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Banks.	Circulation.	Specie.	Loans.	Deposits.
B'k Pittsb'gh	257,551	356,012	1,721,752	544,609
Exchange B'k	638,110	202,865	1,604,565	270,560
M. & M. "	263,547	120,256	960,690	191,650
Citizens' "	256,540	87,734	693,955	126,831
Mechanics' "	355,255	124,055	854,182	95,315
Iron City "	256,265	93,264	671,571	170,531
Allegheny "	281,145	106,359	818,234	215,796
	2,308,413	1,091,145	7,325,249	1,615,292
Last week	2,279,573	1,093,334	7,315,718	1,590,236
Increase	28,840		9,531	25,056
Decrease		2,189		

Banks.	Treasury Notes and Notes of other Banks.	Due to Banks.	Due by Banks.
Pittsburgh	$43,757	$64,055	$16,096
Exchange	132,733	26,445	20,422
M. & M.	95,397	103,288	19,683
Citizens'	19,091	16,839	50,236
Mechanics'	22,313	29,736	10,912
Iron City	40,774	3,245	16,858
Allegheny	47,269	17,990	18,330
	$402,234	$264,598	$152,537
Last week	376,255	302,028	196,045
Increase	25,979		
Decrease		37,430	43,508

Court of Quarter Sessions—Before Judges M'Clure, Mellon and Parke.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th.—Marx Hersh, aged 20, residing in Third Ward, Allegheny, was found, on legal inquiry, to be insane, and the Court ordered his retention in the Insane Hospital, where he has been already for some time past. He is now to be kept there at the expense of the county.

Charles Hawkins, indicted for the larceny of a saddle, bridle, some carpenter's tools, etc., the property of Daniel Ross, of Robinson township, was put on trial. The articles were stolen on the night of the 22d of September, 1858, and found at the house of Hawkins by Miller Clark, constable, in November last. Suspicion had fastened upon Hawkins, and on oath of Robert M'Ilberron, Justice Tidball issued a search warrant, which was served by the constable, Mr Clark, and the result of the search was a wagon load of articles found in the house of accused. Verdict of guilty.

Hawkins was also indicted for stealing a pair of hip straps and a blind bridle from Henry McCloskey, of Robinson township, in August, 1858. The case was a clear one and the verdict rendered was the same as that in the other.

Still another indictment was pending against Hawkins for stealing a grain cradle, a piece of rope and a log chain from Alexander McCurdy, of Robinson township. Verdict of guilty. Some four or five other indictments for larceny have been found against this same man.

Lewis Winter pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery.

Republican Nominations in the Seventh and Ninth Wards.—Following are the nominations for Councils and Ward officers in the 7th and 9th wards of this city:

Seventh Ward—Select Council, W. C. McCarty; Common Council, R. Marshall, George Norris; School Directors, Hugh Young, Biddle Arthurs; Assessor, B. Thompson; Judge, A. M'Creery; Inspector, M. K. Moorhead; Constable, J. S Richardson.

Ninth Ward—Select Council, J. M. M'Cargo; Common Council, W. M. Wills, W. M. Edwards, J. H. Snyder; School Directors, J. Harrison, Hugh M'Kelvy; Assessor, H. Hammond; Constable, G. Keyser.

The names of candidates in all the other wards we have already published.

Allegheny Republican Nominations.—*First Ward*—Select Council, J. Atwell; Common Council, A D Smith, Wm Dyer, C Arbuckle, Jos Love; School Directors, J B Ingham, J W Baxter; Alderman, John Dyer; Constable, David Gaw; Assessor, S Bulford; Judge, J Drennan, Inspector, W Robinson.

Second Ward—Select Council, John Hopkins; Common Council, James Sloss, Jos Kirkpatrick, John Brown, John M'Donald; School Directors, Hans Dunlap and W A Reed, each 3 years; Dr Baird 1 year; Constable, Jas M'Mullin; Assessor, J Sterritt; Judge, Geo R. Riddle; Inspector, John Ballentine.

Third Ward—Select Council, Jno Brown; Common Council, Simon Drum, James M'Brier, D L Smith, and John Alexander; Assessor, Saml W M'Ginnis; School Directors, Wm. Walker, J. L. Graham; Judge, Jas M'Vicker; Inspector, R R Ray; Constable, Wash. Swain.

Fourth Ward—Select Council, John Wright; Common Council, Wm Smith, W W Ball, J Meskimen, Wm Miller; (the close vote was as follows: Miller 245, John M'Graw 242;) School Directors, S Loty, R B Francis; Judge, R Bard; Inspector, J C M'Pherson; Assessor, James Graham; Constable, Wm Hobson.

Our faithful carrier is calling on the friends of the *Gazette* and others, with the *Gazette* Counting-room Almanac for 1860. Give him a benefit.

Democratic City Convention.—The Convention for the nomination of candidates for Mayor, Controller and Treasurer was held Tuesday, at the Court House. John N. McClowry, Esq., called the Convention to order at eleven o'clock, and appointed T. B. Hamilton and J. M. Richards, Secretaries. The credentials of the delegates were called for and handed in.

[We have heretofore published the names of the delegates in full, and there is no need of republishing them.]

Geo. H. Keyser, Esq., was unanimously elected Chairman of the Convention, and on taking his seat said:

We meet for the first time in several years under very peculiar circumstances. I thank you with my hand on my heart for this flattering token of your confidence. I am ready to yield up all personal considerations for the general good of the democratic party and for the interests of the city. I am ready to sacrifice all my personal feelings on the altar of the democratic party. Men live and die, but principles remain. Upon the permanency and success of democratic ideas and policy depends the permanency of the government. I say this in no disrespect to the Republicans, who I believe are honest in their opinions. I counsel in this Convention harmony, concord and peace. Let the nominee, be he who he may, receive our undivided support. Let us go forth to put him in the Mayor's chair. Now is the time, and there is no doubt we can elect him. (Cheers.)

