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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 29, 1860.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G.E. Shaw, Optician, 55 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	00	32
12 " M.	00	44
6 " P. M.		40
Barometer		29 5-10

THE ANTI-TAX CONVENTION.

THE MEETING—PARTICULARS, &c., &c.

The Convention called by the County Commissioners for ascertaining the wishes of the citizens of this county relative to complying with the mandates of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, commanding the assessment of a tax to meet the interest due on the subscription made by the County to the Connellsville Railroad, met in the Supreme Court Room, in the Court House, yesterday morning.

The meeting was called to order about 10½ o'clock by Mr. Walker, of Elizabeth. Edward Cambell, Jr., was called to the chair, and Dr. Caldclens, of the Sixth ward, Col. J. A. Exkes, of Elizabeth, and Capt. Gilfillan, of Upper St. Clair, were elected Vice Presidents, with Hugh S Fleming of McClure, John Irwin, of the 3d ward, and George W. Leonard of the 7th ward, Secretaries.

There were one hundred and ninety-six delegates in attendance, a number of whom had not been elected in the districts they professed to represent, but were admitted to the Convention to represent the vacant districts, as it was alleged that they entertained the same opinion on the question as their neighbors would, had there been an election of delegates in the vacant precincts.

The Convention was composed of the following delegates:

PITTSBURGH.

First ward—Capt. A. Miller, Jas. McKee, John M. Bailey, J. D. Mosser.

Second ward—Thos. Bakewell, J. B. Swaltzer, John C. Davitt, M. Irwin.

Third ward—1st precinct: Sam'l. M. Kerr, David Sinns, George W. Leonard, Robert Duncan: 2d precinct: Kiv. Campbell, Jr., James Gildea, J. Harvey Robinson, John Creighton.

Fifth ward—1st precinct: S. McKelvy, Dr. J. Ahl, ——— Whitesides, ——— Allen; 2d precinct: Richard Thompson, J. Irwin, J. G. Negley, Wm Scott.

Sixth ward—Chas. Bowan, Dr. A. G. McCandless, J. C. Cummins, Capt. Wm. Ward.

Seventh ward—Henry Little, George Chester, Biddle Arthurs, Jacob Tomer.

Eighth ward—George Ebery, David Hutchison, Joseph Little, C. W. Smith, David Hutchison.

Ninth ward—James Tibby, Jos. Wicks, John Paisely, Thomas Rodwell.

ALLEGHENY.

First ward—S. Riddle, J. H. Foster, E. D. Johnston, David Marcer.

Second ward—S. H. Geyer, H. Boyle, J. R. Large, James Mcore.

Third ward—James Park, Jr., David L. Smith, Nicholas Voughty, O. P Whiston.

Fourth ward—1st precinct: A. N Burchfield, A. Dravo, D. A. Fromly, A. Robison: 2d precinct: John Stagle, Lr. Scraggs, Wm. Brown, Dr. J. D. Baldwin.

BOROUGHS.

Elizabeth—J S Penny, J H Maffett, Col. J A Ekin, R C Walker

Manchester—Abraham Patterson, Henry Faulkner, Wm B Ross, Isaac Stewart.

Sewickley—George F Ruffell, D N White, T H Nevin, John Wey

Lawrenceville—Col. Henry McCullough, Henry Knowden, Dr. Lee Robinson & Al. Reiter.

Mckeesport—I J Cook, J S Hoey, H S Sinclair, Thomas Peaney.

Temperanceville—James Smitley, N Ballantine, David Robinson, A M'Millan.

Sharp burg—J G Comstock, T H Gilston, Jacob Kyle, Jno Hartman.

TOWNSHIPS.

Pitt—Wm A Herron, James M'Clintoc, Robert Arthurs, Yost Smith.

Collins—Peter Weaver, Geo G Negley, Thomas Donnelly, Wm B Inskeep.

Pinkerton, Jas Sharp, Geo Sharp, W F Stewart.

Penn—H S Stalice, Henry Johnston, David Dollins.

Richhead—H Scaddle, Joseph Batton, A M'Kinley, Joe Smith.

Robinson—John Riddle, Wm Tidball, Wm Andrews, Wm Glass.

Moon—W H Goy, Wm Curry, P H Stevenson, Samuel Stevenson.

Franklin—Wm Harrison, Levi Richey.

Baldwin—Wm Cowan, J Bickman, S Moore, J Wallace.

Mifflin—G Lightner, J Sangree, D Le Morrow.

McCandless—O H Osborn, Wm Hutchinson, John Campbell, Jr., Wm Dunlap.

Upper St. Clair—John Gilfillan, Samuel Martin, Harvey Robb, Wm Gilmore.

