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FURS! FURS!! FURS!!
McCORD & CO.,
131 Wood Street, Pittsburgh,
HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK are now receiving a large stock of fresh made FURS comprising
Hudson Bay Sable, Mink Sable, Stone Martin, Siberian Squirrels, Fitch, &c.
Capes, Half Capes, Victorines, Muffs and Cuffs,
Also, Fall Bonnets.
The goods have been selected with great care, and will be sold at small profits.
Ladies wishing to purchase fresh FURS are invited to call and examine our stock. no17:3ctf

MOTHERS! MOTHERS!! MOTHERS!!!
Don't fail to procure Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething. It has no equal on earth. It greatly facilitates the process of teething by softening the gums, reducing all inflammation—will allay pain, and is sure to regulate the bowels. Depend upon it, mothers, it will give rest to yourselves, and relief and health to your infants. Perfectly safe in all cases.
This valuable preparation is the prescription of one of the most experienced and skilful female Physicians in New England, and has been used with never-failing success in millions of cases.
We believe it the best and surest remedy in the world, in all cases of Dysentery and Diarrhœa in Children, whether it arises from teething or from any other cause.
If life and health can be estimated by dollars and cents, it is worth its weight in gold.
Millions of bottles are sold every year in the United States. It is an old and well-tried remedy.
PRICE ONLY 25 CENTS A BOTTLE.
☞ None genuine unless the fac-simile of CURTIS & PERKINS, New York, is on the outside wrapper.
Sold by Druggists throughout the world.
DR. GEO. H. KEYSER, Agent for Pittsburgh.
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The chemical preparations known under the above title for the last 22 years throughout Europe, where they have met with a triumphant success, have acquired for their inventor and Manufacturer a world-wide celebrity, attested by the Emperors of Russia, France, Austria, the Queen of England, the Kings of Belgium, Holland, Naples, Bavaria, Saxony, &c., and in America their efficiency has been endorsed by the Directors of Public Institutions and the approval of numerous private citizens, that they are the only Remedies in the world, sure to exterminate all kinds of vermin.
MEYER'S MIRACULOUS PREPARATIONS destroy the unwelcome intruders without mercy, and never fail. His Art has brought death to millions of them in the world, and from this day the watchword of all housekeepers, merchants' ship-owners and husbandmen will be "No more Vermin"
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Depot of the INVENTOR and Proprietor,
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CALIFORNIA STEAM SHIP LINE.
Via NICARAGUA.
AMERICAN, ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC SHIP CANAL COMPANY, PROPRIETORS.
OPPOSITION LINE
ATREDUCED RATES.
(NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO.
First cabin.....$225 | Upper steerage.....$100
Second cabin.....100 | Lower steerage.....60
The transit of the Isthmus included.
The splendid steamship WASHINGTON, of 2000 tons register, Capt. Henry Churchill, having been fitted up expressly for the California trade by the Messrs Cramp, will leave her pier, North River, New York, on Monday the 6th of December, at 2 P. M., carrying passengers, mails, and freight to San Juan del Norte, to connect a San Juan del Sur with the well known and commodious steamship HERMAN, Capt. Cavendy, for San Francisco, California. These splendid steamships offer unsurpassed accommodations for the safety and comfort of passengers. The Isthmus route is thoroughly repaired and in good order, and the country healthy.
For passage and freight, apply only at the office of the Company, to JOHN P. YELVERTON, Agent,
oct25:3m15 No. 3 Bowling Green, New York.

SAMUEL GRAY
DRAPER AND TAILOR,
No. 62 ST. CLAIR STREET,
PITTSBURGH, PENNA.,
Invites public attention to his new and beautiful assortment of Fall Goods, consisting of Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings & Coatings of every variety and style, adapted to the best city and country trade, which will be made up with promptness and despatch, and at rates as low as at any other similar establishment in the city. oct2:6m

FURS! FURS!!
New Fur Store from Philadelphia.
LOUIS MILLER, Manufacturer of all kinds of Ladies and Gentlemen's Furs, Sleigh and Carriage Robes; dealer in Buffalo Robes, &c., &c., wholesale and retail, at No. 138 Wood street, above Fifth.
Furs repaired, cleaned and altered in the best manner.
Goods made to order at short notice.
All kinds of shipping furs bought. se29:4m5*

