PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, December 15, 1868.

There is no commodity in this market that presents the same inducement or, perhaps temptation, to persons inclined to speculate; that oil does, and there are but few, outside of the trade, who have the slightest conception of the number and magnitude of the operations of this character that are of almost daily occurrence. It is very common for men engaged in other avocations, when their particular branch of business becomes a little dull, and who, perhaps, have some capital lying idle, to take, what is commonly termed a "fly" in oil, most generally buying for future delivery. As a matter of course, these speculative movements sometimes afford the speculator a very handsome profit, but more frequently the scale turns the wrong way. It is all very well for men, possessed of ample means, and who can give their whole time and attention, but for men who are engaged in other branches of trade, requiring their time, and who can illy afford to meet with loss of this kind outside of their legitimate business, it is, to say the least, not very prudent. The oil business is characterized by a good many "short-turns," which sometimes overcome the shrewdest operators, and particularly has this been the case during the past few months. Instances are by no means rare, where men have been "bulls" one day and "bears" the next. They will tell you one day that the demand is constantly increasing, the production diminishing, and that prices are bound to go higher. Subsequently, the same parties—having unloaded in the meantime—have discovered that they were mistaken, and that instead of an advance a decline is inevitable. Europe is full of oil—have enough on hand to run them half the next year; the production is increasing, stocks at all the leading points accumulating, and, more important still, there will be a good crop of rape-seed.

The Titusville *Herald*, of Monday, gives the situation as follows: The cause of the large advance, and of improved prices for future delivery is mainly attributable to speculation. The markets have been under the control of a combination at New York during nearly, if not quite, all the month, and it is supposed that during the next ten days an effort will be made to "corner" sellers for next months' delivery at New York. When the combination entered the market during last month, the stocks of refined in the country were low, several of the principal refineries had closed their works, and the stocks of crude were much reduced. Since the bull operations began the stocks, generally speaking, have undergone but little change; but one of the effects of the advance in prices was to start up, there refineries which had been stopped, but with this exception the present condition of the trade favors bull operations as much as it did then.

CRUDE.

There is a continued fair demand for Crude, and the reported sales continue large, while prices are unchanged. The offerings, however, still keep pace with the demand, and buyers appear to be getting all they want at quotations. Sales of 5,000 barrels, seller's option, 1869, at 12½c; 340 bbls, on spot, at 12½c; 5,000 April to December, seller's option, at 12½; also, a put of 2,500 bbls, all next year, seller's option, at 12c, and five hundred dollars, and 5,000, all next year, same option, at 12c, and one thousand dollars. Thus, it will be seen, that 12½c is still the leading price for spot, December, or all next year, seller's option. Buyers option, all 1869, 15½ to 16c.

REFINED.

So far as we could learn, there was not a single operation in Refined, at least there were none reported. The market was somewhat firmer late in the day, spot oil being held at 30½, against offers to sell in the forenoon at 29, and sales last evening at 29½. January to June is still quoted at 31½, the last sale reported being at that figure. Last evening there were sales of 500 bbls spot at 30½; 500 do do at 30; and 1,000 at 29½.

OIL SHIPPED EAST BY A. V. R. R.

Fawcett, Logan & Stockdale, 102 do do to W. P. Logan & Bro., Philadelphia.

Lockhart, Frew & Co., 369 do do to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

Livingston & Bros., 100 do do to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

Buffum, Kenew & Co., 50 do do to Waring, King & Co., Philadelphia.

Citizens Ref. Co., 376 do do to Tack Bro., Philadelphia.

Braun & Wagner, 50 do do to Waring, King & Co., Philadelphia.

Lockhart, Frew & Co., 137 bbls benzole to Warden Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

Total shipments Refined..... 1047
Benzole..... 137

OIL SHIPPED EAST FROM DUQUESNE DEPOT.

Warden & Batchelder, 60 bbls refined to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

Kirkpatrick & Lyon, 170 do do to W. P. Logan & Bro., Philadelphia.

A. D. Miller, 111 bbls refined to Waring, King & Co., Philadelphia.

Brooks, Ballentine & Co., 107 do do to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.