Neville—A Hamilton, Joe Watters, Robt Phillips, J H Hamilton.

East Deer—Jesse Brown, Wm Bailey, Jos Mellon, James Lemmon.

Wilkins—D Hamilton, John Johnson, Isaac Mills, I S Davison.

Versailles—Wm L Miller, Frank Wall, J T Larimer, D R Bingham.

Jefferson—John Payne, Thomas Large, Jonathan Large, Hugh Kennedy.

Charlies—J Duff, Sr., James Bell, Wm Watters, James Carter.

Findley—George Barn, Robt M'Lean, James Stewart, A M'Stewart.

Ohio—Wm Morrow, O Duff, H S Thompson, A H Gilleland.

Newton—Wm Stewart, Jos Woods, James Moore, Peter Boyer.

Pine—E Lorting, T Graham, J G Marshall, W W Rodgers

West Deer—J H Walter, Charles Bryson, S. G. McCallister, John Mcfitt, Sr.

Indiana—F Allsop, John Kerr, David Boyd, Wm Hendricks.

Lower St Clair—Joseph Dilworth, T J Bigham, John Silcock, Peter Habermen.

South Fayette—D Gilmore, B Collins, Jacob Jordan, Jackson Sones.

Mercklesburg—Thos L Shields, R P Nevin, Robert Stevenson, Irwin Jr.

McClure—R H Kerr, H S Fleming, Chas. Hartman, G Coleman.

Mifflin—James Snodgrass, H B Cochran, J C Fisher, J H Neel.

Reserve—A G Lloyd, H Dobson, J G Bryan', John Shaw, Jr.

Franklin—J M'Ginnis, J G M'Dowell, Marshal Erinton, J M'Gilley.

About two hours were consumed in receiving the credentials of the delegates, calling the roll and filling vacancies, at the end of which time the business of the Convention commenced. The ball was opened by Mr. Kerr reading the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to prepare business for the Convention, and that said committee be empowered to wait on the County Commissioners and inform them that the Convention is now organized and ready to receive any communication they may be pleased to make; and, as a mark of respect, the said Commissioners be requested to take their seats in the Convention with the consent of the Sheriff, in whose custody they now are.

The resolution was subsequently amended so as to include Major McElhinny.

The President then appointed the following gentlemen on the committee: R. H. Kerr, W. Ward, J. M. Irwin, J. Means and R. L. Arthurs.

After the committee had retired, Mr. Large moved that a committee of ten be appointed to prepare a memorial to the Legislature for the redress of their grievances by the removal of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Nevin moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Business, which had just been appointed.

Mr. Large at first opposed the motion, and insisted on a special committee being appointed, but afterwards withdrew his motion.

The following resolution which explains itself was offered by Mr. Fleming, and, after some discussion, was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Business, already appointed:

WHEREAS, This convention having understood that offers of compromise have been made by the Interbondholders; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed by the chair, to take this matter into consideration, and to report to an adjourned meeting of the convention, on what terms a compromise can be effected.

A motion made by Mr. S. McKelvy, of the Fifth ward, that the resolution be laid on the table, was withdrawn by that gentleman, and at the instance of Dr. McCandless was referred to the Committee on Business.

Here the committee came into the room with the Commissioners, who were introduced to the people by Mr. Kerr. They took their seats on the bench, amidst considerable applause. In answer to an enquiry as to whether they had any communication to make to the Convention which they had called, the following paper was handed to the President (Mr. Campbell) who read it to the Convention:

JAIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, Nov. 29th, 1860.—*Mr. President and Fellow Citizens*.—The undersigned, Commissioners of Allegheny county, having issued a call requesting the tax payers to appoint delegates to meet in Convention, and having been duly informed that you have met in accordance with the call, and that you are prepared to receive from your commissioners their reason for calling the present Convention, we would briefly state to you that some time in June, 1859, a Convention, composed of a very large number of tax-payers, met and passed resolutions instructing the Commissioners not to levy any tax to pay interest on railroad bonds, which resolutions were strictly complied with, and your Commissioners were sentenced on the 4th of March last for contempt of Court in refusing to obey its mandates, and for obeying the instructions of said Convention. After having received their sentence in Philadelphia, and on arriving in Pittsburgh they were immediately imprisoned, and have remained in prison ever since. In March last another Convention was held, which denounced the Court in the strongest terms, and applauded the Commissioners for resisting the Court's orders, and encouraged them to continue to resist, consequently no levy has as yet been made. Now, the time will shortly arrive when the yearly estimates will have to be made and a tax levied for the ensuing year, and it is for the people to say whether their Commissioners, in their estimate for next year shall levy a sufficient amount to pay the interest which is said to be due on railroad bonds, or to instruct them in what they desire best to be done.

