Pittsburgh Gazette.

PITTSBURGH:

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1858.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

City and News Items.

ALLEGHENY POLICE.—We quote from the official published record, the following proceedings of Allegheny Councils touching Police matters:

The Committee report that on March 16th they were called together by the Mayor, and from representations made by him believed a state of things existed which required an additional police force to be organized. They accordingly authorized the appointment of four men to act as night watch, to continue one month, or less if the Mayor thought necessary. On the 10th of April a meeting was again called and a further continuance of said night watch was asked. This being considered out of the committee's power, it was refused. On the 15th of April another meeting was called, and on representation of the Mayor and High Constable that J. K. Scott was unwell and unfit for the active duties of a policeman, he was dismissed from the service and Mr. S. Long appointed. An additional day policeman was also appointed, to continue until the next regular meeting of councils, and they therefore ask that said appointments be confirmed. They strongly urge the appointment of a night police, to be supported by a tax assessed for that purpose. One mill will raise about $3,000, to support eight men will require about $2,000.

To carry out their suggestions, they offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Police Committee be and they are hereby authorized to appoint one additional policeman, and that hereafter the force shall consist of five men.

Resolved, That the Committee on ordinances be instructed to report an ordinance at the next meeting of Councils, establishing a night watch and authorizing the holding of a special election to ascertain if the citizens will consent to be taxed for their support.

The report was accepted, first resolution laid over on second reading and the second resolution amended by striking out the word "special" and then adopted. Select Council non-concurred.

GREAT FIRE.—The following notice, from the Steubenville *Herald*, was crowded out yesterday morning:

The extensive Paper Mill of Messrs. Hanna & Sons, located in the upper part of this city, was discovered to be on fire, last night, about eleven o'clock. The fire broke out in the garret of the mill, where a large amount of rags and other combustible matter was stored. The mill was in operation at the time, running night and day. The building, with most of its contents, valuable machinery, &c., were speedily reduced to ruins, leaving but one of these pots in use for some time and are highly satisfied with its operations. It requires less coffee and less attention than the common pot, and produces a clear, well-flavored coffee, unequaled by any pot which we have seen used. We recommend a trial of the article to all who appreciate a cup of good coffee.

BANK OF COMMERCE AT ERIE.—At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the "Bank of Commerce," at Erie on the 27th ult., the following named gentlemen were elected Directors:—Benjamin Grant, G. J. Hill, C. B. Wright, W. F. Hinderrecht, James Hoskinson, D. F. Sloan, Charles Metcalf, A. W. Elaine, G. F. King, John W. Douglas, and A. M. Guild. Messrs. Ball and Hinderrecht take the place of Directors formerly elected. G. J. Ball, Esq., was then elected Cashier, and A. M. Guild, Esq., Teller. Mr. Grant is continued as President.

The man whom we mentioned yesterday morning as having been drowned by falling into the river from the Railroad bridge, but whose name we at the time did not know, we have since learned to be a carpenter, named Valentine Kuapp, employed as Car Inspector, by the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company. His body has not been found at the time of this writing as we have heard.

—Since writing the above we learn that the body of the unfortunate man, above named, has been found. An inquest was held and a verdict rendered in consonance with the facts stated in our columns.

VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD.—D. N. White, *Esq.*, for so long a time the able editor of the Pittsburgh *Gazette*, has sold his beautiful villa at Sewickley to Judge Warner, of this city, for the sum of $8,600. Mr. White found the site a pleasant one, but comparatively a wilderness; he will leave it an inviting abode of taste which Sewickstone might envy. We believe there is no gentleman in this county who has studied the art of landscape gardening to greater advantage than has Mr. White, as his late beautiful grounds will prove.

PROBABLY.—We learned yesterday that it is highly probable, in fact almost certain, that the rumor about James A. Gibson, "Col. James," is correct, and that he has really been appointed to engineer Mr. Buchanan's Custom House for the port. "Them plank roads" will be of small account to him hereafter, probably. So, likewise, McCalmont and Keenan have been provided for, together with Col G., but what's to become of the other waiters for "bon-bons"? How about the editorial fraternity?

