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PITTSBURGH:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 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.	60	65
12 " M.	102	79
6 " P. M.		70
Barometer		29 2-10

☞ UNION PRAYER MEETING, at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 68 Fifth street, at 4½ o'clock, P. M., every afternoon. Come for a few minutes if you cannot stay longer.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—Tuesday, May 17th.—The argument of Mr. Williams for the defense in the case of Oehlrichs vs. City of Pittsburgh, which commenced at one o'clock on Monday and was continued until 3, Monday afternoon, was taken up again on Tuesday morning and concluded at 25 minutes to 12. Making his closing speech about 4½ hours, as his opening was two hours. We were not able to keep the run of his speech entire, nor is it probably necessary, as the 36 points on which he spoke and on which he asked the Court to instruct the jury, will probably be reproduced in the Court's charge to the jury, with the ruling therein. That we shall try to publish and thus give to our readers the whole matter at once.

Judge Grier conversed largely with the counsel during his argument. He enounced a good many points, but the Court room is such a vile cattle of reduplicated echoes, no human ear can catch any thing that is said in it, unless the speaker bawls, or tries to play the "bully and the bruiser," which is not Mr. Stanton's *role* in the present drama, as it was churlishly charged to be in the Sickles case, by counsel for the government. We could, however, catch now and then the declamatory from the region of the chest of Judge Grier, that on "that point (addressing Mr. Williams) I will charge against you;" "there I will charge for you;" "that point gives you a *locus standi*," etc. Mr. Williams contended, among other things, or at least we so understood him, that the bonds only, could be sued upon; that the coupons were the property of the 1st mortgage bondholders releasing the lien of the mortgage on that portion of the road lying between Kittanning and Mahoning, in shadow of authority could be conjured from the Acts of Assembly or ordinances of Councils for the issuing of coupons; the obligation to pay must be found in the bond; the coupon is not a part of the contract.

Judge Grier said that these things are governed by the laws and customs of the commercial world: it is no use to bring in the dicta of Coke & Blackstone, and try to overthrow laws which the world of commerce has been shaping for centuries. One might as well, said the judge, put on a black gown and wig, and go solemnly before a locomotive under full steam way and try to stop it, by showing it a law book.

Mr Williams remarked that not even the law itself was able to stop the locomotive.

Mr. Williams, in the course of his argument, cited the bill of rights, the U. S. Constitution, the causes of the war of the revolution, the case as illustrated by the depreciation of continental currency, the old borough charter of Pittsburgh, etc., etc. On the last point Judge Grier said the city charter conferred new powers; the man assumed new responsibilities when he emerged from boyhood.

Mr. Williams remarked that he thought the man at least did not lose the humanity of the boy; he retained at least the personal identity.

The Judge answered that there was no doubt "the man was still a featherless biped." (Laughter.)

At the conclusion of Mr. Williams' speech, Mr. Stanton addressed the jury in behalf of his clients. He alluded, in opening, to the statement that the plaintiffs were German Jews, and was thankful that before this tribunal, all, whether native or foreigner, Jew or Christian, were alike, and all stood in the eye of the law upon the same footing. He said there were but four things for the jury to inquire of—

First, are the plaintiffs rightfully in possession of these bonds.

Second, are the bonds genuine.

Third, what is the amount in this suit

Fourth, are the sums due and unpaid

Having spoken for a few moments in support of the affirmative of each of these points, Mr. Stanton went on to state that there remained two enquiries, to the answering of which he would now address himself

First. How came it to pass that the faith, credit and property of this city was pledged in these bonds, and—

Second, how come it to pass that that faith and credit have not been redeemed

Under the first inquiry he gave a full and detailed history of the causes which led to the building of the Central road from here to Philadelphia; of the prospect that this city would be the great market of the west; of the road by the N. Y. & Erie, the Pennsylvania Central, the Baltimore & Ohio, and the Hempfield railroads, which were projected all around us, which prospect stimulated the people of this city to assist in making the Allegheny Valley as a shorter cut to New York than the Sunbury route, connecting Central Ohio and Indiana, and the Charriers to bring the trade hither that Wheeling was striving to cast into Philadelphia by the Hempfield road. This prospect, with the fact that the Central road had been successful, explained the issuing of the bonds without unmixing purposes of fraud, corruption and falsehood to the men who had embarked in them, and without attributing the obtaining of these bonds to base or unworthy motives.