M. E. GILLESPIE,
DENTIST,
Extracts Teeth without pain, by an ENTIRELY NEW Anæsthetic Agent applied to the teeth and gums only. Teeth from one to full sets inserted on the various metallic bases. He also inserts teeth on entire Porcelain base with continuous gum, which in beauty, cleanliness and durability cannot fail to please. Call and examine specimens.
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Cheese, Butter, Seeds, Fish,
And Produce Generally,
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Having had the advantages of Eastern Colleges and Hospitals, and several years' practice, offers his professional services in SURGICAL AND MEDICAL CASES.
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ETNA STOVE WORKS.
ALEXANDER BRADLEY,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN EVERY VARIETY OF
COOKING, PARLOR AND HEATING STOVES,
Plain and Fancy Grate Fronts, &c.
Sole Proprietor of the celebrated PATENT GAS BURNING and SMOKE CONSUMING COOK STOVES.
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W. & D. RINEHART,
MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN
All kinds of Tobacco, Snuff and Cigars,
Have recently taken the building No. 129 Wood street, in addition to their Manufacturing Establishment, No. 43 Irwin street, where they will be pleased to receive their friends. my29:1yd6

DENTISTRY.
DR. W. F. FUNDENBURG having returned to Pittsburgh with the intention of making this his future residence, can be found at his OFFICE, NO. 104 FOURTH STREET, between Wood and Smithfield sts.
☞ Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. oc23:d6mfc

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DEALERS IN
Foreign and Domestic Bills of Exchange,
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT,
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DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.,
ON THE UNION BANK, LONDON, IN SUMS OF ONE POUND STERLING AND UPWARDS.
Also, Bills on the principal cities and towns of France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Russia and other European States, constantly on hand and for sale by
WM. H. WILLIAMS & CO.,
se2 Bankers, Wood street, corner of Third.

S. B. & C. F. MARKLE,
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WRAPPING PAPER.
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PITTSBURGH, PA.
Rags bought at paying prices. my9:6m

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STARCH AND FARINA.
Made by the
West Philadelphia Manufacturing Co.
(First Premium awarded by the Franklin Institute, November, 1858.)
Diamond Gloss Starch, in cases cont'g 6 boxes, 6 lbs. each;
Do do boxes do 40 papers, 1 ℔ do;
Also, Refined, Pure and Pearl Starch, in boxes various sizes, all for laundry use.
CORN FARINA, (or Corn Starch,) in bxs. 40 papers each. This article is expressly prepared for culinary purposes, and can be relied on as superior in PURITY to any now in use. For sale by THOMPSON, CLARKE & YOUNG, Phila., Jan'y., 1859:dtf-fc Agents for the Company.

Permanent Office.
Complying with the urgent request of hundreds of their patients,
DRS. C. M. FITCH & J. W. SYKES
Have concluded to remain
PERMANENTLY IN PITTSBURGH,
And may be consulted at their office,
No. 191 Penn Street,
OPPOSITE THE ST. CLAIR HOTEL,
Daily, except Sundays, for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis and all other Chronic Complaints complicated with or causing Pulmonary Disease, including Catarrh, Heart Disease, Affections of the Liver, Dyspepsia, Gastritis, Female Complaints, etc.
DRS. FITCH & SYKES would state that their treatment of Consumption is based upon the fact that he disease exists in the blood and system at large, both before, and during its development in the lungs, and they therefore employ Mechanical, Hygienic and Medicinal remedies to purify the blood and strengthen the system. With these, they use MEDICINAL INHALATIONS, which they value highly, but only as Palliatives, (having no Curative effect when used alone,) and invalids are earnestly cautioned against wasting the precious time of curability on any treatment based upon the plausible, but false idea that the "seat of the disease can be reached in a direct manner by Inhalation," for as before stated, the seat of the disease is in the blood and its effects only in the lungs.
☞ No charge for consultation.
A list of questions will be sent to those wishing to consult us by letter. my22:2dw6tf