It will require eight mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation of the county, to meet the expenses of the coming year, and pay outstanding debts that must be paid; and seven mills will be required to meet the interests on railroad bonds that have already been ordered by the Courts to be paid, and how much more may be ordered to be paid before the levy is made for ordinary county purposes, the shrewdest financier will find it difficult to tell. Most respectfully submitted.

S. PATTERSON, }
J. READY, } *County Commissioners.*
GEO. HAMILTON, }

The Convention, after returning a vote of thanks to the Commissioners, adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.—The Convention met in City Hall and was called to order by the President at 1 o'clock. The attendance was considerably larger than in the forenoon, though owing to imperfect arrangements about hanging the hall, it was intensely cold; the chairman of the committee on business made the following report:

Resolved, That inasmuch as a proposition has come from the bondholders in regard to a compromise, we therefore recommend that three persons (not bondholders,) be appointed by the Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to ascertain on what basis the bondholders will agree to a compromise, and that the said persons report all the facts to an adjourned Convention to be then advised on the subject and matter at issue; but in no instance shall the said persons have the power to pledge the people for any sum or sums of money for the redemption of said railroad bonds.

Resolved, That said Committee, to be appointed by the Commissioners, shall, as soon as convenient, report, in writing, all matters pertaining to the question at issue, and then the said County Commissioners to give notice to the President of the Convention to re-assemble the delegates now in session.

Resolved, That the able and lucid opinion delivered by Chief Justice Lewis on the unconstitutionality of the subscriptions by the city and county, to Railroads, was the honest convictions of a honest heart, strong legal mind and great firmness in character. The people of the State have to regret that one so pure and able should withdraw from the public service, for when on the bench he was an ornament to the profession, and now in his retirement, we who appreciate his integrity, express our gratitude for his fidelity in sustaining the purity of the Constitution and the legal rights of the tax payers, in direct opposition to the decision of politicians on our inhabitants, by plundering them of their labor, by this absurd decision of partial Judges.

Resolved, That it was the deliberate conviction of a large majority of our people, that the opinion delivered by Judge Lowrie, in which he coincided with the learned and able Judge Lewis, was then considered by all as his honest convictions of right; but of late days we are led to a different conclusion, as he has changed front and turned on the people that he was in duty bound as an honest man to have sustained, and here in his own home we announce to him that he has held his last office from the tax payers of this county, and if he was an honorable man he would resign the trust which he has polluted, for he has lost the confidence of those who placed him in power. We ask for the removal of the whole Bench, as they have disgraced their high calling, and we here present the memorial authorized by the former County Convention, and which has been prepared with great care and learning—reviewing the whole matter that now agitates the people of our county, and presenting our grievances to the Legislature asking redress.

Resolved, That we pledge the County Commissioners our aid and support in their manly courage by suffering imprisonment, rather than permit the tax-payers to be plundered by sycophants, and the faith and credit of the county is safe in their keeping, so long as they firmly stand by the interest of the tax-ables.

Resolved, That the alarming and ruinous expense attending commitments to the jail of vagrants, drunkards and disorderly persons, by the Mayors and Aldermen, numbering 16,650, at an expense of $2 33 each, amounting to $38,697 in less than two years, calls for legislative interference; we therefore request our Senators and Members to have an act passed taking the power from the Aldermen to commit, and vesting such only in the Mayors, who shall be paid a salary, no fees; but in no case whatever will the county be made liable for said commitments either by said Mayors, nor shall the police constables be paid any sum over their regular pay.

Resolved, That we further desire that all such persons who are liable to be committed for the offences enumerated in the above resolve shall be sent to the city or county farms, as the case may be, which will be owing to their place of residence, be the same in the city or country.

On motion of Mr. McKelvy, the report was accepted.

Mr. Bigham moved that the report be adopted as read.

Mr. Nevin, of Sewickley, moved as an amendment that the resolutions be taken up and voted upon separately, but the amendment was lost by a large majority.

The resolutions were again read by Mr Kerr, in obedience to the call made to that effect by Col. Henry M'Cullough.

On motion, the resolutions were then taken up in order. The first and second were passed without a dissenting voice. The third resolution met with some slight opposition from Mr. Nevin. The fourth was then taken up. Mr. Nevin, of Sewickley, moved to lay it on the table. The yeas and nays being called, the motion was lost.

Col J. Heron Foster, of Allegheny, wanted the memorial referred to in the resolution read Mr Kerr then arose and commenced to explain that the adoption of the resolution did not include the memorial, as they were two separate documents.

