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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1860.

CITY AFFAIRS.

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

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Barometer		29 5-10

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DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Hampton. *Thursday, May 3d.*—In the case of Coulter et al. vs Hodgson, the jury found for defendant. This is the coal boat case, the particulars of which were reported a few days ago.

In the case of Peterson vs. Kier a verdict of $5,910 was given for plaintiff.

Henry N. Benedict vs. Lewis Broad; action on promissory notes. No defence. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,088 49. Shaler for plaintiff.

Benj F. Carver vs. Lewis Broad, impleaded with Franklin V. Pitney. Same as foregoing. Verdict for plaintiff for $17,708 55. Shaler for plaintiff.

Solomon Sturges vs. Lewis Broad, impleaded with *Jos.* Johnson; same as foregoing. Verdict for plaintiff for $2,300 29; Shaler for plaintiff.

Allan A. Mason and Nathan Whiting vs. Jas. Swisshelm; action to recover money due for dry goods furnished to defendant's wife. Plaintiff took a non-suit. Brady for plaintiffs; Marshall and Brown contra.

Robt. Hill vs. James B. Hill; action of ejectment to recover possession of a lot of ground situated in the Ninth Ward. On trial. A. W. Loomis for plaintiff, H. Hepburn & Co. contra.

STOP COCKS.—We were informed by Mayor Wilson that he intended to remove the numerous stop cocks which are found in every direction protruding above the city pavements, to the great annoyance of our people. This is the time for abating such a nuisance, the Spring thaws having heaved them up to a very troublesome height, making them a terror to gentlemen who wear what are called by the knights of St. Crispin, "stump-toes." We have often been diverted by observing persons in a hurry striking their toes against one of these obstacles and limping along afterwards, with a most ludicrous expression of countenance, in which it was "pull Dick, pull Devil" whether the emotion of pain or anger should get the uppermost. We have also known boys to amuse themselves during a pleasant evening by sitting close to a pretty well developed stop cock and watching the distorted features of such careless pedestrians as "stumped" their toes against it. These occurrences, however, though very good sport for one party, are apt to produce very bad blood in the other, and we are glad that our chief magistrate, with his accustomed efficiency, intends removing this intolerable, though time-honored, nuisance.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—This admirable institution for young ladies is enjoying an unusual degree of prosperity under the superintendence of its efficient President, Rev. I. C. Pershing. Upwards of 40 students from a distance have been added to its catalogue during the present session, (although it closes the collegiate year,) and letters are arriving from every quarter of the compass, to make arrangements for the tuition of future pupils. If the college still continues to advance in popularity, it will lead every similar institution in the country, in the number and character of its students, among whom will probably be found a representative for nearly every State in our National Confederacy. This contact and familiarity of young ladies from different sections of the country will do as much to liberalize the mind and free it from local prejudices as a year's travel. We congratulate our citizens on having such an excellent seminary in their midst.

HEARING.—George W. Biggs, the boy charged with entering the house of [illegible] Pearson, last Sunday, and stealing $2[illegible], was brought before Mayor Wilson yesterday. The father and mother of the defendant loitering about Mr. Richardson's house after the latter had gone to church. He said he was so far from the boy as to prevent recognizing him. Mrs. Biggs identified the clothing he wore. Among other articles of apparel which she described was a dark blue cap, very wide at the top. [This the prisoner declared he did not own, his father confirming his assertion.]

Officer Gumbert swore that when the boy was arrested he, after some tampering, said that on last Sunday he had seen a boy named Haney with the pocket-book and money, and that he had sworn not to betray him.

Biggs was committed for a further hearing on Monday next, at 10 o'clock.

A YOUNG GENTLEMAN, lately a graduate of the Western Theological Seminary, and a member of a prominent family in this city, was last Sunday received into the communion of the Roman Catholic Church. It will no doubt strike a great many of our readers with amazement that a young man whose intition in divinity was conducted according to the belief and opinions of John Calvin, should become a communicant of St. Pauls. We were equally surprised to observe an announcement in one of our exchanges that, if we remember correctly, there were 47 congregations formed by our homemissionaries, made up entirely of converts from the Catholic to the Protestant faith. We had supposed that instances of a change of creed in either case were more rare.