THE Allegheny Rifle Company, Capt. Hardtner, turn out for dress parade on Thursday next on which occasion a beautiful flag, got up at the expense of ninety dollars, will be presented to the corps by some ladies of Allegheny city.—The company lately received their rifles from the Allegheny Arsenal.

At a meeting of Allegheny Councils on Thursday night, Simeon Bedford, of the First Ward, John Romney, of the Second Ward, A. C. Alexander, of the Third Ward, and James Graham, of the Fourth Ward, were elected Tax Collectors.

Important to Bankers and Brokers.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Hon. H. D. Williams, Associate Judge.

The important case of William Larimer, Jr., vs. the owners of the Steamboat "Savanna" was tried on yesterday. The action was brought on a promissory note for $600 dated December 15, 1848, at thirty days, and signed "Hugh Denison, Captain, for the Steamboat Savanna and owners." The note was discounted by the Plaintiff, who was a banker in this city, in the usual course of business, at the instance of the Captain of the Savanna. It was shown to be the usage and general custom for steamboat captains to make and negotiate such notes as often as the necessities of the business of the boat required; that all notes given or executed for steamboat debts were given in this manner; and that Insurance Companies, Bankers and others were in the habit of receiving them and regarding them as binding upon the owners. It was also shown by the plaintiff that the money advanced by Larimer on the note was in good faith and subsequently applied by Denison to the payment of the building debts of the boat, and that Denison had acted as the agent of the owners in the building of the Savanna. It was in proof also, that the Plaintiff had on previous occasions discounted a similar note for the same boat, which was duly paid by defendants at maturity. The cause some two years ago was referred to three eminent attorneys, who, after a full hearing, decided that the Plaintiff in Law was entitled to recover. Subsequently the case was tried before Judge Williams and a verdict rendered for the whole amount of the Plaintiff's claim. A new trial was granted by Judge Williams, which took place as above. The defendants declined submitting the case to the jury, and moved for a non-suit under the act of Assembly, on the ground that the Captain of a steamboat had no authority as such to bind the owners by a promissory note. This view of the case was entertained by Judge Williams, and after argument a judgment of non-suit was entered accordingly. A motion was made by Plaintiff's counsel to take off the non-suit, to be argued before the Court in Banc when the President Judge is on the Bench.

For Plaintiff, John Barton and John W. Riddell, Esqs. For Defendants, Todd & Smith, James J. Kuhn, Jasper E. Brady, Robert Pollock and Mellon & Negley, Esqs. The case is of great importance to steamboat owners and captains.

The argument of Mr. Barton displayed a thorough knowledge of Maritime Law, as well as of the peculiar customs prevalent on our western waters. He was replied to at length by Mr. Kuhn.

Items by our Special Reporter.

ALLEGHENY BUSINESS.—Times in our sister city of Allegheny are as active as on this side of the river, and her merchants are quite busy. Among the enterprising business men who make up the aggregate which gives such life and activity to that city is Dealer in Boots and Shoes, on Federal street, near the Diamond, materials of a high position. His store is at present stocked with a very heavy assortment, and he is as attentive as ever to customers, so that public can procure the latest fashions of him at prices which make it an object to patronize his establishment.

NEW DRUG STORE.—Mr. D. MINER, Jr., has opened a drug store in the Girard House, Smithfield street. His room is fitted up in the most tasteful style and the method of the establishment evinces a thorough knowledge on the part of the proprietor, of the business in which he is engaged. For will the visitor who forms his opinion upon practical observation, like ours, be mistaken. Mr. MINER is a thoroughly educated physician, a graduate of the Jefferson Medical college, and possesses no ordinary experience, having practiced for many years in his profession. We can commend him, unreservedly, to the confidence of the community generally, and of physicians and others who desire pure drugs.

TO EXPERIMENTERS.—It is too often the case that when afflicted by attacks of "cold," or diseases of the throat and lungs, men launch forth into a disordered system of experiments, trying this and that as a needful curative, and getting worse as a general thing, in return for their trouble and expense. It gives us pleasure to recommend to all such "seeks" the medicine known as HOWARD'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND, which, we are well assured, is better calculated to effect a cure than any nostrum with which we are acquainted. We presume it can be had of any respectable druggist.

