LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette.

Destructive Fire near the Point--$25,000 Worth of Oil Destroyed --Shops and Dwellings Burnt, &c.

On Monday morning, between half-past two and three o'clock, a lot of crude oil, lying on the Allegheny wharf, near the mouth of Marbury street, was discovered to be on fire, and the neighborhood was promptly alarmed by the watchman. The fire spread very rapidly, and as the oil barrels were burst through, the contents would flow out upon the wharf and run into the river. The flames of course followed the oil, and as it floated along the shore everything combustible was soon in flames. A number of hulk boats, some of them empty, and others containing more or less oil, caught fire, but they were cut loose and floated down the river, burning as they went. Several other lots of oil, lying on the wharf, between Marbury street and the Point, also caught fire and were destroyed. The immense volumes of flame and smoke, as they rose from the wharf and river, leaping over one hundred feet into the air, presented a sight at once grand and fearful. The floating hulk boats, three or four of which were on fire and in sight at one time, also presented a grand spectacle.

The wind was from the northeast, and the flames bore over towards the Point. The firemen were soon on hand, with their apparatus, but could do nothing towards extinguishing the oil, and devoted all their energies to saving the valuable shops and dwellings which were in danger. Despite their best efforts, the flames communicated to the buildings on Duquesne Way, and resulted in the destruction of the following property:

The shops of Mr. William Evans, proprietor of the well-known steamboat spar yard, caught fire and were destroyed, together with all his machinery. The buildings were of very little value, however, and the loss will not exceed $1,500. Mr. Evans had no insurance. Through the exertions of the firemen, and citizens with buckets, he succeeded in saving his dwelling house, located immediately on the Point, between the two rivers.

The skiff shop of Mr. Henry Gossman, adjoining the yard of Mr. Evans, also caught fire and was destroyed. Mr. Gossman had but a small lot of skiffs and pumps on hand, and his loss will not exceed $200.

In the rear of these shops was the lumber yard of Mr. James Morton, which contained a considerable quantity of lumber, only a portion of which was damaged. Mr. Morton estimates his loss at $500. No insurance.

The flames also communicated to a row of small brick tenements, located at Croghan street, and known as "Rice's Castle." There were no less than seventy-six poor families tenanted here, each family being provided with two rooms. So suffocating was the smoke from the burning oil that they could not save any part of their household goods, and some of them had not even clothing enough to cover themselves. The building was completely gutted, and nothing but the walls and chimneys remain. It was owned by Mr. Paul Rice, and insured for $1,500 in the Pennsylvania Insurance Company. The following is a partial list of the sufferers:

Michael McDonald, Jacob Link, Daniel Mayhew, James Showalter, Michael Dougherty, Patrick Sullen, Thomas Joice, Michael Reilly, two M'Donoughs, Michael Finney, Stockton, Farmer, Hinds, and seven others whose names we did not obtain.

These people are all poor, and being left without either shelter or clothing, something should be done at once for their relief.

The principal loss, however, was in crude petroleum, the aggregate of which is put down at about 5,000 barrels, worth at least $25,000.

The following are the principal losers:

Schmertz & Blakely	1,500	in bulk.
Jackson	1,400	"
King & Pennock	750	in bbls.
Richardson, Hariey & Co	200	"
Dr. Hostetter	200	"
Woods & Wright	150	"
Hitchcock, McCrudry & Co	100	"
Total	4,400	bbls.

The ownership of the lot of 1,400 barrels, put down as the property of Mr. Jackson, is in dispute. Jackson, who is an up-river man, sold the oil a few days since, but the parties to whom he sold allege that they had not received it.

There were some other small lots destroyed, but we were unable to get the amount or the names of the owners. It is thought that 5,000 barrels will cover the entire loss.

The bulk boats of Messrs. Schmertz & Blakely, after taking fire, were cut loose and floated off--burning until completely consumed.

A couple of barges containing oil, belonging to Wm. Dilworth, Jr., were cut loose and safely landed some distance below on the opposite side of the river.