Messrs. T. B. Hamilton, J. M. Richards and W. C. Moreland were elected Secretaries.

On motion of Wm. Alexander, the delegates from the Third ward substituted Henry Stoner in place of Ed. Aurentz. In the Fourth ward, J. McKenna in place of A. Holstein; and in the Ninth ward J. H. Weeks in place of Samuel Hays.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate candidates for Mayor, Controller and Treasurer.

Saml Harper nominated Alex. McIlwaine, of the Sixth Ward; others nominated Jas. S. Kennedy, Alfred Anshutz and J. Hickory Phillips. Charles Barnett, Esq., moved that the vote for candidates be given *viva voce*, which was adopted.

Convention then nominated for Controller Edw. Campbell, Jr., and Alex. Hunter, Esq., and nominations closed.

John D. Moreland, John C Davitt, and James Blackmore, Esqs., were nominated for Treasurer, and nominations closed. Mr. Blackmore declined to be a candidate and so also did Mr. Davitt.

Mr. Sweitzer said that as there was now but one candidate for Treasurer, he moved that Mr. Moreland be the candidate of the party, which was adopted by acclamation.

Secretary then proceeded to call the roll, and found the delegates to be all present.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Mayor:

	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.
M'Ilwaine	19	20	20	20	22
Phillips	14	13	14	16	21
Kennedy	7	7	7	6	1
Anshutz	5	5	4	3	0

After the 4th ballot, Charles Barnett withdrew the name of Mr. Anshutz, and his delegates voted for Phillips.

After the 5th ballot, Mr. Barnett moved that the nomination be declared unanimous, which was carried.

Mr. M'Ilwaine was called to the stand. He said that to be the standard-bearer of the democracy in this city, at such a time, with so good a prospect of success, excited feelings that only his glistening eye and his quivering lip were sufficiently eloquent to thank his fellow-democrats for. Should he be elected, he would make the sphere of the office wider: he would not have it as now, "cribbed, coffined and confined," but would make it powerful, not only for the ends of justice but for the advantage, also, of the democratic party, in which he was born and reared, and to which he had sworn fealty.

These remarks were received with vociferous applause.

The Convention then proceeded to the nomination of Controller.

Mr. Brown withdrew the name of Edward Campbell, jr., at the request of that gentleman. Whereupon a motion was made that Alex. Hunter, Esq., be the nominee of the democracy for Controller, which was carried by acclamation.

S. Harper moved that a committee of two be appointed from each ward as an executive committee for the city, of which the chairman of the meeting, Dr. Keyser, be chairman, which was carried. The Doctor said he would take a little time to consider the appointment of the committee and would publish the names in due time. The Convention then adjourned.

Elopement.—An old man, a Scot by birth, came to the Mayor's office yesterday, and made affidavit that a person named Francis Lowery had run away from Baltimore with his (Thompson's) wife, and that the pair are now in this city; that, on his accosting her in the street here, she told him that Lowery was carrying a big knife, and would take vengeance on him if they met.

Thompson's story is that some eighteen years ago he was living with some "laird," in Scotland, and that while there he formed a connection with this woman, whom he has ever since been living with as his wife, and that they have had three children, the eldest of which is sixteen years of age. They came to Baltimore some year or more ago, where Thompson went into the grocery business, and his "wife" kept a butter stand in the market. There she became acquainted with Lowery, who was a huckster in the door line, and the two getting very well acquainted eloped one fine morning, the woman taking with her Thompson's watch and some other articles of clothing etc., of some value. He learned that the pair had gone west, and arriving in this city met his late spouse in the street, at which time she told him of Lowery's intention to use his knife. It appears from the statement of Thompson that the parties, of whom he has been in search, have been, for some weeks past, hucksters in the Allegheny market. On this affidavit a warrant was issued, and officer Hamilton was sent in pursuit of the individuals, but could not find them last night. Another search will probably find them if they are still in these parts.

The Atlantic Monthly.—We are in receipt of the number of this Magazine for January, 1860, from the publishers. Dr. Holmes commences a story in this number which he calls the Professor's Story. It is written in his peculiar and racy style, and promises to equal his other productions. The current number has several fine articles in it, but in the quality of the paper on which it is printed and in the character of several of the articles it hardly comes up to some of the best issues of that valuable monthly. We trust it may not lose in the hands of the present publishers that high toned independent spirit which has always heretofore characterized it.

Elected.—The meeting for the election of officers for the Young Men's Christian Association was held on Monday evening. The result of the election was as follows:

For President, Wm. H. Kincaid, of the Liberty street M. E. Church, was elected by an unanimous vote; 1st Vice President, Jas. R. Reed; 2nd do, W. E. Schmertz; Recording Secretary, Andrew Long, Clerk at the Exchange Bank; Corresponding Secretary, Henry A. Lavely; Treasurer, O. O. Phillips; Librarian, Henry W. Strickler.

The society will enter upon the New Year with this board of officers, efficient for good as they have hitherto proved themselves.

A New Paper.—The *Architects' and Mechanics' Journal* is a new paper, the province of which is indicated by its title. It is published in New York, at two dollars per annum, by Alex. Harthill. It presents a very neat appearance and appears to be well conducted. It deserves to be well sustained by mechanics and artizans, who may desire to have an especial organ of their interests in the metropolis, and there would seem to be a need of such a paper.