Why the promises of the city had not been redeemed was attributed to the fact that the market had been filled with these bonds; that vast sums of money had been invested in them, thus making the communities who had given the bonds liable to suffer from the depressing influences of the periodical financial panics to which this country is peculiarly subject. The financial screw being down, the work on the unfinished roads ceased, the interest on the bonds fell due; sacrifices were needed to meet it; the passions of men were aroused, and politicians took advantage of the occasion to lift themselves into places of power

Mr. Stanton then passed to an argument on the law involved in the case. He touched upon the fact that the corporate property was held for the corporate debt, and suggested that the city stock was holden for the bonds. [Doubtless the corporation would willingly make an even exchange and give up the stock for the bonds.]

Mr. Stanton concluded his argument at ten minutes past one o'clock, having spoken an hour and a half, when the Court adjourned.

Judge Grier will charge the jury in the case this morning

Afternoon Session.—At the opening of Court at 3 o'clock a jury was empaneled on the case of George W. Howard vs. the county of Crawford, which was placed on trial.

Hon. Chas. Shaler of this city; E. M. Stanton, Esq., and Hon. J. W. Farrelly, of Crawford county, appeared for plaintiffs, and N. P. Fetterman, Esq., of Pittsburgh, and S. N. Pettis, of Crawford county, for defendants.

Mr. Farrelly briefly opened the case to the jury. By an Act of Assembly, of 1846, the Pittsburgh and Erie railroad company were empowered to build a railroad between those two points, traversing the counties of Lawrence, Mercer, Erie and Crawford, and authorizing those counties to subscribe to the stock of the road, the grand juries to recommend amount, terms, &c. In August, 1853, the grand jury of Crawford county, recommended a subscription of $200,000. By the agreement Crawford county was to have four Directors in the road; and in order to be in time for the first election, a bond was issued for the entire amount by the County Commissioners, which bond was after wards taken up, and bonds for $100, $500 and $1,000 issued instead. These were to be paid at the expiration of twenty years, and coupons were attached for the semi-annual interest. A fly leaf was attached to each bond, with the Act of Assembly, the recommendation by the grand jury, and the subscription by the Commissioners, to show that the bond was good, and had been properly issued. The plaintiffs took a contract for the work to the amount of $850,000, for which they were to receive $150,000 worth of county bonds, $400,000 of the Company's stock, and $300,000 in cash. They went to work and expended some $60,000, for which all they have ever received is $12,000 county bonds, the sum of $2,000 in cash, and $2,000 or $3,000 worth of stock in the road. They were obliged to suspend work for want of means. This suit is brought on the coupons for interest unpaid, amounting to $1,845.

The only witness called by the plaintiff was W. R. Scott, who identified one of the bonds, and its genuineness, and the signatures attached thereto.

Several bonds were offered in evidence, and the contents of one of the fly leaves read This closed the plaintiff's case.

Mr. Pettis opened the defense to the jury in a speech of some length. The county denies her liability, it having been represented that the Company would pay the interest on the bonds until the road was finished, after which the dividend would not only meet it, but the bonds before they matured. The recommendation of the grand jury provided that the matter should be submitted to the people, which was done, and out of nearly 12,000 taxables only 3,000 votes were cast. The subscription was made on condition that the county should pay no interest until the road had been in operation six months. The Company gave to the County Commissioners a bond, which they still hold, for the sum of $10,000, to protect them from the payment of interest till after the completion of the road, which was subsequently cancelled. The road has been abandoned.

Court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

BREACH OF PROMISE.—At the last term of the Clarion county court, Nancy Porter got $450 from John Clarke, for refusing to make good his promise to marry her.