The Great English Remedy.
SIR JAMES CLARKE'S
CELEBRATED FEMALE PILLS!
Prepared from a prescription of Sir James Clarke, M. D., Physician Extraordinary to the Queen.
This well known Medicine is no imposition, but a safe and safe remedy for Female Difficulties and Obstructions, from any cause whatever; and although a powerful remedy, they contain nothing hurtful to the constitution.
TO MARRIED LADIES it is peculiarly suited. It will in a short time, bring on the monthly period with regularity.
These Pills have never been known to fail where the directions on the second page of pamphlet are well observed.
For full particulars, get a pamphlet, free, of the agent.
N. B.—$1 and 6 postage stamps enclosed to any authorized agent, will insure a bottle, containing over 50 pills, by return mail.
B. L. FAHNESTOCK & CO., Pittsburgh, wholesale agent, and sold by all druggists. my27:dlw & fc T

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Manufacturers and Dealers in all kinds of
TOBACCO, SNUFF AND CIGARS,
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LEAF TOBACCO,
Corner of Smithfield Street and Diamond Alley,
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Pittsburgh Steel Works.
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Manufacturers of CAST STEEL; also, SPRING, PLOW and A. B. SHEAR SPRINGS and AXLES,
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D. B. ROGERS & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
Rogers' Improved Patent Steel Cultivator Teeth,
Corner Ross and First Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. ju22:1ydc

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MANUFACTURERS OF
Iron Railing, Iron Vaults, Vault Doors, Window Shutters, Window Guards, &c.,
Nos. 91 Second Street and 56 Third Street,
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Have on hand a variety of new Patterns, fancy and plain, suitable for all purposes. Particular attention paid to enclosing Grave Lots. Jobbing done at short notice. mr9
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WASHINGTON WORKS,
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Office, No. 21 Water street,
Manufacture all kinds of Steam Engines and Mill Machinery; Castings, Railroad Work, Steam Boilers and Sheet Iron Work.
Jobbing and Repairing done on short notice. my22:1ydc.

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House, Sign and Ornamental Painters,
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DEALERS IN
White Lead and Zinc Paints.
Also, all kinds of Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window Glass, Putty, Brushes, &c.,
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MERCHANT TAILOR,
No. 54 St. Clair Street,
(Dr. Irish's New Building,)
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Joseph Dilworth.....D. W. C. Bidwell.
(Successors to Porter, Rolfe & Scott.)
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MANUFACTURER OF
Alcohol, Cologne Spirits and Fusel Oil,
Jel4:6ly*o Nos. 165 and 170 Second Street

DR. DICKINSON'S MAGNETO-ELECTRIC MACHINES.—Principal Depot for the sale of this Unrivalled Medical Auxiliary.—In submitting this machine to the discriminating public, no expense has been spared in its manufacture to render it perfect in every essential particular, in order to keep pace with the wonderful improvements of the age, and place it foremost in this branch of American Manufacture. NO FAMILY SHOULD BE WITHOUT ONE.—Retail Price $10.
It is admirably adapted to prevent and cure every form of disease, such as Consumption, Scrofula, Palsies, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, all forms of Physical and Mental Prostration and Nervous Diseases.
One grand feature of this Apparatus is that it is always ready for use, the power being obtained from a Permanent Magnet, no Acids or other ingredients being required.
Sold, wholesale and retail, by
DR. GEO. H. KEYSER,
oc25:d&wT Wholesale Druggist, 140 Wood st., Pittsb'g.

HENRY CLAY and a long list of his distinguished cotemporaries in the United States Senate and House of Representatives, have given the strongest testimony of the benefits which they derived from the use of Wilson's Headache Pills. Such testimony as this is entitled to grave consideration. This invaluable remedy is prepared and sold by B. L. FAHNESTOCK & CO., Wholesale Druggists, and proprietors of B. L. Fahnestock's Vermifuge, No. 60, corner of Wood and Fourth streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. Ja19:d&w9