Total shipments Refined..... 448

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Cotton a shade lower; 2,300 bales at 25a25½ for middling uplands. Flour receipts 6,002 barrels, 1,547 bags; less active scarce and firm; 2,200 barrels at $5,95a6,35 for superfine; state western 7a7,55; extra state 6,85a8,10; extra western 8,50a10,00; white wheat extra 7,10a9,50; R. H. O. 7,75a9,00; ex. St Louis 10a12,50; good choice do. closing quiet. California quiet, 240 sacks at 6,50a9,50 *via* Horn 10,50a11,50; *via* Isthmus. Rye flour quiet, 200 barrels at 6,75a8,50. Corn meal quiet, 400 barrels western at 5,50. Whiskey quiet, 50 barrels western at 1,03; free receipts wheat at 1,25. Wheat, dull, without decided change; 23,500 bushels at 1,53a1,60, No. 2 spring; 2,15 for white Michigan and 2,22a2,25 for white California. Rye quiet, sales 6,000; western 1,50a1,55; Canada 1,55. Barley dull and heavy; sales 800 English; to arrive 2,25. Barley malt dull; receipts Corn 17,077 bushels. Corn more active and 2a3c for new, shade easier for old; sales of 92,000 bushels at $1,09a1,12 for unsound, $1,12½a1,13 for sound mixed western in store, $1,14½a1,16 do. afloat, latter price for choice, yellow $1,10a1,13, new and old white southern $1,03a1,05. Oats—receipts of 514 bushels. Oats a shade firmer and quiet; sales of 38,000 bushels at 77a78½c for western store, do. afloat. Rice firmer at 8a8¾c for Carolina. Coffe quiet. Sugar quiet and firm; sales of 310 hhds of Porto Rico at 11¾a12c, 40 barrels of New Orleans at 9¾a10c and 200 boxes of Havana as 10¼. Molasses dull; sales of 500 barrels of New Orleans at 70a77c. Petroleum firm at 18½c for crude, 32½c for refined bonded. Hops quiet and steady. Linseed Oil firm. Spirits Turpentine nominally unchanged. Pork firmer and in moderate demand; sales of 900 barrels at $26 for new mess, $25,25 for old do. $19,50a21 for prime, $22,50a26 for prime mess, also sales of 500 barrels of new, sellers for January, at $26; 1,000 bbls do., sellers for February, at $26,50. Beef steady; sales 50 tierces at $26a30 for prime mess; $30a34 for India mess. Beef hams quiet; sales 125 bbls at $30a32. Cut meats quiet; sales 165 pkgs at 10a11½c for shoulders; 12a15½c for hams. Middles quiet and steady; sales 40 bxs short ribbed at 14½c. Lard a shade firmer; sales 865 tierces at 15¾a16¾c for steam; 16¾a17c for kettle rendered; also, 1,500 tierces steam, sellers for December, at 16¼a16½c; 1,000 tierces do, sellers for January, at 16½c. Butter steady at 25a38c for Ohio; 40a50c for State. Cheese in good demand at 14a19c. Freights to Liverpool easier; engagements per steamer of 30,500 bu corn at 6a6½d; 7,500 bu wheat at 6d., and 1,000 bbls flour at 3s.

Latest—Flour closed quiet and a shade easier. Wheat dull and heavy for spring; firm for winter. Rye steady at $1,50 for western. Oats quiet and steady at 77c in store and 79c afloat, for western. Corn: the market is in buyers favor at $1,12a1,13 for old western mixed, in store; $1,14a1,15 afloat; $1,03a1,04 for new mixed western. Pork firm at $26 for new mess; sales of 500 bbls mess, February, $26,50. Beef steady and in moderate demand. Cut meats are quiet and firm. Bacon dull and without decided change. Lard firm at 16¾a16½c for fair to prime steam. Eggs steady at 38c for fresh.

NEW YORK, December 15.—Dry Goods—The market for staple cottons is firm, with a fair demand, especially for unbleached and bleached grades of low and medium muslins and calicoes. The Stark A heavy sheeting and a few other makes which have recently been selling at relatively low rates, have been closed out, and advanced ½c per yard. The Stark now commands 15c. Standard styles of dark prints are in demand at 12a12½c, and although agents hold these goods above jobbers prices, it is too late in the season to establish an advance. Colored Cottons are in limited demand and prices firm. Heavy Woolens are moving more freely at a slight concession in the price of fancy goods. Fine fabrics are in limited request and are held with more confidence.