Appointed.—In accordance with a resolution of the Republican Primary Meeting, I have appointed the following gentlemen as an executive committee for the Third Ward:

J. F. Slagle, Robert Allingham, George W. Leonard, Joseph Hastings, James Sutherland, A. M. Brown, Gilbert McMasters, Joseph Abel, J. H. Miller and J. H. Robinson.

J. W. Lewis, Pres. Prim. Meeting

Apologetic.—We regret that we are unable to present, according to promise, the remainder of the admirable paper on the "Formation of Washington's Farewell Address." The portion which has already been published has attracted much attention. The matter which was rushed upon our paper yesterday was so great that we were forced, and it has caused us great regret, to postpone the other part.

Patent.—A patent has been issued to Abram Reese, of this city, for an improvement in rails for street railways. This improvement consists in making a shoulder on each side of the rail, and when one side becomes worn down, the rail can be turned over and used again as well as new. The patent was procured by Messrs Bakewell & Cushing.

In the nomination for Mayor, in Allegheny, Mr. Morrison, the present incumbent, received a handsome majority over both the candidates, Messrs. Alexander and Enos. We have already given the figures for all the wards but the first, where Morrison had a majority over all.

The closing sale of cabinet material, furniture, &c., takes place at No. 67 Fifth street, this (Wednesday) morning, by order of the administrators of H. H. Ryan, dec'd.

The Jewish people of this city held a meeting in their Synagogue on Sunday evening to devise ways and means for raising a subscription for relief to the Jews who have been driven out of Morocco and have taken shelter in Gibraltar and other places of safety on the coast. E. Strasberger was chosen President, and J. Bierman, Secretary. The meeting, after passing resolutions sympathizing with the sufferers, and promising to contribute cheerfully to their relief, took up a handsome collection, and afterwards appointed the following gentlemen a committee to obtain subscriptions to be appropriated towards the object set forth: J. Morganstern, A. Fink, W. Frank, L. Mayer, H. Rosenbach, E. Bochrach, H. Hibberman, B. Prayer.

Birmingham Passenger Railway.—The cars on this road are now fairly going. They run yesterday full of passengers, and appeared to be doing a first rate business. For many reasons the cars are more neat, elegant, and convenient, than even those on the Citizen's road to Lawrenceville. There are several cars on the track, and the names of the conductors are as follows: Geo. W. Pierce, John Obey, Michael M'Ginley, Wm. Livingstone, Nathan Plummer, Joseph O'Brien, Isaac Patterson.

Robt. Hague, Chief of Police, returned yesterday from Wheeling, with a young fellow named John Williams, in custody, charged with being concerned in the theft of jewelry at Kennedy's store, in St. Clair street, some time since. The particulars of his arrest at Belle Air we have already published. He says that he did not take the goods, but that they were taken by two other fellows and given to him. The Mayor committed him for trial.

The lecture of Prof. Barker at the University last evening, it being the twelfth and last of the course, was a most brilliant exposition of electricity magnetism. He had a battery set up of one hundred cups, and with it he performed some of the most brilliant experiments that were ever seen in this city. The whole course has been highly successful and we trust it is the inauguration of a series of courses of scientific lectures in this city.

We learn that a landlord was murdered on Saturday night last, at Triadelphia, Va., about nine miles east of Wheeling. We have no particulars, but presume the affair was the result of a drunken brawl.

We are indebted to Case & Co., Chronicle Buildings, for the Atlantic Monthly for January, 1860, which is the time to subscribe. The above is an excellent work.

Hose Carriage.—The Independence boys, Ninth Ward Engine Company, have just procured at an expense of some $900, a splendid new hose carriage, equal in style and finish to any in the city.

Improvement in Preserve Cans.—Mr. Carlton Newman, of Birmingham, Allegheny county, Pa., has just received from Washington a Patent, dated the 20th day of Dec 1859, for an improved Preserve Can, which he exhibited in our office last evening. Like most useful discoveries, this is exceedingly simple, and we can very confidently say it will secure for Mr. N. a very flattering tribute from the ladies, whose experience in the matter of putting up fruits has not hitherto, in all cases, been of the most satisfactory kind. This very simple contrivance of Mr Newman consists in a gumelastic band which encircles the jar or can, hermetically sealing it. The atmospheric pressure upon this ring, totally excludes the air and perfectly preserves the fruit. He exhibited specimens of preserved peaches, very fine. His cans have been adopted by and met the approbation of Gen. Negley, Prof. Pryor, of Allegheny city, and others. In short, Mr. N.'s invention will supercede all others now in use, as it is a perfect success, and any lady can put up securely in an hour as much fruit as she may desire for family use. This invention will also be useful to apothecaries and chemists.

Grover & Baker's Sewing Machines are rapidly attracting public attention. Hundreds have examined them in operation, and expressed great admiration at the splendid specimens of work exhibited in the show case at the entrance to sales room. The machines challenge the most critical examination. All who have used them speak in terms of the highest praise of their operation. Call and see them, over Hugus' store, corner of Market and Fifth streets, 2d story.

LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

Thirty-Sixth Congress—First Session.

Washington City, Dec. 27.

Senate.—The President's Annual Message was brought in by the President's Secretary.

Mr. Iverson, of Ga., moved that it be read.

Mr. Collamer, of Vt., objected, as the understanding among the Senators, was that no business should be done during the Christmas week.

The question was debated by Messrs. Davis, Fessenden, Bayard and others; when the motion of Iverson prevailed—Yeas 28—Nays 12.

The Secretary of the Senate then read the Message.