Soon it grew very warm, and said that these questions were being asked, so as to fritter away the time, and exclude the county delegates, who would be compelled to go home early from the real business of the convention. The delegates referred to by Mr. Kerr, manifested their approval by shouting, "that's so, that's so!"

Mr. Park, replying, rather warmly; the convention "choked him off" by yelling, "order, order."

The yeas and nays being called on the fourth resolution, it was adopted by a vote of 123 to 11, four members refusing to vote.

Mr Kerr then presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That our members of the Legislature be instructed to vote against the repeal of the tonnage duty, and all at present pending for private and local benefit, especially by the passage of an act relieving the railroad from such tax.

The resolution was, on motion, laid on the table. The following resolution, submitted by Col. Foster as a substitute, was adopted:

Resolved, That as many of the bonds under which we labor are owing to the influence of "borers" at Harrisburg, employed and paid by soulless corporations, that our Senators in Hall have been earnestly requested to beware of all such influences, and to oppose any repeal of the Tonnage Tax, or any further relief, at public expense to the Sunbury & Erie Railroad Company.

Mr. Gilfillan offered the following resolution, passed at the primary meeting in Upper St. Clair tp., which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That we so instruct our delegates from this county in convention to vote for the best means and measures to effect a compromise in the final settlement of this whole anti-tax question.

Mr. John Irwin, Jr., offered the following preamble and resolution, which was laid on the table, after a speech in favor of John A. Large, who though admitting that the money had been drawn out of the treasury, thought it a deliberate insult to the men who they had asked to take a seat in the Convention, in the morning:

WHEREAS, It has been asserted in the public papers, that the County Commissioners had drawn three thousand ($3,000) dollars out of the treasury, which has not been accounted for.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Commissioners to investigate the case and report to a subsequent meeting.

The reading of a communication from Mr. Hugh J. Lennox, late Coroner's clerk, which had been handed in by the committee on business, was then called for. The following is the contents, the writer of which alleges that he can verify all it contains by Mr. Sam'l B. Cooper, late one of the County Commissioner.

STATEMENT.

On Monday, Nov. 5, 1855, some of the Directors of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, viz: Messrs. L. and S. Lloyd, G. W. Jackson, J. K. Moorhead, Wm. F. Johnston and F. R. Brunot, applied to the County Commissioners to subscribe for $500,000 of the railroad bonds given by the County Commissioners to said road were about to fall due, and that they were not prepared to meet the payment, and solicited the Commissioners to lend the credit of the county to them by issuing warrants at six months, so as to enable them to get through; the said Directors stating that they had arrangements made whereby the money would be paid by them at the expiration of the six months aforesaid, without fail; and that the county would never be called upon for the payment of said warrants so granted as additional security. If they should fail to meet their engagements they proposed to the Commissioners, and did give, a judgment bond, which cannot now be found against said road, the purport of which was that if they did not meet the payment of the interest at the expiration of one year, as above guaranteed, that, and in that case the Commissioners were to take possession of the road and control it, and appropriate the earnings (after deducting the expenses) to the payment of the year's interest aforesaid.

The Commissioners, in agreeing to the above contract or arrangement, issued their warrants in favor of Bank of Pittsburgh, $5,000; Exchange Bank, $5,000; Lyon, Shorb & Co., $5,000; Pittsburgh Trust Co., $1,500; Merchants' & Manufacturers' Bank, $3,500; Mechanics' Bank; $3,190—making, with the discounts added, $23,190.

May 24, 1856.—The second six months interest on the bonds aforesaid being about to mature, the Directors aforesaid applied to the Commissioners, and stated their inability to meet the interest, and desired them again to lend the credit of the county under the former contract, which the Commissioners after consideration agreed to, and issued warrants accordingly.

At a subsequent interview between the Commissioner and said Directory, or a part of them, Mr. Johnson remarked that the Railroad Company were getting an act passed by the Legislature, permitting them to sell preferred stock, to finish the road to Mahoning, (which act was passed—see pamphlet laws of 1857, page 293.) The sale of this stock would so enhance the earnings of the road; that capitalists would get confidence in its stability, and be prepared to buy the county bonds not yet sold, amounting to one hundred and twenty, at an increased rate, which would enable them easily to lift the warrants granted by the Commissioners before the expiration of the year.

At an interview with the same, the said parties, either on the 24 or 4th day of May, 1857, Mr. S. B. Cooper, said he did not think the Commissioners should do anything in the matter of payment of interest, inasmuch as they had guaranteed to meet the interest themselves; which statement J. K. Moorehead denied; whereupon Wm. F. Johnston affirmed that the statement of Mr. Cooper was correct, that they did pledge themselves to redeem the warrants if granted without calling upon the Commissioners.

The warrants granted as above, were subsequently paid by Thomas Blackmore, Esq., Treasurer of the county.