PERSONS advanced in life, and feeling the hand of time weighing heavily upon them, with all its attendant ills, will find in the use of Dr. J. Hostetter's Celebrated Stomach Bitters, an elixir that will instill new life into their veins, restore, in a measure, the ardor and energy of more youthful days, build up their shrunken forms, and give health and vigor to their remaining years. Those who are in the least afflicted with Dyspepsia, Ague, Languor, Nausea, or any other troublesome and dangerous disease, arising from a disordered system, should not hesitate to avail themselves of the benefit derived from this great remedy. Sold by druggists and dealers generally, everywhere, and by HOSTETTER & SMITH, manufacturers and proprietors 55 Water and 56 Front sts. Ja15:d&w*T

GALVANIC BATTERY, OR ELECTRO MAGNETIC MACHINE, for Medical purposes, of a very superior kind will be sent free of Express charges, wherever an Express runs, upon a remittance of Ten Dollars. Address Dr. O. H. REVERS, No. 140 Wood st., Pittsburgh, Pa. ap8:6m*

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to our numerous friends and customers, and we are glad to be able to inform them that we never had so good an assortment of Dress Goods, Shawls, Cloaks, Needle Work, Domestic and Staple Dry Goods at this season of the year.
ja1:d&w*T C. HANSON LOVE, 74 Market st.

PRODUCE.—12 bbls. prime Timothy Seed;
20 bus. Dry Apples;
100 do small white Beans;
400 do Barley;
500 pieces Bulk Shoulders,
Received per railroad and for sale by
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PLAIN AND PRINTED FRENCH MERINOES, all wool Plaids, Coburgs, Mons de Laines, &c. Also, all kinds of Flannels, Checks, Tickings, Shirting Muslins, Irish Linens and every other article usually kept in a Dry Good House, all of which will be sold as cheap as the cheapest. C. HANSON LOVE, 74 Market st.

300 BAGS PRIME COFFEE;
100 bbls. Refined Sugar;
50 bbls. U. S. Syrup;
50 bbls. Molasses.
50 bbls. Sugar,
In store and for sale by SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

PRODUCE.—200 bus. small White Beans;
24 do Dry Apples;
15 bbls. Timothy Seed;
10 kegs Butter;
400 bus Barley.
In store and for sale by SHRIVER & DILWORTH.

HOLIDAY FURNITURE.—Children's Bureaus, Bedsteads, Chairs, Tables, Wash Stands, and Swings, all useful presents for the holidays, finished and for sale by T. B. YOUNG & CO.,
de31 No. 38 Smithfield street.

LADIES DRESS SILKS
SELLING AT
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES
AT STORE OF
DUROCHFIELD & CO.
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50 BXS. VALANCIA RAISINS;
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In store and for sale low, wholesale or retail, by FRAZIER Family Grocery and Tea Store, Federal st., Allegheny.

Pittsburgh Gazette.

PITTSBURGH:
FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 21, 1859.
OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

City and News Items.

MEAN TEMPERATURE.—Observations taken at Shaw's Optician Store, No. 58 Fifth st., yesterday.

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	00	35
12 " M.	64	54
6 " P. M.		51
Barometer		29 3-10

☞ DAILY UNION PRAYER MEETING, at the First Methodist Protestant Church, Fifth street, commencing at 11½ o'clock, A. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

The exercises TO-DAY will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Howard.

THE *True Press* has got another subscriber! In yesterday's edition we are notified to stop delivering our paper to Mr. David Smith, First Ward, Allegheny. For the satisfaction of Mr. S., and by way of information to the *True Press*, we will state here that Mr. Smith has been taking the *Weekly Gazette* for some time, but discontinued it on the 14th inst., on the alleged ground of *poverty*. Furnishing newspapers *gratuitously* will be more in the *True Press'* line than ours—and doubtless Mr. S. will be better satisfied with that paper than with the *Weekly Gazette*. He is right in suiting himself when he can so readily.

Lest the *True Press* folks and Mr. Smith should think this an irreparable loss, we would state that we added to our subscription lists yesterday, 60 new subscribers; and that they may not think them *charity* subscribers, we would state that our cash book of that date exhibits, amongst others, the following entries:

Dr.	CASH.	
1859.		
Jan'y. 20	To sub. New Hamburg club...	$ 1 00
" " "	Parnassus " ...	15 00
" " "	Crab Tree " ...	1 00
" " "	Eldersville " ...	44 00
" " "	Unity " ...	8 00

We would hereby take occasion to notify the *Dispatch* that we *are not* "preparing to contest for the publication of the letter list."