Mr. Clingman, of N. C., proposed to postpone the consideration of the Message till January 2d.

Mr. Bright, of Ind., said it would be better to adopt the usual course. He moved that the message and documents be printed, but asked that his motion lie over until after the holidays, as the Senate had no printer yet.

This course was pursued, and the Senate adjourned till Friday.

House.—The message of the President was received. Mr. Cochrane of N. Y. moved that it be laid on the table until the House effects an organization.

Mr. Craig of N. C. moved to amend the motion, so that the message be read. Mr. Cochrane accepted the amendment. Much excitement prevailed, the Republican members calling for the yeas and nays.

A call of the house was ordered.

Mr. Stanton of Ohio argued that there was no precedent for reading the message when the House was not organized.

Mr. Craig then withdrew his amendment, and the original motion was agreed to.

Mr. Smith of Va. resumed his remarks on the slavery question, referring to its history for years past, and causing numerous long extracts to be read in support of his position.

Mr. Houston of Ala. offered a resolution proposing a temporary Speaker for ten days, nothing to be done in the meantime except the passage of a bill to meet the deficiencies and liabilities of the Post Office Department, when the office shall become vacant, and the House proceed to the election of a Speaker.

The Republican side objected to the introduction of the resolution.

Mr. Houston wanted it made known that the objection came from the Republicans, who express great sympathy for the government mail contractors, but are not willing to adopt a measure with a view to their relief.

Mr. Washburn of Ill. said they would accept the resolution if John Sherman's name were inserted in the blank.

Mr. Washburn of Me. wished it to be known that the Republicans want to elect a Speaker for the whole term.

After a call of the House, the 22d ballot was had; whole number of votes 208; necessary to a choice 105; Sherman 101; Scott of Cal. 17; Houston 15; Gilmer 14; Bocock 14; Maclay 12, scattering 35.

House adjourned.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in his report, does not doubt that the actual receipts of the Treasury for the present and next fiscal years will be fully equal to the estimates. If the appropriations made at the present session do not exceed the amount contained in the estimates, it is believed they can be met with the ordinary and extraordinary receipts already provided by law. The estimated balance that will be in the Treasury on the 30th of June next, is only $3,530,000, and leaves no margin for additional appropriations. If, therefore, the appropriations should exceed the estimates, or Congress should determine to provide within this period for the payment of any portion of the public debt, it will become necessary to make a provision for such contingencies. If additional demands are created upon the Treasury by legislation of the present Congress, provision must be made to meet them by such an increase of the tariff duties as may be required for that purpose. In such events he respectfully refers Congress to his last report, as containing the views of the Department on that subject, as no provision is made for the permanent redemption of any portion of the twenty millions Treasury notes and as the authority for issuing them will expire on the 30th of June next, it will be necessary for Congress to extend the law for that purpose, for another period.

The Post-Master General gives an interesting account the affairs of the department. He advocates various reforms. He trusts that Congress will either give its express sanction to the specific contract mails between Portland and New Orleans, by voting the necessary appropriation, or will indicate the department; such a course of administration, as shall warrant it, in closing with some one of the proposals which have been received, and now held under advertisement. He urges action to secure suitable Post Offices in New York and Philadelphia, recommends the repeal of the clause in the Act of 1855, which delares that in forwarding mails to foreign countries, the preference shall always be given to an American, over a foreign steamship, when departing from the same port, for the same destination, within three days of each other. Despatch is in the highest element in the mission of this department, and hence that legislation which provides for retarding instead of accelerating, may be safely pronounced at least extraordinary in its character.

He thinks the Post Office Department should not be charged on the common treasury. He advocates the abolition of the franking privilege, and substitution of prepayment by stamps, when abuses would fall where they belong, on the government officials by whom they were perpetrated.

Washington City, Dec. 27.—The proposals for the remainder of the $2,000,000 Treasury notes were opened to-day. The bids amounted to about $575,000. The sum of $120,000 was taken at 5½ per cent., and the balance will be distributed *pro rata* among the other bidders, who all offered 6 per cent.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The steamer Anacostia, which left Washington several days ago, has nothing to do with the Maryland oyster difficulties, as surmised, but is on secret government service, the nature of which cannot be ascertained. She is fully armed.

Senator Brown, of Miss., intimated to-day his intention to attack that part of the President's Message, which suggests the Judiciary as the proper tribunal to afford adequate remedy in cases of interference with the right of the master to his slave in the territories, instead of recommending Congressional action for protection.

The Secretary of War says, of an army of nearly 17,500, not more than 11,000 are available for active service in the field; scattered over an area of 3,000,000 of square miles. He hopes to make such a disposition of the troops next year as will prevent a repetition of outrages on the Southern and Mexican border. He recommends the enlistment of men for mounted corps, for six months, beginning in May; on the ground of economy, and also of superiority in fighting with Indians. He recommends provision for retiring disabled and infirm officers. It does not appear necessary to request considerable appropriations for additional masonry work on fortifications. The army in Utah remains inactive and stands in the attitude of a menacing force towards a conquered and sullen people. He is satisfied that the preservation of right and justice through means of any jurisprudence known or recognized by the people of the United States, is impossible in that Territory. There being scarcely any necessity for the presence of troops there, they will be otherwise disposed of during the coming season.