The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as it broke out in two places near about the same time. We understand that the oil dealers intend to offer a reward of one thousand dollars for any information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

Should a fire, similar in extent to this, occur on the landing above the bridges, it is difficult to see how the bridges and steamboats could escape destruction. The boats might possibly be saved by cutting loose, but the bridges would certainly take fire, as the flames from the floating oil ross fully one hundred feet above the surface of the water.

Mr. Gossman thinks that the property along Duquesne Way might have been saved, had the citizens been permitted to roll the oil into the river. The attempt was made, but the men were stopped by a party who seemed to speak by authority, and threatened to shoot any man who would put a single barrel into the river. The result was that the place soon became too hot for any one to remain there, the oil was all burnt, and the flames communicated to the buildings. Much of the oil might have been saved by throwing it into the river, as it would have been picked up below. Much indignation was manifested towards the individual alluded to, particularly by the poor people who have been rendered houseless and destitute by the fire.

Thirty-Third Annual Meeting and Report of the Ladies' Bible Society of Allegheny.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Bible Society of Allegheny city was held in the Lecture Room of Dr. Swift's church, April 6th.

Rev. E. Swift presided.

The experience of the world for six thousand years, in which the unaided mind of man has made the highest progress in literature, science, and morality, has clearly demonstrated the utter insufficiency of reason to lead man to eternal happiness in the full possession of God's favor. The absolute necessity of a Divine revelation in order to give to man a clear and correct knowledge of God, and of his duty to him, and to direct him to a state of future happiness and eternal life, has thus been fully evinced. And assured that that soul with which man has been endued by his Creator is immortal in its existence--of inestimable, inconceivable value--and that its eternal existence, either blissful or miserable, is determined by the word and will of God, the Bible Society has undertaken the great work of placing this precious revelation of God's will within the reach of every individual within the length and breadth of the land.

As our Society transferred the principal part of the funds, raised during the past year, to the Parent Society, the greater portion of our work has been done through it, and but little was left to be done in our immediate neighborhood. The following gratuitous distributions, by members reporting to the Librarian, have been made to those known to be destitute, viz: 13 Bibles and 37 Testaments. When we reflect, that this precious book was purchased for us with the blood of God's only begotten, well-beloved son; that it has been handed down to us through the blood of apostles, prophets and martyrs; that it comes to us re-baptised with fire and with blood, and that there is no other way in which we can be saved but that which is alone revealed, should we not all be excited to contribute more liberally of our means and time, and to make still greater exertions in distributing this precious book.

It becomes, at this time, our mournful and solemn duty to report to the Society the death of Miss Elizabeth Slater, one of our most active, efficient and devoted managers. She had been a member since April, 1847; thus for sixteen years has she been associated with us in this good work; and all who knew her best record to the promptness and fidelity with which she discharged any trust committed to her care. On the 19th of December, 1862, she was called from her work here on earth to receive, as we hope and trust, her reward in heaven. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

M. H., Secretary.

ALLEGHENY, April 6, 1863.

The following officers and managers were elected for the present year:

Mrs. Swift, President; Miss M. Herron, Vice President; Mrs. Hays, Corresponding Secretary; Miss E. Cameron, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Gibson, Treasurer; Mrs. Patterson, Librarian. Managers--Mrs. Swift, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. Brunot, Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Breading, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Audry, Mrs. Dickey, Miss Fleming, Miss Whitten, Miss Thompson, Miss Henderson, Miss Bell, Miss Trevor, Miss Cameron, Miss Blackstock, Miss Pressly, Miss E. Sproull, Miss Tassey, Miss Potterfield.

The following is the account of the Treasurer, Mrs. Eliza L. Gibson:

Cash received at Annual Sermon		$ 19 70
" " from subscriptions & donations for Bibles and Testaments sold.		261 67
" "		3 50
Cash balance in Treasury from last year		12 63
Total		$297 50
By cash remitted American Bible Society, New York	$ 300	
Paid for Check	1 20	
" Bibles and Testaments	11 70--312 90	
Balance due Treasurer		$ 15 40

A Libel Suit.

