The mere statement of such a proposition carries with it its own refutation.

Let us consider, in the second place, the rights of the company under the ordinance passed by the city councils, on the 9th of January, 1854. The provisions of that ordinance are as follows:

"SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Pittsburgh in Select and Common Councils assembled, That the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company be, and is hereby authorized to extend a single track of its railroad into the city of Pittsburgh, from the Allegheny river to Liberty street, along either St. Clair street, Hand street, or by a line on either side of the Aqueduct and Pennsylvania Canal, with the necessary turn outs at its Depot in the city of Pittsburgh: *Provided* the said Railroad Company shall select one of the routes within six months, and shall complete the road upon the same within two years from the date of this ordinance.

"SECTION 2. That the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whenever any portion of its track shall be constructed in any street under this ordinance, shall conform to the street grades, and shall construct a track not inferior to that laid on Liberty street: *Provided* that such street shall be kept open for convenient uses of common trade and obstructed as little as possible during the construction of said railroad.

SECTION 3. That, if the route by the aqueduct should be adopted, the consent of the city is hereby given to the extension of the present piers and abutments of said aqueduct, by good and substantial masonry, erected in connection with the present walls, and in such manner as not in any degree to diminish their security, so as to support the superstructure of a railroad bridge, which shall be entirely independent of the superstructure of the said aqueduct; *provided*, That the said bridge shall not interfere with the free use of the aqueduct for the purposes for which it is now used, and that the Railroad Company shall be responsible for any injury that may be caused to the aqueduct by the erection and use of said bridge, and that the said bridge shall not be used for any other than railroad purposes, without the consent of the City of Pittsburgh.

SECTION 4. That, upon completion of a railroad bridge upon either of the routes authorized by this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company to provide convenient and suitable buildings for the accommodation of freight and passengers, within the corporate limits of the City of Pittsburgh."

The bill asserts that the Company, relying on the faith of this Ordinance, selected the present route of their road, within six months, and proceeded in good faith to construct the same; and that, on the 27th of July, 1854, they entered into a contract with Messrs. Henderson, Alston & Company, for building the foundations and piers of the bridge over the Allegheny river, at the place where it now stands. That they proceeded with the work thereon, and, within two years from the passage of said Ordinance, they made other contracts, expended large sums of money and incurred liabilities to the amount of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, for carrying on and completing said road, and forming a connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The bill then sets forth the causes, specifically, which operated to prevent the completion of their road within the two years prescribed by the Ordinance, and alleges that they could neither have been foreseen, prevented nor controlled by the Company.

These facts, as we have already said, are to be taken as true, for the purposes of our present inquiry; and they raise the single question: whether the Company, by not completing their road within the two years limited by the Ordinance, forfeited all their rights and privileges granted by the same? If so, they are estopped from claiming the right to cross this street under its provisions.

This ordinance seems to have been framed under the provision of the 11th section of the general railroad law of Ohio, which was adopted by our own legislature, so far as this road is concerned. By that section it is enacted, "If it shall be necessary, in the location of any part of any railroad to occupy any road, street, alley or public way, on ground of any kind, or any part thereof, it shall be competent for the municipal or other corporation or public officers, or public authorities owning or having charge thereof, and the Rail Road Company to agree upon the manner and upon the terms and conditions upon which the same may be used or occupied, and if said parties shall be unable to agree thereon, and it shall be necessary in the judgement of the Directors of such Rail Road Company to use or occupy such road, alley, or other public way or ground, such company may apply to the Court of Common Pleas of the County &c.," for the appointment of three disinterested freeholders to determine the manner and terms upon which the same shall be used."

This ordinance under consideration was evidently framed and adopted in reference to this section, and is consequently to be regarded as an "agreement" between the contracting parties. It specifies the "manner, terms and conditions, upon which" any of the streets therein named or included may be used or occupied by the company. The company accepted the same and proceeded to lay out and construct their road and bridges according to its provisions.—If the company had completed their road to the line of Penn street, and sought to cross the same within the period of two years in order to form the connection with the Pennsylvania Rail Road on Liberty street, it will not be pretended that the city could have prevented them from so doing.