The Secretary of the Interior says that during the five quarters ending in September, the sales of lands yielded over $2,767,000; 3,617,000 acres were located with bounty warrants. He recommends that a law be passed in a spirit of liberality to settlers on unoccupied lands, allowing to each two years from the date of filing his declaratory statement, within which to make his proof and pay for his land, at the same time making it incumbent on the President to offer at public sale, by proclamation, all lands that may have been surveyed by authority of Congress, at any time within two years after the plats of survey have been approved. He also suggests the manner of preventing frauds. He regrets that official documents justify the belief that the most atrocious cases of murder and rapine charged on the Indians, have in reality been committed by disguised white men. Measures have been taken for ameliorating the condition of the Indians, the policy now is to gather them on small tribal reservations. The necessary expense for the census will require at least $1,000,000. It is believed that the operations of purchase and distribution from the Agricultural office should be confined to such variety of plants, seeds, cuttings, etc., as have not already been introduced in the country. He recommends an appropriation to provide permanent and convenient accommodations for the courts of the United States in New York in Barton's Theatre.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The following is the ballot taken by the House last evening. Twenty-first ballot—Mr. Sherman 10[illegible], Mr. Bocock 20, Mr. Gilmer 17; Mr. Houston 17; Mr. Maclay 9; Mr. Davis 11; scattering among 19 candidates 32, whole number of votes polled [illegible], necessary to a choice [illegible]. No person having received the number necessary, the House, without transacting any other business, adjourned till Monday.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—*Abstract of the President's Message.*—Through the courtesy of S. D. Anderson, chief clerk of the Post-office of this city, the Associated Press is furnished with an early copy of the President's Message, of which the following is an abstract:

Our deep and heartfelt gratitude is due to that Almighty power which has bestowed upon us such varied and numerous blessings throughout the past year. May we ever be under the divine guidance and protection.

Whilst it is the duty of the President from time to time to give to Congress information of the state of the Union, I shall not refer in detail to the recent sad and bloody occurrences at Harper's Ferry. Self-preservation is the first instinct of nature, and therefore any state of society in which the sword is all the time suspended over the heads of the people, must at last become intolerable, but I indulge in no such gloomy forebodings. On the contrary, I firmly believe that the events at Harper's Ferry, by causing the people to pause and reflect upon the possible peril to their cherished institutions, will be the means under Providence of allaying the excitement and preventing future outbreaks of a similar character.

When in the progress of events the inhabitants of any territory shall have reached the number required to form a State, they will then proceed in a regular manner, and in the exercise of the rights of popular sovereignty to form a constitution preparatory to admission into the Union. After this has been done, to employ the language of the Kansas Nebraska Act, they shall be received into the Union, with or without slavery, as their constitution may prescribe at the time of their admission. This sound principle has happily been recognized in some form or other by an almost unanimous vote of both houses of the last Congress.

All lawful means at my command have been employed and shall continue to be employed to execute the laws against the African Slave-trade. The acts of Congress restraining the slave trade, it is believed, have, with very rare and insignificant exceptions, accomplished their purpose for a period of more than half a century. There has been no perceptible addition to the number of our domestic slaves. During this period their advancement in civilization has far surpassed that of any other portion of the African race. The lights and blessings of Christianity have been extended to them, and both their moral and physical condition has been greatly improved. Re-open the trade and it would be difficult to determine whether the effect would be more deleterious on the interests of the master or those of the native born slave. Of the evils to the master, the one most to be dreaded would be the introduction of wild, heathen and ignorant barbarians among the sober, orderly and quiet slaves, whose ancestors have been on the soil for several generations. This might tend to barbarize, demoralize and exasperate the whole mass, and produce most deplorable consequences. The effect on the existing slave would, if possible, be still more deplorable. We are obliged as a Christian and moral nation to consider what would be the effect upon unhappy Africa itself, if we should re-open the slave trade.

The wisdom of the course pursued by this government towards China has been vindicated by the event. While we sustained a neutral position in the war waged by Great Britain and France, against the Chinese Empire; our late Minister in obedience to his instructions, judiciously co-operated with the ministers of these powers in all peaceful measures to secure by treaty the just concessions demanded by the interests of foreign commerce. The result is that satisfactory treaties have been concluded with China by the respective ministers of the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia. He relates our diplomatic course with China. It is but simple justice to the Chinese authorities to observe that throughout the whole transaction, they appear to have acted in good faith towards the United States. It is there that this has been done in their own peculiar fashion; but we ought to regard with a lenient eye, the ancient customs of an empire, dating back for thousands of years, so far as this may be consistent with our own national honor. The conduct of our minister on this occasion, has received my entire approbation.

It affords me much satisfaction to inform you that all our difficulties with the Republic of Paraguay have been satisfactorily adjusted.

He relates the circumstances in relation to the San Juan affair, and concludes by saying that Gen. Scott has recently returned from his mission, having successfully accomplished its object, and there is no longer any good reason to apprehend a collision between the forces of the two countries during the pending of the existing negotiations.

I regret to inform you that there has been no improvement in the affairs of Mexico since my last annual message, and I am again obliged to ask the earnest attention of Congress to the unhappy condition of that Republic. He repeats the recommendation that authority may be given to the President to establish one or more temporary military posts across the Mexican line, in Sonora and Chihuahua, where these may be necessary to protect the lives and property of American and Mexican citizens against the incursions and depredations of the Indians, as well as of lawless rovers on that remote region.

The failure to pass the Post-office Bill, necessarily gives birth to serious reflections. Congress, by refusing to pass the general appropriation bill necessary to carry on the government, may not only arrest its action, but might even destroy its existence. The army, the navy, the judiciary, in short every department of government can no longer perform their functions if Congress refuse the money necessary for their support. If this failure should teach the country the necessity of electing a full Congress in sufficient time to enable the President to convene them in any emergency, even immediately after the old Congress has expired, it will have been productive of great good. In a time of sudden and alarming danger, foreign or domestic, which all nations must expect to encounter in their progress. The very salvation of our institutions may be staked upon the assembling of Congress without delay. If under such circumstances, the President should find himself in the condition in which he was placed at the close of the last Congress, with nearly half the States in the Union destitute of representatives, the consequences might be disastrous. I therefore recommend to Congress to carry into effect the provisions of the Constitution on this subject, and to pass a law appointing some day previous to the 4th of March in each year, for the election of an odd number of representatives throughout all the States. They have already appointed a day for the election of electors for President and Vice President, and this measure has been approved by the country.

