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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

Annexation of Duquesne Borough—Commissioners appointed—Resolutions Relative to the Soldiers' Monument—Appropriations—Appointment of Committees—Common Council Improvements—The Fire Department, &c., &c.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the Allegheny Councils was held last evening in their chambers in the City Building.

Select Branch.

In Select Branch there were present Messrs. Black, Brown, Faulkner, Gwinner, Hall, Motheral, Myler, J. C. Patterson, A. Patterson, Phillips, Riddle, Retter, A. D. Smith, Wm. Smith, Weiss, Wettach, President McMeier and D. Masterson, Clerk.

Absent—Messrs. English, Gang, Hartman and Reed.

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and approved.

THE ANNEXATION OF DUQUESNE—NEW BRANCH.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the regular order of business was waived to allow

Mr. Brown to present a communication from the Councils of the Borough of Duquesne. The communication contained a report of the action of the said borough, at a meeting held February 26th, 1868, on the election of members of Select and Common Councils of the city of Allegheny, to represent the borough. The following are the gentlemen elected to the two branches:

Select—Messrs. James Cullery, John John and William Krebs.

Common—Messrs. O. P. Wilhelm, Andrew Lyons and William Saints.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ANNEXATION.

Mr. Hall, chairman of the special Committee appointed to confer with a Committee from Duquesne to the City of Allegheny, submitted the report of that Committee, accompanied by the following preamble and resolutions, to be acted upon provided the Councils of Duquesne Borough agree to come into the city:

WHEREAS, An act, entitled "an act annexing the Borough of Manchester to Allegheny City," approved the 18th day of March, A. D. 1867, provides that the City of Allegheny shall have power to extend her northern boundaries by a direct line from the northernmost corner of said borough of Manchester to a point of intersection with the northern boundary of the borough of Duquesne, that it will take in the water basin of said city of Allegheny, and from the said point of intersection to the eastern terminus of the line of said borough of Duquesne, whenever the Councils of the said borough of Duquesne shall consent to the extension of said boundary line; and

WHEREAS, The Councils of the said borough have signified their consent to the extension of the boundary line of the city as provided for in said act, and have given duly authenticated notice of their action to this Council, therefore be it

Resolved, That the boundaries of the city of Allegheny be and they are hereby so extended as to embrace all the territory now constituting and forming the borough of Duquesne.

The report was accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

Mr. Brown then moved that the members from Duquesne borough be invited to seat, as a matter of courtesy, in the chamber.

Messrs. Brown and Hall were appointed a Committee to conduct the gentlemen to a seat, which was accordingly done.

The report and communication were then ordered to be sent to the Common branch for action.

REPORT OF RULES.

Mr. Riddle, from the Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Riddle, Hanna and Phillips, appointed to modify the Rules, presented a report containing a number of proposed changes and additions. Accompanying the Committee offer resolutions that the Rules of Order of the Councils of this city, with the proposed modifications, be adopted, and that the Clerks of Councils be instructed to properly head, index and have so hundred copies printed and bound.

The Committee also recommend the employment of two boys, one for each Council Chamber, to act in the capacity of pages, to carry documents, &c.

The various modifications of the rules were taken up *seriatim*, and acted upon.

The resolutions were then adopted. C. C. non-concurred as to "pages." S. R. receded and concurred.

THE NEW PASSENGER RAILWAY.

Mr. Myler presented a petition from the Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company, accompanied by a copy of the act of incorporation and a communication from the officers of the company, accepting the provisions of the charter. Referred to the Railroad Committee. C. C. concurred.

OPENING OF WASHINGTON STREET.

Mr. Phillips presented a petition from the Fort Wayne Railroad Company, asking for a revision of the matter of assessing damages for the opening of Washington street.

Mr. Myler presented, also, the report of the viewers on the opening of said street, and on motion both cases were referred to the Street Committee.

ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Weiss offered an ordinance from the Committee on Ordinances, providing that hereafter it shall be the duty of viewers appointed to assess damages and benefits for street improvements, after the completion of their report, and before laying the same before Councils, to give personal notice to all parties interested, appointing a second day and hour for inspection of the assessments, and hear complaints from parties interested.

Read three times and finally passed. C. C. concurred.

REPORT OF STREET COMMITTEE—IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Myler, Chairman of the Street Committee, presented the report of that body, from which we extract the following:

Fulton, for running a hedgewick street. Prayer of petitioners granted.