EXTENSION OF ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.—In pursuance of notice, the stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad met at their office, in Jones' Building, on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock and organized by calling Walter Bryant, Esq., to the chair, and selecting James Gibson, Esq., Secretary.

Hon. Wm. F. Johnston, President of the company, explained the object of the meeting which was to take into consideration the propriety of issuing a second mortgage ont he A. V. R. R. for the purpose of extending the road northward from Kittanning to the mouth of the Mahoning. The propositions presented by contractors for building the road for second mortgage bonds were also stated by him. Messrs. L. Wilmarth and P. Kerr urged the stockholders to authorize the work. Dr. W. Reynolds, of Kittanning, moved that the President and Directors of the road be requested to issue a second mortgage to the amount of $400,000; *provided*, the extension be not put under contract until the Commissioners of Clarion county execute and hand over bonds to the amount of their subscription to the A. V. R. R. Co. This motion or resolution was not seconded.

The question which the meeting was called to decide upon was then taken by ballot. On the question—Shall a second mortgage to raise funds to extend the A. V. R. R. to the mouth of the Mahoning be issued? the vote was 2456 in favor and no votes against. Jefferson county was present by proxy and voted 1800 shares in favor of the extension. No other corporation voted. Nearly all the other shares voted were by proxy.

After the above business had been transacted and the tellers—Messrs. Daniel Euwer, L. Wilmarth, and David Aiken, had certified the poll, Gov. Johnson, President of the road, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be directed to place that portion of the road lying between Kittanning and Mahoning under contract at as early a day as possible.

Resolved, That the Board is hereby authorized to issue $400,000 of 7 per cent. bonds, to be secured by second mortgage on that portion of the road lying between Pittsburgh and Mahoning.

Resolved, That the Board is hereby authorized, instead of a 2nd mortgage being executed, to execute a 1st mortgage on the said portion of said road for $800,000, provided the consent of the holders of the 1st mortgage can be obtained.

Resolved, That in the event of the 1st mortgage bondholders releasing the lien of the mortgage on that portion of the road lying between Kittanning and Mahoning, that the Board is hereby authorized to execute a mortgage on that portion of the road lying between Kittanning and Mahoning, or Kittanning and Brookville, for such sum as may be deemed advisable to complete said works.

Adopted unanimously.

The President of the Company also laid before the stockholders the following bids for building the ten additional miles in contemplation:—

Samuel Rhodes & Co. will do the bridging, grading, etc., for $185,000 in second mortgage bonds of the company, or build the road entire and put it in running order for $335,000 in said bonds.

A. Waddell & Co. will build the road, the company finding certain specified material, for $400,000 in cash and $100,000 in county or second mortgage bonds of the company, the company to guarantee the county bonds.

The same gentlemen will build the road entire for $250,000—$50,000 in cash, $100,000 in county and $100,000 in second mortgage bonds of the company.

James Fenlon & Co will build for $97,776 in cash and $90,000 in Jefferson county bonds at 50 cents on the dollar

Fenlon & M'Cullough will build it entire for $400,000 in second mortgage bonds of the company. These propositions were received for consideration.

The following resolution was then offered by Dr Reynolds, of Kittanning, seconded by Mr. Wilmarth:

Resolved, That the President and Managers of the A. V. R. R. Co be requested to demand of the Commissioners of Clarion, Elk and M'Kean counties, the bonds of said counties, in payment of their subscriptions, and in the event of their refusal to deliver to said company the same, that legal proceedings be immediately instituted, to compel the commissioners of said counties to execute and deliver to the A. V. R. R. the bonds of said counties, in accordance with their subscription to the capital stock of said company

Mr. J. H. Sewell moved to amend, by inserting in the above the name of the borough of Kittanning. This was adopted and the resolution thus amended was adopted.

