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THE following we find in the Chicago *Press & Tribune*:

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R. CO., Dec. 16, 1859.—*Eds. Times—Gentlemen:*—Through your columns I desire to assure the shareholders of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago R. R. Co., that the Board of Directors still retain possession of the road and property in the States of Illinois and Indiana; and indeed the Superior court in this city to-day granted an injunction restraining J. E. Edgerton, Esq., the Receiver appointed by the Federal Court in Ohio, from interfering with the company, its agents, or property in this State. The Board of Directors are informed by the most eminent counsel in Ohio that the appointment of Receiver as to the property in that State is void. The Board is also assured that the order of the District Court at Pittsburgh, appointing a Sequestrator, can be set aside.

I would also assure the friends of the company, and the patrons of the road, that every effort will be made, and I doubt not with entire success, to so conduct the business of the road as to merit, and secure the large traffic that such an important and advantageously located road ought to command; and which will result in ample revenues to enable the company, in good time, to discharge all the liabilities.

G. W. CASS, President pro tem.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE, CHICAGO, R. R. CO., Chicago, Dec. 17, 1859.—In an editorial paragraph in your issue of this morning, under the caption of "Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago R. R. Co.," it is stated that you are authorized by Mr. Edgerton, Receiver of the above road, to say, among other things, that the Receiver's authority is conceded in Ohio, and he is asserting and exercising it in Indiana and Illinois.

I have to say on behalf of the Board of Directors, that while they are not obstructing him in Ohio, in carrying out an order he has received from the Federal Court in the Northern Judicial District of that State, they do not concede that his appointment is valid; and they will contest the same before the court which appointed him. In Indiana and Illinois the Board is advised that he is without the shadow of authority. So far as this State is concerned, the Superior Court yesterday made an order restraining Mr. Edgerton from interfering with the Company, its agents or property in Illinois.

In connection with this subject, I hand you the action of the Board of Directors in the premises which were adopted with but one dissenting voice—nine members being present.

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THE P., F. W. & C. R. R. IN ITS INFLUENCE ON THE INTERESTS OF THIS STATE.—The legal dispute now being carried on as to the possession of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, is to be very broadly asserted, originated with the design of making the road tributary to New York, instead of Pennsylvania interests. The Cleveland Herald, in a recent article, admits as much. It says: "In plain terms, the western line has been used as the cat's paw with which the Pennsylvania Central people have raked the chestnuts from the fire." Here appears to lie the true cause of the present difficulty. There is no question that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company holds a very material advantage over the New York lines in its Western connections. But as gold may be bought too dear, it is a matter of serious consideration whether the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is now, or if now, that it will be ultimately profited from the possession of this long railroad connection west of Pittsburgh. In the first place, the road is too long to be as closely supervised by the same eye, as it should be, to be made most profitable. In the second place, rivalry is provoked, and long lines brought in competition to profit or loss, as the result shall prove, of rival cities. It is possible that we are not as well informed on the subject as some others, but it has always appeared to us that the true interests of the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and of the Pennsylvania Railroad—to the making of which both contributed largely—would be best promoted by meeting at Pittsburgh and encouraging the trade of the Ohio river and its connections. The navigation of the river and its tributaries penetrates the western and southwestern States many thousands of miles, and we have the statements of gentlemen having the best opportunities for correct information on the subject, that an expenditure of less than half a million of dollars will make the Ohio river navigable to Pittsburgh the year through. This done, the ability of water navigation to underwork railroads in the matter of heavy tonnage; would attract produce in very large amounts to Pittsburgh, from which point to tide water there is no outlet can compete with the works of the Penn'a. Railroad Company. Produce once at Pittsburgh is fairly in the control of this company, and is due to Philadelphia as the seaboard shipping point. Trade, and by trade we mean the exchange of commodities, would, as a consequence, centre here. Exports would invite imports, and where there is any considerable exchange of the products of labor, there business men will congregate. By commanding the flour, and pork, and beef of the west, we take the first grand step in making Pilladelphia a city of trade, and where trade centres, passenger travel will also come. Pittsburgh would again be gladdened by the puffing of its hundreds of steamers filling with valuable freight its new tennantless store houses. At present the railroad traffic west from all the Atlantic cities is not so much how greatly each may profit itself and benefit the trade of the city at its terminus, as to how much, each may cut down and lesson the business of the others. The Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad is an immense work and to stand at Philadelphia and command an unbroken iron way to Chicago is a proud position, but a more important question is, does it pay as well as would a less magnificent and less costly enterprise.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