This ordinance then is to be received in the light of a contract between the company and the city corporation, and if the rights and privileges thereby conferred upon the complainants be not forfeited by mere lapse of time, they may still proceed to form the connection sought for on Liberty street.

It will be perceived by reference to the ordinance that not a farthing of revenue was to be divided, nor any pecuniary advantage secured to the city, by its provisions. Nor is it alleged or proved to us by affidavits or otherwise, that the city corporation has lost a single dollar by the failure of the company to complete their road within the period of two years, while on the other hand it appears that a large sum of money, amounting to over a hundred thousand dollars, has been expended by the company on the faith of this contract. No doubt individual citizens may have sustained a loss by reason of this road not having been sooner completed, but that loss cannot be set up here by this corporation as a defence to the complainants' bill; more especially as the company are now endeavoring to repair that loss by a speedy completion of the road.

What then is the rule in equity applicable to this state of facts?

The time here specified is clearly not of the essence of the contract, but the city corporation could derive no benefit from its performance, nor sustain any loss from its breach.—Its condition could not have been altered either for the better or the worse by the completion or non completion of the road within the time. If this be so it follows, of course, that equity would not decree a forfeiture of the rights of the other party, when the delay has been satisfactorily accounted for, and when so large an amount of money has been expended in the part performance of the contract in good faith, and when the consequences of such forfeiture would be so disastrous to the complainants. Such a measure could only be inflicted on when the opposite party could not be placed in *statu quo*, or compensated in on the damages for the loss he may have sustained, (2 Story's Eq. I. P. p771, 2, 5, 6.)

This ordinance then being still in force as an agreement between the parties, excepting merely the question of time, it is to be regarded as full compliance with the 11th section of the act referred to, and finding on the respondents.

Thus it appears that the complainants are entitled to the injunction prayed for on both grounds of claim, unless the grounds taken by the respondents are sufficient to defeat them, which will be next considered.

The right of a Supreme Legislative power in a state to authorize the construction of a railroad on the streets of a city or other public highway has been so often asserted here and elsewhere as to leave no room for doubt or cavil. It has been settled in England, (1 Barnwell & Ald 30) in Massachusetts, (23 Peck 328) in New York, (7 Barb. 509) and in Pennsylvania, (6 Wh. 43, 1 Har. 559, 3 Cas. 354.)

But the learned counsel for the respondents contends, that although the legislature possesses this power over the highways of the commonwealth generally, yet that the city of Pittsburgh is situated within the limits of one of the *Manors* of the Penns which was not confiscated at the time of the Revolution, and the title thereto was not vested in the commonwealth, and consequently, the legislature does not possess the same sovereignty over the streets here as elsewhere.

It is difficult to perceive how this position, even if true, could avail the defendants, who claim the right to control and regulate the use of these streets, when all the powers or authority they possess is derived by their charter from the legislature, which they say has no power over the subject. Such a doctrine would be fatal to the exercise of that salutary control over the streets of this city rightfully vested in them by their charter, and which is so essential to the public good.

But the position is not sound. Sovereignty in all governments, over all the territory within the state, must be vested somewhere. In monarchies, it is vested in the crown; in republics, it is vested in the people who may delegate such powers to the legislature and other departments of government, for the time being, as they deem necessary and proper for the public welfare. The sovereignty of the state, as the organized agent of the people, extends to every foot of her territory, except perhaps, where she has parted with that sovereignty over certain portions thereof to the United States for purposes connected with the necessary operations of the general government.

Some have supposed that the right of eminent domain, as this sovereignty over the soil is sometimes denominated, arises exclusively or principally from the extra allowance of six per centum of the lands granted by the state to her citizens. This is doubtless a wise and equitable measure, but is not the foundation of sovereignty in the state, otherwise no more than that allowance could be taken by the state for public purposes, and when that was exhausted, the sovereign power of the commonwealth would be exhausted likewise. Whereas in fact there is, and can be, no limit to the amount that may be taken, provided adequate compensation be made therefor.