R. S. DAVIS' BOOKSTORE.—We omitted, in the press of business, to notice yesterday the card of Mr. R. S. Davis, who has purchased the bookstore of J. S. Davison, and will hereafter carry on business at the same stand.

Mr. Davis is a clever, energetic, active and capable business man, with a large experience in the business of books and stationery, as an employee; and we have no doubt, now that he has entered upon business for himself, that he will achieve a success such as his experience and merits eminently entitle him to.

We part from our friend Davison, in the book business, with regret, but will be sure to hear of him in some other active employment, and we are convinced that the public will find a worthy successor to him in Mr. Davis.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.—Deeds, Mortgages, Agreements, &c., recorded, and Sheriff's sales of real estate made last week. Wills protested and Administrations granted last month, for this county. Important public laws enacted last session at Harrisburg, Total Lists of various Courts for the coming weeks, important Supreme Court decisions, on the mechanic's lein law, on *reprizes* before Sheriff's inquisition, on the widow's right to $800, and on settlement of Executor's accounts, numerous legal notices, and other reliable matter—in the *Legal Journal*, just issued, and to be had of Case & Co., *Chronicle* Building, at $2 per year, or five cents per copy.

COMMERCIAL RESTAURANT.—Col. Fricker opened his new restaurant last night, in the basement of Hunt & Miner's new building, next door to the Post-Office, on Fifth street, and a select company of friends sat down to a splendid dinner, served in Fricker's best style. Two pitchers were presented to him by his friends—a silver one and one of tin, of extraordinary capacity. The company enjoyed themselves heartily.

Col. Fricker has fitted up his room handsomely, and has now one of the finest restaurants in this or any other city.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Campbell, U. S. Marshal for this district, has appointed James P. Campbell, Esq., editor of the Blairsville *Record*, Assistant Marshal to take the census of Indiana!—Mr. Campbell is an old and well known citizen of this city, and for many years was in various newspaper houses as foreman. His large circle of friends will doubtless be much gratified to hear of his appointment.

POLICE ITEMS.—There were 6 commitments to the jail yesterday. Of these, 2 were for drunkenness, 3 for disorderly conduct, and 1 for vagrancy.

Mary Jane Urvis made a complaint before Alderman Jones, charging Wallace Larrican with assault and battery. He was held to bail to answer.

COUNTERFEITERS.—SPRATLEY and OWENS.—Mayor Wilson informed us yesterday that Spratley and Owens, who, it will be remembered, were then to have had a hearing, were handed over to our friend, Mr. John H. Bailey, U. S. Commissioner. The parties will therefore have a hearing before the United States authorities, after which we will announce the particulars disclosed by the investigation.

FOUND.—The body of Capt. Geo. Thompson, who is supposed to have fallen overboard from the low-boat Geo. Thompson, in the latter part of Tuesday night, was found on yesterday afternoon about two o'clock. His remains will be taken to his late residence in Springdale, for interment.

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CITY COUNCILS.

COMMON COUNCIL held an adjourned meeting on Thursday evening. Present, all the members except Messrs. Barnes, Barnhill, Chadwick, Fulton, H. Hays, W. B. Hays, James Robb, Siebert.

After prayer by Mr. Tibby, and the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the President stated that the object of the meeting was to hear the report of the special committee to whom was referred the subject of a levy to pay the interest on the bonds issued to the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company.

The report of the committee, with accompanying documents, was presented by Mr. Floyd. The report contains the following statement:

That the writ of the Supreme Court, issued in January, 1860, commands the Councils to make full and ample provision for the payment of all the interest now (then) due upon the bonds of the said road.

That the interest due upon the said bonds at the time of the issue of the said writ was $31,500.

That the assessed valuation of the city is $10,327,726, and to raise the required sum of $31,500, will require a levy of 3½ mills.

The levy of 3½ mills on this valuation will produce, in gross, $36,147; deduct 10 per cent for losses and costs of collection, leaves $32, 533.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed by the Committee, Aaron Floyd, Joseph Ross and Jas. Robb.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wills, the ordinance to levy the tax to pay the interest on the Chartiers Valley Railroad bonds, was taken up.

Mr. Petrie moved that further action be postponed till we hear from the committee on compromise.—Withdrawn.