THE BARE TRUTH.—Highfalutin even has failed in the effort which has been put forth to do *newspaper justice* to that magnificent triumph by which the human countenance may be put upon glass, and kept an exact remembrance of the features of the dead or departed. The bare truth that it can be done, simple as is the operation, is not realizable in words—there is no comparison to be made. Seeing is done; and here, we must say, there is no gentleman in the business more competent to take pictures in, any style of the art than MR. ADAMS, of No. 84 Fourth street.

FEMALE PERFECTION.—Who will say that much of female loveliness does not depend upon appearance—the mechanical contrivance of dress. Theirs portance of a little "dash of a bonnet" was never too highly estimated in fashion, and whether it be useful it is a world of beauty in itself. The ladies should avail themselves of the opportunity which they enjoy of reaping "the latest" at the Millinery shop of MRS. J. JEFFREY, No. 23 Diamond Alley.

NO TAX ON SUNLIGHT.—It is not yet come to that unfortunate pass in this country that sunlight is made a means of political revenue. It is as free as when it first burst upon the world, and we can all indulge in it without cost. To the artist this is a happy incident, as light is most essential to his operations, and he can have it in abundance, gratis, provided he but allows it admission. Messrs. Dougherty & Co., of the Anchor Skylight Gallery, Federal street, between Robinson and Lescock, Allegheny, have consulted their own and their patrons interest in this particular, and secured an illumination unexcelled in either city. Their pictures are of course superb. These gentlemen are prepared to frame paintings or engravings in gilt or wave moulding.

THE MONTH OF MAY.—We expect the season of gayety and sprightliness will be completely inaugurated in this month, for the ladies will not withstand their natural impulse to smile and be pretty, let "confidence" drop as it may. When the birds sing and wood and field dress in the matchless finery of nature, why should the women not "follow suit?" We confess that since the nicest plans of finance have "gang agin," and business is still stagnant, we look to the ladies for an achievement which has proved too much for the genius of men—the rotting in motion of the monetary current. The busy throng is to be seen every day at the fashionable MRS. CORRY, LIMB, FIRE BRICK AND CLAY. Dealer in Dress Goods establishment of MESS. TAYLOR, corner of Market and Third Streets, lends confidence to the opinion which we have suggested above.

AN ELEGANT ESTABLISHMENT.—The new Millinery establishment of Miss C. BEGGS, Federal street, Allegheny, affords advantages for the ladies of our sister cities nowhere excelled. The proprietress returned from the East, where she has been for the past week, with a very extensive and elegant assortment of the most fashionable styles of bonnets, trimmings, &c., which she is enabled to sell at prices unprecedently low. Call at her elegant sale room.

A FIGHT.—Two men, the one named Edward M'Devitt and the other William Perry, had a terrible fight on Prospect street, yesterday evening. M'Devitt had his lips nearly bit off and Perry had his hand pretty badly "chawed up." The fight began about a woman. Both these men were committed to jail by Alderman Rogers. Dr. Hopper was called to dress the bites. The bruisers entered cross-suits against each other for assault and battery.

POLICE ITEMS.—Julian M'Connell was committed for a further hearing on a charge of larceny, on oath of James Irwin, before Alderman Parkinson.....Two boys, from Birmingham, were committed for trial, yesterday, on a charge of malicious mischief. Justice Lipp committed them. Their names are William and James Brunchelt.

THE Trustees of the new Odd Fellows' Hall have succeeded in negotiating a loan of $12,000, and the speedy completion of their building will follow as soon as may be. The work is in the hands of Mr. Patterson, one of the most extensive as well as reliable contractors in the country. The stores under the Hall have been rented. The one next Wood street is to be a Book Depository for the Episcopal Church.

BENJAMIN FRENCH, cabin boy on board the Delegate, fell overboard on her passage up, last week, when near the head of Manchester Island, and was drowned. His body has not been found, as we know. Those who may chance upon it, will address R. B. French, Rochester, Pa. The boy was without a coat, but wore a striped vest, black pants, white socks and low shoes.