The second and third grounds assumed by the learned counsel for the respondents have already been considered and disposed of in our examination of the plaintiffs' rights under their charter and the ordinance passed by the city councils.

We have thus disposed of all the questions raised by the counsel on both sides, and taking the facts set forth in the bill to be true, we are clearly of the opinion that the preliminary injunction prayed for should be awarded.

In exercising their privileges the company will be required to use all needful care and caution to protect the rights and secure the safety and convenience of the public. This street is a great thoroughfare, over which thousands of our citizens are accustomed to pass every day, whose comfort and convenience must necessarily, in some degree, be disturbed by the trains occasionally passing over it. But such inconvenience, perhaps, would be found to be very small, when compared with what it would be if all the trade carried by each road to be forwarded by the other, had to be hauled on drays from one depot to the other.

But this inconvenience, whatever it may be, the law says must be borne for the public good. In the language of Chief Justice Black, "If such conversion of a public street to purposes for which it was not originally designed, does operate severely upon a portion of the people, the injury must be borne for the sake of the far greater good which results to the public from the cheap, easy and rapid conveyance of persons and property by railway. The commerce of a nation must not be stopped or impeded for the convenience of a neighborhood." (3 Casey, 354.) It is not the province of the Courts to make, modify, or repeal the law, but to ascertain and declare what it is. If a law be wrong, let it be altered by the legislature. Its justice must always be vindicated by its own majesty, and in a country like ours, where the law-making power is vested in the people, the citizen who resorts to force for the redress of grievances, admits himself to be unfit for self-government, and an enemy to the peace and good order of society. Might is not the safest arbiter of right, for a strong arm can be wielded as well on wrong as the right side of a cause, and the number and weight of the blows, unlike the number of witnesses and the weight of their evidence, may hinder and obstruct, rather than aid and promote, the cause of justice. Instead, therefore, of attempting to justify the threats complained of in the bill, let the respondents patiently await the final decision of the law, when, if there be just, its justice will be made manifest before the whole community, and thus will they triumph without disgrace, and enjoy their victory without remorse.

Let the decree be drawn up by counsel under the rule, and let the complainants file a bond, with approved security, in the sum of $10,000

THE New York *Tribune* thus notices the arrival of Bishop Simpson:

Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is among the passengers who arrived by the Europa. The Bishop visited England and Ireland early last Summer as a delegate to the Wesleyan Conferences in those countries. Subsequently he passed through France, Germany and Norway, observing the condition of the Methodist missions, and in September was present at the Evangelical Alliance in Berlin.

During the Winter he extended his travels to Turkey, Palestine, Egypt and Greece. His health while in the East was considerably impaired, but is now improving.

He attended Divine service Sunday morning in the new Methodist Church (Dr. McClintock's) on the Fourth avenue, where he was warmly greeted by a large circle of friends, and when a most affectionate mention was made of his return by the venerable Dr. Bangs, the congregation united in giving thanks to God for his safe and prosperous journey.

He left New York for his home in this city yesterday morning, and is probably here now.

KELLY'S CASE.—In the Court of Oyer & Terminer, yesterday, Judge McClure read an opinion over-ruling the motion for a new trial in the case of James M. Kelly, tried, found guilty and convicted of the murder of old Mr. Weisman, in the Spring last. Kelly was then asked by the Judge if he had anything to say why the sentence of the law should not be pronounced, he answered:

"Yes, sir, I have a few remarks to make. In my first trial, Ashbrook Richards swore here that I told him that I struck old man Weisman five or six times with the iron piece, which is false. Gordon swore that I was acquainted with him, which is also false, and if I have to die on the scaffold for this murder, I will die an innocent man."

The Judge then said:

"James M. Kelly, the sentence of the law is, that you be taken from hence to the Jail, and from thence to the place of execution, and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

A MEETING, of the Firemens' Association was held on Monday night at the Neptune House. The new constitution and by-Laws were read amended and adopted.