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Commissioners, on Wednesday afternoon, made the following appointments:
Mercantile Appraiser—N. Ballantine, Temperanceville.
Physician to Jail—Dr J. D. Baldwin, Allegheny city.
Physician to hold Post Mortems—Dr Geo. L. McCook, city.
Druggist—Jos. Abel, city.
Chief Clerk—Thos. Perkins, city.
Ass't. do.—Henry Snively and T. Tomer, city, and Thos. Patterson, Indiana.

The appointment of Mr. Ballentine is a good one; aside from the fact of his being a sound Republican, he is an experienced business man, conversant with mercantile affairs, and of matured judgment. Dr. Baldwin, the present incumbent, is alike well known as a physician and a working Republican. Dr. McCook is the incumbent of a similar office, just created, and will fulfil its duties to the satisfaction of the public. The remaining appointments, with the exception of Messrs. Abel and Patterson, are old incumbents, and therefore well known.

SILVER MEDALS.—The prize medals awarded to Mr. John H. Mellor, at our State fair, last October, for the "*Best Pianos and Melodeons*" have just been sent on from Harrisburg and can now be seen at Mr. Mellor's Music store, on Wood street. They are of pure silver, weighing about 3 oz. each on the *obverse* or face of each Medal is the Pennsylvania Coat of Arms, in bold relief, and the name of the Society. On the *reverse* of the Medal for Pianos, elegantly engraved, are the following words:

AWARDED
CHICKERING & SONS,
Boston,
For Best Pianos
Exhibited by
John H. Mellor,
Pittsburgh,
1858.

This is the *third* medal (highest prize) awarded to Messrs. Chickering & Sons, Boston, by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Society, within the past five years.

A similar medal was awarded to Messrs. Mason & Hamlin, of Boston, for their Melodeons and Harmoniums, exhibited by their agent, (J. H. Mellor,) at the last exhibition of the State Agricultural Society.

THE case of Rhodes & Verner, which we referred to at length several days since, came up again yesterday, in Court. The question is whether, having paid the usual mercantile tax, they should also pay a license as dealers in liquor. The commonwealth hold that they come within the provisions of the statute regulating the sale of intoxicating drinks, and hence the prosecution. O. H. Rippey appeared for the defendants and made a clear and forcible argument, in which he quoted at length that his clients were not liable. Mr. Collier replied on the other side, and adduced several authorities in support of the legality of his position. The Court took the papers in the case into its charge, and will deliver a decision in the matter. Messrs. Rhodes & Verner, formerly, were brewers, carrying on the business largely.

MONONGAHELA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.—This company has on the grand Slackwater Navigation, which is now completed down to New Geneva, three fine steamers—the Telegraph, Luzerne and Col. Bayard. One of these boats leaves here every morning at the hour which is mentioned in their advertisement in another column. They are all very substantial and safe steamers, make good time, are under the direction of very accommodating agents in Mr. G. W. Swindler and Wm. McElroy, cargo inspector on the works, and their captains, we have ever found at their post of duty, courteous and attentive. The prospect at present is that these boats will be running all winter. They offer the safest, swiftest and surest means of transit for freight or passage through the whole country where they go.

THE *Commercial Journal*, of this city, says:—"The Providence *Journal* of Monday has a long account of a very destructive fire, said to have occurred in this city—loss $250,000—accident and loss of life." As the account is credited to this paper, we take occasion to say, that no such event has occurred here, and no such account appeared in our columns. The hoax was either got up by some malicious person at the expense of Pittsburgh, or the news collator made a mistake as to the place."

We think that in the *Journal* of the 13th instant, there was an account of a fire somewhere, and it appeared as if it might have happened here. We quote the date of the paper from memory.

IN Ohio county, Va., near the Pennsylvania line, lived until recently, a Mr. Carsner with his wife. Mr. C. has, however, lately behaved as if he had no wife, in that he has been paying assiduous attentions to two other women, who are sisters. Mrs. C., at last, became vexed, and on the *lex talionis* principle just left her home and two children, and at Christmas time went away with another man. The husband, to show how little he cared for this, and not to be outplayed in his own game, at once took his flight with *both* the sisters. One of the interesting dulcineas has just returned home again, but protests she knows nothing about Carsner and the other sister. The whole matter, as related in the Washington *Reporter*, is hard to beat.