In the matter of a petition for widening Fifth alley to forty feet, the Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to advertise and receive proposals for the opening of said alley in the Common Council Chamber, for fitting up the same beneath and the street commissioner to cover with cobbles, and for all other work attending to said alteration. Also for filling the road in rear of the cells in the Department of City Hall.

Resolved, That Mr. John U. Barr be and he is hereby authorized to procure with the concurrence of a like ordinance in the Select Council Chamber, proposals that of the same size and of the quality and designed, viz: that of heating with thermometer, he shall require to be in operation thereon.

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to make such necessary repairs and alterations to the City Hall as they may deem necessary.

After reading it, Mr. Hall said he hardly knew what to move in the matter. He explained the views of the Committee, and stated, that a few and more economical Committee's office was much needed. To bring the matter before Councils, however, he moved the adoption of the resolutions.

Mr. Myler seconded the motion, but with Messrs. Hall, Kennedy, and A. C. Patterson opposed now adding to the expense of the City.

The motion was lost.

Two resolutions authorizing the acceptance of a false ceiling in the Select Chamber was then taken up and adopted, with the amendment that the Committee have power to act.

The resolution providing for various repairs in the building was adopted. C. C. concurred.

Mr. Myler having the report of the viewers on the opening of Locust street, moved that it be referred back to the Committee on account of objection. So ordered. C. C. concurred.

THE DEATH OF GENERAL ROBINSON.

Mr. Myler, in a few pall bearer remarks on the death of General William Robinson, Jr., moved that a Committee of five, two from Select Council and three from Common, be appointed to prepare resolutions of condolence.

The President appointed Messrs. Myler and Brown on the Committee. In C. C. Messrs. Fleming, McNeill and Wettach were appointed.

APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. McBrier (Mr. Brown in the Chair), submitted a proposed Act of the Legislature, prepared, under instructions given at the last meeting, by the Presidents of Councils, providing for representation in Councils, and apportioning the same. The proposed act provides that each ward shall have two representatives in Select Council to serve for two years. Each ward shall have one representative in Common Council for every 375 resident taxables, to serve for one year; but each ward shall have at least two members; and if thirds of 375 it shall be entitled to one member for such excess. A Committee, consisting of the Mayor and President of Council, shall in the month of December, 1869, and every year thereafter, apportion the Representatives of Common Council, from the list of taxables returned by the assessors of each ward. The first election under the provisions of this act shall be the next regular election after its approval by the Governor, provided that the present members of Select Council shall serve out the time for which they are elected.

The act was approved. C. C. concurred.

COMMON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Philippe called up and moved the approval of the supplement to an act entitled "an act authorizing and providing powers and means for the conversion of the common grounds of the city of Allegheny into public parks."

Section first of this act is in intent and meaning the extension of the provisions, authority, control and powers of the Park Commissioners, contained in the act to which it is a supplement, over the Seminary Hill property, embraced in the plans of the public parks made by Messrs. Mitchell, Grant & Lord and already approved by Councils, with the same force and effect as though the act had included the said Seminary Hill for improvement as a public park.

Section second says that the additional cost and expense of so doing in the improvement of the Seminary Hill property shall be provided for the same as the work on the other common grounds. It also provides for the issue of bonds and for the collection of assessments for the improvement.

Mr. Hall stated that he could not understand the last section, which refers to the assessment.

A number of other gentlemen were in similar "fog."

Mr. A. C. Patterson explained that it was intended to mean that in case the funds already provided for should not be sufficient to include the improvement of Seminary Hill, they should have power to increase the levy, and raise an additional sum.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE.

The President presented the report of the Fire Engine Committee to which had been referred back the ordinance creating the Department, defining its duties and regulating the compensation of men in charge of Hose Department," to have it printed. Let the ordinance be also republished.

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Mr. Hall's motion was adopted, whereupon Messrs. Cullery, John and Krebs were sworn in, and Messrs. Lyons, Wilhelm and Saints were sworn in by Mr. Hanna, a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. McNeill moved that a Committee be appointed to invite and conduct the members of Common Council from Duquesne borough to seats inside the bar, as an act of courtesy, until such time as they shall be duly sworn as members of Council. The motion was adopted, and Messrs. McNeill, Warner and Tate appointed.

Messrs. Saints and Wilhelm being present, were conducted to seats by the Committee.

The report of the Street Committee from S. C. was then taken up

Mr. Cutler moved to concur with S. C. in all except the third resolution.