Mr. Bailey moved that the ordinance be amended by striking out 4½ mills and inserting 3½ mills. Lost by the following vote:

AYES—Messrs Bailey, Bearmann, Dale, Dignam, Floyd, Lutton Miller, Ross, Robbins, Ross and Wills—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Bindley, Carroll, Fryer, Hayden, Hill, Lang, Petrie, Rowbottom, Taylor, Tibby and Pres't. McCandless—11.

Mr. Willis moved that Council concur in the action of the Select Council.

Mr. Fryer moved a reconsideration of the vote on Mr. Bailey's amendment. Adopted by a rising vote.

The motion to amend by inserting 3½ mills was then adopted by the following vote:

AYES—Messrs. Bailey, Bearmann, Dale, Floyd, Fryer, Hayden, Lutton, Miller, Ross, Robbins, Ross and Wills—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Carroll, Hayden, Hill, Lang, Petrie, Rowbottom, Taylor, Tibby and Pres't. McCandless—7.

Mr. Rowbottom moved to lay the ordinance on the table. On that motion the yeas and nays were called and were as follow:

AYES—Messrs. Carroll, Hayden, Hill, Lang, Petrie, Rowbottom, Taylor, Tibby and Pres't. McCandless—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Bailey, Bearmann, Dale, Dignam, Floyd, Fryer, Lutton, Miller, Ross, Robbins, Ross and Wills—12.

On the final passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were called and were as follow:

AYES—Messrs. Bailey, Bearmann, Bindley, Dale, Dignam, Fryer, Lutton, Miller, Ross, Robbins, Ross and Wills—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Carroll, Dignam, Hill, Lang, Petrie, Rowbottom, Taylor, Tibby and Pres't. McCandless—8.

The President presented a remonstrance against vacating Apple alley. Referred to special committee on the subject.

Mr. Ross moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a return to the writ of the Supreme Court in the matter of the Chartiers Valley Railroad bonds. Messrs. Ross, Floyd and Bailey were appointed on that committee.

Adjourned to Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS held their regular meeting, Thursday evening.

A committee of five was appointed to confer in regard to the St. Clair street bridge difficulties, and arrange the Federal street grade. The bridge company have appointed Messrs. John Graham, Wm. Holmes, and Jas. M'Auley, a committee on their part.

An ordinance was passed relative to vehicle licenses, similar to that of Pittsburgh, after being amended to read: vehicles with one horse, $4: two horses $6; four horses $8.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

"SOUTH AND NORTH; or Impressions received during a trip to Cuba and the South, by Jno. L. O. Abbott, New York: Abbey & Abbott."

A readable book, written in a gossipy view, and full of information which every man in the North ought to possess. It describes Slavery as it is, and points out the dangers of the South with unerring truthfulness. The writer is none of your doughfaces who go down South determined to see nothing wrong, and come back with rose-colored accounts of the "institution." He is a faithful anti-slavery man, and his book ought to be in the hands of every Northern man. It is an excellent campaign document. For sale by W. S. Haven, No. 20 St. Clair street. Price $1 00, and 50 cents in paper covers.

ITEMS.—Mr. W. S. Braden, of Derry township, near Latrobe, committed suicide on Monday morning by hanging himself in his own barn. He was supposed to have been partially deranged at the time he committed the act. He was one of the most respectable and upright citizens of the neighborhood in which he lived. A number of the citizens of Latrobe and vicinity held a meeting at the armory of the Latrobe Light Infantry, on Wednesday last, and decided to make arrangements for a Brigade Parade to be held in that place, commencing the 23d day of May.....On Monday of last week a child of Cecil Cowhig, Washington county, while on a visit to the house of a neighbor, was scalded to death by getting into a tub of boiling water. The child fell stripped backwards into the water, and his foot slipped between the tub and rock at the end of wagon and the road, his body falling out of the wagon. His ankle joint, being thus put on a short pry over the stay rod, was burst open. The large bone of the leg was thrust forward three inches over the instep, and the head of the smaller bone was broken in the joint. His leg was amputated.....On Friday night last the book store of Wm. Colon, in Huntingdon, was entered by some thieves, and jewelry, books, etc., abstracted to the amount of $250. An entrance was effected from a basement room occupied as a billiard saloon, by breaking the glass in a ground window and pushing back the bolt. Then ascending the stairs leading to the room above, a panel was removed from the door and the stores entred through the opening. Several persons had been arrested, but no evidence of guilt found against them. This is the second robbery of Mr. Colon's store, and he offers $50 reward for the apprehension of the thief or the recovery of the property.