The President of the Company read the official communications of 1852, etc., from the commissioners of Elk, M'Kean, Jefferson, and other counties, accompanying their corporate subscriptions to the capital stock of the A. V. R. R. The Jefferson county bonds are still in the Bank of Pittsburgh, and are for $90,000. Gov. Johnson said that the reason why the bonds of the counties on the line of the road had not been called for or used, was that the parties issued with the understanding that they were to be used on the road in those counties. The meeting adjourned

DEDICATION.—The dedication of the Orphan's Farm School, founded by Mr. Passavant, at Zelienople, took place on Sunday last. Exercises were very interesting Dedicatory sermons were preached in the German and English Lutheran churches, by Revs. H. S. Miller, of Lebanon, and W. A. Passavant, (that good man,) of this city. At the conclusion of the services, the congregations were in a body to the Farm School. Rev. Dr. Kruth, Sr., was expected to be present, but was detained here by indisposition. On Monday forenoon, the examination of the orphan boys of the school took place, and it was an occasion of unmoted interest. The corner stone of the institution was laid July 4, 1854, and the building was ready for occupation in 1855. The grounds about the building comprise more than 25 acres, and building and property cost upwards of $25,000. This money was raised entirely by voluntary contributions. The institution is free from debt. Rev. G. Basler, of Zelienople, is President of the School, and Mr. Holls is head master. The number of boys now under instruction is between 40 and 50; the building will accommodate 100. The boys are instructed in all the branches usually taught in our common schools. The foundation of all their teachings is in religion. The grounds about the buildings are to be cultivated by these boys, and thus their physical education is cared for.

BETHEL CAUSE.—To the friends and patrons of the Pittsburgh Bethel, I wish to say that I am now in the city, and will make the annual call upon you for a continuance of your liberal patronage to this noble institution.

It has been in active and efficient operation in your port for six years. Its past success warrants the belief that you cannot, that you will not forego the service of this important auxiliary, in carrying the gospel directly into the midst of your large commerce.

I stop not here to enumerate the good results of the weekly visits of the chaplain, Rev. Mr. Dallas, to the boats, distributing the Word of God, and religious literature, among your thousands of boatmen, nor to name the blessings flowing out from the excellent Sabbath School connected with the Bethel. These are apparent to every observer.

Hoping to meet with a cordial reception and hearty co-operation, I am, respectfully, yours,

P. DOUGHTON, Financial Secretary.

DR VALENTINE'S ENTERTAINMENTS.—The lovers of genteel fun, genuine humor and a hearty laugh, will all be present at Dr. Valentine's Drawing Room Entertainment to-night. He makes people laugh in spite of themselves, and is a promoter of general good humor among all classes. He has engaged the Old Theatre for his entertainments, which has been thoroughly cleansed, and is cool and comfortable. The character of his performances is unexceptionable in all respects. He gives the entire entertainment himself, but his powers are most vivid, and from first to last you cannot stop laughing at him.

THE SYNODS.—The present will be an interesting week among several important religious bodies. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Old School, will meet at Indianapolis to-morrow; of the New School at Wilmington, Delaware, also on Thursday, and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in this city, on the same day. This latter body will be in session at the Church of the Rev. Dr. Kruth. The first session will open at nine A. M. to-morrow, with a sermon by Rev. Dr. Harkey, President of the last Convention. The Pittsburgh Synod meets on Thursday, 26th inst., in Kittanning.

THE SYNODS.—We have engaged a reporter who will send us full and interesting letters every day during the session of the Old School body at Indianapolis, from that place. These will be letters of rare interest, and our readers will, we are sure, appreciate them. We shall also have occasional letters from Wilmington, and shall have a full report of the proceedings of the Lutheran Synod, in this city.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—A man named WILLIAM WRIGHT, living on the hill, in the Eighth Ward, was almost instantly killed, yesterday, by the caving in upon him of a bank of clay. He was excavating clay on the hill side, and was engaged in undermining when the clay above him gave way and fell upon, completely crushing him with its weight. He lived but a few minutes afterwards, and leaves a wife and five children.