Mr. Hanna asked the gentlemen's reasons for his motion.

Mr. Cutler stated that the grade had been established by the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and it was injustice to compel the citizens to pay for it.

Mr. Hanna said that the grade had been given by the City Engineer, and that the Railroad line graded, and put the road in accordance with instructions from Councils, and it was for a portion of the street that had to be cut down that the assessment was made.

Mr. Slagle (Mr. McNeill in the Chair) said that he did not wish to call in question the veracity or any member of the street Committee, but his gentlemen was mistaken. The railroad company had not done their duty, that at the time that grading and paving was done there was no legal authority existing, and not until a year had passed after the work was done that the assessments were made. That there was a blunder on the part of Councils in allowing the street, and to make those citizens pay for it would be unjust. The Committee had not insisted upon the payment of the money the matter might be compromised.

Mr. Cutler said that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had made no claim, and if their was a blunder it was on the part of the City, and the Council could not make the Railroad Company pay for it.

Mr. Hall said that it was wrong to make the Pennsylvania Railroad pay for it. That it should pay instead of citizens, with the story to make it complete. That every one of the citizens who had been assessed signed a petition which was presented to Councils praying that the ordinance were declared void and the money refunded. That Councils had refused to do so, and now it is sought to make the citizens pay for the work which Councils ordered. The story is not complete until the Pennsylvania Railroad Company shall be made to pay the money back that was improperly exacted from the citizens.

The report of the Street Committee from S. C. was then adopted.

Mr. Cutler moved to concur with S. C. in the second and third resolution.

Mr. Hanna asked the gentlemen's reasons for his motion.

Mr. Cutler said that the gentleman was mistaken, that the citizens had paid for it themselves.

Mr. Hanna said that it made no difference, that the grade should be made at the pleasure of Councils, and the citizens must pay for it. He moved to concur in the action of Council in Lockwood and Locust streets, which was concurred in.

Mr. Cutler thought that the case was different in that instance, the property was benefitted and in the other it is taken from the citizens without benefit. Believing the citizens pay for a blunder of Councils, which Councils are also supposed to making the citizens pay the damages.

Mr. Cutler called for the yeas and nays, which were taken, and concurred in, as follows, viz. Yeas 4, Nays 3.

Mr. Cutler moved that a committee of three be appointed to conduct the Mayor to the Chair, and that the Clerk be ordered the oath of office might be administered to the new members from Duquesne borough.

The motion was adopted and Messrs. Cutler, Rankin and Hanna appointed.

The Committee waited upon the Mayor and conducted him to the Speaker's chair, when the new members were called up to take the oath.

Mr. Wilhelm objected to being sworn in at present, and requested that the matter be postponed until it was ascertained if Mr. Saint could see no use of delay in the matter.

A vote of Council was then taken as to the admission of the gentlemen elect, and it was decided in the negative.

The President then directed that the oath be administered to the members of the Legislature, which was done.

Business from Select Council was again taken up, in lieu of which it was otherwise noted Common Council concurred.

Councils adjourned.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, February 27, 1868.

Gold opened dull and lower at 140¾; it gradually advanced to 141¼, but closed weak at 141¼. The payment of the March coupons on 10-40 bonds, as well as occasional small sales by the Government, would point towards lower rates, but the impeachment of the President and his probable removal from office may be looked upon in Europe in a different light, and may bring back bonds instead of shipping them outward.

Government bonds are decidedly weak and lower, and point towards a further decline. The rise in the rate on call loans seems to be the principal reason, and the absence of any speculative movement from the larger monied institutions. The market has been bulled for the last two weeks by the principal dealers to enable them to sell out; the demand from the interior has eased more than months ago, except in small lots.

Stocks were dull and lower in the early part of the day, but closed buoyant and higher towards evening. There is an increased demand for money, though business seems absolutely dull, but there are signs of improvement, and with the actual opening of the spring season, and the removal of causes of political excitement, business will revive again, and activity will prevail instead of idleness.

Money will command from 10 to 12 per cent, according to the class of the securities.

Closing New York quotations, received by Ph. R. Mertz, are as follows:

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Common Councils.

Members present: Messrs. Brown, Blair, Cutler, Conley, Clark, Dunham, Eyster, Fleming, Geyer, Hanna, Hastings, Hochuly, Kennedy, Kunkle, Lambert, Lay, McGraw, Mayer, McDonald, McNeill, Obert, Reed, Richardson, Tate, Voegtly, White, Wilson, Warner and President Sligo.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

ANNEXATION OF DUQUESNE BOROUGH.