THE Wheeling *Intelligencer* indulges in some rather melancholy reflections on the condition of things in that city. A push has been made to establish a night-watch had been made before the council, but our exchange says the city fathers came to the sapient conclusion that a night watch was as useless as a dumb one, and that four policemen were sufficiently large municipal force. It adds: "We beg leave to differ with the city council, being satisfied at the same time that we would have no occasion to do so, did the council but know how things are conducted after I o'c'k in the morning. Stores are broken open, property is stolen, and the city turned into a perfect Pandemonium, the rowdies and thieves have everything their own way, and there is no one to molest or make them afraid. Rowdyism and petty thieving are on the increase and all sorts of villainy can be perpetrated with impunity. We do not see how there can be a quorum in anybody's mind as to the necessity of a good efficient night watch for the protection of the persons and property of our citizens, and the maintenance of order."

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LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

Democratic National Convention.

CHARLESTON, May 2.—Every person is wearied and a large number of delegates have departed. The Douglas leaders say they prefer no nomination to his defeat, and will act upon that idea if practicable. The New England delegations are prepared to abandon him, and New York and Indiana also exhibit faltering evidences. A stampede is threatened. His head-quarters are almost deserted to-night. Mr. Hunter has been telegraphed as to allowing the further use of his name.

The correspondent of the Tribune says:—Mayor Wood appeared to-day in the Seceders Convention, and explained that he had been invited to attend their meeting last night, but he felt himself delicately situated. Without further action, Mr. Yancy gave him the cold shoulder, by suggesting that the Convention was composed of retiring delegations, and regretted that he had not been admitted, so as to be in that category. Mr. Wood took the hint, and has made a virtue of necessity by a written protest against their proceedings. The developments of last night were almost conclusive against the possibility of Mr. Douglas to obtain a two-thirds vote; even if his vote should rise to a majority. The interpretation of the rule was purposely adopted to exclude him, and New York was fully apprised of the consequences when her vote was taken for it.

The Times' Charleston correspondent says:—Fernando Wood and his delegation left this afternoon in the James Adger, for New York, since he is noncommitted to either Conventions. It is stated that a portion of Virginia will break off, and that the Douglas party expect an accession from it to-night. They confidently say they will either nominate or adjourn to New York. Charles O.Connor, of New York, is now spoken of as candidate for Vice President in the Sectional Convention.

The following special dispatch was received by the Herald, from Charleston: "I have learned from two gentlemen just from Savannah, that last night Capt. Farnham, of the yacht Wanderer, in jail in that city on a charge of piracy, was taken out by Mr. Lamar, the owners and others, in the face of the Sheriff, amidst great excitement. Bail had been required, and it was tendered and accepted. The cause which led to this was the late violation of the fugitive slave law at Troy, New York."

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 2.—When the convention met, after explanations touching the Tennessee compromise resolutions, Mr. Russell, of Va., offered a resolution to adjourn to Baltimore on the 8th of June, which was adopted by a vote of 166 to 88.

Before adjourning, Mr. Barret, of Ky., raised a point of order that Mr. Russell's resolution must lay over one day; the President decided the resolution in order, except fixing the place of reassembling, if the pending order for balloting be supported.

A motion was made to suspend the order for balloting and carried; ayes 199, nays 51.

Mr. Russell's resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn it will be to meet in Baltimore on Monday, the 18th of June, in order to afford the States that are not yet presented an opportunity to fill up their delegations.

A delegate from Tennessee moved to strike out Baltimore and insert Philadelphia.

The confusion and excitement was so great that it was difficult to hear anything that was said.

Mr. Randall moved to insert Philadelphia and the 4th of July.

A vote was taken on the substitution of Philadelphia for Baltimore. Rejected, ayes 88, nays 166.

The resolution to meet in Baltimore was adopted; ayes 195, nays 165.

Mr. Stuart, of Mich., moved that the Convention adjourn.

Gen. Spratt proposed three cheers for the National Democratic party, which were enthusiastically given.