CHICAGO, December 15.—Eastern Exchange dull at ¼ off buying, and par selling. Flour quiet; spring extras $5,25a7,75. Wheat moderately active and one cent lower; sales No 1 at $1,22½a1,25, and No 2 at $1,16a1,17, closing weak, at $1,16 for No 2; since change $1,15¾ asked, and $1,15½ offered for No 2. Corn quiet: new and kiln dried 1½a2c lower; old No 1 nominal at 80c; sales new at 50a52c; kiln dried 55a58c, closing dull for new; nothing doing this afternoon. Oats quiet at 47¼a48c, closing dull at 47c. Rye in fair demand and 2a2½c higher; sales No 1 at $1,18a1,19, and No 2 at $1,16¾a1,17¼, closing at $1,18¼a1,19 for No 1. Barley dull, weak and 4a5c lower; sales No 2 at $1,62a1,67, closing weak at inside. Highwines steady, firm and quiet at 94c. Provisions firmer and moderately active. Mess Pork $24a24,50. Lard 15¼a15½c. Sweet pickled hams 13½c; short rib middles loose 12a12½c; dry salted shoulders 8½a9c. Dressed Hogs active and steady at $9,75. Receipts—9,744 bbls flour, 25,612 bush wheat, 45,445 bush corn, 32,348 bush oats, 5,511 bush rye, 3,210 bush barley. Shipments—10,863 bbls flour, 8,416 bush wheat, 38,908 bush corn, 5,724 bush oats, 3,300 bush barley.

Cattle moderately active and steady for the best and easy for lower grades; sales at $7a7,25 for common, $7,40a7,95 for fair to good, $8a8,25 for extra; receipts of 18,252 head; shipments 7,748 head. Beef Cattle quiet; sales at $3,75a4,40 for cows, $5a5,25 for light steers, and $9a10 for extra choice.

CINCINNATI, December 15.—Flour steady; family $7,50a8. Wheat firm; No. 1 red $1,80. Corn and Oats unchanged and quiet. Rye firm at $1,40. Cotton firm at 23½c for middling. Whisky dull at 96a97c. Hogs active and all sold, at $8,40a8,75 gross, and $10,25a10,75 net; receipts, 9,000 head. Mess Pork held firmly at $26; buyers offer $25,75 for January. Bulk meats ½c higher; shoulders four weeks in salt sold at 10¼, loose clear rib sides at 13¼, and clear at 14¼, loose and fully cured. No bacon in market. Sugar cured hams 17c packed. Lard advanced ¾ and sold at 16½c on spot, and 500 tierces, seller January, at 17c. Green meats firmer; shoulders 9c, sides 12c and hams 13½a13¾. The market continues excited and holders are offering to sell sparingly. Butter firm at 36a40c. Eggs 33c and supply better. Linseed oil firm at $1, but the demand is light. Lard oil $1,38 a1,40, and in good demand. Gold 135 buying. Exchange a shade firmer at 1-10 discount buying. Money market unchanged.

Beef cattle firm and in good demand, at $4,62a4,65 for common to prime, $6,50a7,25 for extra. Christmas beeves at 10a10½ per cental gross. Sheep firm at full rates; common $3a4, and extra $4,50a6,00.

ST. LOUIS, December 15.—Tobacco quiet and unchanged. Cotton unchanged, at 22½c for middling. Flour firm and low grades higher and wanted; superfine sold at $5,50a6,50; extra at $6.75a7,25; double extra $7,50a8.00 treble extra to fancy $9,00a11,25. Wheat lauguid and unchanged, at $1,65a2,02 for prime to choice red and white. Corn firm but slow at 76a80c. Oats firm and unchanged at 45a50c. Barley unchanged. Rye very firm at $1,28a1,30. Whisky firm at 94c. Pork firmer at $22,50 a26,00. Bulk Meats higher in a jobbing way; Dry Salted Shoulders 10½a10½c; Clear Rib Sides 14c; Clear Sides 12a14c. Bacon nominal, at 14½c for shoulders; 16¾c for clear rib sides, and 17c clear sides. Sugar Cured Hams 16¾c. Lard higher, at 15½a16c for tierce and 16½a17c for keg. Receipts—Flour, 2,100 bbls; wheat, 1,500 bush; corn, none; oats, 700 bush; barley, 500 bush; hogs, 7,580 head.

Hogs; drovers are more anxious to sell; the prices range at $7,50a8,60. Cattle unchanged, at 2½a6¼c for full range.