WE last week gave an account of the explosion of the gas works in Washington, Pa., by which an attendant named George Plymire was badly injured. We learn that on Sunday morning he died from injuries received, and was buried with military honors, the Blues and Rifles escorting his remains to the grave.

INSANTICIDE.—A woman named Maria Smith (colored) was arrested in Elizabeth township, on a charge of infanticide. One or her children was recently found dead in a coal pit. She managed in some way to escape from the officers.

BURNED.—Mrs. Cassandra Menown, whose death in Washington county we noticed several days since, and who was kept four days after her death, owing to a strange appearance of her body, as though not dead, was buried on Friday, the 14th inst. She was 74 years of age.

WE omitted, yesterday, to call attention to the advertisement of Edward Rahm, Esq., who, having built himself a magnificent residence in the country at East Liberty, intends to make his permanent residence there. So he offers for sale his other princely mansion on the second bank in Allegheny city, one of those fine "swelled-front" houses on the South Common, without doubt one of the most desirable sites as well as dwellings now in the market. See advertisement.

WE have received from Hunt & Minor, Godey for February, containing the usual number of superb fashion plates, and plates of patterns for ladies' use; Greely's Tribune Almanac for 1859, a useful statistical hand-book for politicians; The Constellation,—Roberts' new edition of Park Benjamin; and Harper's Weekly. At Masonic Hall all the prominent papers and magazines may be found, as late as issued.

A MEETING of those interested in the clear navigation of the Ohio river, steamboat captains and coalboat men, will be held at Lafayette Hall on Friday, 28th inst., at 10 o'clock, to take into consideration the matter of the contemplated railroad bridge which is about to be built over the Ohio river for the Steubenville railroad. We learn from an advertisement in another column that only speakers are to be invited to address the meeting.

THE motion for a new trial in the case of Ald. Rogers, convicted a few days since for misdemeanor in office, came up before Judge McClure on Thursday. The circumstances on which the verdict was rendered, were that Washington Warner, or Warner Washington, (the colored man who was prosecuting witness, was known by both names) who had been arrested for disorderly conduct and brought before Rogers, offered as bail for his subsequent appearance for trial a colored man named J. Miller, and such bail being good and sufficient, Rogers refused to take it and thereupon committed Warner to jail. It is now alleged in the argument for a new trial that Miller was not a freeholder, and that therefore he was not the kind of bail the law demands. It is alleged that he said he owned the house he lived in, but that it now appears he says he will own it when some relative of his shall die.

J. B. Coyle, Esq., appeared for the Alderman and plead his case. He set forth in an able speech the grounds on which he claimed a new trial for his client, to which C. McC. Hays, Esq., answered at some length. The Judge will give his opinion in the case, probably on Saturday.

PETER CAMP was caught at the time the Mayor broke in upon the gamblers as will be remembered. About two years ago there was a warrant out here for his arrest charged with having burglariously entered the house of John Hysing in the 7th ward, and stealing therefrom the sum of $930. The accused was brought before Mayor Weaver yesterday, and the prosecutor, who resides in Kendelville, Ind., not appearing, the Mayor was constrained to dismiss the matter. He however held the defendant in $600 bail to answer a charge of larceny at the next term of Court, and recognized in like amount on a second dealing in counterfeit money. It will be remembered that he dropped a roll of counterfeit notes when about to enter the watch-house, amounting in the aggregate to some eight hundred dollars. The Mayor having evidence of this fact, and believing that he dealt in the article, received an information to this effect against him, and hence his action in the matter.

THE jail has at present 166 inmates, as we are informed. A good part of them are characters who seek to be committed to that stone jug, because its walls preclude the cold much better than those of any house they are able to find when out of the stone precinct, and because the bread and soup of Allegheny county is vastly better than these vags *will* earn "in the cold unfriendly world." If these sturdy knaves were made to toil like beavers, put into some treadmill and made to grind corn, or set at oakum picking or stone picking, they would help the county pay for their bread, and would not be quite so fond of getting into jail.