FORGERY AND ARREST.—On Wednesday last, a man named Sam'l Logan, of Fairfield tp., drew $250 from the Banking office of C. A. Derickson, Esq., on a forged note to which were signed the names of Jacob Smock, Henry Hart and Hugh Smith. The next day it was discovered that their names were forgeries, and Constable Kelsey was dispatched with a warrant to arrest Logan. On Saturday night he brought him before 'Squire Tucker, having apprehended him in Mercer on that day. He was taken but an hour or two before two others, for whom this Logan seems to be merely the tool or cat's paw, being a simple sort of a fellow, were to meet with him to divide the money. Their names are Jewel and Ross, and warrants have been issued for them. Two hundred and one dollars have been recovered. Logan was committed to jail to answer.—*Crawford Jour.*

FENCING RAILROAD.—A meeting was held at Industry on Saturday last, for the purpose of taking the necessary steps for petitioning the Legislature to compel the fencing of the River Railroad. A committee was appointed to ascertain the value of stock killed since the road has been in operation. Thomas M'Creery, of this place, and S. H. Pierson, of Vanport, are on the committee. Those who have had stock destroyed are requested to make report to them.—*Beaver Argus.*

THE Rev. Wm. M. Paxton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, received a call week before last from the Second Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, of which Dr. Spencer was formerly pastor, and which was lately served by the Rev. Dr. Willis Lord, now of Chicago. But Mr. Paxton declined the call at once.—*Presb. Banner.*

VANITY FAIR and IRVING MAGAZINE, both new papers—the former being the first number of a comic paper and the latter, a new literary paper, the first number also—for December, are out. The "Pulpit and Rostrum," a neat little work published in pamphlet form, containing phonographic reports of sermons, orations and popular lectures, etc., published monthly, for the present month, is out. All the above works can be had at Hunt & Miner's, Fifth street.

The "Vanity Fair" is also for sale by J. W. Pittock, Odd Fellows' Building.

THE Mayoralty election and the approaching Holidays so engross public attention that few are found directing their attention to the great inventions and improvements of the day. None more strongly commends itself to the notice of the public than the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine, highly ornamental, simple in construction and most effective in its operation. They execute the most substantial at the same time that they perform the most delicate work. Go to the warerooom, over Hugus' store, corner of Market and Fifth streets, 2d story, and examine these beautiful machines. Get one for a Holiday Gift—none more appropriate, none more acceptable could be selected.

FOR SALE.—Three *Scholarships* for a full course of Writing and Book-keeping (two unlimited) in the Birmingham Commercial College. Here is an opportunity rarely offered for any one intending to attend an institution of this kind, and one that should be taken advantage of as the above scholarships will be sold very *cheap*. This institution has been in successful operation for over a year, and it is not surpassed by any similar one in this community. For further particulars apply at this office, where the scholarships can be had.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 58 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock A. M.	00	16
12 " M.	00	21
6 " P. M.		22
Barometer	29 3.10	

MR. R. K. REED.—This excellent gentleman and true-hearted philanthropist, arrived in our city yesterday afternoon, and is stopping at the St. Charles. Dr. Reed's mission among us is in behalf of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, of which he is the Agent for the Western Division of the State. In this cause the strongest sympathies of the Dr. has been enlisted for many years, and his time and substance have been to no small degree unselfishly and ungrudgingly devoted to its promotion. Through his instrumentality, the family of Robert Taylor, consisting of seven members, have been embarked for Liberia, where they are now enjoying, not only nominal, but real liberty, with all its attendant blessings and benefits. The Taylor family are a healthy, exemplary and deserving one, and will be a real acquisition to the State, with the fortunes of which their future destinies are to be identified.

We learn from Dr. Reed, that the Society are a good deal straightened for pecuniary means; the drafts upon it having been unusually large during the past year. We trust his labors in behalf of the Society in this city and vicinity, may be fully up to his largest wishes. The Dr. will visit the Northern tier of counties after the Holidays, calling upon the friends of the cause, in Erie, Mercer, &c., and laying before them the claims of the Society, for liberal aid in this time of need.

DELEGATES ELECTED.—The delegates to constitute the Democratic Convention, to be held next Tuesday, are the following:

First Ward—G P Viereheller, James Kennedy, Phil McGlaughlin, John Bryar, John D Quinn (For Kennedy)

Second Ward—Chas Barrett, John M Irwin, James Gray, J B Sweizer, Thomas Hastings (For Anshutz.)