Mr. Miller, of Md., hoped that arrangements would be made for printing the official proceedings.

Mr. Cushing, before putting the motion, asked to address the Convention in a few words. He said: Notwithstanding the deep and conflicting interests here at stake, we may say to the country that no convention has ever sat for so great a length of time with the observance of so great a share of order and freedom from personalities or offensive language as this.

He had endeavored most impartially and honestly to fulfil the duties of the chair, and if, in the excitement of the moment, he had been led to use any abrupt language, he humbly apologised for it. He regarded the Convention as having in fact been not only the permanency of the democratic party, but the question also whether these great United States should continue to exist, or endure. We will not, however, relinquish the hope that the Union will continue on till eternity, and he felt confident that the Convention will adjourn to-day, with the determination to do all in their power to restore harmony and confidence.

Mr. Brant, of Baltimore, extended a cordial invitation to the democracy of the Union to the hospitalities of that city.

The Convention then adjourned, at 1 o'clock p. m., and the delegates left to crowds for home.

The adjournment was affected by the Douglas party, under instructions from Washington.

CHARLESTON, May 3.—The Southern Convention assembled at noon. About forty delegates were present. Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, President.

The motion pending was that the Convention expressed a preference for candidates for President and Vice President.

A delegate from Texas moved that the resolution be referred to a Committee of one from each State.

Mr. Burrowes, of Arkansas, prezzated a resolution for appointing a standing committee of one from each State, to issue an address to the Democratic party of the Union. The Convention has in its possession the ark of the covenant, the resolutions objected by the Southern States of this Union, and it was a point around which the party would rally.

Mr. Meek, of Ala., moved a substitute that a committee be appointed, merely to prepare an address, giving reasons for the course pursued. He further said that any Southern States that shall go into the Baltimore Convention, goes in as an approver of squatter sovereignty doctrines.

The resolutions adopted at their adjournment invite the Southern States to fill up vacancies occasioned by our secession, declaring seats vacant. He was in favor of nominating Jeff. Davis and Barnard, but he yielded to the wishes of others, to forego all expression of any preference at this time.

Mr. Burrowes withdrew his proposition.

Mr. Jackson, of Ga., moved that the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

Mr. Hill, of Ga., stated that if the object was to make this a disunion movement, he and his colleagues were prepared to leave at once. His constituents would approve of nothing that would tend to disunion.

Mr. Yancey asked who he alluded to as favoring disunion.

Mr. Hill asked to be excused from answering.

Mr. Yancey demanded an answer, as he wanted it to go to the country that there had been no word or deed tending to the dissolution of the Union.

Mr. Hill admitted that there had been nothing done or said, but the position we would be put in by this action would make us a disunion combination; we entitled it would be a disunion attitude.

Mr. Meek, of Ala., had been a Union man and was so still, if the constitutional rights of the South were respected.

Mr. Gallgein from South Carolina denied that there had been any disunion sentiments uttered here. He thought the course proposed, of disbanding, was a singular one. We are, about separating without recommending or taking any action with regard to the Presidency. He therefore moved that should the Baltimore Convention repudiate the resolutions passed here, that a committee be authorised to call a National Convention.

Mr. Jackson, of Ga., thought this no time to say a word about for Union at the expense of the rights of the South [shouts of applause] when the rights of the South are trampled to the North. I am for liberty first and Union afterwards. [Cheers.] If there be nobody here to stand by me, I must quit the South.

Mr. Whitely, of Del., moved to lay the resolution of Mr. Meek on the table, and adjourn. He was opposed to any general address.

Mr. M. appealed to Mr. W. to withdraw the motion for a moment, and proclaimed that he was not devoted to the Union at the expense of Southern rights.

Mr. Darby, of Miss., hoped the convention would separate in union and harmony.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 3.—The friends here of the Seceders at Charleston openly avow their policy to be that of throwing the election into the House by running three or four tickets. Once there, they count on 15 Southern States, together with California and Oregon, to elect their man. This plan embraces keeping out Kansas until the next session, which they have the power to do through the Senate.

The Covode Committee had the Detroit Post-office under consideration, and ascertained that an Administration paper is supported out of the profits of the Federal offices at that point, as a consideration of holding the same. Mr. O'Flynn, late Paymaster, supported an organ as long as he could afford it, and was then turned out to make way for Mr. Walker, who is now spending most of his time here in efforts to keep Mr. Cooper in the seat belonging to Mr. Hunter.