See Auditor's Report, 1856-7 and 1857-8.

James Parke, of Allegheny, offered the following resolution, which was laid upon the table, amidst hisses and cries of "put him out."

Resolved, That this Convention advises the Commissioners to conform to the mandates of the Court and levy the tax, in the reasonable hope that some equitable arrangement satisfactory to the holders of the bonds may soon be effected in the way of compromise.

The following resolution, handed in by J. O. Cummins, was adopted:

Resolved, That this convention recommend to the serious consideration of the State Legislature, a revision of our fee bills and salaries, with the view of reducing the same, and by so doing, effect a reduction in our present system of taxation, which has become oppressive and burdensome.

The accompanying resolution was read by Mr. Samuel Riddle, of Allegheny, but was laid on the table, after a flaming speech from "Benton" Kerr. When the Reporters wanted the paper it was no where to be found, until it tumbled out of the hat of Mr. Kerr:

WHEREAS, The expenses has demonstrated the inefficiency of our present system of managing county affairs; and whereas Allegheny county has outgrown the most sanguine expectations of the framers of our early statutes, with her 180,000 population, and $26,000,000 taxable property; therefore,

Resolved, By the people of Allegheny county, in convention assembled, that our members in the Legislature be requested to prepare a bill repealing and abolishing the present board of commissioners, and erecting a County Controllership, said officer to be paid a fair compensation, which will guarantee an officer of intelligence.

Mr. Nevin, of Sewickley, thought there was an evident desire on the part of the majority of the Convention to "gag."

A resolution offered by James M. Irwin "that the County Commissioners be instructed to draw their warrants for $1000 each to pay the fines imposed on them by the Supreme Court, if they have not already drawn the money was lost.

Several other delegates rose to speak but they were compelled to sit down, as the President announced that Mr. Thomas Williams was in the hall, and would, doubtless, if called upon, address the Convention. Mr. Williams being called upon, came on the stage and made a speech of considerable length, after which the Convention adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS—Before Judges McClure, Adams and Parke.

Wednesday, Nov. 28th, 1860.—Except the conclusion of the Allegheny riot case, in which a verdict of guilty was rendered, there was nothing of importance transcired in this Court today.

The Court adjourned somewhat earlier than the usual time, having finished all the cases on the docket for the present term. On Monday the December term commences.

COURT OF OYER & TERMINER—Before Judges McClure, Mellon, Adams and Parke.

Wednesday, Nov. 28th.—The jury in the Fifth ward riot case are still out, and with but very little probability of their coming in with an agreement. They came into Court in the forenoon and stated that they could agree as to only one of defendants, (Brown, it is said) Judge Mellon informed them that they could not be discharged until they had found a verdict, as the county had already been put to a heavy expense to try the case, and it was desirable that the affair should be ended, and not have to go over the whole matter again. The jury then retired, but nothing has been heard from them as yet.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

A Treatise on the construction and management of Railways. By John B. Jervis, Civil Engineer: New York, Pitmans, Blakeman & Mason, Publishers.

This is a work designed to afford useful knowledge, in a popular style, to the holders of Railway property. It treats of all subjects, from the construction of the road to the management of its finances, and is written in a very agreeable style. All who are interested in Railroads, whether as stockholders or as officers, should procure a copy of the book. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

BROUGHT UP—Officer Hamilton, of the Central Police, arrived in the afternoon train yesterday, from Wheeling, having in custody "Wash" Freeze and "Snibbs" Arnold, the two individuals who are charged with assisting Dr. Handy, and robbing Sophia Karr, on 4th street, some days since, of a gold watch and chain and $200 in money.

The authorities of Wheeling gave the prisoners up without a requisition, as they knew it would only be an unnecessary delay waiting until it could be procured. The two are now in jail, and will be a hearing this morning before the Mayor.

LECTURES BY BISHOP SIMPSON.—We learn from a reliable source that our citizens are to be favored with two lectures by this eminent divine. The subject of the first is "Egypt," and will be delivered in the South Common M. E. Church, on next Saturday evening; that of the second is "The Holy Land," and will be delivered in Concert Hall, Fifth street, on Monday evening next. The Bishop is one of the finest pulpit orators of the day, and we trust that no one will neglect the opportunity offered of hearing him. Let his many friends greet him with his overflowing house.

SEWING MACHINES.—As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, a donation has been made in the price of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine. No more suitable or acceptable present could be given for the holidays, than one of the above named popular machines. Each machine is warranted for three years, and a company is organized to give full confidence of each purchaser to give full instructions as to the operations of the machine.