The Secretary was also instructed to have the Constitution printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the Fire Department.

On motion, a Committee of five was appointed to confer with the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, relative to the wants of the Association. The following is the Committee:—Messrs. Collingwood, McCurdy, Hays Montgomery and Kaye.

The Association then adjourned until the last Monday of the present month.

BONDS.—Ellmaker vs. The County of Allegheny and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In equity, and now to wit March 6th, 1858. This case having come up for hearing, and after hearing, S. & George D. Campbell, for the complainant, and John R. Large and T. Williams for the County of Allegheny, and Theodcoe Cuyler, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. It is hereby ordered and decreed that the complainant and others, holders of the bonds issued by the county of Allegheny, in payment of the subscription made by the said county to the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, may surrender the bonds so held by them.—*Phila. Bul.*

MONROE STEWART DEAD.—This man, who has had an eventful history in the last year, died of small-pox yesterday, at Passavant's Hospital. The time of his death was between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. A family by the name of Hull, in the Seventh Ward, have, out of pure motives of kindness and commiseration, taken it upon themselves to bury him decently, at their own expense, this afternoon, in the city burying-ground. Two weeks ago yesterday morning, he received his pardon of the crime of which he had been declared guilty, and to-day he is no more. He is now before a Judge who knows all about his case. Fife, Stewart and Charlotte Jones! Let them rest in peace.

THE THEOLOGICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS WORKS, comprising a very valuable collection from the library of a clergyman, removing, to be sold by catalogue on the second floor of Davis' new auction buildings, Fifth street, to-morrow evening, are now arranged for examination, and specially deserve the attention of all readers.

THE LECTURE.—We would love to see Mr. Bradford's lecture which he read last night in Lafayette Hall, in print. He had a small audience, but one that appreciated him. He laid bare the decayed and decaying roots, and then with the sharpest of axes, cut away with all his might. The Philosophy of Reform in American Society, is, as Mr. B. contends, for the church to wash her garments clean before she takes her seat in judgment upon, and in denunciation of, the sins of men. Let the American Tract Society cease to forge books over the names of eminent Christian men, before it condemns forgery in railroad and bank officers; let it condemn American slavery as well as the sin of dancing and of smoking cigars. Let the American churches cease to recognize slavery with its concomitant curses, and in blasting and demoralizing influences, and then its condemnation of theft, of plunder, and the like will have force and "go forth with power." Such was the tenor of a lecture delivered in a very pleasant and unostentatious manner to a pleased audience.

UNDER the very decided caption of "NOT So," we find the following in the Baltimore *American* of yesterday: As we intimated at the time, the ship-yard copied from a Philadelphia paper that Mr. Thomas Winans was about to supply the capital necessary to complete the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad, is entirely without foundation. Our esteemed townsman has no doubt an abundant fortune, but we question whether it is sufficient to stand all the exhaustive processes of building fleets of steamships, erecting opera houses, and completing costly railroads, to which public rumor has lately subjected it.

DECISION.—Judge Agnew delivered an opinion in Beaver county, on Monday, of some interest. It was in relation to rolling stock on a railroad. The substance of his decision is that a mortgage is a protection to personal property whether as appurtenant or as a fixture: that railroad iron at reasonable points along the line of a road cannot be seized in execution. Questions involving these points were argued before Beaver County Court on the 23rd ultimo by B. B. Chamberlin, Esq., of New Brighton, and Judge Shaler of this city.

THE Governor has appointed JOHN MACKIN to be Flour Inspector, in place of Wm. Culp, whose term has expired.

In common with most of our Flour dealers, we preferred the re-appointment of Mr. Culp, who has proved himself a most excellent officer; but since we cannot get him, we are pleased with the appointment of Mr. Mackin. We have known him for several years, and esteem him highly, and have no doubt he will prove a popular and efficient officer. We congratulate him on his success in obtaining this appointment.

SOME time Monday night, the store of John Keil, near the Clinton rolling mill, South Pittsburgh, was entered by burglars, who carried off, among a large quantity of other property, twenty fine shirts, a large lot of calicos, two cloth coats, a piece of red flannel, some knives and forks, a lot of boys' stockings, etc. We did not learn whether any persons had been arrested.