Mr. McNeill presented an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Councils of Duquesne borough, held February 10, 1868 at which the action of the Councils was given to the extension of the city limits so as to include that borough, and an extract from the minutes of a meeting held February 26, 1868, at which the following named gentlemen were chosen to represent the borough in the City Councils: Select Council—Messrs. Cullery, John and Krebs. William Krebs, Common Council—L. P. Wilhelm, Andrew Lyons and Wm. Saints No action.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition from the citizens of the Fourth Ward, asking for the construction of a sewer on Liberty street. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sewers. S. C. concurred.

Mr. Brown presented a petition from the citizens of the First Ward, residing on Lawrence street, setting forth that they suffered great inconvenience from the location of the tract of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Manchester Passenger Railway track on the centre of said street, and asking that the company be required to remove it to the centre of the street. Referred to the Committee on Streets and street Railways. S. C. concurred.

Mr. Kennedy, a petition from the citizens of the Fifth Ward, asking for water pipe on Laurel alley. Referred to the Committee. S. C. concurred.

Mr. McDonald, a petition from citizens of the Second ward, asking for a gas lamp at the corner of Morgan and Arch streets. Referred to the Committee on Gas. S. C. concurred.

Mr. Obert, a petition from citizens of the Third and Seventh Wards, asking that Perry street be opened from its present terminus to the Troy Hill road. Referred to Street Committee. S. C. concurred.

Mr. Kunkle, a petition from property holders on Cedar alley asking for water pipe on said alley. Referred to Committee on Water. S. C. concurred.

FOOT CROSSINGS.

Mr. White, a resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to have a stone foot crossing placed on Liberty street, Franklin streets at their junction with Beaver street, and an iron one on Beaver avenue on Washington street. Referred to Committee on Streets. S. C. concurred.

REPORT OF CONVENTION—FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Magraw, Chairman of the Committee on Engines, submitted the following report:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Engines would respectfully report that in pursuance of instructions of Councils they have printed the two ordinances relating to the Fire Department, copies of which have been sent to each member of Councils.

We condemned the petitions (and accompanying ordinance) of the Firemen, which were referred to us, and would report adversely to granting the prayer of the petitioners; instead, we would urge the adoption of the ordinance presented by your Committee.

The ordinance provides that the Fire Department shall consist of one Chief and First and Second Engineers, and the Engine, Hose, Gen. Orsan, Friendship, Ellsworth, and Manchester Hose Companies, excepting the Firemen's Benevolent Association, and such others as may hereafter be added—the above mentioned companies to be numbered in the order named. It then provides for the management of the Department and defines the duties and powers of the officers named. The report was received and the ordinance read three times and passed finally. C. C. concurred.

GAS LAMPS.

Mr. McDonald presented the report of the Gas Committee, which was accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas be and they are hereby instructed to place ten gas lamps on the Spring Garden Flank Road in such localities as may be designated by the Council delegation from the Second Ward.

Report accepted, and the Resolution adopted. Select Council concurring.

CITY PROPERTY.

Mr. Warner, Chairman of the Committee on City Printing, submitted the following:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report the following resolutions, contract with the City Printer, to do the city printing for the current year. The same we read thereon have been mutually agreed upon between your Committee and the Printer.

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the GAZETTE, *Dispatch* and *Post* *Press* to do the city printing for the current year at the following rates, viz:

For printing ordinances and proceedings of Councils, each paper, two hundred dollars.

For printing all other advertisements each paper, seventy-five cents per square for first insertion and half that rate for each subsequent insertion.

Having duly considered the resolution referred to us as relative to the offer of the Commercial newspaper to supply the Councils of this city with one hundred copies of a record containing all the proceedings of each meeting of Councils, and delivering to each a record would be of advantage, and if, as a member of Councils, and the city officers, we would offer the following:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the *Commercial*, to furnish one hundred copies of a record containing all the proceedings of each meeting of Councils, held during the ensuing year, for the sum of two hundred dollars.

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PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, February 27, 1868.

There is really nothing that is new or important to be said about the general markets. For some few articles, prices are looking up, in consequence of scarcity, but as a general thing the volume of business is very light, and dullness and depression are the order of the day.