CRAWFORD, PA.—The following gentlemen have been elected directors of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Company, to serve for the ensuing year: Wm. Reynolds, President; Jas. R. Dick, James E. M'Farland, John Dick, John M'Farland, L. D. Williams, J. J. Shryock, A. W. Mumford, D. A. Finney, O. Hastings, G. Church, T. R. Kennedy, Geo. A. Bittenbanner. The line of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad from the line of New York to Meadville has been permanently located, and a corps of engineers under Mr. Taylor, commenced on the 10th inst. to locate the route from Meadville west to the Ohio river.

THE Kittanning *Free Press* says that at Whitestown, Armstrong co., a party of men from the neighborhood had been on a spree, and that one of them, on their return home, put a keg of whiskey to his mouth for the purpose of taking a drink. While thus engaged, a gun in the hands of another of the party, went off and the ball striking the keg, shattered it into pieces. Wood staves, iron hoops, together with those which have been adjusted. From a hasty glance at these papers, it appears that Capt. Wm. Webster presents a bill against Great Britain for over six millions and a half dollars for the loss of, and indemnity of lands purchased from the chief of New Zealand, and of which he was dispossessed by England's officers. The claims are argued by other parties against that government for damage done to lawful commerce, by the seizure and sale of vessels and Pritonia, which is estimated at $40,000. The only reparation yet made by the English government for the loss and capture of the vessel Panchit, on the African coast, is the condemnation of Capt. Morsebey's conduct, and his interference with the American flag.

Against Russia there are two cases, one of $16,000 and the other for $385,000, preferred by J. W. Perkins, of Mass., charging that government with a violation of the contract made with him for arms furnished in the Crimean War. France, too, has unsettled claims. She has rejected several, including that of the owners of the ship America, for loss by damage in 1839, and for the property destroyed by violating the blockade of Buenos Ayres.

Mr. Robert Parish tenders a bill for $15,000,000 francs for the non-fulfilment of a verbal agreement entered into by Mr. Fould, the minister of Finance, and confirmed by the Emperor, to pay him this amount, upon his demonstration of the existence of a gold field similar to that of California, and accessible to the French arms, as soon as the French flag can be raised in token of sovereignty in any part of the territory indicated. He alleges this performance, and hence seeks for payment.

The document specifies what claims against the government have been submitted, in what manner and the State of those now pending. In numerous instances the amount of the claim is not claimed are not stated, and therefore there can be no clearly ascertained aggregate. Many millions of dollars are involved and some of the cases have been pending 40 years.

(Special Dispatch for the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARRISBURG, Jan. 20.—SENATE.—The Judiciary Committee reported Mr. Penney's act providing for interest on verdicts; it was reported as committed.

House bill to abolish the Canal Board passed a second reading, with material amendments; it was afterwards finally passed, and goes to the House; it will go into effect immediately; the sections relating to claims was rejected.

Mr. Scofield read in place a bill providing that Warren county compromise the Sunbury subscription, issue bonds for 20 per cent. and surrender the stock; it passed finally and goes to the House.

HOUSE.—Senate bill relative to Warren County Sunbury subscriptions, passed finally, and goes to the Governor for his approval.

Senate bill providing for the transfer of the property of the Academy to the Kittanning University, passed finally, and goes to the Governor for his approval.

Our delegation presented several petitions for a passenger railway from Pittsburgh to Lawrenceville; they have appended to them about 800 signers.

Mr. Bayard presented a remonstrance from 167 signers against the passenger railroad.

Mr. Dodge presented a petition for the relief of Henry Bomgardner. Mr. Galley one for the relief of Nancy Seerick. Mr. Taylor for the erection of Pine Co. Mr. Walborn for the repeal of auction duties on domestic articles.

Mr. Bayard offered a resolution to recommit the act, providing for changing the name of the Pittsburgh Insurance Co. to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Irish, from the Judiciary Committee, reported as committed an act relative to streets in Pittsburgh.

The following bills were read in place: By Mr. Fleming: To prevent marriages of whites with blacks; by Mr. Thorn: to modify auction duties; by Mr Warden: for the relief of George S. Jameson.