THE total earnings of the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. for the month of Feb. were..... $98,152 99
For same month last year..... 114,103 78

Decrease..... $15,950 86
Earnings for January..... 94,666 95
Increase for February..... 3,486 97

SALES OF STOCKS.—The following sales were made last evening by P. M. Davis, auctioneer, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 64 Fifth st:

5 Shares Citizens' Bank..... $61 21
4 do Lawrence Co. Bonds $600 each at 30 per cent.

DANIEL GALLAGHER, who was stabbed at the Neptune Engine House, on Saturday night, is said to be in a critical condition. Mayor has taken his deposition in the case. Moorhead, the man who stabbed Gallagher, is still in custody awaiting the result of the wounds alleged to have been inflicted by him.

COLLISION.—Two hundred soldiers for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., started out on the mail train on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Tuesday morning. When near Contrey's Station the train came in collision with a freight train. No body was injured, but two cars were smashed.

LEG BROKEN.—Capt. Wm. Abrams, recently of the steamer *Cincinnati*, had his leg broken above the ankle, on Monday evening, at the foot of Wood street. The Captain was conveyed to a house near by and his broken limb set to rights by Dr. M'Cook.

THALBERG.—By an advertisement in to-day's paper it will be seen that Thalberg will give one and only one concert in this city on the 25th.

RESUMING.—McKnight & Brother's Rolling Mill in Birmingham resumes business to-day.

DURING the conflagration of Canton, caused by the bombardment of the British, the extensive medical warehouse of our countryman, Dr. J. C. Ayer, of Lowell, (the depot of his Cherry Pectoral and Cathartic Pills, for China) was totally destroyed. He now makes a demand upon our government for indemnity from the loss of his property, and hence will grow another nut to crack with our dear brother Johnny. Stick to it Doctor; and if our Government maintains our rights wherever your Pills are sold, we shall only be unprotected on tracts that are very barren.—*Reformer, Trenton, N. J.*

Bor's Raglans and sack coats, Gents French and sack coats Raglans, &c., and a full stock of winter gloves, Gauntlets, Muffetts and Boas for Men and Boys, still on hand at Carnaghan, Pedicord & Co's Allegheny. Cash buyers will find the prices an inducement.

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 return to Philadelphia. The object of this visit is that each Committee shall examine with the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill & Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

GLYCERINE,

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

SUPER'S DRUG STORE,

corner Penn and St. Clair Streets.

Another Instance of Tape Worm Cured by the use of DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE, prepared by Fleming Bros:

This is to certify that I was troubled with a tape worm for more than a year. I tried all the known remedies for this dreadful affliction, but without being able to destroy the monster. I had finally to say why the sentence of the law should not be pronounced, he answered:

"Yes, sir, I have a few remarks to make. In my first trial, Ashbrook Richards swore here that I told him that I struck old man Weisman five or six times with the iron piece, which is false. Gordon swore that I was acquainted with him, which is also false, and if I have to die on the scaffold for this murder, I will die an innocent man."

The Judge then said:

"James M. Kelly, the sentence of the law is, that you be taken from hence to the Jail, and from thence to the place of execution, and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

A MEETING, of the Firemens' Association was held on Monday night at the Neptune House. The new constitution and by-Laws were read amended and adopted.

The Secretary was also instructed to have the Constitution printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the Fire Department.

On motion, a Committee of five was appointed to confer with the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, relative to the wants of the Association. The following is the Committee:—Messrs. Collingwood, McCurdy, Hays Montgomery and Kaye.

The Association then adjourned until the last Monday of the present month.