Third Ward—Thos H Pender, E P Kearns, James Diamond, E A Aurentz, T B Hamilton. (For Phillips.)

Fourth Ward—Geo H Keyser, A Holstein, C McBride, J M Richards, James Born (Uninstructed.)

Fifth Ward—Joseph Bell, John Lundy, Robert Giles, D D Cornman, C Wenger. (For Phillips.)

Sixth Ward—Jas Blackmore, Sam'l Harper, Peter McCoy, Wm Farley, S McIlwaine. (For McIlwaine.)

Seventh Ward—Thos Barbin, James Little, John John Hays, Pat Pender, Benjamin Kane. (Uninstructed.)

Eighth Ward—Wm Griffin, Wm Alexander, George Deary, R Leonard, Fred Wessel. (For Phillips.)

Ninth Ward—Thomas S Rowley, Wm C Moreland, Sam'l Hays, J D Moreland, Leopold Bennett. (For Phillips.)

The First Ward is therefore for Kennedy, the Second is carried by Anshutz, and his vote will probably be given to Phillips. The Eighth and Nith are also for Phillip; the Third Fifth and Sixth are for McIlwaine; the Fourth and Seventh are uninstructed.

In the Second Ward, after Six votes had been put in the ballot box, it was taken away by some "Dimocrat" and no more votes were cast.

CHRISTMAS.—This day of general gladness, which falls for this year on Sunday, will be celebrated on Monday, the 26th. Great preparations are making by old and young for the usual games, sports and enjoyments of the season. Such sects who observe the season as a religious festival are adorning their places of worship with evergreens, as is usual with them. All the stores where toys, trinkets and little gifts of all sorts are sold now appear filled with their commodities. The jewellers make an elegant display, and some of them have already sold choice and expensive articles of silver and gold ware, as tokens of kindly regard. The day promises to be a very enjoyable one, as from present appearances the sleighing will be excellent. All the places of amusement will present peculiar attractions. Orphans' Fairs and Church Fairs will be held, at which the benevolent will be able to invest in a worthy manner any loose change they may have. We trust the signs of a happy time may hold true, and that the coming festival may prove a merry Christmas to all.

NOW IS THE TIME to subscribe for the *Gazette*. The time and place being fixed for the holding of the National Republican Convention, the political campaign will now open and the great battle begin in good earnest. Every intelligent Republican in the county should provide himself with a good paper, from which to glean reliable information of the progress of affairs. The *Gazette* will go into the approaching contest with a will, and do valiant service in the glorious cause of Freedom—going as far as the journal that goes farthest in upholding and stoutly defending the glorious principles inscribed in blazing characters on the Republican Banner—Free Soil, Free Speech and a Free Press. Send in your names, make up clubs and spread abroad the unanswerable arguments in defence of the noble principles of our party. The *Gazette* being the oldest Republican paper in the west, commends itself to the confidence and patronage of all who have embarked with it in the great struggle to come off at an early day in defence of liight, the Constitution and the Union.

DEATH OF ROBERT GALWAY, Esq.—We were shocked yesterday when the report reached us that Mr. Galway was dead. We had met him a dozen times within the last week or so. He appeared to be in perfect health. He was out yesterday forenoon attending to his business. He returned to his home in his buggy about noon, and going into his house soon after, dropped down and died. The cause of his death was disease of the heart. Mr. Galway was an active and enterprising merchant in the grocery line, and his place of business has been on Liberty street. He had acquired a handsome competence, and at the time of his death was President of the Pittsburgh Life, Fire and Marine Insurance Company. He enjoyed the reputation of an honest and upright man in all his dealing, and dies regretted and respected by all.

LAST evening, Hon. J. B. Gardenhire delivered an eloquent address before an audience of some three hundred people, on the resources of Missouri and the prospects of the emancipation cause in that State. We were never more interested in a speech or speaker, and the audience were delighted as they evinced by frequent bursts of applause. He reviewed all the movements in the State, in favor of free soil, and disclosed as the more immediate object of his address, a plan for the building of an University at Jefferson City. The University board has secured 447 acres of land, which are divided into convenient building lots, and the proceeds from their sale is to go to the buildings. This school is intended to be a great seminary of free principles to the State. We shall have more to say of this address and the scheme developed in the remarks last evening, at another time.

THIRD WARD MEETING.—At the Republican primary meeting, held at the house of Francis Jamison, on Thursday evening, Jos. W. Lewis was appointed Chairman, and J. W. Colville and Jas. Sutherland, Secretaries, and the following ticket was put in nomination. On motion, the Chairman was authorized to appoint an Executive Committee.