SAVANNAH, May 3.—One hundred guns were fired on the battery this evening in honor of the withdrawal of the Southern States from the Convention.

Capt. Farnham, of the Wanderer, who has been confined in the jail here for the past six months, has been released by some friends, and an attempt by the U. S. Marshal to arrest him was resisted with revolvers. Finally the Marshal compromised the matter, and Farnham is to appear on Wednesday, and five bonds were given in $50,000.

BUFFALO, May 3.—The Conference convened at half-past eight o'clock, Bishop Scott presiding. The order of each day, till the subject is in a measure exhausted, is the presentation of petitions and memorials. This morning, Conference was on the subject of Slavery, asking for a change of the rules. Resolution was adopted inviting him to take a seat on the platform. He was received by the Bishops and cordially welcomed, the Conference rising in mass.

DELVEDERE, N. J., May 3.—Harden has been sentenced to be hung on the 26th of June, between the hours of ten a. m. and three p. m. When asked why sentence should not be pronounced on him, he said: "I have nothing to say."

NEW ORLEANS, May 3.—A meeting will be called to-morrow evening, to protest against any action of the citizens of Louisiana committing the State to disunion or secession.

ST. LOUIS, May 3.—The river is about stationary, with 7½ feet water to Cairo. The upper streams still continue to decline. Weather clear and very warm.

LOUISVILLE, May 3.—The river is falling slowly, with 6 feet water in the canal. Weather clear, with mercury at 82°.

CINCINNATI, May 3.—The river has fallen fourteen inches within the last 24 hours, and is now 16 feet 3 inches. The weather is clear and warm.

Thirty-First Congress—Sixth Session.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 3.

HOUSE.—Mr. Sherman made a suggestion as to early action on the tariff bill.

Mr. Dunn wanted to adjourn before the dog days, and should vote to proceed to business.

Mr. Cobb said he desired to make a speech on the state of the Union, generally, but he preferred to wait for the final action of the Charleston Convention before doing so. If that Convention should be turned out to grass, he would forbear making his speech.

Mr. Sherman gave notice that he would call up the tariff bill on Wednesday, and it was generally believed that after to-day, the debate in the Committee would be confined to that subject until it was disposed of.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hall defined the position of the Republican party.

Mr. Stanton replied to Mr. English. He said that not one man in a thousand in Ohio, or the northwest, was in favor of extending equal social or political privileges to negroes. He granted as treasonable the purpose of the Democrats who avow that the election of Seward or any other Republican President is sufficient cause for the dissolution of the Union.

Mr. English explained: He did not believe that a Corporal's guard of the Democratic party are willing to go out of the Union because of the mere election of any objectionable man for President.

Mr. Stanton said that was true as to a good many Democrats in the free States, but they are in fellowship with those who avowed such sentiments in order to aid them to retain control of the government.

Mr. Millson said Mr. Stanton was in error in saying that the Democratic party north or south had ever declared it as the purpose of the party to destroy the Union in the event of the election of an Opposition President.

Mr. Stanton referred Mr. Millson to Mr. McPherson's speech, wherein were extracts from twenty Democratic speeches, showing such purpose distinctly avowed.

After further remarks in a similar strain, Mr. Singleton controverted Mr. Stanton's position as to Southern labor.

The House then adjourned.

HALIFAX, May 2.—The steamer Canada sailed at midnight for Boston, where she will be due on Friday morning.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION FOR MAY & JUNE.

JAMES PARK, JR., V. P.

JOSEPH R. HUNTER. | SAMUEL ROBINSON.
SAMUEL SMITHS. | HENRY OLIVER.

Weekly Review of the Pittsburgh Market.

[Reported specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY, May 4, 1860.

The general market during the past week, although dull enough, showed a little improvement over the previous one; last prices, with the exception of flour, remain unchanged. Flour has advanced from 10 to 20 cents per bbl on all brands, but the general quotation is that prices have reached their highest figure. The advance is attributed to the late news from Europe.

The weather has been changeable, though not unpleasant, and our rivers continue to recede with five feet in the channel. Freights continue scarce to all points below, and boats are compelled to wait and take their turns, or go out with small trips.