STOCK SALES.—The following stocks were sold last evening at the Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth street, by P. M. Davis, auctioneer:

51	shares Bank of Pittsburgh at	$60 37½
50	" Exchange Bank	60 37½
28	" Merchants' & Manufact'rs Bk	59 50
25	" Citizens' Bank	53 00
18	" P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. stock	5 50

REINSTATED.—George S. Selden, Esq., whose name was stricken from the roll of Attorneys practicing in the United States Courts, by order of Judge Irwin, was reinstated in all his privileges by order of the present judges, on Monday.

Telegraphic.

Further by the Arago.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The steamship Arago, from Southampton on the evening on the 4th inst., arrived at this port at noon to-day. She furnishes a few hours later intelligence than has been received by the steamer Nova Scotian.

VIENNA, May 3.—The Austrian army has advanced without serious combat to Carliro, Carro and Lomello.

PARIS, May 4.—Military volunteers for two years have been accepted. A war credit for ninety million francs is to be opened. A loan of five hundred million francs is to be contracted by national subscription.

ST. PETERSBURGH, May 3.—The official journal of the Government has been authorized to declare most positively that there exists no treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, between Russia and any other power whatever.

The statement that Trieste and the surrounding country had been declared in a state of siege by the Austrian troops is confirmed. Venice and Verona have also been declared in a state of siege. Gen. Giulai has imposed on the town of Novarra a demand for a heavy contribution of provisions and forage. The Austrians are in Piedmont.

It appears that the bridge of Buffalora was destroyed by the Piedmontese on their return from the resisting encounter with the Austrian troops. On entering Piedmont, Gen. Giulai, who commanded the Austrian forces, issued a proclamation, in which he said the Piedmontese should be treated with the greatest consideration. Austria appears there solely to combat the turbulent party which attacks the rights of Austria as well as other Italian States; a party feeble in numbers, strong only by audacity, and which prevents the voice of the true Piedmontese people from being heard.

The Emperor of Austria addressed an order of the day to Guilai's troops, which concluded thus:—"Soldiers of the second army, it is for you to carry to victory the untarnished flags of Austria. March to the combat with the blessing of God and the confidence of the Emperor."

LONDON, May 4.—The Times' city article says the improvement in the funds consequent upon the assurances of Mr. D'Israeli of his entire confidence that no secret treaty existed between France and Russia, was less than one-half per cent, and the market at the close was still heavy. The demand for discount at the Bank was unusually heavy, and a further advance in the rate on Thursday, was considered probable.

The English papers received by the Arago furnish the following additional particulars concerning the wreck of the packet ship Pomona, which was recently wrecked off Callycaligar. The cabin passengers were the Postmaster and his family, the retired officer's widow, and her three children. Of the three hundred and ninety-three steerage-passengers, thirty-eight were English and the remainder Irish.

Further by the Vigo.

[NEW YORK, May 17.—The following is a continuation of the steamer Vigo's news, which was obtained on the night of the 15th off Cape Race, but has been mysteriously detained by the Nova Scotian telegraph line.—*Reporter of the Associated Press.*]

ST. JOHNS, May 16.—The summary of the Vigo's news was made on board the steamer Vigo, and hence is not as complete a synopsis as one prepared by the Liverpool agent of the Associated Press would have been. This is unfortunately the case in regard to the report of the Liverpool Cotton Market, the papers from which the summary was made containing nothing concerning it. The following is an abstract of the intelligence contained in the London and Liverpool papers up to the morning of the day on which the steamer Vigo sailed, Friday, the 6th inst.:

Financial Affairs.—The Bank of England had increased its rate of discount to 4½ per cent. The London Daily News' city article of Thursday evening says the alteration in the bank rates had no effect on the funds, which opened at the quotations of the previous day and remained at that rate till an hour after the announcement. There was subsequently some fluctuation, but the closing prices were one quarter better than yesterday. The rise in the rate of discount causes sales in English railway and other stocks, which have hitherto been held on borrowed money. It thus happens that consols improved. Several other classes of securities have given way. £64,000 were withdrawn from the bank yesterday for exportation; £47,000 of American gold were also purchased for the Continent. Thursday was the settling day in funds and on the whole has passed off well. No failures have been declared. Delays have been granted in all cases of doubt, to the end of the week. The bank will now make advances to customers on six months bills, at one-half per cent. The demand for discount at the advanced rate has been very active. Joint stock banks have raised the allowance on deposit one per cent, the rates being now 3½ per cent. The advance bank rate to 4½ per cent is merely the result of the movement of the public. There is really no very excessive pressure for immediate sums on the part of the mercantile community, but the arming of Europe absorbs the specie and causes a continued increase in the value of capital.

