CITY AND SUBURBAN.

LOCAL NEWS ON FIRST AND THIRD PAGES

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—The benefit of John Engler, Jr., last evening, at the Opera House, was not so great a success as we would have wished. The state of the pavements had very much to do with the small audience. Another cause was probably the idea that Mr. Engler was going to skate at another place. The audience was fair, however, and the performance excellent. "The School for Scandal" was admirably given; all the parts being well sustained. Miss Charlotte Thompson, the magnificent actress, commences an engagement on Monday.

LECTURE BY PROF. GUNNING.—To-morrow evening, at the Academy of Music, Prof. Gunning will deliver a lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association, upon "The Conformity of the Bible with Geology." A subject of such interest will no doubt attract a large audience, particularly when it is in the hands of so elegant and polished a lecturer, geologist and scholar, as Prof. Gunning. The admission is of course free.

THEATRE COMIQUE.—The spectacular drama of "Cherry and Fair Star" still draws large houses at the Theatre. The efforts of the management in securing a first-class entertainment are fully appreciated, and the scenery and acting of this grand oriental fairy spectacle draw nightly. Miss Leonora Cavender is a very versatile and charming actress as well as *danseuse*. She is rapidly becoming a favorite at the Theatre.

MASONIC HALL.—Another large audience greeted Professor Macallister, at Masonic Hall, last evening, to witness his wonderful achievements in legerdemain. His last act, the "Elements," is as truly wonderful as anything ever witnessed in the performances of any wizard ever seen by our people. His visit here has been a magnificent success.

District Court.

Before Judge Williams.

VERDICT

In the case of Andrew D. Miller vs. owners of the steamboat LeClair—action for damages, before reported—the jury found a verdict in favor of plaintiffs for $348.22, the full amount claimed.

ACTION ON IRON CONTRACT.

Gracey & Biggerstaff vs. Gilman & Howe. Action to recover the price of iron furnished contracted to deliver iron bolts for a bridge at Oil City. Delivery was made in accordance with the contract, but it was contended that the iron was not "good American, suitable for bridge purposes," as stipulated, for which reason it was not accepted. The price agreed on was seven cents per pound, and the quantity delivered was twelve, at this rate, at $840. The jury retired and had not agreed upon a verdict at adjournment. Kuhn & Cassidey for plaintiffs; Purviance & Son for defendants.

Common Pleas Court.

Before Judge Sterritt.

TRN COAL-BOAT CASE

The case of M. J. Bigley vs. David A. McDonald—action to recover for the loss of two boats containing 17 000 bushels of coal, at the rate of twenty five cents per bushel—went to the jury yesterday evening, but no verdict had been rendered at adjournment. Col. J. K. Kerr and M. A. Schoonover for plaintiff, Thos. M. Marshall, Thos. Hamilton and A. M Watson for defendants.

Alleged Misdemeanors.—William Mattern, the keeper of a livery stable on Seventh street, near Liberty, made information yesterday before Alderman McMasters, charging a man named Dean with malicious mischief. He alleges that on the 8th of January the accused hired a buggy of him, and wilfully and maliciously broke up said vehicle, demolishing it. The proprietor wished to recover the value of the buggy, and he had reason to believe that Dean was making preparations to leave the city without paying. Hence the information. A warrant was issued.

Malicious Mischief.—Martin Waller yesterday made information before Alderman Strain, charging Gottlieb Lutz with malicious mischief. The parties are neighbors residing in Manchester, and Lutz, as is alleged, has opened a drain from his premises to those of Waller, by means of which the contents of the cess pool on Lutz's premises are run into deponent's cellar. A warrant was issued.