School Directors—Joseph W. Lewis, 3 years, Dr. T. J. Gallaher, 3 years, Samuel Mason, 1 year.

Judge—1st precinct: James Sutherland; 2d precinct; Julius F. Stark.

Inspectors—Robert Allingham, Wm. Forsyth.

Assessor—Joseph Heastings.

Constable—Samuel Lushbo.

Select Council—Alex. Mitchell.

Common Council—J. H. Robinson, J. J. Soibeneck, George W. Leonard, George L. M'Cook.

SOME hard-hearted creature placed a new horn balsom on the door steps of the residence of Mr. T. Bakewell, Wednesday night about 8 o'clock. The little thing was wrapped in a piece of calico, and having no other protection from the cold, its feet and legs were badly frozen before it was discovered. It was taken to the Mayor's office, who handed it over to John Brown (1) who has it in good keeping. Mr. Bakewell left a sum of money with the Mayor to pay for care of the little creature.

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—Mr. Weyand, who has for several years ably and successfully conducted the Beaver *Argus*, a thorough-going Republican paper, has retired from that position to give place to Prof. S. Davenport, late Principal of the Beaver Seminary. We wish for the new editor and proprietor the greatest success. We trust he may still be presiding over his journal at the inauguration of a Republican President in 1861.

SENT TO THE REFORM.—Two brothers, named William and Daniel Pugh, aged respectively 12 and 15 years, from Butler county, were committed to the House of Refuge, on Tuesday, by Esq. Anderson, of that county, on charges of vagrancy and incorrigibility. They were brought on here yesterday, by constable Lardner, of Butler, and were immediately removed to their new home in Manchester.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.—Davis & Co., No. 60 Fifth street, are prepared to give beautiful holiday gifts with every book purchased from them. They sell every book at publishers prices, which is as low as they can be purchased elsewhere, and in addition give a valuable present with each work.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Address of the Minority of the "Sawyer" Committee.

To the Republican voters of the City of Pittsburgh:

The Convention or political meeting which nominated B. C. SAWYER, Jr., as a candidate for Mayor of this city, appointed a committee of nine for the purpose of preparing and publishing an "Address," consisting of the following named gentlemen, viz: John Marshall, Joseph Kaye, Nelson Hersh, Wm. B. Hays, George W Leonard, John H. Sarber, John Hoffer, William H. Hutchinson and John Routh.

The undersigned a minority of said committee, so appointed by the Sawyer Convention, have observed with regret that a most unfair and impudent document has been set forth by five of their number, arrogating to themselves the title of "Committee on Address." This remarkable paper may express the views of those members of the committee whose names are appended to it, as well as the personal opinions of the author, whose ear marks it bears. The undersigned, however, deem it a duty they owe to themselves, as well as the great political party to which they belong, to publicly disavow all responsibility for this published address of their colleagues, and to candidly state their conviction that GEORGE WILSON, Esq., is the regular nominee of the Republican party for Mayor of the city. As such he is entitled, as we believe, to the generous support of all those Republicans who value the success of our principles more than they do the elevation of any particular man or the triumph of faction. Aside from the notorious fact that Mr. Sawyer's political antecedents are not such as to commend him to the confidence of men of any party organization, we are satisfied that he is not the choice of the Republican voters of this city. From an impartial survey of the whole field, and daily intercourse with our Republican brethren, we feel authorized to state that he has succeeded by a resort to those questionable artifices which too often control our primary meetings, in nominally carrying three or four wards in his favor. After the most diligent inquiry, however, we are constrained to give it as our deliberate judgment that these wards were only carried by frauds of the most unblushing description, and that on a fair ballot B. C. Sawyer, Jr., cannot obtain a majority of recognized Republican voters in his favor in a single election district in the city of Pittsburgh. Particularly is this true of the Third Ward, where, notwithstanding 650 Republican votes are claimed to have been cast for his delegates, it is conceded by men of all parties that he could not and did not poll one hundred legal votes! Premising thus much, we briefly state to our Republican fellow citizens some additional reasons which have led us to the conclusion that B. C. Sayer, Jr., is not the regular nominee of our party, or entitled to our support.

First, we view the outrage on popular rights committed by the Sawyer convention, in refusing to submit a substitute for Mr. Joshua Rhodes, to fill a vacancy in the delegation representing the Fourth ward, in defiance of the usages, forms and immemorial rules of all similar bodies.