We were summoned this morning to appear before Alderman Nicholson, to answer a charge of libel preferred by Thomas K. Lally, in behalf of himself and others, growing out of a recent publication in regard to the alleged disloyalty of certain employes in the Allegheny Arsenal. The information charges James W. McFarland, Samuel Riddle, Josiah Copley, James M. Macrum, J. Herron Foster and Stewart Dickson with a false, malicious and defamatory libel concerning the deponent, Thomas K. Lally, and R. C. Fairfax, Robert Duff, James Morris, John Jeffrey, Tilly Pottex, W. T. Hill and Joseph Lemon --said parties having been, as is alleged, accused of disloyalty to the government and sympathy with traitors. The defendants made their appearance, and the preliminary hearing was fixed for Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.--The prosperity of this institution the present year is unprecedented in its history, and as many of its members the preseding year entered the army, wholly unexpected. The spacious and commodious building, the extensive and invaluable cabinet of minerals from all parts of the world, the largest assortment of chemical and philosophical apparatus, the gymnasium, the increasing library, and the ample corps of Professors afford unusual advantages to all who desire a good English, scientific or classical education. The large number of Instructors, each having his own department, secures every class and student against neglect. Every class has abundant time each day for recitation. The larger the number of students, too, the greater the activity of mind, and the greater the emulation. This institution is endowed and endowed by the State nearly fifty years ago to furnish every facility to young men desirous of obtaining a thorough education. The next term will commence the 16th instant.

WE notice that a lecture entitled "Divinity in Common Things," will be delivered in East Common Methodist Protestant Church, Allegheny, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., for the benefit of the Sunday school, by Rev. A. Clark, editor of the Sunday Visitor. The lecture was delivered recently in another place by our friend Mr. Clark, and as we were present, we are able to speak in its favor in unmeasurable terms. The lecture is full of beauty, delicate and poetic in style, and rich, overflowing in all that should characterize and adorn a lecture on such a theme. We promise to all who may be present, profit and entertainment in no mean degree, and advise our friends by all means to go. The object, and the well-known character of the lecturer, should fill the church on the occasion.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF, in Allegheny, will be paid at R. H. Darby's office, for April, as follows: 1st Ward, Monday, at 4 o'clock p. m.; 2d Ward, Tuesday, at 4 p. m.; 3d Ward, Wednesday, at 4 p. m.; 4th Ward, Thursday, at 4 p. m.

SURETY.--John Kress, charged with surety of the peace on oath of his wife Mary, has been committed to jail for a further hearing before Justice Barker, of South Pittsburgh.

STILL OR TRIAL.--The charge of conspiracy against the coal diggers is still on trial in the Quarter Sessions. The testimony for the prosecution is not yet finished.

LARCENY.--John Smith, alias Hoover, has been committed by Alderman Taylor, charged with the larceny of a lot of tools belonging to George W. Shannon.

RIOT.--Thos. O'Rourke was committed to jail to-day, by Alderman Donelson, to answer a further hearing on a charge of riot preferred by John Schlauser.

BUREAU OF ORDNANCE.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, March 2, 1863.

This Bureau is desirous of contracting whenever rifled cannon can be made of wrought iron of sufficient and uniform endurance and economy to warrant their being preferred to guns of cast iron only, or of cast iron strengthened with wrought iron.

Proposals will therefore be received from any manufacturers of forged steel, to furnish a finished gun or a block of metal from which a gun of the same may be finished.

The finished gun, when finished, to weigh about 10,000 pounds, to be made into a gun throwing a projectile of 100 pounds, as used in cast iron rifled cannon of like weight; to be fired 1000 times, with service charges of 20 pounds of the same size of powder as used in the Parrott 100-pounder, viz: 10 pounds of No. 7, without bursting or wearing in such a manner as to cause apprehension of bursting.

The quality of metal, price and other terms, are to be stated clearly in the proposal to warded.

The Bureau reserves the right to itself of accepting or rejecting any of the proposals.

The time for receiving the proposals is limited to thirty days from date; and proposals will only be received from persons actually engaged in the fabrication of wrought iron.