HUNTINGDON, PA.—The body of a man was found on last Saturday, in the Juniata dam, about two miles above Huntindon. The body was afterwards discovered to be that of a man named John Watson, of Shaver's creek, Huntingdon county. He was about forty years of age. He had been attending Court at Huntingdon. It is not known how he came to lose his life.

CHANGE OF TIME.—On and after the 10th inst., the Trains of the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. will leave for the west as follows:

1st Express will leave at 2:40 A. M.
U. S. Mail " " " 7.00 " "
2nd Express " " " 2.15 P. M.

New Brighton Accommodation will leave Federal St. Station at 9.45 A. M. and 6.00 P. M.

RAILROAD CHANGE.—On Monday next the Pennsylvania Railroad Company put on the Fast Line, leaving this city at 1:25. The Mail Train will leave at 6:30 A. M.—an hour earlier than heretofore. This will make eight daily trains from this city by this road. See time table in another column.

THE special election for two Councilmen in South Pittsburgh, yesterday, resulted in the choice of Robert Eskles for one year, and William Stark for two years, by a majority of sixteen over their competitors.

THERE were half a dozen or more little petty cases of larceny and "slich" before the Mayor yesterday, but they are not worth the time it would take to write 'em out, so they may stay in.

Telegraphic.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 7.

HOUSE.—Mr. Clingman said he had the honor to receive a commission from the Governor of North Carolina to fill a position in the Senate. He had written him a letter of resignation as member of the House to take place to-day. In severing his connection with the gentlemen here, he begged leave to remark that, during the service of a dozen years, he may have given offence, either by objecting business out of order, or by words in debate; but in this he was actuated by no feeling of personal unkindness, but governed by a sense of public duty. He parted with his associates here in friendship, and with many regrets.

By general consent at the suggestion of Mr. Stephens, the vote on the Minnesota bill was postponed until Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Bonham the House adjourned. No reason was stated, but it was in consequence of the death of Senator Evans, of South Carolina, who died suddenly last night. He was in his seat in the Senate yesterday apparently in good health.

SENATE.—Mr. Mason, of Virginia, presented the credentials of Hon. Thos. L. Clingman, as Senator from North Carolina in place of Asa Biggs, appointed U. S. Judge.

The announcement of the death of Hon. Josiah Evans, of South Carolina, was received, whereupon the Senate immediately adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—At a fire in the lower part of the city, this morning, a fight took place between the Shiffler Hose and the Moyamensing Hose Companies. The former threw the latter's carriage overboard, and one man was shot. The riot has since been settled, and fears are entertained of a dangerous result.

LOUISVILLE, May 7.—The river is rising slowly with 5 feet in the canal, and 6 on the pass on the falls. Weather clear. Thermometer 76°.

ST. LOUIS, May 7.—The river is still rising at this point. Nothing new from any of the upper streams. Weather clear and pleasant. Thermometer at 74°.

Telegraphic Markets.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Sales of 500 bales of Cotton; the prices were easier but unchanged. Flour heavy: sales 10,000 bbls; State 5c lower; rates at $5@5.15. Wheat also heavy; 6,000 bush sold; Chicago Spring 85c; Southern white $1.15 @1.28; Western white $1.12@1.26. Corn declined; sales 51,000 bush; white 1c lower; sales at 63@67c. Bacon quiet; sales of Hams at 9@10c; Shoulders 6¾@7½c. Pork unchanged; mess $13.37½@13.50. Lard ½c lower; sales at 11¾@ 11¾c. New Butter 18@20c. Whiskey dull at 20¾@21. Sugar heavy; Orleans 6¾c; Muscovado 5¼@6¾c. Coffee steady; 7,000 bags sold at 10¾@10¾c for Rio. Molasses firmer; Porto Rico 29@32. Turpentine steady. Rice quiet; 50 tcs. to arrive. Rice firmer. Hides have an average sale. Sperm Oil firmer. Tobacco firm at 9@12. Tallow steady at 11¾c. Stocks—Chicago & Rock Island 76½; Cumberland Coal 17¼; Illinois Central bonds 93½; Michigan Southern 25½; N. Y. Central 85¾; Reading 48½; Illinois Central 85¾; Galena & Chicago 69¾; Erie 24¾; Cleveland & Toledo 44.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—The demand for Flour is moderate, and the market is steady at previous rates, with sales 700 bbls standard superfine at $4.80, and 1,000 bbls extra at $4.75@5, according to quality, the latter rate for buying for a small way at the above figures, including extra family and fancy lots at $5.25@5.50. Rye Flour continues a save and is held at $3.50. Corn Meal nominal at $3.25. There is not much Wheat coming, but the demand continues limited; sales 1500 bush at $1.05@1.10 for ordinary and prime red, and $1.20@1.25 for white. Small sales Rye, which is dull at 75c. Corn better, and 6000 bush, mostly Southern yellow, brought 72c, all on arrival. Nothing remains unsold of Saturday's receipts. Oats are scarce and in demand; sales 1000 bush at $3.50@3.54 for Pennsylvania and 42c for Southern. Whiskey has advanced to 19½, and is in active demand. Mess Pork is selling freely at $17.50, but the demand is quite limited, and it was evident at the close that there were no buyers at this rate to any extent. Bacon and bulk meats are scarce, with no change. Lard dull. Money easy. Exchange dull and the rates unaltered.