GRAIN—Wheat 14¢ in demand and in light supply; sales of No. 1 Spring at $2.35, and Red Winter at $2.37. Corn is dull with a supply considerably in excess of the demand; may be quoted at 90@92c on track, and $1@1.05 in store. Oats steady but unchanged; we continue to quote at 64@65c, on track; and 67@70c in store. Barley is scarce and in demand at $2@2.10. Rye is firmer; may be quoted at $1.45 in first hands, and $1.50 in store.

FLOUR—The market is quiet and dull but prices are unchanged. We continue to quote at $18.50@11.25 for Spring Wheat; $12@12.50 for Winter Wheat, and $14@15 for fancy brands. Rye Flour is still quoted at $8@8.25, and Buckwheat at $4@4.50.

PROVISIONS—Bacon is firm but unchanged; we quote at 15½@15¾c for Sugar cured hams. Lard is firm and advancing; prime kettle rendered is quoted at 16@16½c, in tierces, and 16½@16¾c in keys. Mess Pork, $25.

BUTTER—There is a very good demand for prime to choice Roll Butter, and we can report regular sales at 40@45c.

EGGS—Unchanged at 28@30c.

SEEDS—There is but little inquiry for Clover or Timothy Seeds, and the market is quiet and unchanged; we now quote the former at $6@6.25, and Timothy at $3.50@3.75. Flaxseed, $2.35@2.40.

DRIED FRUIT—Is in good demand and firm but unchanged; sales of Peaches at 7¾@8c for quarters; and 10@11c for halves, and Apples at 7@8c.

GREEN APPLES—There is only a moderate demand, and while the market is rather dull, prices are unchanged. Sales at $3@5 per bbl, as to quality.

POTATOES—Dull and unchanged; small sales in store at $1@1.10 per bushel, and $2@2.50 per bbl.

HAY—Is selling from country wagons at $15 @20 per ton, as to quality.

HONEY—Dull; sales to the trade at $0.35@0.40, and $0.75 in retail way.

BEANS—Scarce and firm at $4@4.50.

ONIONS—Scarce; quoted at $4 per bushel.

CRANBERRIES—Sales at $11@13.

CENTRAL LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

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The operations in Cattle have again been remarkably light at these yards during the past week, and while the offerings were comparatively limited, the supply, nevertheless, was fully up to the demand, and the market was dull and nearly worthy of special notice. The number of buyers in attendance was exceedingly small; two or three Philadelphia shippers arrived on Wednesday, one of them returned again to-day without buying a single bullock, while the other turned in and bought a car load of Sheep, not feeling disposed to return home his empty cars, without anything. There were some good cattle on sale, but they were held above the views of buyers, and as a consequence, sales were mostly shipped east on owner's account; prime to extra retailing cattle may be quoted at 8c to 8½c, while common cattle could not be bought less than 8c, though we did not learn that there were any of this kind in market. It is alleged that the action of the Pennsylvania Railroad in not allowing cattle to stay over Sunday at Philadelphia, after the first of next month, will have a damaging influence on trade in our market. Time will prove the buyers, and, as a consequence, restricting business. It seems to us that the policy of this Railroad Company should encourage the stock trade instead of driving it away, which will not only injure the Central Road, but it will seriously affect the interests of the Central Yards, and those who are regularly engaged in business there.

Glass, Lafferty & Co. sold 81 head of fat fat heifers at 7c; very weighing 1,000 lbs each; 12 head of Bullocks, Philadelphia at 7½c; 18 head of Mackie & Bachman, Philadelphia at 8c; 7 head for Adams to Kinsey at 8¼c, and 1 at 4¾c.

Kirkpatrick & Lytle sold 18 for H. Eisman, Patitch Gibsons steers, at 7¾c, to Voorhees.

Hogs—Are in good demand and firm, weighing 41.9.2, to Pidcock & Co.—price not given.

Sheep—Are in good demand, a common stock to Reed at $3.

Kirkpatrick sold Moses & Kirsen a cows at $45, and 10 steers at 6¼c.

Jacob to Thompson 1 pair of Penna. oxen, weighing 3,200, at 8.

SHEEP.

The market for common and inferior sheep has again been very dull and weak, and prices for this particular description are fully from half to one cent per pound lower. For prime mutton sheep, there has been continued good demand, and all of this kind that offers is pushed up readily, and that, too, at fully advance. We quote fancy at 8½c, and the latter at 8¼ to 8¾—in fact it was reported that one bunch of extra brought 8¾c. It is thought by many that good mutton sheep will soon commence to fall off, as the slippery season is now very distant, and holders, generally, are not just like holding on until after they have taken the wool off, and then put them on the market afterwards.