JOHN A. DAHLGREN,
mh24:4wsod Chief of Bureau.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON CITY, March 19, 1863.

OWNERS OF STEAM VESSELS are invited to send to the Quartermaster General's office tenders for their charter or sale.

Tenders should contain descriptions of the vessels, their dimensions, enrolled or registered, tonnage, actual carrying capacity, material, whether coppered, whether side-wheel or propellers, whether propper or from holdard, size and power of engines and boilers, and should state the price at which they are offered, for long or short charter, with the estimated rates of insurance in case of loss, or in case the government should prefer to purchase instead of chartering.

Owners of steam vessels already in the service of the Quartermaster's Department, are requested to make known to the Department any reduction in their present rates which they may be willing to grant, and also the price at which they will be willing to sell them.

All such tenders should be addressed to the Quartermaster General of the United States, at Washington, and should be endorsed "Proposals for the charter or sale of Steamers."

When received they will be considered, and the Department will endeavor to reduce the heavy expense attending army transportation upon the ocean and the waters by substituting, whenever it can do so, cheaper vessels of equal capacity for those now employed. mh24:3t

NEW CONSIGNMENTS.

25 boxes Hamburg Cheese;
5 do Sage cheese;
75 do do Cheese;
10 do prime fresh Butter in Cheese boxes;
1 bbl. Wild Pigeons;
3 bbls. Onion Pork;
25 dozen Hickory Brooms;
100 do Cincinnati Heel Brooms;
25 do do Shining do;
500 bush. York State Dry Apples;
25 do Dry Peaches, halves;
20 boxes Honey;
Just received and for sale by
FRANK VAN GORDER,
sp11 186 Second street.

SUNDRIES.

MACKEREL.--Nos. 1, 2 & 3, in bbls. and half bbls.;
WHITE FISH.--In half bbls.;
LAKE HERRING.--Do.;
FLOUR.--Superfine, Extra Family and Fancy;
Also--Salt, Carbon Oil, Syrup, Molasses, Orleans Sugars, fair and extra; Soap, Candles, Tobacco; Dandelion, Spices and Rio Coffee; Young Hyson, Imperial and Gunpowder Teas, for sale at 155 Liberty st., by WM. P. BECK & CO.,
sp8 Wholesale Grocers.

FRESH ARRIVAL OF FISH.--

100 bbls. No. 1 Mackerel;
100 half bbls. No. 1 do;
100 bbls. No. 2 do do;
100 bbls. No. 3 do;
200 half bbls. No. 2 do;
200 bbls. No. 3 large Mackerel;
200 half bbls. 3 do do;
300 bbls. No. 3 medium do;
300 half bbls. 3 do do;

In store and for sale to the trade at Eastern prices.
ap8 JOHN I. HOUSE & CO

POTATOES! POTATOES!--Received this day, a car-load prime Potatoes,
105 sacks Peach Blows;
60 do Prince Alberts;
120 do Dykman's Early;
20 bbls choice Cherry Blows;
And for sale by [ap8] L. H. VOIGT & CO.

DOOR AND TABLE MATS.--Just received, a full assortment of Wool, Cocoa, Jute and Manilla Door Mats, also, Palm Leaf, Plain and Fancy Shaker Mats, for sale by
JOHN A. BRENNAW,
ap8 Corner Liberty and Hand streets.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE,
MONDAY, April 13, 1863.

Gold has still further advanced, private dispatches received from New York to-day quoting at from 157 to 158. There has been a corresponding advance here and our bankers are now paying 150 to 152 for Gold and Demand Notes, and 132@133 for Silver. Eastern Exchange is steady at par buying, and ¼ per cent prem. selling.

GRAIN.--Wheat is quiet with small sales from wagon at $1,30. Rye is firm and in demand at $1,00. Corn is unchanged; Sale on track of 1 car Shelled at 85c. There is a good demand for Oats, with sales from first hands at 70c; sale from store of 100 sacks at 75c. Barley remains as last quoted.