Second, The admission, by the Sawyer convention, of a set of bogus delegates from the Third ward, whose election was notoriously fraudulent and void.

Third, The fact is generally known in Mr Sawyer's own ward, (the Eighth,) that he has not cooperated or acted with the Republicans of that district, but on the contrary has so conducted with the Democracy to defeat our city and county tickets at recent elections; and, therefore, he has no claims upon our countenance and support as Republicans.

Fourth, Mr. Sawyer is not eligible to the office of Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, even if elected.

On this point the undersigned, as it will be seen, have availed themselves of the legal opinion of A. M. Brown, Esq., a lawyer of standing and known ability, and public attention is solicited to the annexed correspondence of this Committee with him on that subject. It will be seen that Mr. Brown is of opinion, with Messrs Shaler and Williams, that Mr Sawyer is ineligible. In conclusion, we call upon the Republicans of this stronghold of freedom to rally to the support of GEORGE WILSON, Esq., our nominee for the Mayoralty. We disdain to appeal in his behalf to the prejudices of any class of our citizens, but we confidently point you to the record of his life, as the surest criterion of his merits, and of his usefulness as a citizen. Never known as an office seeker, or as being afflicted with a chronic or hereditary tendency to the Mayoralty, he has yet been a quiet, unwearying and effective opponent of the Slave Oligarchy and Washington Union, to suppress the Religious Institutions therein.

Mr. Gwin, of California, introduced the Pacific Railroad bill, and never neglected to which call it up at an early day.

Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, introduced a bill making an appropriation for the erection of piers in the Delaware Bay.

Mr. Harlan of Iowa, introduced a bill to reimburse the State of Iowa for moneys expended in the suppression of Indian hostilities.

Mr. Clay, of Alabama, introduced a bill for the repeal of all laws granting bounty lands.

Mr. Isaac, of Minn., gave notice of his intension to introduce a bill for the territorial organization of Arizona.

Mr. Slidell offered a resolution that when the Senate adjourn to-morrow it will be until Tuesday next, on Tuesday to adjourn till Friday, and from Friday to adjourn till the following Tuesday, the 3d of January. After some conversation the resolution was adopted and the Senate adjourned.

Arrival of the Steamship Asia.

SANDY HOOK, Dec. 22—The steamship Asia, which passed this point about 8 o'clock this morning, was boarded by the newsboat of the New York Associate Press.

The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £82,000.

The steamship New York had arrived out.

It is rumored in England that the Chinese had ordered the Russians to evacuate Amoor settlement, and had sealed up the Embassy at Pekin in their palace.

The directors of the Great Eastern Steamship Company had postponed the explanation of their embarrassments to the shareholders for a month. The delay caused much dissatisfaction among the shareholders, who were anxious to learn the true state of affairs.

The total amount of gold removed from the wreck of the Royal Charter, reaches £150,000.

Victor Hugo publishes an eloquent appeal in behalf of John Brown and the Harper's Ferry affair. He says Mr. Buchanan's executors will be a crime of the greatest magnitude.

The Bank of France has gained six millions francs, in cash, during the month.

The French budget for the next year will amount to 1,13,000,000. The Paris Bourse was buoyant.

The envoy of the Prince Daniel, of Montenegro, had been assassinated at Constantinople.

Spain had issued orders for an additional levy of 50,000 men, in compliance with the demand of Gen. O'Donnell.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The steamship Asia has arrived up. She left Liverpool at 9½ o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst, and brings London telegraphic advices of that date.

THE CONFESSOR.—Le Nord says that the exiled sovereigns and present chiefs of the government of Central Italy will plead their cause before the Congress by note or memorials.

FRANCE.—At the grand municipal banquet in Paris, the Prefect of the Seine spoke in a very eulogistic tone of the new pacific era on which he said that France had entered.

It is stated that the French government is about to expend upwards of £500,000 in fortifying the ports of Algeria.

ITALY.—The Tuscan Moniteur says that the Congress will find Italy resolved to maintain her rights. The Central Italians are better armed than they were at the end of the Austrian occupation, and will persevere in defending a strong Italian kingdom and a national union which will efface the old divisions.

The provisional government of Florence had dispatched orders to all the diplomatic agents and public functionaries appointed by the Grand Duke, at present about to return to Tuscany within a fortnight, under penalty of losing their pecuniary allotments on pensions.

The Paris Univers undertakes to prove that the reforms which are called for in the Papal States by the Liberal party, cannot by any possibility be accorded by the Sovereign Pontiff.