An act relative to the Mayor of Erie, has been signed by the Governor.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—The overland mail, with dates to the 27th ult., has arrived, bringing two passengers.

The President's Message reached San Francisco at three o'clock on the morning of the 26th ult., being 19 days and 12 hours from St. Louis. The Message hardly meets expectation, especially on the subject of the Pacific Railroad.

The holidays were observed with extraordinary unanimity.

Dates from Victoria of December 18th were received.

There was great suffering at Frazer river from the cold.

The steamer Enterprise, which left Fort Hope for Langley on the 9th, with 125 passengers, was frozen in on the way down. There being no provisions, the passengers attempted to go to Langley overland. The snow falling, they lost their way, and after three days of inexpressible suffering, during which five or six were frozen to death, the weather moderated, and the steamer got free from the ice and came down and took the survivors to Langley.

Mining has almost entirely ceased.

The Frazer River business is stagnant. Considerable rain had fallen.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 20.—There were three fires last night. Smith & Hooper's soap and candle factory was burned down; loss $3000; $1800 insurance on it in eastern companies. Two barns were burnt east of Cleveland, with four yoke of premium cattle; it was the work of an incendiary. An upper story of a building in Scoville's block was burned; loss $5000; insurance unknown. Butt's hat store was damaged by water; covered by $10,000 insurance in eastern companies. Fisher's damage is covered by $5000 in eastern companies. Shelley, a merchant tailor, had his stock much damaged; no insurance. There is a great loss on law libraries and office furniture in the building.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The steamship Black Warrior has arrived with Havana dates to the 15th.

The excitement growing out of the President's Message has nearly died out.

A private letter states that some excitement had been occasioned at Havana by the publication of a statement that Brigadier General Renan, of the United States, had, by letter, offered the Captain General $15,000,000 to declare the Island independent, and himself or General Concha the first President.

SAVANNAH, Jan. 20.—The bark Angelina was detained by orders of the collector of port, on suspicion of fitting out for the slave trade. She arrived, Oct. 30th, from Mantanzas, and has been lying in port ever since.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—River falling slowly and clear of ice. Upper rivers in good boating order, so far as open. Weather cloudy and very mild, with no wind, and strong indications of rain.

Telegraphic.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 20.

SENATE.—The invalid pension bill was taken up and passed.

The Pacific Railroad bill, as amended, was taken up.

Mr. Davis, of Miss., moved to strike out all of the enacting clause and adopt his minority report, the main features of which are as follow: To appropriate ten million dollars and ten sections of land per acre, to construct the road. The money appropriation to be refunded in the form of the net proceeds into the Treasury. No termini is name-d, and no monopoly given to any special company, and the road to run from the Atlantic to the Pacific States. He believed the road could be built over a certain route on these terms, and made a long speech in support of his views.

Mr. Benjamin, of La., reported a substitute for the bill introduced by Mr. Mason, authorizing the President to use the public forces of the U. S. Substitute ordered to be printed. The first section gives power to the President, whenever he has reason to apprehend that any of the transit routes will be obstructed or closed by lawless vessels, or that an attack is threatened against the persons or property of our citizens, to use the land and naval forces to prevent the threatened injury, on condition that the forces used are withdrawn as soon as the object is accomplished.

Mr. Mason moved an adjournment.

Mr. Gwin, of Cal., remonstrated and called the yeas and nays, but without effect, and Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The bill amending the pre-emption laws was taken up. Mr. Blair, of Mo., offered the Homestead bill as an amendment, but the motion was ruled out of order.

The Speaker announced the following Special Committee to investigate the charges of alleged corruption in connection with the management of the New York and Philadelphia Navy Yards, and the awarding of contracts by the Navy Department: Messrs. Sherman, of Ohio; Bocock, of Va.; Ritchie, of Penna; Grosbeck, of Ohio, and Ready, of Tenn.

Mr. Grow, of Pa., offered an amendment providing that from and after the passage of this act no public lands shall be exposed to sale by proclamation of the President, unless the returns of the survey shall have been only filed in the land office ten years or more. Adopted by 16 majority.

The House, by 4 majority, rejected the bill by refusing to order its engrossment for a third re