PROVISIONS.--Bacon is firm with a regular demand at the old rates; sale of 10,000 lbs at 6c for Shoulders; 8½c for Plain Hams, and 10c for Sugar Cured; and 8,000 lbs at 6c for Shoulders, and 8½c for Plain Hams. Lard is steady at 10@10½c for Country, and 11c for City.

GROCERIES.--Sales of 20 bbls Molasses at 55c for old crop, and 60c for new. Sugar is firm with sales at 12 to 13c, and Coffee ranges from 33 to 34 c.

BUTTER & EGGS.--Butter is dull and low; sales of 10 bbls at from 20 to 26c per lb for Common to choice Roll. Eggs also have declined, and may be quoted at 12@13c.

DRIED FRUIT.--Is dull but unchanged. Sale of 20 bush inferior Apples at $1,37 and 20 bush prime Peaches at $3,25.

CHEESE.--Is steady with sales in lots of 250 lbs prime W R at 14c, and 30 lbs Goshen at 15c. Hamburg may be quoted at 14½c.

SALT.--Is selling from store in small lots at from $1,75 to $1,80 per bbl for Extra No. 1; sale of 3 car loads on private terms.

FISH.--Sales of 25 half bbls choice Lake Herring at $5,00, and 12 half bbls White Fish at $5 to $6,25. No. 3 Large Mackeral may be quoted at from $9 to $10 per bbl.

GREEN APPLES.--The demand is good, and the market firm with sales at from $2,50 to $3,00 per bbl, according to quality.

Pittsburgh Oil Market.

April 13.--There is but little change to notice in Crude Petroleum. The receipts are light, and the market is firm at last quoted. On the spot, bulk held at 8c, and barreled at 14c, some holders asking 14½c. We note sales of 500 bbls in bulk to arrive at 7¾c, the seller to fill and put it in shipping order; 3000 bbls in bulk to arrive at 7¼c; and 196 bbls "muddy" at 7¼c, bbls to be returned. As the Allegheny river is again in fine navigable condition, large receipts are expected about the latter end of the week.

Refined is more active, but the demand is principally for future delivery, and prices remain without material change. Good standard brands are held firmly at 24 to 25c in bond, and 34@35c, free. Sale of 500 bbls in bond, city brand, for immediate delivery, at 25c; 100 bbls free, at 34c, outside brand, at 33c; and 50 bbls free, dark straw, at 31c.

Benzine is unsettled, and in the absence of sales, we omit quotations.

Petroleum in Philadelphia.

April 10.--The Philadelphia market during the past week, owing to considerable purchases of crude, has become firmer; sales of 1000 barrels on the spot at 13¾ cents, and 1½ cents, and 2000 barrels, in lots at from 18 to 19 cents.

In Refined, free oil, we notice sales of 1,500 barrels prime white, standard test, at 40 cents; 200 barrels, water-white, testing 120 and above, at 38 cents; 400 barrels yellow at 35c, and 100 barrels of a very inferior quality, although white color, at 33c.

Refined, to-day, was active, with limited sales at from 30 to 35 cents, the latter for standard brands.

Benzine continues dull, and sales have been made at from 33 to 35½c for middling to good refined, and 35 to 37½ cents for extra sweet double refined; holders of Benzine are confident of an advance, should the Legislature fail to grant additional charters, owing to the demand for light and propitious to the painting trade.--Oil Circular.

Philadelphia Seed Market.

April 10.--There is some little inquiry for Clover-seed, but generally at a price below the views of holders, and about 1500 bushels have been disposed of at $5,25@5,37½ for new, and at the latter price. Timothy is quiet at $2@2,50 ⅌ bushel. Of Flaxseed the sales are limited at $3,50 for rough. Reclaned Seed is selling for sowing at $4@4,25 ⅌ bushel.

New York Coffee Market.

April 11.--Holders, especially of Rio, continue to hold their stocks very firmly, and the sales making show full previous values. West India descriptions are inactive, but steady, at about previous rates. The sales are 2200 bags Rio at 29½@33 cents; 75 Savillas, 80; 362 Maracaibo, 32; 20 bags Jamaica, 29; 223 bags and 400 mats Java, part 37¼@38, 4 mos; 150 bags St. Domingo, 28@29½; 75 do in bond, 31½ cash; and 4228 do Rio, cargo barque Ida S., on terms not made public. At Boston, 300 bags Capes sold at 30 cents, cash.--Shipping List.