LOUISVILLE, December 15.—Tobacco; sales were made of 52 hogsheads; the market is stiff, at 5¼a6¾c for new common lugs, and 13½c for medium leaf. Hogs are held at $9, gross. Mess Pork; sales were made at $26,50. Lard, in tierces, is held at 16½c for kettle rendered. Cotton is held at 22½c for New Orleans. Sugar; fair to prime, 12a12¾c. Plantation Molasses, 65a67c. Flour; superfine, $5,25a5,75. Wheat is held at $1,70a1,90. Corn is held at 60c in bulk. Rye is held at $1,40. Oats is held at 57a58c. Bulk meats; shoulders are selling at 10½c; clear ribbed sides, 14c, and clear sides at 14½c for packed. Whisky is held at 98c for raw, free.

CLEVELAND, December 15.—Flour market steady and unchanged, with city made at $11,25a11,50; treble extra white at $9,75a 10; double extra amber at $8,50a8,75; double extra red winter at $7,75a8; double extra spring, country made, at $8,50a8,75; double extra red and amber at $8a8,25; do. spring at $10a10,50. Wheat held at $1,95 for No. 1 red winter; No. 2 do. at $1,75a1,77. Corn held at 80c for No. 1 shelled. Oats—sales 1 car at 61½c, and also 1 car at 62c. Rye—sales 1 car at $1,38. Petroleum active, with western and southern demand; refined held at 28a28½c, and in small lots at 28a30c.

PHILADELPHIA, December 15.—Flour dull and steady. Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin family $7,50a8,25, Ohio $9a10,50 Wheat dull, prime red $2a2,05, amber $2,10 a2,15. Rye steady at $1,00a1,65. Corn dull; sales of 4,000 bushels of damp and dry new yellow at 95ca$1, old do. at $1,20. Oats in active demand at 77a80c. Petroleum unsettled and lower; sales of 1,000 barrels of refined at 29½c, crude nominal at 22c. Provisions dull. Whisky at $1,01a1,04.

MILWAUKEE, December 15.—Flour dull and lower; choice Minnesota, $6,75a7; choice Wisconsin and Iowa, $6a6,62. Wheat lower, at $1,22 for No. 1, and $1,14 for No. 2. Oats steady, at 47½c for No. 2. Corn quiet at 75c for No. 2, old. Rye nominally unchanged. Barley firm, at $1,56 for No. 2. Receipts—2,000 bbls flour, 41,000 bus wheat, 3,000 bus oats, 4,000 bus corn, 3,000 bus rye, 300 bus barley. Shipments—5,000 bbls flour, 1,000 bus wheat.

ALBANY, December 14.—The Cattle market opened to-day with a moderate demand and at an advance of ¼c on last stock, and a decline of ¼a½c on the poorest quality; sales are reported of 1,200 head at 4½a5½c for inferior; 6a7c for common to ordinary; 7½c for good to fair; and premium Christmas stock brought 10½a13c. Sheep sell rapidly at 3½a8c, being an advance of ½a ¾c. Hogs are steady at 8¾a9¼c.

TOLEDO, December 15.—Flour is quiet. Wheat quiet; winter 5c lower and spring heavy, with sales of amber at $1,84a1,86. Corn—old steady and new 1c lower; old No. 1 86c, and new 67c. Oats steady; No. 1 60c. Barley quiet. Seeds—Clover 10c better, at $7,90a7,94; Flax $2,25. Dressed Hogs—buyers are holding off for lower prices; small sales at $9,25a9,75.

BALTIMORE, December 15.—Flour inactive and unchanged. Wheat dull; receipts small; market steady and without decided change, closing heavy; white, 93a95c. Oats firm at 75c. Rye firm at $1,40a1,50; New York State, $1,70. Mess Pork firm at $26,75a27,00. Bacon quiet and firm; rib sides, 17c; clear sides, 17¼a17½c; shoulders, 14c; hams, 18c. Lard more active at 16½c.

MEMPHIS, December 15.—Cotton quiet and firm, stock light, and prices nominally unchanged; receipts, 1,266 bales; exports, 1,697 bales. Flour; low grades firm at $6a 7,00. Corn dull at 69a70c. Oats, 68a70c. Hay, $20a22. Bran, 24a25c. Corn Meal, $4. Pork, $26a26,50. Lard, 16a17c. Bacon nominal; shoulders, 14c; clear sides, 18c; bulk shoulders, 10½c; clear sides, 14½c.