Got Bail.—John Thompson, committed to jail on Thursday by Alderman Strain to await his trial for assault and battery preferred by Jane Knox, obtained bail yesterday, and was released.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, Fort Wayne & Chicago R. R. February 15—car cattle, 5 pkgs butter, Sturgeon & Bro; 7 pkgs butter, Kennedy & Wood; 2 do do, J S Cunningham; 10 pkgs leather, G N Hoffstott; 19 pks wool, Findley & Co; 1 car bar, Campbell & Brown; 10 bbls apples, H Rea; 25 do do, Camp, Moye & co; 1 car oats, 10 bbls butter, Blair & Woods; 25 boxes soap, B Robison & co; 5 bbls cider, G Myers; 2 cars metal, J Morrison; 9 car cheese, Reed, Lee & co; 1 car corn, D N Courtney; 1 car hay, H Rea; 45 ake rye, Graham & Anger; 70 bdls paper, Pittsburgh Paper Co; 1 car hay, J Hinkle; 3 bbls beans, 50 bbls apples, 8 do cider, Graff Seibert; 1 bx butter, Ide gear T Hager; 100 bbls whisky, J S Finch; 19 bbls apples, Voigt & co; 1 car hay, Carson, Blair & co; 3 pcs do lumber, L Langhann; 100 bbls flour, S Lindsay; 100 do do, J S Dilworth & co; 100 do do, J E Dos.

PITTSBURGH, COLUMBUS & CINCINNATI R. R. February 15—27 sacks corn, Fred Schleide; 1 hhd tobacco, J W Taylor; 7 bbls apples, Sturgeon & Bro; 9 bdls paper, Pitts Paper Co; 20 empty bbls, Jas Crawford; 5 bbls flaxseed, Read & Metzgar; 30 bbls rags, C E Marks & co; 5 coils rope, Lynch & Anderson & co; 20 bbls apples, Newcomer, Goe & co; 27 do do, G S Berger; 1 sd car hay, M W Rankin; 15 boxes tools, Waltmore, White & co; 30 bbls apples, Sawyer, Harper & Harper; 1 carr sheller, J Knox & Son; 50 bbls meal, Jones & Coffin; 71 sks barley, D S Galway; 15 sks corn, Silliton & Wallace; 95 bbls flour, Seghmyer & Voskamp, 210 sacks corn, A Cocke-helmer; 1 car sheep, Thos Merkle; 6 cars iron ore, Shoenberger & Bliklin; 1 car sd, W H Irvs & co; 50 barrels oil, R L Fahnestock; 15 bbls hams, J P Hanna & co; 15 bags grain, Wolf, Mathews & co; 3 carboys acid, sellers & Vangorder; 6 cases tobacco, W L Jones, 34 bxs coffee, F Guttendorf.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.—February 15—1 pkge produce, 15 bbls apples, Voigt & co; 2 cars iron ore, Shoenberger & Blair; 4 bbls chalks, C Purdy; 1 car kegs, Reed & Metzgar; 1 car lumber, C Hay; 12 bbls oil, S B Floyd; 53 do do, J Gallagher; 53 do do, D Dye; 50 do do, Reed & Lee; 40 do do, W J Glenn; 15 sks corn, Fetzer & Armstrong; 20 sks corn meal, Keil & Ritchart; 1 case tobacco, Heymer & Bro.

ALLEGHENY STATION, February —1 car barley, M Well; 10 doz brooms, M Cummings; 5 bbls produce, J Koben & Bro; 1 car staves, J M Hemphill; 9 dressed hogs, E Dyer; 1 car millfeed, M Steel & Son; 1 car staves, Haley & Roberson.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.—Feb. 14, February 14—21 sks rags, Pittsburgh Paper Co; 20 bbls oil, Lenhart & Frew; 1 car iron and pails, Martin, Brickell & co; 34 bbles, Peltz, Flacons & Sons; 3 bbls tallow, J S Duff; 5 Collard; lot marketing, owner; 2 cars acid, Pitts Acid Works.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, February 15, 1867.

The following are the New York stock quotations for to-day: Gold, 132¾; 1881 bonds, 109¾; Five Twenties, old, 109¾; Five Twenties, '65, 107¾; do new, 105¾; Seven Thirties, 107¾. Michigan Southern Railroad, 79¾; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 85¾; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 97; Erie, 60¼; Western Union Telegraph Company, 43¾; Chicago and Rock Island, 97¾; Chicago and Northwestern, 36¾; do preferred, 68; New York Central, 105¾; Gregory, 11¼; Corydon, 9¼; Quartz Hill, 4¾.