New York Fish Market.

April 11.--There is a better demand from the Cooking trade, and the market has been more active. Dry Cod are scarce and firm at the recent advance; 1000 qtls George's sold at $5,50; there are no Bank on hand. Herrings have moved quite freely, generally at full prices; sales 1000 bbls Bay at $10,00@ 10,75 for No. 1, and $9@9,25 for No. 2; 1000 do Shore, $5 for No. 1, and $14,50 for No. 1; 1000 do Halifax large No. 2, $8,75@9,00; and 200 do No. 3, $4@5,25. Herring are plenty and dull; 2500 brs Scaled sold from vessel at 37 cents, cash.

Boston Fish Market.

April 10.--The market for Codfish is steady with a good shipping demand. Sales of Grand Bank and Bay Fundy at $5,50@6 for Orge, and $5 for small do loose; and $6@7 packed for shipment. Hake are steady at $3 loose and $3,50 packed. Pollock at $3 loose. There is no change in Mackerel, but the market is firm; sales of No. 1 at $11@11,50; No. 2 large, $9@9,50, and medium at $7,50@8; No. 3 large at $6,75@7, and medium at $5,87½@6; 350 bbls No. 4, the first received for a long time, at $4 ⅌ qtl. Alewives are in moderate demand at $3,50@4 ⅌ bbl. Pickled Herring are scarce and are selling at $5,50@6 ⅌ bbl. --Com. Bulletin.

Imports by Railroad.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD, April 13.--110 bbls high wines, Lambert & Sfhipton; 5 bbls fire clay, Phillips & Best; 3 do do, Forsyth & Bro; 25 do do, Lyon & Shorb; 62 bbls bacon, D Painter & co; 1417 pcs boards, J P Hanna; 100 bbls flour, James McCully & co; 2 bbls butter, Rea & Kell; 25 brs pickles, Lyon & Shorb; 45 do do, 42 do brooms, J Painter & co; 243 bbls, Lappe & Weise; 1 car barley, Josh Rhodes; 4 bbls lard, 1 do tallow, Jas A Fetzer; 1087 pks corn, H L Oyer; 53 bbls, J H Ralston; 1 bbl butter, J S Dilworth & co; 6 bbls potash, Shriver & Lasear; 23 bbls hominy, S Ewart & co; 7 bbls rags, R C Howard; 1 tc onions, L H Voigt & co; 25 bbls tobacco, M Heyl.

PITTSBURGH & CLEVELAND RAILROAD, April 11--6 bbls tobacco, John Grier; 20 half bbls fish, S Cooper & co; 20 do do, Jos Rose; 20 do do, Shriver & Lasear; 6 do do, W Dyer; 2 bbls onions, R Dalzell & Son; 45 hides, G H Anderson; 60 dos brooms, Shumaker & Lang; 22 hhds meat, F Sellers & co; 205 pks corn, Simpson & Knox; 23 pks scraps, Wm Flaccus; 20 bbls apples, Wm McCutcheon; 50 bbls lime, R H Collins; 114 oil bbls, Hitchcock, McCreery & co; 62 bbls, 56 pks potatoes, L & Voigt & co; 120 bbls do, L & Burchfield; 294 pks wheat, J S Liggett & co.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

The river swelled rapidly all day yesterday, and last evening the pier marks indicated nine feet--an advance of over two feet during the twenty-four hours ending at that time. We learn by a dispatch from Oil City yesterday that the Allegheny river had risen eight feet at that point, and was still rising. The weather yesterday was clear and unusually pleasant and very favorable for operations at the wharf.

The only arrival we have to report is the Emma Graham, from Zanesville. The Shannock, from Cincinnati, is expected to arrive here about Wednesday morning.

The Carrie Jacobs left for Louisville last evening with about all the freight and passengers she could take.