BONDS.—Ellmaker vs. The County of Allegheny and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In equity, and now to wit March 6th, 1858. This case having come up for hearing, and after hearing, S. & George D. Campbell, for the complainant, and John R. Large and T. Williams for the County of Allegheny, and Theodcoe Cuyler, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. It is hereby ordered and decreed that the complainant and others, holders of the bonds issued by the county of Allegheny, in payment of the subscription made by the said county to the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, may surrender the bonds so held by them.—*Phila. Bul.*

MONROE STEWART DEAD.—This man, who has had an eventful history in the last year, died of small-pox yesterday, at Passavant's Hospital. The time of his death was between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. A family by the name of Hull, in the Seventh Ward, have, out of pure motives of kindness and commiseration, taken it upon themselves to bury him decently, at their own expense, this afternoon, in the city burying-ground. Two weeks ago yesterday morning, he received his pardon of the crime of which he had been declared guilty, and to-day he is no more. He is now before a Judge who knows all about his case. Fife, Stewart and Charlotte Jones! Let them rest in peace.

THE THEOLOGICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS WORKS, comprising a very valuable collection from the library of a clergyman, removing, to be sold by catalogue on the second floor of Davis' new auction buildings, Fifth street, to-morrow evening, are now arranged for examination, and specially deserve the attention of all readers.

[Special Despatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, March 9.

SENATE.—The bill compelling railroad companies to fence their roads in Beaver county, passed second reading, slightly amended, and was postponed for the present. Senate bill No. 358, relative to insane convicts, passed finally, and goes to the House.

HOUSE.—This being private bill day, the House took up bills on the private calendar, acting upon the following, among others: The bill relating to the Canonsburg School District; a bill incorporating the Brady's Bend Iron Company; a bill to incorporate the Greensburg Gas and Water Company; a bill relative to the Overseers of the Poor in Lawrence county; a bill to legitimate Mary Tidball—all passed finally, and go to the Senate. The vote was re-considered by which the bill compelling the Pittsburgh and Steubenville R. R. Co. to erect a trestel-work after being voted by the Governor, and on the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? the vote stood, 64 yeas to 16 nays; our Representatives voting yea, except Mr. Foster. The bills relating to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Allegheny Institute, and the Canonsburg Road, have all been signed by the Governor, and thereby become laws. The House insisted on its amendments (non-concurred in by the Senate,) in relation to the bill providing for the widening of Diamond alley.

House bill No. 379, relative to streets in Pittsburgh, passed finally, and goes to the Senate. Nothing else of importance.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 9.—The Senate confirmed the nomination of Mr. Cook as Postmaster at Chicago.

The President has appointed William Flinn Navy Agent for the District of Columbia.

BALTIMORE, March 9.—The Methodist Episcopal Conference to-day resolved to establish a newspaper of Slavery, claiming to occupy a conservative position.

CLEVELAND, March 9.—A fire occurred in Elyria last night, which destroyed eight buildings. The loss is estimated at $10,000, with an insurance of $6,000.

Telegraphic Markets.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9—Cloverseed has again declined, and 200 bus sold at $4.50. Flour is held with increased firmness as the receipts from the West have fallen off, and stock is rapidly becoming reduced; sales of superfine at $5.06@5.18½, and extra at $5.87½@5.75. No change in Rye Flour or Corn Meal; nothing doing. Wheat of prime red and $1.28@$1.29 for White. Rye sells on arrival at 70. Corn is active and commands 60@61, the latter being for afloat. Oats are dull. Provisions are held with more firmness; sales of 200 bbls Mess Pork at $17 at sixty days. Shoulders, Lard is firm at 10@10½ for Hams, and 9½ for bags. Whiskey is dull; several sales of bbls at 21@22, the latter rate for Ohio.

BALTIMORE, March 9—Flour firm. Wheat steady at $1.14 @$1.20 for White. Corn also firm, sales of White 50@60c and Yellow at 60@61. Whiskey dull at 21. Provisions firm; sales of Bulk Meat at 6½@7 for Shoulders, and 8½@8¾ for Sides; Bacon Shoulders 7½, and Sides 9½. Mess Pork $16.75. Lard firm at 10.