—We have already given the provisions of the bill of Mr. Sherman reported to the Senate for retiring compound interest notes. The finance committee, it seems, favor this plan, and agree upon $50,000,000 lawful money Treasury certificates, to bear 3 per cent interest, to take the place of a corresponding amount of compound lawful money notes, now held by the National banks—$81,325,100 on the 1st of January quarterly report—the banks being authorized to use the new paper as their banking reserve to the extent of three-fifths, or 60 per cent of the required average. This position is esteemed not so much a positive measure of expansion as an assurance against the possible pressure upon, or inconvenience to the banking movement of the country as the compound notes fall due. In commenting upon the bill the New York *Times* says that the committee seemed to take it for granted that the banks will be glad to get these certificates at the rate of interest, but country banks aver that they will prefer to keep their balances in New York legaldemurrer, and get four per cent, as they now do. There is little doubt of the passage of the bill in the Senate, and it will probably be accepted as the compromise measure of the different financial propositions.

—Last evening all the necessary arrangements for the retirement of the notes of the banking firm of Solomon Sturges' Sons, to be succeeded by the Northwestern National Bank, were completed, and the transfer went into practical effect this morning, by the removal of the latter to the premises occupied by the former. It is understood that the Northwestern will have the power to increase its capital from $500,000 to $1,000,000. It now has a surplus in financial circles, and has the reputation in financial circles, of being one of the best managed institutions in the west. There will for the present be nochange in the management—Mr. George Sturges continuing as President, and Mr. John DeKoven, as cashier.—*Chicago, Tribune, Feb. 14th.*

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PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, February 15, 1867.

The produce markets present no new characteristics worthy of special notice. There is no improvement to note in the demand for any of the leading commodities, and while transactions continue to be of a important character, prices have undergone little or no change.

GROCERIES.—The market is steady with a fair jobbing demand, while prices generally substantially unchanged. Fair to choice Rio Coffee is quoted at 20@24. Sugar—Cuba, 12¼@13½; Porto Rico, 13@14; Crushed, 16¼@17; Coffee, 15¼@16; Extra C, 15¼@16; Extra, 16¼@17. Extra Porto Rico molasses, 70 to 75. Rice, 10¼@11¼ as to quality.

GRAIN—There seems to be no demand for Wheat. We can report sales of some 500 bush Oats, on track, at 45 for Canadian, at 50 to 52. Rye is in demand at $1.22 for Penna. and $1.25@1.30 for Western. Barley may be quoted steady at $2.50 @ $1 for No. 1 Spring.

FLOUR.—Is dull and weak, and if anything, prices are a trifle lower. We now quote at $11.75 @ $12 for standard brands of Spring Wheat; $12.25 for choice; $13.50 to $14 for Winter Wheat and $16 to $17 for fancy St. Louis brands. Rye Flour is selling at $7¼ to $7¾ and Buckwheat at $5.50.

PROVISIONS—Bacon is selling in a jobbing way at 10 to 10¼ for shoulders, and 15 to 15¼ for Sugar Cured Hams. Lard is quoted at 9¾ to 10¼ for prime leaf. No transactions in Mess Pork or Bulk Meat.

WOOL—Is reported in steady demand, with regular sales at 38 to 99 for No. 2, and $1.08 to $1.10 for No. 1.

HAY—Continues to arrive pretty freely, and with a supply considerably in excess of the demand, the market is very dull, and prices are nominal at $23 to $25, for good to prime Timothy on track.

BUTTER—Is becoming very dull again, and prices are tending downward. Prime Roll cannot safely be quoted above 33 to 35.

EGGS—Are also coming in more freely, and prices have declined from 10 to 15c per dozen; fresh packed having been sold to-day at 40 to 45.

POTATOES—Continue very dull, and but little hopes of any better prices this season are now entertained. Small sales of Peach Blows at $2.75 @ 3 per bush.

APPLES—In steady demand but unchanged—prime sales in store at $4@5 to $4 per bbl., as to quality.

SEEDS—Flaxseed is in good demand at $2.05—a round lot might bring a fraction more. Cloverseed is selling at from $6 to $6.50, as to quality, and Timothy at $3 to $3.25.