The London Times says that the leaders of Italy have not advanced over 35 miles from the frontier, and it seems that though Austria staked heavily for the opportunity she won, she has now thrown it away.

The Paris Moniteur of the 6th contains the following: Allessandria, May 4—evening.—The Austrians who had crossed the Po in small numbers at Campia, pushed the van-guard as far as Salla and have now crossed the river. The Austrian division reported on the right bank of the river are still threatening the passage of the Po at Frassinato, but the river is much swollen by the rain and offers an obstacle to their crossing. The rain continues and all the low grounds are covered on the route.

PARMA, May 5.—The reigning Duchess entered the city yesterday. Part of the troops went out to meet her and another part was drawn up along the roads.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The Duke of Malakoff has had an audience to the Queen, and presented his letters recalling him to France.

The members returned to the new House of Commons, up to the evening of the 5th, were 552. The Times estimates the ministerial gain at 17, and the Herald at 21.

The death of Duke Lewes is announced. Lord Godolphin succeeds to the title.

Advices from Vienna state the failure of an extensive banking firm, with liabilities amounting to $2,000,000.

A telegram from St. Petersburg announces that exchange on London has fallen to 33½ per cent.

Commercial Intelligence.—The papers from which the summary has been made up contained no report of the Cotton market.

State of Trade.—On the 5th, the Manchester market was quiet, and though there was a full attendance the depression prevented business.

Liverpool Breadstuffs Market, May 5.—Wheat and Flour is held for an advance. In Corn, buyers were in attendance, but afraid to operate, unless at a decline of 3@9d per cental. The same feeling prevailed in regard to other articles.

London, May 6: 2 o'clock P. M.—Consols, for money, 90½@90¾; for account, 90¾.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—Letters from Denver city to April 15th state that there is a scarcity of provisions at the mines and much suffering among the emigrants. There have been several deaths from starvation reported, and emigrants were arriving in a destitute condition. There is an abundance of provisions, however, on the way from there and other points.

Contradictory reports prevailed regarding the mining prospects. The general tenor of the intelligence is not encouraging, but the unfavorable accounts are ascribed to the destitute and discontented emigrants.

No remittances, dusts or rich discoveries are announced.

Measures have been initiated to form a new State. Delegates are to meet in Denver city, in June, to frame a State Constitution.

Horace Greeley left yesterday, with the Leavenworth delegation, for the Osawatomie Convention.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—The river continues to rise, but very slowly. All the upper streams are still swelling—the Missouri very rapidly, at Leavenworth. It is higher than at any previous date, and rising at the rate of 6 inches per hour, with all its upper tributaries pouring out floods. The mountain rise is undoubtedly coming down. Weather clear.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—A letter dated Fort Kearny, 8th, says that the Pike's Peak emigrants are returning in droves: 900 wagons passed the fort in a week. The emigrants were in an extremely destitute condition, selling their wagons, horses and outfits, almost for nothing.

The St. Joseph *Gazette* publishes a report of a serious difficulty between the inhabitants of Auraira and Denva City, resulting in the burning of both towns. Local rivalry is said to be the cause. The report needs confirmation.

The river has risen 8 inches within the last 24 hours, and is still swelling. All the upper streams continue to rise more or less rapidly, and the prospects are now for a big rise and high river at this point. The weather is clear and very warm.

MEMPHIS, May 17.—Stevenson's block of eight buildings, at the corner of Washington and Main sts., was burned yesternight. Loss $150,000; partially insured. Principal sufferers: Lent & Trabue, Frank Smith & Co., M'Comb & Co., J. L. Case & Co., J. M. Counsel, H. Dow & Co., H. H. Mette.