THE GIFT BOOK STORE.—Book buyers should not fail to visit Melvin's Gift Book Store, (branch from 112 South Third street, Philadelphia,) now open at No. 56 Market street. Mr. Melvin has an excellent stock of books, and the liberality of his gift distribution is unprecedented. His gifts are of superior quality, consisting of Fine Gold and Silver Watches, Silver Tea Services, Pocket Bibles, Albums, Annuals, Fine Jewelry, Silver Ware, &c. Call and buy a book and you will not regret it.

THE PITTSBURGH INFIRMARY.—This excellent institution in our midst has afforded relief and healing to nearly two hundred patients this year. Most of these have been on the charity list, so that the demands on the treasury of the institution have barely overrun the receipts. Will not the friends of humanity and good works remember its wants amid the festivities of to-day.

OIL NEWS.—A company composed of Hugh Smith, Thomas Cochran, Dr. Bates, Rev. Thompson, Thomas Powell, James McConnell and others, have struck a fine vein of oil near Cochranjun, in Crawford county, which it is thought will yield from five to eight barrels per day.

LECTURE—On the "Law of Limitations and Liens" before the classes in Duff's College, on Friday, 30th instant, at 3½ o'clock p. m., by Hon. T. Dunn, Esq., attorney at law. A number of highly interesting recent legal decisions will be cited.

THEATER.—Go and see Miss Emma Webb as Zoe, in the Octoroon, this afternoon, at half past two o'clock

The Octoroon will be repeated to night, together with a laughable afterpiece.

THE Post Office will only be open till ten o'clock this (Thanksgiving) morning. All of our citizens having business to transact will please attend before the closing.

AS THERE is a report that the Bank of Beaver County has suspended, we take this opportunity to say that the Bank has not suspended specie payments, nor will it suspend, during the present crisis.—*Beaver Argus*

FALCAFF'S MUTHWIPE SIS RECRUITS.—This magnificent engraving, together with the Cosmopolitan Art Journal for a year, a season ticket of admittance to the Gallery of Paintings, and a chance in the drawing for several hundred valuable paintings and works of art, for only three dollars; and for every two dollars additional paid by members of the Cosmopolitan Association entitles them to a beautiful $10 engraving, such as "Shakespeare and his friends" or the "Village Blacksmith," an additional chance in the drawing and season ticket of admission to the gallery of paintings. Books are now open for subscriptions, at Hunt & Miner's.

SHINGLES.—The shingle market is very dull just now, and prices have a declining tendency. This decline is attributed by a great many to the supply being more than equal to the demand, but the real cause may be found to the fact that the demand is not so great as in former years, shingle roofs not being thought of when "Groggon's celebrated Asphalt Roofing Felt" can be obtained. The agent for this excellent article may be found at his office, Laughlin's building, Canal bank, near the city Water Works.

INFANTILE CORDIAL.—We would request particular attention to the advertisement of Messrs. DUTCH & DUNLAP, addressed to "mothers." The INFANTILE CORDIAL of DR. MATHY is a medicine of great celebrity, and the standing of the manufacturers will be a sufficient guarantee of the care taken in its preparation, and its unfailing quality. The "SOOTHING POWDER" is for a class of diseases uncertainly very prevalent in this vicinity, and its high reputation should secure a ready sale.—*Wilkinsonic (Conn.) Journal.*

WE See advertisement. For sale by GEO. H. KEYSER Agent, 140 Wood st., Pittsburgh, Pa. nov17:d&wtfnp

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Gill, No. 246 Penn street, attends to all branches of the Dental profession;

ALL should not fail to read the advertisement of Prof. Wood, in to-day's paper.

ARTESIAN WELL.

PIPE FOR OIL WELLS, FLUSH JOINTS, WROUGHT IRON WELDED TUBES, LAP WELDED BOILER TUBES, manufactured and for sale by

MORRIS, TASKER & CO.,
PARGAL IRON WORKS, PHILADELPHIA,
nov30 3m. (Established 1821.)

NEW CROP N. O. SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—

60 hhds N. O. SUGAR, and
100 bbls and 200 half bbls N. O. MOLASSES, Now Orleans to arrive this week by steamer Reliance—all of which will be sold at a very great decline, by
nov15 JOHN I. HOUSE & CO.

CEPHALIC PILLS,

17 Strets Maize, wrist, sweet,
Alchemist's Infallible Cordial; for Coughs, &c;
Iceland Moss Paste, for Sore Throat;
Widow's London Dark Hair Dye; Schenck's Mandrake Pills;
Brown's Laxative Troches; Glycerine Honey Soap;
Old Hungarian Wine; Wood's Restorative Cordial;
Dr. Hall's Balsam; Radway's Regulating Pills.
Fine Cap and Bathing Sponges
For sale by T. J. GILMORE, Druggist,
nov15 Corner Wood and Fourth sts.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION FOR NOVEMBER.
JOSEPH DILWORTH, V. P.