DRIED FRUIT—is steady but unchanged—regular jobbing sales at 9 to 10 for Apples for Peaches—quarters and halves.

MILLFEED—Sales in store, at $1.25 to $1.30 for Shorts; $1.50 to $2 for Middlings, and $2.15 to $2.20 for Oil Meal.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, February 15, 1867.

CRUDE.—The market continues dull and weak, and as holders are anxious to realize, prices are tending downward. We can report a sale of two thousand barrels, to arrive, on private terms—understood to be eight cents; and two thousand barrels for April delivery, at nine—the sale for April in our last report, should have been at eight and a half cents instead of nine, and a half—quite a difference. Quotations may be fairly given at eight cents, to arrive, and eight and a half to nine for April delivery. Smith's ferry oil is still selling at 7 to 7½. Packages returned, and 12 to 12½, packages included, according to gravity. No operations reported in Kanawha oil.

REFINED—The market for bonded oil continues remarkably quiet, not a single operation reported for two days, though notwithstanding the demand both for present and future delivery, is limited, there is but very little oil offering at present rates, refiners, generally, preferring rather to hold off and take the chances. We quote nominally, in the absence of sales, at 30 to 30½, for April delivery in Philadelphia; 31 for May; 31 for June, and 32 for July—standard white, one cent higher. For free oil, the demand is light, being restricted almost entirely to supplying immediate wants; we continue to quote at 42 to 42½, for twenty-five and fifty barrel lots, and 43 to 44, in a retail way.

ARRIVALS—The following arrivals of oil were reported to-day:

S. B. Floyd	15	D. Rly	53
Nat. Ref. Co.	50	W. J. Glenn	42
Total			180

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, February 15.—Flour unchanged. Wheat firmer, with sales for No. 1 at $1.34 for No. 2. Oats quiet at 44½ for No. 2. Corn steady at 70 cents. Provisions dull and weak; clear pork $19.62½.

PITTSBURGH METAL AND BLOOM MARKET—WEEKLY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, February 15, 1867.

The metal market presents but few new features worthy of special notice. As yet the mills have not resumed operations, nor has any arrangement been perfected between the mill men and the puddlers in regard to wages, but we are cognizant of some of them having looked around and inquired about rental this week, which is an indication that they may be in the market as buyers again, and that, too, before long—it is to be hoped so at least. There is some little inquiry for Foundry Irons, but as the demand is restricted almost entirely to supplying immediate wants, the transactions generally are of an unimportant character—hardly worth reporting. For Blooms, also, the demand is light, but as the supply is light, and as there is no disposition manifested to force sales, prices are unchanged. Manufactured iron is dull, the orders from the south and west being light for the season, but as our rivers are again in fine navigable condition, an improvement in this branch of business may be looked for. We quote the following sales:

ANTHRACITE.

30 tons	No. 1 Lumps	57 00	4 mos
12 do	No. 2 Anthracite	49 00	do
500 do	No. 3 Anthracite—to be delivered at option of buyer at	46 00	cash
30 do	Anthracite Foundry	46 00	cash
10 do	do do	47 00	cash
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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial Matters.

NEW YORK, February 15.—Money rather more active, at 5@6. Sterling 8½@9. Gold dull and drooping, opening at 132¾, declining to 132¼, and closing at 132¼. Government stocks firm. Freights to Liverpool firm, with 40,000 bushels of corn, at 6 9@7 3d per sail.

Stock quotations, 4 30 P. M.—New York Central, 106¼; Erie, 60¼; Reading, 104¼; Michigan Central, 108; Michigan Southern, 77¾; Illinois Central, 115; Pittsburgh, 92¼; Northwestern, 36¼; do preferred, 68; Toledo, 110; Rock Island, 97¾; Fort Wayne, 97¼; Ohio and Mississippi Certificates, 29¼; Coupons 1881, 109¾; do, 1864, 107¼; do, 1865, 109¾; Seven-Thirties, 105¾@106¼.

LATEST.

The mining market was generally lower at the morning board, but there was an active business in many shares. Quartz Hill was the leading stock. At the afternoon board Quartz Hill continued to be the leading feature and sold largely at 4@4¼. Consolidated Gregory firm and active at 2@2¼, but closed firm at 2.20; Symonds Fork strong at 1.15.