SPAIN.—Reports were current at Madrid that the dysentary and even cholera had broken out among the Spanish troops in Morocco.

It is thought that the Spanish generals would not assume offensive operations till all their forces were concentrated.

Official returns of the losses on the 19th November, a subsequent day, show 9 officers killed and 45 wounded, and 29 soldiers killed and 717 wounded.

Liverpool Cotton Market.—The market closes with a declining tendency; N. O. middling 7¼d; Mobile do 7d; Uplands do 6¾d.

Latest by Telegraph to Liverpool.—London, Saturday morning.—The Directors of the Great Eastern steamer state that their liabilities immediately due will reach £15,000, against which they have only £1,100 in the hands of the bankers. The Daily News says the company have made arrangements to borrow £10,000 on a mortgage of the steamer.

It is rumored that the Rothschilds have contracted to purchase the Moscow and St. Petersburg Railroad.

The Tiro Montane Journals of the Tyrol assert that any attempts of the government of Austria to be the nominee and which will be equivalent to an election.

A fellow named Alfred Hall recently out of the penitentiary, was fined by the Mayor yesterday, $25, for behaving in an outrageous and disorderly manner towards a woman named Martha Bell, at a boarding house on Third street. He was also sent to jail for thirty days. Hall is a colored man.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams, J. B. Poor vs. Robt. Mead, action on a promissory note and book account. Riddell and Howard for plaintiffs, A. W. Foster for defendants. Verdict for plaintiffs, $148.

LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

Thirty-Sixth Congress—First Session.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 22.

HOUSE.—Mr. Farnsworth, of Illinois, was entitled to the floor, which he gave way to, to enable Mr. Carter, of Iowa, to move that the House proceed to vote for Speaker.

Mr. Carter said that it appeared to him that this was the last day before the holidays that they could effect an organization. He should like to hear his friend Farnsworth, were it not that that gentleman should devote the whole of the day in the effort to organize. The whole country is looking for an organization this very day. He was told in a private conversation this morning that four millions of dollars are due the contractors, and most of them are now here, imploring the members to make an appropriation for their pay.

As a preliminary to voting, there was a call of the House. As it was ascertained that about eighteen members were absent, it was thought best not to proceed at present to a vote.

Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky, wanted first an organization, and then gentlemen might discuss the slavery question to their heart's content; he was opposed to its agitation.

Mr. Haskin remarked that he cast his vote for Gilmer, who was consistent in his opposition to the Lecompton policy of the administration. As an anti-Lecompton Democrat, if Mr. Gilmer is again presented as the candidate of the conservative portion of the House, he would vote for him. (Applause.)

Mr. Burnett said if there were no other reason why he should not vote for Gilmer, that gentleman was sustained by some of the most prominent leaders of the Republican party.

Mr. Harris, of Md., remarked that Mr. Burnett could exercise his own judgment. He was willing to leave to the people outside of this House to pronounce upon the reasons for voting for Gilmer assigned by Messrs. Garnett and Burnett. It being now an ascertained fact that with the Democratic vote Mr. Gilmer can be elected, he put that gentleman in nomination. (Applause.)

Mr. Millson said that without any agency of his own, his name had been used in the canvass. He did not think that under the circumstances he could be regarded in any proper sense as a candidate. It was not, therefore, either his duty or privilege to withdraw his name, or even offer any suggestion to the gentlemen who had given his vote so very flattering to himself. While he expressed his warm and grateful acknowledgment for the honor, he trusted that he might be allowed to express the hope that in future contingencies his friends would be influenced alone by a sense of public duty, uninfluenced in any degree by any personal considerations resulting from his nomination.

The House proceeded to vote; 18th ballot—whole number 223; necessary to a choice 112: Sherman 95, Millson 29, Gilmer 26, Davis, of Ind., 1, Adrian 3; scattering 6.

Mr. Winslow offered a resolution that on and after to-day, no vote shall be taken for Speaker until the second Monday in January. He said it was evident that the House could do nothing just now to effect an organization. They were approaching the holidays, which even the slaves in the South enjoyed. He thought it better to adjourn over in order that gentlemen might go home and catch some of the patriotic feelings of their constituents.

Mr. Washburne, of Mes, and others on the Republican side objected to the reception of the resolution.