NEW YORK, March 9—Cotton quiet, 2000 bales sold. Flour lower; 7500 bbls sold. Wheat very dull, and nominal. Corn firm; sales 24,000 bush. Mess Pork declined 5c; Old has advanced 2c; sales at 60@61. Tobacco 6@11. Lard 10¾@11. Whiskey has declined 2c; sales at 22. Coffee 11c. Cotton to Liverpool ⅛c on Flour is 6d. Stocks firm; Chicago & Rock Island 85; Cumberland Coal 23; Illinois Central 86; Galena & Chicago 92¾; Erie 41⅛; Cleveland & Toledo 93; Cleveland & Pittsburgh 76; Milwaukie & Mississippi 28; Missouri Sixes 84½; Tennessee 89½; North Carolina 96½; Stocks generally advanced after the close of the Board.

CINCINNATI, March 9.—Flour $3,70@3,75 for superfine, and $3,80@4 for extra; receipts light. Whisky steady at 16½c.

Grain.—Wheat $1.15@1.20 for White. Corn firm. Mess Pork $15. Groceries buoyant. Sugar and Molasses unsettled in prices. Cheese in fair demand at 7½c for roll. The money market is unchanged: sight exchange, N. Y. one per cent. premium, and on New Orleans ¼@1 per cent. premium and dull.

Commercial.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION FOR FEBRUARY.

ISAIAH DICKEY, V. P., W. W. MAIN, JOHN FLEMING
DAVID M'CANDLESS, JAMES GARDNER.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

Reported Specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1858.

FLOUR.—There is considerable variation in quotations from first hands sales of 200 bbls extra at $5.37½ and 25 and $5.90; 30 do extra at $4.10; 25 do at $3.95; 25 do extra and family do at $4.25 and $4.62; 60 do at $3.70 for super; $4.37 for extra and $4.87 for family doc and 30 do at $4.00. Retailed at $4.50.

GRAIN.—Sales from wagon of 100 bus Rye at 50, 150 bus do at 70@75; and 300 bus Oats at 28; from store, 100 bus do at 29 and 100 do at 30.

GROCERIES.—Sales of 10 hhds Sugar at 7 and 8 do at 7¾; 35 from store.

DRIED APPLES.—A sale of 1200 bus to go East at $1.37; at $1.56.

SEEDS.—Sales of 20 bus Clover from first hands at $4.75 and 25 do from store at $5.00. Retailed at 5.50 at $1.05.

FEATHERS.—Small sales from store at 50

HAY.—Sales of 21 loads at $9@$14 ton and 4 do Straw at $5.50.

COOPERAGE.—A sale 70 dozen bbls at 30.

BACON.—Sales of 4000 lbs at 7¾ for Shoulders, 9½ for Sides and 9½ for Hams.

WHISKEY.—A sale of 20 bbls Rectified at 21, and 7 do at 20@22.

LARD.—A sale of 600 lbs Country at 9½.

CHEESE.—Sales of 30 lbs at 9.

BUTTER AND EGGS.—Sales of 13 bbls prime Roll Butter at 15@16; Eggs, 5 bbls at 11½, and 30 do at 10.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Private dispatches from New Orleans of Saturday's date quote Sugar scarce and advancing, fair selling at 6c. Molasses buoyant at 30c.—On the

We annex a comparative statement of the Foreign Imports at New York for the week and since Jan. 1.

For the week.	1858	1857.	1858.
Dry Goods	$1,566,255	$1,278,546	$1,185,179
General Merchandize	1,859,562	1,440,905	1,370,060
Total for the week	$2,505,817	$2,719,451	$2,555,239
Previously reported	28,106,676	43,043,429	16,639,077
Since January 1	$31,612,493	$45,762,880	$19,197,316

Exclusive of specie) from New York to foreign ports for the week, and since Jan. 1:

	1856.	1857.	1858.
Total for the week	$1,852,227	$1,539,707	$3,859,490
Previously reported	9,603,505	9,037,988	8,047,546
Since Jan. 1	$10,316,742	$10,577,735	$3,859,490

—N Y Trib.

The weekly statement of the Philadelphia Banks was made up at the meeting of the Board of Presid