Glass, Lafferty & Co. sold at head for Marbler to Pidcock at 8¼c; 18 head of Mackie & Bachman's at 8¼c.

Hedges & Taylor sold 172 for Bourne to Mayers at 4; 187 for McKeen to Pearce at 4.65; 100 for Mackie & Bachman at 8¼c; 100 for McWhinney to Pidcock at 8.20; 82 for Kipp to Pidcock at 8¼c.

Falmage sold 150 head common Sheep to Kirkpatrick at 3¾c.

Myers at 4.50 per head.

Carter to Pidcock 171 at 8¼.

Mallitte to Bruin 171 mixed and Sheep, averaging 92, at 8.30.

Grant to Rush 100 head, averaging 85, at 8.37 per head.

Tyler to Rush 18 head, averaging about 85 lbs, medium quality, at 4¼c per lb.

Rush sold to Bruin 160 head, averaging 85 lbs, at 8¼c per lb.

Hershman bought from Ruff at 4¾@170 from Antisom at 4¾; 120 from Ruff at 4¾; 100 from Lowe at 4¾.

Mahon sold Jones 79 at 4.85, and 80 to W. G. Thompson at 4.65.

Campbell sold 170 to J. Eby at 4, and Obert sold 185 to Friend at 4.

Cows.

As there has again been a light run of Hogs at these yards this week, and with a continued good demand, the market has ruled very firm at prices, although unchanged, are well sustained, ranging from 7¾c to 8¼c, gross, for common to choice Western average. How long these extreme, we might say exorbitant, prices will be maintained, it is difficult to conjecture, but of one thing we are certain, and that is, the demand for fresh pork continues good, and sales and trade in the country, must of necessity be greatly diminished, as there are thousands of laboring men and mechanics out of employment, who are as matter of course, economical and will not buy, for the very good reason that they have not the means to buy with. And this, we think, must and will have a tendency to reduce the price of Hogs, and our advice to holders is to sell, and that, too, as rapidly as possible, as a reaction will sooner or later—it is only a question of time.

Seager & Imbof bought 485 head Indiana stillers at 8¼c; Hill & Sayer Co. 12 head (corn fed) at 9; 106 from J. Voiet at 8¼; 207 of Philadelphia at 8¾; 104 from Ruff at 8¼; Co. 9.80; 162 from same at 8.30. Shipped 720 head to Chicago, which makes 1,800 lbs from there.

Glass, Lafferty & Co. sold 114 head for Dunlap to Imbof at 8.45; 146 for Quink to same at 8.30; 164 for Conklin to Hedges at 7¾; 100 for same to Grouse, Emerick & Co. at 8.20; 111 for Hudson to Dubrentel at 8¼; 146 for Hedges to Gray to Pidcock at 7.40; 44 for Metzger to Grouse, Emerick & Co.

Grouse, Emerick & Co. bought 98 head from Hedges & Taylor at 7.35; 88 from Gilbstreit & Co. at 7.40; 100 from Phiden at 8¼; 100 from Hedges & Taylor at 7¾; 100 from Phiden at 8.10. Shipped 1,000 lbs Chicago.

Hedges & Taylor sold 78 head for Keiser to Pearce at 7.70; 142 for Miller to Messenger, Gillett & Co. at 7.40; 100 for Miller to Pidcock & Co. at 7¾; 17 to Dripps & Stockton at 8¼.

Kirkpatrick & Lytle sold 18 head for Eisman to Thompson at 9; 26 to Pidcock at 7.90; 18 to Pidcock at 8¼.

E. Smith to Keys, 111 head, averaging 97, at 8¼c, to Baltimore, at 8¼.

Dwyer & Co. sold 84 head to Dripps & Stockton at 8.35; Hoffman to same buyer, 50 at 8¼; 56 at 7.70; Dyer at 8.35.

Emerick & Co. bought 48 head from Conklin at 8¼; Dyer Co. 12 head, 8¼; Hedges 8¼; Dunbrist & Co.

Dunbrist & Co. bought 181 from Vannatta at 8.40; 18 from Pidcock at 8¼; 146 from Berry at 8¼; 84 from McWhinney at 8¼.

Pearce bought 18 from Fox at 8.35; 83 from Conklin at 7¾; 84 from Hedges & Taylor at 7.70.

Pidcock bought 87 from McKee & Metts at 8¼; 41 from Hedges & Tayl