IMPORTS BY RAILRAOD.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD, December 15.—24 cars metal, Nimick & Co; 1 car middlings, Keil & Watt, Lang & Co; 1 car wheat, J Edgar; 3 do rye, Thos Moore & Son; 1 do middlings, H Conrad; 1 do do, Bricker & Co; 3 do barley, 100 bbls flour, Dan Wallace; 100 do do, Shomaker & Langenheim; 2 cars millfeed, Shipton & Wallace; 1 do wheat, J S Liggett & Co; 3 cars barley, J M Carson & Co; 3 do do, Pier Dannals & Co; 3 do rye, W J Meek; 17 kgs apple butter, H Rea Jr; 5 pkgs butter, A L Connor; 1 car barley, Spencer & McKay; 1 car rye, 50 sacks oats, D Wallace; 1 car corn, S Hood; 1 car staves, Heber & Bro; 44 bxs cheese, M Cornwall; 30 boxes starch, Head & Metzgar; 50 do do, Haworth, McDonald & Co; 25 do cheese, Atwell, Lee & Co; 10 bales hops, D Lutz; 52 sks rags, Frazier & Metzgar; 14 bxs cheese, W H Kirkpatrick & Co; 39 dozen brooms, W M Gormly; 25 bbls oil, Johnston & Payne; 10 bxs candles, Thomas & Bro; 15 bbls eggs, W H Graff & Co; 1 car staves, M P Adams & Bro; 1 do corn, Bricker & Co; 5 bbls oil, W B Hays & Son; 6 do do, 10 bxs candles, W Millar; 6 bales cotton, Holmes, Bell & Co; 1 car ear corn, McHenry & Heed; 200 sks oats, 122 do feed, Dean & Patterson.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD, December 15.—4 cars iron ore, Zug & Co; 1 car rye, James Graham; 12 boxes scales, Fairbanks, Morse & Co; lot furniture, J Myer & Son; 3 cases handles, Whitmore, Wolf, Duff & Co; 3 cases lye, 7 bxs, Pennsylvania Salt Company; 72 sacks wheat, 49 do oats, Scott & Gisal; 4 sacks cornmeal, Hagan & McCarty; 1 sack do, Benham & Christy; 3 casks, 1 bbl cider, D W Turner; 3 kegs sausage, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 14 chimney tops, H Collins; 1 bundle bed bottoms, Thomas Adams, 1 bbl tallow, H Rea Jr; 5 rolls leather, G N Hoffstott; 3 bbls beans, 1 do nuts, 1 bx butter, Morrison & Devoi; 56 empty oil bbls, Thos Musgrave; 15 sacks meal, F G Craighead; 4 bbls dry apples, 7 sacks rags, 1 bbl, 1 hf bbl eggs, 1 bbl beans, 1 do butter, 2 bbls, 1 sack apples, Head & Metzgar.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD December 15.—13 bxs mdse, Wm Semplo; 1 car lime, D L Reynolds; 4 boxes butter, 4 bbls eggs, Jos Hilty; 18 pkgs sundries, J C Cuddy; 2 rolls leather, M Delange; 1 car metal, McKnight, Porter & Co; 45 sks oats, J & W Fairley; 43 sks rye, 27 do barley, Scott & Gisal; 16 sks wool, S Bradley; 3 cars limestone, Shoenberger & Blair; 9 sks buckwheat flour, 4 pkgs butter, W B Ross & Son; 11 sks buckwheat flour, J S Dilworth & Co; 15 do do, T C Jenkins; 16 do do, 3 do beans, 9 do rye, H Rea, Jr; 24 bush rye, Chas Feitsel; 240 bbls oil, D M Edgerton; 240 do do, Pool & Bro.

ALLEGHENY STATION, December 15.—1 car lumber, Taggart & Wilson; 1 tc hams, Mercer & Robinson; 2 cars iron ore, Spang, Chalfant & Co; 1 car lumber, Mr. Mahan; 100 green hides, A J Groetzinger; 1 car stone, Forrester & Megraw; 1 car staves, J M Hemphill; 10 doz brooms, S Schloeper & Son; 1 car wheat, M Weil & Co; 1 car empty bbls, John Dyer, Jr.

PITTSBURGH AND CONNELLSVILLE RAILROAD, December 15.—118 bdls iron, 12 kegs nails, F H Oliphant; 10 sks fleur, 1 keg butter, J Howard; 1 bx chesnuts, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 21 bbls flour, Gay & Welsh; 3 cars metal, J Moorhead; 10 bbls whisky, Geo Head; 23 rolls leather, G N Hoffstott; 5 do do Seibert & Berg.

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RIVER NEWS.

The river rose several inches at this point during Monday, night which is said to have been caused by a gorge in the Ohio near Shoustown. The weather has moderated somewhat although it is still cold, the thermoneter at four P. M. being down to 30 degrees above zero. The ice in the Allegheny is not so heavy, and is more scattered, which would indicate that it is closed at the same point above.