NEW ORLEANS, May 7.—This evening's *Times Picayune* says the sugar and fruit crops are commonly damaged.

THERE were no bids from as many of our citizens for building the Court House as Kittanning. Which was accepted?

REV. FRANKLIN MOORE, formerly of Uniontown, has been assigned "Trinity Charge" in the city of Philadelphia.

BOYS' Clothing, for Spring and Summer, made with neatness and care, can be had at fair rates, from Carnaghan, Federal Street, Allegheny City. Boys' shirts, white and colored, boys' gloves, hosiery and all under wear, and many little articles of boys' dress, such as are with difficulty obtained, will be found at his establishment for reasonable rates. †

AN IMMENSE DIAMOND.—Mr. Guy F. Matthews has deposited his great Virginia diamond, estimated to be worth not less than two millions of dollars, to be sold in Charleston, for the benefit of whom it may concern. We have no diamond of that value in this city, but we have some perfect gems in the way of garments, that may be seen at any time at the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of ROBINSON & CO., No. 603 and 605 Chestnut street above Sixth, Philadelphia. ‡

"Omnibus qui possunt æquitatem," or "we labor for the good of all," is the inscription on one of the chime of bells given by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co. to the city of Lowell. That factory place may have the bells, but they cannot entirely monopolize the Doctor's skill which is made available by his Cherry Pectoral and Cathartic Pills to all alike—not only in this country, but in all countries where civilization and commerce have gone. While we admire the liberality and taste of those gentlemen in such a donation to their native town, we will remind our readers that the baneful influence of chime of bells spreads over the whole community that hears them. They are few in this country, and their influence is little known, but not so with those in Europe, in Germany, France, England, whether the chime on Trinity Church does not make his heart leap into his mouth, and his eyes in the recollection it brings of the sweet music his child-like world. We can all indulge in it without cost. To the artist this is a happy incident, as light is most essential to his operations, and he can have it in abundance, gratis, provided he but allows it admission. Messrs. Dougherty & Co., of the Anchor Skylight Gallery, Federal street, between Robinson and Lescock, Allegheny, have consulted their own and their patrons interest in this particular, and secured an illumination unexcelled in either city. Their pictures are of course superb. These gentlemen are prepared to frame paintings or engravings in gilt or wave moulding.

Commercial.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION FOR FEBRUARY.

F. R. BRUNOT, V. P., JOHN J. GILLESPIE SANCTI SURVIS JOSEPH R. BUSTER, ACHES LOOMIS.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

Reported Specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, May 8, 1858.

FLOUR.—The sales from first hands yesterday were 200 bbls on wharf at $4.50 for super and $5.06@5.25 for extra; 100 do super at $5.05 and 25 do extra at $4.90. From store, 50 do and 200 bbls at $5.10 for super, $5.12 for extra and $5.50 for family do; 25 and 150 do at $5.06, $5.12½ and $5.50 and 100 do at $5.05, $5.20 and $5.40.