Crude petroleum is dull, but steady: At P. M. the prices were: Ohio Certificates, 29¾@30; Erie, 29¾@30; Reading, 104¼@105; Michigan Southern, 77¾@78; Illinois Central, 115; Pittsburgh, 92¼; Northwestern, 36¼; do preferred, 68; Toledo, 110; Rock Island, 97¾; Fort Wayne, 97¼; Ohio and Mississippi Certificates, 29¼; Coupons 1881, 109¾; do, 1864, 107¼; do, 1865, 109¾; Seven-Thirties, 105¾@106¼.

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RIVER NEWS.

The river rose rapidly during Thursday night and all day yesterday, and was still swelling steadily last evening, with nearly twenty-three feet in the channel. The river has been principally in the Allegheny, though the Monongahela rose considerably, and it was reported in the afternoon that there were thirty feet at Brownsville, but this is doubtless an exaggeration. At last accounts, the Allegheny was falling at Oil City, with but six feet in the channel at that point, and it is said that the ice is broke as far up as Tidioute. Thus far, the freshet has not done much damage, with the exception of carrying off a number of oil barges and data.

There has been no arrivals or departures since our last report, aside from the Brownsville packets. The ice coming out of the Allegheny River has for the time being stopped navigation. The Lent Lodi and Grey Eagle, from Parkersburg, and the Robt. Moore, from Portsmouth, are due, and the two first named boats may possibly be found in port to-day, though it is a little doubtful.

The H. C. Gray came very near sinking a boat of coal, belonging to Fawcett & Co., on Thursday, a short distance below here in the fog. As it is, she knocked one end of it in, and had to leave the mate and a number of deck hands to stop the leak, and tump her out. The coal boat was tied up at the time of the accident.

Capt. Johnston is having a pair of new smoke stacks made for the Glasgow, which when mounted, will add materially to her outward appearance.

The towboat Fearless left for Cincinnati the day with a tow of coal. It is probable that others will get within the next few days—at present coal is very dull and ready for shipment.

The Silver Lake No. 4, Capt. Todd, is filling up steadily for St. Louis, and will leave to-day without fail, and passengers and shippers should bear this fact in mind.

The Bellevernon, Capt. Darragh, Jr, is also loading for the same point, and will leave at an early day—to-day.

The Columbia, Capt. Reed is announced for Nashville, and the Columbia, Capt. Ben Harper, for the New Orleans—both good boats.

The Wheeling and Parkersburg packet Eagle was so seriously damaged by the recent break up, that she is being dismantled.

The Mary Donald has been sold at St. Louis for $40,000 to Capt. Dave Silver. She originally cost $60,000.

The rates of freight regulated by the Charitable Marine Association, of St. Louis, are as follows, and shippers should see that they are governed by them.

The towboat Hercules has been purchased at New Orleans by M. S. Mepham. She will bring to Cincinnati the hull of the Osborn packet.

The towboats Alps and Ajax are coming up from Louisville, with a tow of coal for Pittsburgh, with sixteen barges each.

The Martha L. Kennedy, carrying passengers and freight, a license at the time of a recent price fight near New Orleans, has been condemned, after a thorough survey.

The Cincinnati *Gazette*, of Thursday, says: The Hope, the finest boat in the upper part of the Memphis Dean Line of packets, is off for a few days to have the iron of her boilers situated in the State of Pennsylvania, not greatly distant—the State we mean—from New York.

The Kenton and America were advertised to leave Cincinnati for Pittsburgh on Thursday. We trip the following from the Cincinnati Commercial:

Yesterday morning, about 3 o'clock, the safe of the American was pried open and robbed of all its contents, some $400. Capt. T. C. Golding, Mr. Clark, the clerk, and the steward of the boat, were charged with the money in their possession, amounting in all to $1,200. The America arrived from New Orleans, at 12 o'clock Tuesday night, after a long and tedious trip through ice. Agents for the sale of N. Y. Hide's Extract and J. Kenyon's Sarsaparilla.

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