I would again express a most decided opinion in favor of the construction of a Pacific Railroad, for reasons stated in my two annual messages. When I reflect upon what would be the defenceless condition of our States and Territories, west of the Rocky Mountains, in case of war with a naval power sufficiently strong to interrupt all intercourse with them by the routes across the Isthmus. I am still more convinced than ever of the vast importance of this Railroad.

Louisville, Dec. 25.—The steamer Vixen, bound from Pittsburgh to St. Louis, was burned this morning. The loss is estimated at $20,000, $3,000 of which is in cargo and $17,000 in the boat. Mr. McSherer, of Brownsville, Pa. and George M. Ott, school teacher, of Lynchburgh, Va., were burned to death. Two coal boats owned by Rupert & Smith of Pittsburgh, sunk at Point Washington, Miss., on Thursday last. Joseph Lydick, of Pittsburgh, and John Baxter, of Jeffersonville, were drowned.

Point Worthington, Miss., Dec. 27.—Two coal boats, owned by Rupert & Smith of Pittsburgh, were sunk on Thursday last. Joseph Lydick of Pittsburgh, and John Baxler of Jeffersonville, were drowned.

Hotels.

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IS THE LARGEST AND BEST ARranged Hotel in the New England States, is centrally located, and easy of access from all the routes of travel. It contains all the modern improvements, and every convenience for the comfort and accommodation of the traveling public. The sleeping rooms are large and well ventilated; the suites of rooms are well arranged, and completely furnished for families and large travelling parties, and the house will continue to be kept as a first class Hotel in every respect. jal:dly LEWIS RICE, Proprietor.

FLOUR—300 bbls. Extra Family; 200 do Extra choice brands. To arrive and for sale by WM. McCUTCHEON,
de3 No. 195 Liberty st., Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROBERT DICKEY, Wholesale Grocer, Produce and Commission Merchant, No. 318 Liberty street, near Railroad Passenger Depot, Pittsburgh, Pa. sp8

CHEESE—200 boxes Cheese received this day and for sale by de16 HENRY H. COLLINS

BEANS—5 bbls. Small White for sale by
de23 R. DALZELL & CO.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION FOR DECEMBER.
James Park, Jr., V. P.
E. J. Ward, Charles Paulson,
Reese Owens. Joseph R. Hunter.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

[*Reported Specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.*

Pittsburgh, Wednesday, December 28, 1859.

FLOUR—there is not much change, but the demand yesterday was quite active; sales at depot of 125 bbls at $5,45 and $5,50 for the three grades from store, 1,500 bbls in lots at $5,20@5,25 for Super., mainly at $5,25; $5,60@5,75 for Extra; $5,87@6 for family do; and $6,25@6,50 for fancy brands. Rye Flour, 12 bbls from store at $4,75.

GRAIN—sales from first hands of 700 bush Oats at 50@52; 100 do from store at 55, and 200 do at 55@56. Barley, 700 bush at 65 for Spring and 75 for fall; 400 bush Spring at 67; Corn, 300 and 500 bush Shelled at depot at 70; 300 do Ear from store at 72 and 100 do at 75; Wheat, 340 bush Red at $1,20 and 100 do prime White at $1,25.

GROCERIES—sales of 28 bbls N. O. Molasses at 52, 60 do at 50@52; Syrup, 50 bbls at refiners' card prices; Sugar, 10, 15 and 6 hhds at 9@9½, and 105 bbls crushed and coffee Sugars at refiners' card prices; Coffee, 50 bgs at 12½@13.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—sales from store of 2500 lbs at $2, and 1,000 do at $1,95.

SEED—a sale of 100 bush Clover from store at $4,85.

BUTTER & EGGS—sales of 4 and 5 bbls Roll Butter at 18 and 2 bbls Eggs at 19; 100 doz do at 18.

DRY FRUIT—a sale of 35 bush Peaches from store at $1.

CHEESE—sales of 75 and 75 bxs W. R. at 10.

APPLES—sales of 20 bbls at $2,62 and 50 do choice at $3.

ONIONS—a sale of 10 bush at 60.

HOGS—steady; sales of 475 head at 6¼, net; 200 do, off the hooks, at 6¼; 400 do at 6¼; and 45 do dressed at 5¼.

GAME—sales of 50 pairs Chickens at 25 ⅌ pair; 75 do Geese at 40 ⅌ pair; and 15 saddles Venison at 12.

FEED—sales of 3 tons second quality Middlings at $25 ⅌ ton, and 10 tons Chopped Corn and Oats at $31 ⅌ ton.

HAY—sales of 15 loads at scales at $18@22 ⅌ ton; Straw, 2 loads Wheat at $9, and $17 for Oats.

MALT—a sale of 600 bush at 96.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

There are some very significant facts connected with the foreign grain trade, says the Journal of Commerce. It is stated on good authority that breadstuffs are much lower at Liverpool than at any of the leading Baltic ports. This would appear to show conclusively that the Continent has already made an over exportation, and that the future supplies for British markets must come chiefly from this side. The excellent quality of American wheat the current year will favor such a demand, and we certainly look for a still further increase in the export trade hence before the next harvest. Including the supplies at near lake ports, there are about four million bush wheat available for shipment, so that a brisk foreign demand need not fail of being met, or lead to any extraordinary advance in prices. The Journal of Commerce, however, is not very good authority in such matters.