Mr. Grow contended that only two motions were in order, either to proceed to vote or adjourn. The discussion of the slavery question had been thrust on the House by those who cry out "no agitation." The Republicans had sat here with closed lips, while the grossest perversion of their doctrines had been made by men who claim to be fair-minded. Now, while we owe five millions of dollars to those who have performed service under written contracts, and been waiting six months for their pay, it was proposed for gentlemen to go home and leave the government bankrupt. He asked whether the government ought to leave these faithful creditors, who are contractors, who have rendered important services.

They had been sitting here listening to speeches in substance what appeared in the New York Herald for the last fifty weeks. That paper furnished the news, while the conversation only lacks the spice and terseness of its style. All read these editorials with interest. Gentlemen have been advertising Helper's book, which they say is destructive to the peace and tranquility of the Union, and giving it wide circulation, which the Republican committee had failed to do. If the book is incendiary, as charged, and disturbed the peace of the country so much, those who had been designing the slavery question are responsible for it. The Republicans had not spread broadcast this book.

After further discussion, House adjourned.

SENATE.—Mr. Mallory, of Florida, introduced a bill amending the act to promote the progress of the useful arts.

Mr. Lane, of Oregon, introduced a bill making an appropriation for the payment of the expenses incurred by the people of Oregon and Washington to suppress the Indian hostilities therein.

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The directors of the Great Eastern Steamship Company had postponed the explanation of their embarrassments to the shareholders for a month. The delay caused much dissatisfaction among the shareholders, who were anxious to learn the true state of affairs.

The total amount of gold removed from the wreck of the Royal Charter, reaches £150,000.

Victor Hugo publishes an eloquent appeal in behalf of John Brown and the Harper's Ferry affair. He says Mr. Buchanan's executors will be a crime of the greatest magnitude.

The Bank of France has gained six millions francs, in cash, during the month.

The French budget for the next year will amount to 1,13,000,000. The Paris Bourse was buoyant.

The envoy of the Prince Daniel, of Montenegro, had been assassinated at Constantinople.

Spain had issued orders for an additional levy of 50,000 men, in compliance with the demand of Gen. O'Donnell.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The steamship Asia has arrived up. She left Liverpool at 9½ o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst, and brings London telegraphic advices of that date.

THE CONFESSOR.—Le Nord says that the exiled sovereigns and present chiefs of the government of Central Italy will plead their cause before the Congress by note or memorials.

FRANCE.—At the grand municipal banquet in Paris, the Prefect of the Seine spoke in a very eulogistic tone of the new pacific era on which he said that France had entered.

It is stated that the French government is about to expend upwards of £500,000 in fortifying the ports of Algeria.

ITALY.—The Tuscan Moniteur says that the Congress will find Italy resolved to maintain her rights. The Central Italians are better armed than they were at the end of the Austrian occupation, and will persevere in defending a strong Italian kingdom and a national union which will efface the old divisions.

The provisional government of Florence had dispatched orders to all the diplomatic agents and public functionaries appointed by the Grand Duke, at present about to return to Tuscany within a fortnight, under penalty of losing their pecuniary allotments on pensions.

The Paris Univers undertakes to prove that the reforms which are called for in the Papal States by the Liberal party, cannot by any possibility be accorded by the Sovereign Pontiff.

SPAIN.—Reports were current at Madrid that the dysentary and even cholera had broken out among the Spanish troops in Morocco.

It is thought that the Spanish generals would not assume offensive operations till all their forces were concentrated.

Official returns of the losses on the 19th November, a subsequent day, show 9 officers killed and 45 wounded, and 29 soldiers killed and 717 wounded.

Liverpool Cotton Market.—The market closes with a declining tendency; N. O. middling 7¼d; Mobile do 7d; Uplands do 6¾d.

Latest by Telegraph to Liverpool.—London, Saturday morning.—The Directors of the Great Eastern steamer state that their liabilities immediately due will reach £15,000, against which they have only £1,100 in the hands of the bankers. The Daily News says the company have made arrangements to borrow £10,000 on a mortgage of the steamer.

It is rumored that the Rothschilds have contracted to purchase the Moscow and St. Petersburg Railroad.

The Tiro Montane Journals of the Tyrol assert that any attempts of the government of Austria to be the nominee and which will be equivalent to an election.

A fellow named Alfred Hall recently out of the penitentiary, was fined by the Mayor yesterday, $25, for behaving in an outrageous and disorderly manner towards a woman named Martha Bell, at a boarding house on Third street. He was also sent to jail for thirty days. Hall is a colored man.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams, J. B. Poor vs. Robt. Mead, action on a promissory note and book account. Riddell and Howard for plaintiffs, A. W. Foster for defendants. Verdict for plaintiffs, $148.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

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Weekly Review of the Pittsburgh Market,

[Reported expressly for the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1859.