GRAIN.—Sales on wharf of 100 bus Oats at 37 and 100 do from store at 39c. Rye, 200 bus from first hands at 56c Corn, 100 bus do at 45c. Wheat, 1000 bus Red and White on private terms. 200 bus Southern White from store at 96 and 200 do Penn. Red at 88.

HAY.—Sales of 10 bbls No. 1 Lard Oil at 85.

POTATOES.—Sales of 385 bus Neshannocks from store at 47½c; 130 do do at 45, and 100 do Reds and Pinkeyes at 35.

GROCERIES.—Sales of 16, 5, 10 and 20 bbls Sugar within the range of 7¾@8c and 20 bbls Molasses at 37.

HAY.—Sales at scales of 7 loads at $26@14 ¾ ton.

COFFEE.—Sales of 41 and 20 bbls reoffered at 19@20.

SALT.—Sales of 200 bbls No. 1 at $1.25 and 150 do extra at $1.62.

BACON.—Sales of 2000 lbs Hams at 9½@10 and 25,000 lbs in lots at 7½c for Shoulders and 9½ for Hams. Sugar cured Hams 8 to 9c at the Mess Pork, 12 bbls city packed at 18.

BEANS.—Sales 20 bus small White at 75

ANIMAL.—Sales 6 bbls at $4.75.

CHEESE.—Sales 25 boxes W. R. at 7 and 20 at 7½c.

LIME.—Sales 50 and 30 bbls Limestone at $1.25.

SEED.—Sales of 20 bbls No. 3 Mac bar. l at $12.50; 3 do No. 2 at $14; 10 do No 1 at $16; 15 do Lake Superior White at $11; and 10 bf do do at $6.

FEED.—A sale of 194 sks shorts at 65 @ 100.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

WOOL CIRCULAR.—Since our last issue the trade, which has been almost nothing for four months, has somewhat revived, the manufacturers had greatly reduced their stocks, and, gradually, there has been a slight increase in this branch of industry; as yet, however, but few are doing full work To our surprise, we have been unable to hear of more domestic Wool than was estimated in our Annual Report, but our figures are in, that there must be a large quantity held in the country, otherwise the last clip must have been less than 40,000,000 lbs. Should it, however, prove so, there will still be a good working surplus when the new clip comes in, unless there be a much more vigorous increase of manufacture than is to the present there is indication of. The stocks of domestic Wool in all the markets has been greatly increased, but in the Country they are not materially changed. The above table shows the imports for the past six years, except in 1855, still, they have been equal to the sales, leaving the stock of foreign Wool on the markets about the same as of the commencement of the year. The late London sales indicate a slight improvement in desirable styles of fine Wools; in others, there has been no advance, and until there is, we can look for none here, as our manufacturers have to start their machinery, unless they can buy Wool as favorably as those of other nations with whom they have to compete in their fabrics. It is gratifying to find that in Europe, fine American Wool still brings about as high prices as in this country.

OHIO W. BOND & CO

MONROE, April 14, 1858.

Imports by River.

LANESVILLE per Lizzie Martin—14 bbls eggs, 600 bbls flour, Clarke & Co; 360 sks feed, 4 sks hoop poles, owner; 6 bbls dried fruit, 10 do crackers, Hardy; 1 do do, Hoffman & Co; Lewis & Edgerton; 142 sks potatoes, 140 bbls apples, 9 head cattle, 83 bus corn, owner.

ST. LOUIS per Prima Donna—1 bx leather, Herdman, 126 bbls, 10 bales hip, Taggart; 76 bbls, Leach & Muir; 2 bales hip, 6 reels yn, Lupp; 20 bbls, Belange; 15 cases nuts, Robinson; 115 bales hemp, Gordon; 80 bbls sand, Boyce & Hildebrand; 140 do do, Bakewell; Pears & co; 262 bbls, Mellor & Hacket; 100 do do, Lee; 2 bales wool, Lee; 1 do do, Bowman & Co; 1 do do, Clarke; 1 do do, Hamilton & Co; 1 do do, Hamilton & Co; 1 do do, Hamilton & Co