The prospects for an average crop of grain are becoming brighter every day. The fruit crop, although pretty severely injured for some localities by the late frosts, will, judging from present indications, be a good one.

All of the Banks of this city, except the Bank of North America, declared their semi-annual dividends to-day. We subjoin a statement showing the present capital stock of each, the rate of the dividend and the amount:

Banks.	Capital.	Rate of Div.	Amt of Div.
Pittsburgh	$1,500,000	4 per cent	$60,000
Farm. & Mech	2,000 000	4 "	80,000
Commercial	841,400	3½ "	29,349
Mechanics	600,000	4 "	24,000
North, Liberties	500,000	6 "	28,000
Southwark	250 00	10 "	25,000
Manufacturers	250,000	6 "	12,500
Penn Township	300,000	4 "	14,000
Western	1,200,000	4 "	48,000
Mech. & Manufac	200,150	6 "	12,805
Commerce	250,000	6 "	12 500
Girard	1,200,000	3 "	37 500
Tradesm's	150,000	4 "	6 000
Consolidation	267,350	3 "	8,025
City	433 950	3 "	13,018
Commonwealth	228 340	6 "	7,150
Exchange	200,000	6 "	14,000
Union	167,340	8 "	6,000

Tot'l May 1860 $10,692,148 $458,444
" 1859 10,459,293 402,310

Increase in 1860..... $232,795 Dec. in 1860...$5,876

The average of dividends this year is a little less than 4½ per cent. on the whole amount of capital, a falling off from the average of May, 1859—Phila Ledger.

The following is a comparative statement of the exports, (exclusive of specie,) from New York to foreign ports for the week and since Jan 1:

	1856.	1859.	1860.
For the week	$1,912,827	$1,714,077	$1,658 600
Previously reported	18,818,287	18,948,271	28,152,527
Since Jan 1	$20,731,076	$20,662,348	$27,850,127

The Hamburg steamer takes $50,000 in specie, a large proportion of which is silver. We hear of no gold to Boston for the Canada to-morrow.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET, Wednesday, May 24, 1860.—The current prices for the week at all the markets are as follows:

BEEF CATTLE.

First quality	$ cwt. $9 75@10 25
Ordinary quality	9 00@9 50
Common quality	7 75@8 25
Inferior quality	6 50@7 50
SHEEP & LAMBS.	
Prime quality, Shed	$5 50@7 00
Ordinary	4 00@5 00
Common	3 00@4 00
Inferior	2 00@3 00
SWINE.	
First quality	$5 @5½
Second quality	4½@5

The receipts continue moderately heavy, but the quality of the offerings is better than usual at this season, and the whole of previous years. There are but very few inferior cattle brought in this season, and the bulk of the offerings during the entire spring months have been fat, though being for the most part large and coarse, have not been near as much desirable, though they have sold at fair prices, notwithstanding the many complaints of Brokers and Drovers to the contrary.

Sheep and Lambs are in steady, fair demand at the above quotations.

Swine were in good supply and demand at 4½@5½ with sales of 1,325 head.

RECAPITULATION.

The total receipts of all stocks at all the yards for the week and last week, were at follow:

	Beeves.	Cows.	Veal Calv's.	Sheep & Lmbs.	Swine
At Washington yard	2522	77	715	1319	.....
At Brownell's	71	4	53	2073	.....
At Chamberlain's	77	31	57	1721	.....
At Allen's	19	64	253	1111	.....
Total	3389	126	1077	6224	.....
Do last week	761	152	1437	5000	.....

NEW ORLEANS, April 30—P. M.—Flour is dull, without any change in prices.

Corn is firmer, with a moderate demand; new ranges from $@70@78. The stock in the inspection warehouses is 12,000 bbls.

Lard firm at 10½@11c, with a fair demand.

Bacon steady at 7½@8½c for shoulders and sides.

Whisky dull, lower and nominal, at 19c for new.

Sugar firm, with a moderate demand, prices are unchanged; 7½c for fully fair.

Coffee firm, and in good demand at 13@13½c.

Molasses in limited demand, and prices drooping; Prime rebelled is selling at 33@39

Rice steady, with a fair demand at 5@5 for ordinary.