Business during the past week was not very active. The weather, in a great measure, was unfavorable for out-door trade. We subjoin a few extracts from our exchanges:

The Cincinnati Price Current, of Monday, says:—The receipts of hogs during the week by the various channels, were as follows:—

By Railways	69,905
By River	2,775
From Kentucky	3,467
Driven in	2,260
Total for the week	78,754
Previously reported	243,978
Total this season	321,731
Same time last year	236,905
Do do 1857	222,301
Do do 1856	287,916
Do do 1855	401,658
Do do 1854	257,696

The money market has been entirely quiet during the day, with no change of any kind to notice. Currency in good supply. Exchange is steady at ¼. Gold-state figures at retail, with very little demand.—Chic. Press.

The receipts of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad for the month of November was, for freight, $19,067 82, tickets, $20,339 11—making a total of $39,406 93.

The Chicago Press of Tuesday says:—The receipts of Hogs yesterday and to-day were 6,500, live and dressed, and the market for both advanced 10@12c. Dressed Hogs were in good demand by shippers, and sales ranged from $4.50@6.75. Live Hogs sold at a range of $4.90@5.20 with a good demand by packers.

There is likewise a better feeling in the Provision market; Mess Pork is held at $16.00, but buyers do not meet the holders. A lot of 220 bbls was sold at $14.75, and 100 bbls at $14.50. Green Meats are still in good demand.

ASHES—there is nothing doing except in Soda Ash, which is selling at 3@3¾c. Pots are nominal at 4½@5, and Pearls at 5½@6.

APPLES—the demand is brisk and receipts about equal to the inquiry; sales during the week of about 800 bbls at $2.12@2.37 for good common varieties, $2.50 for prime, and $2.75 for choice.

ALE—Pittsburgh manufactured continues in fair demand, with steady shipments to all parts of the country. The established rates at present are:

	bbls.	half bbls.
Bennett	$8	$4.00
Cross	6	3.00
Eagle	5	3.00
AX	5	3.00
Heister	5	3.00

BACON—the prices current of Messrs. Herbst & Barker, for printed hams is as follows: flour sacks, 12½ lbs, $3@3.50 @ 100; 25 lbs $3@3.50; 50 lbs $3@3.75. In $1000@1100 sell lots—4 lbs $12@16; 10 do $22.00@23; 14 do $26@30; 20 do $32@40; 35 do $32@45. Ham and beef bags—18 lbs $3@100; 10 do $3.50; 12 do $4.00; 10 do $3.50. Brush bags—2 yards muslin, $10 @ 100; 2 do, drilling, $15. 2 do, Osnaburg's, $14 @18; 3 do do, $18@24.

BEESWAX—no sales reported. The stock of old is about exhausted, and the new has not yet come in.

BEANS—not much inquiry; some small sales of white at 75@$1.

BROOMS—the demand is quite equal to the supply; sales of common to choice at $2@3.00, and fancy at $3.50.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—continues firm, as the orders from the South and Southwest absorb receipts; sales from store at $3@3.12½ ⅌ 100 lbs.

BUTTER & EGGS—prime Roll Butter appears to be in good demand, and the small lots offering sell readily at 18@20c; common to good Butter ranges from 12@15c, and packing at 10@12c. Eggs are scarce, and prices are higher; sales at 18@19.

BUCKEYE AND TUBS—The factory prices (cash, payment at the Station and New Brighton are for Buckets $1.50 @$1.75, and Tubs, $4.75@$5.75 ⅌ doz. Frommsters, buckets sell in the retail way at $1.75@$2.00.

CORDAGE—

Manilla Rope, cut,	13½c ⅌ lb	Manilla Rope, cut,	14 c ⅌ lb
Hemp Rope, cut,	11 c ⅌ lb	Hemp Rope, cut,	12 c ⅌ lb
Tarred Rope, cut,	11 c ⅌ lb	Tarred Rope, cut,	12 c ⅌ lb
Packing Yarn, fine,	11 c ⅌ lb	Packing Yarn, coarse	10 c ⅌ lb

PROVISIONS—Manilla, $1.50; $2.00@$2.00 ⅌ doz.

Hemp, $1.37; $2.00@$2.75 ⅌ doz.

Hemp coil, 11 cts ⅌ lb.

PLOUGH LINES—Manilla, 87 cts ⅌ doz. Hemp, 75c.

COTTON YARNS—The market is steady at the following quotations which are cor