JOHN'S KEMPARTER,	SAM'L M. KIER,
J. B. AKIN,	A. E. SEGER.

Weekly Review of the Pittsburgh Market.

[Reported specially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY, Nov. 29, 1860.

Business during the past week has been as active as could reasonably have been expected, under the prevailing circumstances. There has been a perceptible improvement in money matters, both here and elsewhere, and indications now are that the financial panic, which has created so much excitement during the past eight or ten days, is rapidly subsiding, and that ere another week passes, confidence will be almost entirely restored.

The general market has undergone but few changes, and they are of a trifling character. Flour, owing to the extremely limited demand the liberal receipts and the excitement in the money market, has declined a trifle. Groceries have also declined, while Grain, with the exception of Wheat remains unchanged.

Our rivers have receded considerably, but the stage of water as yet, is ample, and the largest class of boats meet with no obstruction from that source. Freights, however, are very scarce and boats in order to get full trips are compelled to wait their turns. The weather has been decidedly "mixt" of late, we have had rain, snow and sleet all in one day. On Saturday and Sunday it was extremely cold, and had it continued 24 hours longer, navigation would have been entirely suspended.

APPLES—are in fair request and prices are a shade better. We note sales at $1,25@1,50 per bbl, and $1,75 for a better figure for very choice.

ASHES—quiet and dull. Sales Pearls 5½; Soda Ash 3@3¾; Pots range from 4@4½.

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

	bbls.	half bbls.
Kennett	$6 00	$4 00
Cream	5	2,50
X	4	2,00
XX	7	3,50
Porter	6	3,00

BAGS—the price current of Messrs. Harbet & Barker, for printed bags is as follows: flour sacks, 12½ lbs, $20@37,50 @ 1,000; 25 lbs $30@35; 50 lbs $75@75. 90 lbs $100@110; salt bags 7 lbs $12@16 10 do $22,50@32; 14 do $26@30; 20 do $30@40; 35 do $36@45. Ham and beef bags—12 lbs $9 @100; 18 do $17@ 12 00 $150. 10 do $120. Grain bags—2 bushmeslin, $10 @ 100; 2 do, drilling, $15; 2 do, Onnsburg's, $14 @16; 3 do do, $18@24.

BEANS—are more active and prices are a shade higher We note a sale of Small White at $1,45@90c. The s ock in market is limited.

BROOMS—continues to meet with a moderate demand, but rates are without material change. Sales of common at $2, and good to fancy at $2 75@3 25.

BUCKETS AND TUBS—The factory prices (cash, par tunds) at Fallston and New Brighton are for Buckets $1,50 @1,75, and Tubs, $2,25@2,75 ₰ doz. From store, buckets sell in the retail way at $1,75@2,00.

BACON—There is but little doing as the season for old meats may be considered at an end. The transactions have been so few and trifling that we omit quotations.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.—Is in moderate demand, but rates remain unchanged. We note sales from first hands at $2,00, and $2,25@2,25 from store.

BUTTER & LARD—Butter is in moderate demand, and a slight advance has been established. Prime Fresh Roll commands 12@13c ₰ lb. Eggs—We could hear of no sales and consequently omit quoting

CHEESE—continues to meet with some inquiry, while prices are well maintained. Western Reserve commands 10@10½ cents, Hamburg at 11 cents, and English Dairy at 11c per pound.

CORN—is in rather better demand, with a limited stock in market. We note sales at $46@46,50 ₰ bbl—as per quality.

CORN NUTS—Have become quite scarce, and as a consequence prices have advanced.

CORDAGE—

Manilla Rope, coil, 10 c ₰ lb	Manilla Rope, cut, 11 c ₰ lb
Hemp Rope, coil, 12 c ₰ lb	Hemp Rope, cut, 14 c ₰ lb
Tarred Rope, coil, 11 c ₰ lb	Tarred Rope, cut, 13 c ₰ lb
Packing Yarn, fine, 13 c ₰ lb	Packing Yarn, coarse, 12½ ₰ lb

BIRD CORDS—Manilla, $1,50, $2,25@3,00 ₰ doz.
Hemp coil, 11 cts ₰ lb.
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 corrected to date:

No.	FOURS YARN.	No.	
Nos. 8 to 10 inclusive	20 c ₰ lb	Nos. 24	28 c ₰ lb
Nos. 11 & 12	21 c ₰ lb	Nos. 27	30 c ₰ lb
Nos. 13	22 c ₰ lb	Nos. 28	31 c ₰ lb
Nos. 14	23 c ₰ lb	Nos. 30	32 c ₰ lb
Nos. 15	24 c ₰ lb	Nos. 20	29 c ₰ lb
	SCOTCH YARN.		
Nos. 400	11 c ₰ doz	Nos. 800	8 c ₰ doz.
Nos. 500	10 c ₰ doz	Nos. 900	8 c ₰ doz.
Nos. 600	9 c ₰ doz	Nos. 1000	8 c ₰ doz.
Nos. 700	8 c ₰ doz		

Carpet chain, No. 20 ₰ lb. Twine, 21c ₰ lb
Do do white, 22 ₰ lb. Candlewick, 12c ₰ lb
Do do No 16 to 24, 21c ₰ lb
Do do No 6 to 12, 22c ₰ lb
Coverlet Yarn, 28c ₰ lb
Candlewick, 20c ₰ lb

SHIRTINGS

No 1	5¾ c ₰ yd
No 6	6¼ c ₰ yd

CANDLES AND SOAP—Candles have declined 1c, following figures can be relied on as strictly correct—mould and dipped 11; adamantine and star 1 8@20c; Opal 16@ 17c; Sperm 40@45c; Soap 4½@5c for No. 1.
Toilet & Castile, 8@9c for Sawyer's Chemical Olive; for Parvyn's Chemical, and Wood's Palm, 10c.

CORN MEAL—is in good supply. We quote from first hands at 60@62, and from store at 65@70.

CHEESE—Is in rather better inquiry and prices are firm but unchanged. Sales of No. 1 at $1,10¾ and No 1 Extra at $1,18—delivered.

BRIER—The demand has improved. We note a sale of 140 bush Prime Clover at $5,50 ₰ bush Timothy is selling at $2,10@2,25, and Flax Seed at $1,70@1,75.

CRACKLINGS—steady at 10¾.

TALLOW—rough is bought by the chandlers at 7, and country rendered at 8.

WINDOW GLASS—prices are firm, and we repeat our quotations for the small sizes, city make:—8x8 and 7x9, $3,75; 8x10, 9x10 and 10x12, $3,50; 8x12, 9x14 and 10x14, $3,75; 9x15 and 10x16, $3 ₰ box of 50 feet—18 ₰ cent discount off.

WHITE LEAD—firm and in steady demand at $8,50 ₰ keg for pure in oil; and dry or ₰ lb subject to the usual discounts. Red Lead $7@8, ost. And Litharge 6½.

WILBEY—City rectified commands 30@32, and old rye 36@38,25 as per quality.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, Nov. 26.—The offerings of beef cattle were large again this week, and reached 2,500 head. The market was dull and rather lower, ranging from $7 to $9,50 ost, the latter for extra quality, and $7@8 the 100 lbs gross. The following are the purchasers of the sales at Phillip's yard:

32	Chester county, Isaac Abrahams at	$8@9	
21	do do John Sanderson	8	@8½
12	Va., McQuaid & Carr	7	@8½
50	Chester county, Kimble & Kirk	8	@8½
45	Chester county, Kennedy & McClosse	8	@8½
19	do do Baldwin	8	@8½
10	do do Earle	7	@8
40	do James McIlhenny	7	@8
123	Chester county, P Hathaway	7½	@8½
80	Virginia, P McFillen	5	@6
180	Chester co, Cochran & McCall	6½	@8
102	Va., J Seldomridge	5	@6
90	Ohio, Mooney & Smith	7½	@8½
30	do Shomberg & co	7	@8
46	do Ullman & Fox	7	@8½
64	do H Chen	7	@8½
40	do Antl & Voehm	7	@8
26	Chester co., Gaines & Treisor	7½	@8
60	Virginia, Hutton & Seymour	7	@8
53	Chester county, Chandler & Alexander	7	@8½
50	Delaware, J Martin	7	@8½
103	Va., Bandy & Werts	7	@8
106	Missouri, Jas Gardin	7	@8½
60	Virginia, Gleason	3	@4

2000 head.

About 125 Cows and Calves were offered and sold at prices within the range of $20 to $45 each, according to condition.

Of Hogs the receipts and sales reached about 4,000 head, including 2000 head sold at Ireland's and 1841 at the Avenue yard, all at $7,50@8,25 the 100 lbs, which latter is a decline of 50c on the rates of last week; the market heading dull.

Of sheep some 6000 were offered, the most of at about 4 to 5 cents per lb gross.

Sheep—Common lambs, assorted, $14 ₰ M. feet, clear do do at $21 ₰ M. feet; dressed flooring boards $18 ₰ M. feet. Shingles: prime 16 inch $3,25 ₰ 1000; do No. 1 18 inch $3,75