A severe tornado, accompanied by rain and hail, passed over the city last night, unroofing a number of houses.

LOUISVILLE, May 17.—The steamer Martha Putnam, from Cincinnati to St. Louis, heavily laden, was crushed to pieces on the falls, store a hole in her hull, was towed ashore, and then sunk in 7 ft. water. The boat was uninsured.

LOUISVILLE, May 17.—The river is falling slowly with 5 ft. 3 inches in the canal. Weather clear—mercury 80°.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Leavenworth *Times* says that Gen. Larimer appeared as counsel for one John Stuffle, who murdered his father-in-law at Denver City. Stuffle was condemned, however, and given half an hour after sentence to prepare for death. That time having elapsed, he was hung.

S. A. Bown & Co. have just opened their Ice Cream Saloon for the season, where the lovers of this delicacy can be supplied at all hours of the day and evening, together with all the etceteras. They keep constantly on hand every kind of plain and fancy cakes and confectionery, manufactured from the best material and got up by competent workmen. Wedding and other parties supplied on short notice and in the very best style.

IN GOTHAM, when the sun is low,
Come forth in swarms the insect foe,
And for our blood they bore, you know,
And suck it in most rapidly.
But bugs, roaches, 'skeeters—black or white—
In death's embrace are stiffened quite,
If Lyon's Powders chance to light
In their obscure vicinity.

The effect of this powder is almost instantaneous death to all the insect tribe. Gardens can be preserved, and houses cleared of the vermin pest. *It is free from poison*, and harmless to mankind and domestic animals. All genuine, signed E. Lyon. Powders for insects, pills for rats and mice.

Sample Flasks, 25 cts; regular size, 50 cts. a $1. BARNES & PARE, New York.

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PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

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PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1859.

FLOUR—there was still a good deal of excitement, yesterday, but prices did not advance any, except on lots from store, on wharf and at depot there were sales of 112, 80, 100, 50, 100 and 22 bbls, at $7 for Super, and $7.25@7.40 for good to choice extra. From store, 1,000 bbls, in lots, at $7.25, $7.37@7.50 for Super, $7.50@$7.75 for Extra, and $7.90@8 for Family do, and 100 sks Tennessee at $4.

GRAIN—not much offering: sales of 250 bush Oats, from store, at 48, and 150 do at 56, and 200 bush Corn at 65.

GROCERIES—sales of 10 hhds Sugar at 8, Molasses, 10 and 15 bbls at 42 and 50 bgs Coffee at 12½.

PROVISIONS—firm, and in good demand; sales, in lots, of 25,000 lbs Bacon at 7¾@8 for shoulders, 9¾@10 for Sides, and 10¼ for plain Hams. Mess Pork, 100 bbls at $18—an advance. Dried Beef, 2,000 lbs at 12½.

BUTTER & EGGS—a sale of 6 bbls Eggs at 11c, and 9 pkgs Butter at 12.

OIL—sales of 12 bbls No. 1 Lard Oil at 95, and 7 bbls Refined Coal Oil at $1.

SOAP—sales of 1,000 bxs at 5 for Rosin, 5 for Chemical Olive, and 9¼ for Toilet.

ASHES—a sale of 10 tons at 5¼.

HAY—sales of 20 loads at scales at $20.11 ¾ ton.

WHISKY—advanced, a sale of 100 bbls Raw at 30.

POTATOES—sales of 75 bbls at $2.25@2.75, and 50 do at $2.50, and 100 bush at 70c@30, as in quality.

FISH—sales of 30 half bbls Lake White at $4.75@5, and 15 do do Lake Herring at $4.50.

CHEESE—sales of 25 bxs new W. R. at 10.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The following is a comparative statement of the Imports of Foreign Dry Goods and General Merchandise for the week, and since Jan 1

For the Week.

	1857.	1858.	1859.
Dry Goods	$ 746,906	$ 590,003	$1,188,826
General Merchandise	3,262,104	2,153,439	4,812,953
Total for the week	$ 4,019,010	$