Navigation continues suspended to lower ports, and, as a consequence there is little or nothing doing at the landing.

The following boats are in port: New York, Ingomar, Grey Eagle, Glendale, Camelia, Lorena, Sallie, Armenia, Maggie Hays, Savanna, Yorktown, and Mary Davage.

The Wauanita was expectsd to arrive at Cincinnati on Monday.

—The Alaska, going through the canal, broke her wheel badly.

—The Westmoreland left New Orleans, for Cincinnati, on Saturday.

—The Glasgow, Pittsburgh to St. Louis, was at Louisville on Sunday.

—The Leonidas, St. Louis to Pittsburgh, was at Louisville on Sunday.

—The Bellevernon, Pittsburgh to New Orleans, was at Memphis on Sunday.

—The ferryboat at Fort Shelling was swept away by floating ice on the 8th.

—Captain Charles Beers now commands the Lady Withaup, from Memphis to White river.

—Captain George Vandergrift's towboat Jim Watson passed up from Aurora Saturday morning with two barges of hay for Pittsburgh.

—A barge containing 1,500 brls salt ran afoul of the coal fleet moored at Pumpkin Patch, Saturday morning, and sunk. It was from Kanawha river.

—The towboat Fearless and thirteen barges, are laid up opposite Ironton, Ohio. The Mary Alice and Ajax, Pittsburgh to New Orleans, were at Cairo on Sunday.

—It is reported that there was no insurance on the freight burned at Columbus, Ky., a few days since, the freight having arrived by river and insured by river risks only.

—The towboat Boaz swamped two of her loaded coal barges, at the foot of the canal, on Saturday, while getting them together to start for New Orleans. One of them sunk.

—The Dubuque *Times*, of the 10th, says: A telegram just received from St. Louis says the White Collar Line has sent Superintendent Wellington to Cincinnati to put two more new boats under contract. These, added to three already under contract, will add five new boats to the Company's fleet next spring. With this addition, there will be ten first-class side-wheel "floaters" in the line, besides the present array of smaller steam crafts.

—An insurance suit has been pending in the Circuit Court at St. Louis, involving $280,000. It seems that some time ago the firm of Henning & Woodruff entered into a contract with the United States Insurance Company for the insurance of a heavy shipment of cotton, in which Hudson E. Bridge and others were concerned. One steamboat load of the cotton thus insured was destroyed by the burning of the boat. Nonsuit was granted—a victory for the insurance company.

River and Weather.

LOUISVILLE, December 15.—The river is falling fast, with six feet nine inches in the canal. The weather is clear and cold.

STEAMBOATS.

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ASSESSMENTS.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER, ALLEGHENY CITY, Dec. 4th, 1868.

SEWER ASSESSMENT—Notice is hereby given to all property holders in the WESTERN SEWERAGE DISTRICT, which embraces all that portion of the city area lying northwest of the following lines, viz: North of Ohio and a line running Northeast to Observatory hill and new city line, as well as the portion lying between Western avenue, Ohio lane, Fulton and Bidwell streets (comprehending the larger part of Manchester and all the Pleasant Valley section) that the assessment for the construction of the Sedgwick street sewer is now completed, and placed in the hands of the City Treasurer for collection. All property heretofore assessed for sewerage purposes within the limits above designated is exempt from present assessment.

de5:n39 CHAS. DAVIS, City Engineer.

OFFICE CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR, PITTSBURGH, December 8th, 1868.

NOTICE.—The assessment for Grading and Paving

LONG ALLEY,

from Lewis alley to the Allegheny Valley Railroad. Also,

SPRING ALLEY,

from Morris to Rush street, are now ready for examination, and can be seen at this office until DECEMBER 18, 1868, when it will be returned to the City Treasurer's office for collection.

de8 H. J. MOORE, City Engineer.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER, ALLEGHENY CITY, December 10th, 1868.

NOTICE—The assessments for Grading and Paving SPRING GARDEN AVENUE, from Chestnut street to Tannery street; also the Grading of ALLEGHENY AVENUE from Western avenue to Ridge street are now ready for examination, and can be seen at this office until FRIDAY December 18th, 1868, when they will be returned to the Street Commissioner for collection.

de11:b21 CHAS. DAVIS, City Engineer.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR, Pittsburgh, December 11th, 1868.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed Proposals for the construction of a BOARDWALK on FIF