Sight exchange on New York ½@¾c prem.

The steamers at astic, City of Madison and Jesse K. Bell have arrived.

ASHES—the week's sales were small at former prices, viz: Pots Ash 3@3½; Pots range from 4½@4¾. Pearls 6½@6¾. The stock in first hands is ample for all ordinary wants.

APPLES—the season is over, and although choice apples would now command high figures, the market is so bare that sales so few that we omit quotations.

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

	bbls.	half bbls.
Extra	$5	$4 00
Extra X	6	3 00
XX	7	3 50
Porter	6	3 00

BAGGING—the price current of Messrs. Hartel & Barbier, for printed bags at Schuer's, four inches, 12½; 2s, 13½@14c; 1½, 14½@15c; 1, 15@16c; ½, 16@17c; ¼, 17@18c; ⅛, 18@19c; 1-16, 19@20c; 1-32, 20@21c; 1-64, 21@22c; 1-128, 22@23c; 1-256, 23@24c; 1-512, 24@25c; 1-1000, 25@26c; 1-2000, 26@27c; 1-4000, 27@28c; 1-8000, 28@29c; 1-16000, 29@30c; 1-32000, 30@31c; 1-64000, 31@32c; 1-128000, 32@33c; 1-256000, 33@34c; 1-512000, 34@35c; 1-1000000, 35@36c; 1-2000000, 36@37c; 1-4000000, 37@38c; 1-8000000, 38@39c; 1-16000000, 39@40c; 1-32000000, 40@41c; 1-64000000, 41@42c; 1-128000000, 42@43c; 1-256000000, 43@44c; 1-512000000, 44@45c; 1-1000000000, 45@46c; 1-2000000000, 46@47c; 1-4000000000, 47@48c; 1-8000000000, 48@49c; 1-16000000000, 49@50c; 1-32000000000, 50@51c; 1-64000000000, 51@52c; 1-128000000000, 52@53c; 1-256000000000, 53@54c; 1-512000000000, 54@55c; 1-1000000000000, 55@56c; 1-2000000000000, 56@57c; 1-4000000000000, 57@58c; 1-8000000000000, 58@59c; 1-16000000000000, 59@60c; 1-32000000000000, 60@61c; 1-64000000000000, 61@62c; 1-128000000000000, 62@63c; 1-256000000000000, 63@64c; 1-512000000000000, 64@65c; 1-1000000000000000, 65@66c; 1-2000000000000000, 66@67c; 1-4000000000000000, 67@68c; 1-8000000000000000, 68@69c; 1-16000000000000000, 69@70c; 1-32000000000000000, 70@71c; 1-64000000000000000, 71@72c; 1-128000000000000000, 72@73c; 1-256000000000000000, 73@74c; 1-512000000000000000, 74@75c; 1-1000000000000000000, 75@76c; 1-2000000000000000000, 76@77c; 1-4000000000000000000, 77@78c; 1-8000000000000000000, 78@79c; 1-16000000000000000000, 79@80c; 1-32000000000000000000, 80@81c; 1-64000000000000000000, 81@82c; 1-128000000000000000000, 82@83c; 1-256000000000000000000, 83@84c; 1-512000000000000000000, 84@85c; 1-1000000000000000000000, 85@86c; 1-2000000000000000000000, 86@87c; 1-4000000000000000000000, 87@88c; 1-8000000000000000000000, 88@89c; 1-16000000000000000000000, 89@90c; 1-32000000000000000000000, 90@91c; 1-64000000000000000000000, 91@92c; 1-128000000000000000000000, 92@93c; 1-256000000000000000000000, 93@94c; 1-512000000000000000000000, 94@95c; 1-1000000000000000000000000, 95@96c; 1-2000000000000000000000000, 96@97c; 1-4000000000000000000000000, 97@98c; 1-8000000000000000000000000, 98@99c; 1-16000000000000000000000000, 99@100c; 1-32000000000000000000000000, 100@101c; 1-64000000000000000000000000, 101@102c; 1-128000000000000000000000000, 102@103c; 1-256000000000000000000000000, 103@104c; 1-512000000000000000000000000, 104@105c; 1-1000000000000000000000000000, 105@106c; 1-2000000000000000000000000000, 106@107c; 1-4000000000000000000000000000, 107@