Suspension of a Banking House in Davenport, Iowa.—It was announced a few days ago that the banking house of Cook & Sargent, at Davenport, Iowa, had suspended. The Rock Island Register says:

We learn that about $20,000 of Florence bills are in circulation, and that the deposits with Cook and Sargent reach $100,000. The depositors are principally confined to the business men of Davenport. This will be a severe blow to our neighboring city. What the ultimate loss will be we can form no estimate, but, at present, things wear a very bad face. Our city escaped almost unscathed, as there are less than $2,000 of the Florence bills here, as we are informed. We learn that another heavy firm (grain dealers and millers) in Davenport have either suspended or will do so within a few days.

We observe that winter shipments by rail have commenced with a good degree of activity. Flour is going forward to some extent, and we saw a draft yesterday with bill of lading attached for hams, shoulders, etc, on a house in Richmond, Va. This fact, with many others of similar character, shows that even Richmond is willing to buy where she can do it to the best advantage. Commerce scorns the bluster and bravado of political wire-pullers, and were they to attempt to carry out their treasonable threats she would furnish the hemp gratis to hang them as high as Haman.—[Chicago Press.

The number of hogs killed here up to this evening is 67,200. The market continues firm, notwithstanding prospects of a larger crop, even, than last year. But receipts are light, navigation being closed by ice in the river, and few arriving by rail. No provisions are reported as selling; and parties are offering country packed mess pork at $15,50; city packed being held about $1@1,50 higher.—[St. Louis Dem., 25th.

Failure of Insurance Companies.—We learn that the Washington Insurance Company, of Cleveland, has failed and made an assignment. The Cleveland Mutual Insurance Company is also reported failed. The latter has not done an insurance business of late, and the former, in insurance circles, has long been regarded as a rotten concern. The Ohio Legislature has provided stringent, and in the main, wholesome and proper laws for the regulation of foreign agencies, but as regards home institutions, the interests of the public have been neglected.—[Phil. Com. List.

The hog market opened on Monday at a decline of 25c, from Saturday's prices, but as the receipts were very light on that day there was no difficulty in effecting sales. The favorable state of the weather for keeping hogs, together with more favorable news from Cincinnati, have since caused the market to assume a greater firmness, and so last week's prices have gradually been restored. To-day $6 and $6,12½ are buyers' and sellers' prices for good heavy hogs while those weighing 180@200 lbs readily bring $5,75.

New Orleans, Dec. 22—P. M.—Flour is generally held higher, and the sales are making at $6,15@6,25 for super fine.

Corn scarce and prices still advancing. 2000 bgs sold at 85—88c.

Oats are selling at the

A moderate demand for mess pork, and the market firm at $17.

Bacon steady.

Sugar dull and holders anxious to sell at a decline of ⅛c. closing at 7½@7⅝c for fair.

Molasses dull and buyers holding off.

Whisky unchanged; rectified 24½c.

No change in other articles.

The steamers Baltic and Fred Tron have arrived.

The receipts of hogs to-day were 3,001 live and dressed, and the market for both was rather heavy, with sales of dressed at $4,50@5, and of live at $4,60@4,90.—[Chicago Press.

Flour—fine $3,25@3,50, super $4,50, extra $5@5,25; XX and fancy $5,50@5,75. Buckwheat $4. Rye $4.

Wheat—sale 350 bush white at $1,25. Corn—held at 70@54c. Oats—38@40c. Barley—spring 65c; winter 70c. Rye—75c.

Dressed Hogs—market steady; sale of lot averaging 220 lbs at 5½c.

Hides—the hide market is still dull and unsettled; a few sales have been made, but at prices which leave no margin for the seller. We quote green 4½c; do trimmed, 5c; do cured 6c; dry 10c; dry flint trimmed 12c; dry salted 8c; do trimmed 10c; dry calf 14c; green calf 8c; sheep pelts, 12½@$1.—[Toledo Blade.

Coffee.—There were no sales reported this morning up to the time of closing the report. The market continues firm. For quotations we refer to the annexed circular of Messrs White & Elder:

WEEKLY COFFEE REPORT.

		Bags.
Stock of Rio Coffee, Dec. 17		24,500
Received since per bark Winifred		4,020
Do do Henrietta		3,050
		31,570
Taken for consumption	9,064 bags.	
Re-shipped to Richmond	1,506 "	10,570
Stock of Rio this day		21,000

Sales—2205 bgs ex Winifred, afloat, at 12@12¼; 1500 do Blue Wing, in store, 12; 1000 do Mondamin 11¾; 1500 do Clifton, medium grade, 11; 1000 do in lots at 11¾@12¼; 1000 do 11¼@11¾, 500 do do 10¾@11; 1200 do low grade, taken on private terms.

Remarks—the market continues steady, with a fair demand for all descriptions of Brazil. The heaviest transactions of the past week have absorbed a larger proportion of the lower grades, for which there is some speculative inquiry. The stock at present embraces a better assortment than usual, of the finest descriptions. We quote prime Rio at 12@12¼c, fair 11½@11¾c, Laguayra 12@13c, Java 15@16c.

White & Elder, Coffee Brokers.

Baltimore, Dec. 24, 1859.

Chicago Produce and Provision Trade.—The receipts and shipments of produce for the past week, compared with those of the week previous and the corresponding week in 1858, will be found in the following table:

	Receipts. Past week.	Prev. week.	Same w'k '58.	Shipments. Past week.	Prev. week.	Same w'k '58.
Flour, bbls	12,811	12,690	4,043	6,584	9,355	836
Wheat, bush	71,761	40,571	33,328	10,658	12,189	14,250
Corn, bush	62,018	54,751	27,389	16,373	23,916	2,435
Oats, bush	24,854	14,479	5,357	11,917	7,099	606
Rye, bush	4,657	5,081	507	......	300	......
Barley, bush	6,768	7,154	3,007	2,189	4,547	......
Live Hogs, No	20,011	20,436	12,313	762	2,236	275
Dressed Hogs, No	15,765	9,148	9,968	5,164	1,659	2,865
Cattle, No	1,774	1,401	1,164	263	710	177

The following table shows the receipts and shipments of live and dressed hogs since the first of November, compared with those of 1857 and 1858:

	1859.	1858.	1857.
Received up to Dec. 10	91,155	155,580	67,603
Do last week	35,776	22,120	10,405
Total since Nov. 1	126,931	178,700	77,998
Shipped since Nov. 1	28,151	30,864	28,274
Left over for packers, etc	98,780	148,242	49,724

[Press & Trib.

RIVER NEWS.

There is an embargo on our port, from the crush and jam of ice at a point some distance below the city. The river is of course closed. The people are getting ice to their heart's content, however. The weather yesterday was good winter weather. The Commercial says:

The S. P. Hibberd arrived from Nashville, and will start for Pittsburgh to-day. She has 100 bales cotton, 1200 bbls flour, and 20 tons of rags for the East. The Argonaut and Lehigh, from St. Louis, and Alma, from New Orleans, also arrived during the day.

The J. B. Ford departed for Pittsburgh with a fair trip, having received 83 tons from the Silver Wave.

The Louisville Courier, of Saturday, says:—The Superior, on her downward trip from Cincinnati, sunk a coal boat at the head of Twelve Mile Island. Loss $1000. No lives lost.

Telegraphic Markets.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton firm; sales of 20.0 bales. Flour quiet; sales 600 bbls. Wheat quiet; sales 8000 bush; western white at $1,50. Milwaukee club $1,21. Corn heavy; sales 32,000 bush; new white and yellow at 82@85. Pork heavy at $16,06 for mess and $11,20 for prime. Sugar firm, and active; N. O. 8¼c; Muscovado 7@7⅞. Coffee quiet at 11½@12¼. Molasses firm at 52. Freights on Cotton to Liverpool quiet at 5/4d. The shipping List of to-morrow will quote Cotton quiet and prices unchanged; sales in the last three days, 6000 bales; middling Orleans 11¼. Sugar active, with a speculative demand; prices have advanced 1c for refining. Molasses steady; N. O. very firm at 52@53.—Tobacco dull. Exchange on London 9½@9¾. Bacon quiet and hard sugar; short city middles 9c. Dressed Hogs firm at 7@7⅛. Pig Iron firmer at $24@24,50, from the ship.—Leather firm, with a moderate business. Hides quiet. Wool nominally unchanged.

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—The river fell six inches since Saturday, and there is now 18 feet water in the channel. Money continues stringent, the supply of currency is light; Exchange firm at full rates. Hogs dull under the operation of large receipts; prices lower; light selling as low as $5,75—and 200 lbs average not saleable at over $6,10@6,25; receipts since Saturday 20,000 head; sales 1800 head at $5,75@6,15, the market closing irregular. Provisions declined; mess pork $16—900 bbls sold at this rate; bulk meats declined; sales of 400,000 lbs at 6a6c for January and February delivery. Lard 9½@9¾. Bacon dull; Sides 9¼; 100 hhds clear sides sold at 10, delivered Feb. 1st; 9,000 pieces green meats sold at 5⅞ for shoulders, 6¾@7 for sides and 7½@7¾ for hams, being a decline of ⅜@½c; the market closes heavy and unsettled. Flour quiet; sales 450 bbls extra at $5,20. Whisky 22@22¼. Groceries quiet; Sugar 8@9; Molasses 40@47 and Coffee 12@13. A private dispatch from New Orleans, dated to-day, reports Molasses 1½c higher, and in active demand, which will increase the firmness of holders here. Wheat quiet at $1,23@1,25 for prime white, and $1,18@1,20 for prime red. Corn in good demand and prices tending upward. Oats 60. Rye $1. Barley dull at 76. Butter dull and prices unchanged.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Flour firm; sales to the trade at $5,87@6,62¼ for common and good superfine, $5,75@$5,87½ for extra, $6@6,50 for extra family and $6,62½@$7 for fancy. Wheat steady: sales 2000 bush red at $1,34@$1,36, and white at $1,40@1,50. 1500 bush Corn sold at 80c for prime dry new yellow in the cars, and old yellow in store at 92. Oats steady; 2000 bush sold. Barley malt sold at 90. Whisky less enquired for; sales at 26@27¼.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Flour steady; 1800 bbls sold; Howard street and Ohio have a declining tendency. Wheat firm; white $1,25@1,30; red $1,20@1,25. Corn dull.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Flour more active. Wheat firm at 94@95. Corn in fair request and firm. Receipts—3000 bbls flour, 19,600 bush Wheat and 15,400 bush Corn.

Louisville, Dec. 27.—River rising slowly, with 7 feet 3 inches water in the canal. It is raining. Mercury 40°.

SYRUP—200 bbls. assorted brands Syrup, for sale by JOHN FLOYD & CO.

BAGS! BAGS—2,500 seamless for sale by
de2 HITCHCOCK, McCREERY & CO.