The James B. Gilmore, a new boat, just completed by Captain D. S. H. Gilmore, formerly of the New York, is announced for St. Louis and all points on the Upper Mississippi on Thursday evening.

We regret to learn that Captain John W. Anawalt, late of the Exchange, has been ill for several days past, and is confined to his room.

Captain Fuller, of the Iowa, requests us to state that he will positively leave for St. Louis to-day. The Iowa is in complete order, having been thoroughly overhauled and repaired since her arrival here. Mr. Charles Collins, the clerk, will be found attentive and obliging.

The pubustal and popular Emma Graham, Captain Ayers, returns to Zanesville this evening as usual at 4 o'clock. Mr. W. G. Wilson still retains charge of the office.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR CAIRO, ST. LOUIS, HANNIBAL, QUINCY, KEOKUK, ROCK ISLAND AND DAVENPORT.--The fine new steamer JAMES R. GILMORE, Capt. D. S. H. Gilmore, will for the above and intermediate ports ON THURSDAY, 16th inst., at 4 o'clock p. m.

For freight or passage apply on board or to
ap14 J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

FOR ST. LOUIS, HANNIBAL, QUINCY, KEOKUK, DAVENPORT AND ROCK ISLAND.--The new and commodious steamer IOWA, Capt. Fuller, will leave as above on THIS DAY, 14th inst., at 5 o'clock p. m. For freight or passage apply on board or to
ap8 J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

PATENT FOLDING CAMP CHAIR, a strong cane seat arm chair, light and durable, just the thing for the country. Also, Folding Step Ladders, for Libraries, &c.; Ice Cream Freezers, Patent Bung Jacks, Coffee Mills, Tack Hammers, Tea Bells, Spice Boxes, Steak Tenderers, &c., for sale at the Family Grocery Store of
JOHN A. BRENNAW,
ap8 Corner Liberty and Hand streets.

RAILROADS.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH AND WHEELING RAILROAD. WINTER ARRANGEMENT.--On and after the MONDAY, Nov. 17th, 1862 Trains will leave the Depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Pittsburgh, as follows:

Pittsburgh, Columbus and Cincinnati Express leaves at 1:00 a. m.

Leaves Pittsburgh	1:00	a. m.	1:40 p. m.
do Steubenville	4:20	"	5:00 "
do Newark	11:35	"	11:15 "
do Columbus	1:05	p. m.	12:50 a. m.
Arrives Cincinnati	6:30	"	6:40 "
do St. Louis			

No change of cars between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Splendid Sleeping Cars attached to all Night Trains.

Pittsburgh and Wheeling Line.

Leaves Pittsburgh	1:50	a. m.	4:40 p. m.
do Wellsville	6:18	"	9:05 "
do Steubenv'e	5:15	"	9:56 "
do Wheeling	6:24	"	11:05 "
Arrives Bellair	8:40	"	11:15 "

Connecting at Wheeling with Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and at Bellair with Central Ohio Railroad for Zanesville, Lancaster, Circleville, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and points West.

Pittsburgh and Cleveland Line.

Leaves Pittsburgh	1:50	a. m.	1:40 p. m.
do Wellsville	6:45	"	4:56 "
do Bayard	6:14	"	5:54 "
do Alliance	6:54	"	6:15 "
do Hudson	8:14	"	7:34 "
Arrive Cleveland	9:22	"	8:30 "

Connecting at Bayard with Tuscarawas branch for New Philadelphia and Canal Dover; at Alliance with Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad; at Hudson with Cleveland, Zanesville and Cincinnati R. R. for Akron, Cuyahoga Falls and Millersburg, and at Cleveland with C. & E. R. R. for Erie, Dunkirk and Buffalo with C. & T. R. R. for Toledo, Detroit and Chicago, and the North-west.

Wellsville Accommodation leaves at 3:00 p. m.

Returning leaves arrive at 9:20 a. m., 4:10 a. m. & 6 and 11:30 p. m.

Through Tickets to all prominent points in the West or South-west, North or North-west, can be procured at the Liberty Street Depot, Pittsburgh.

JOHN STEWART, Ticket Agent.

For further information, apply to
WILLIAM STEWART, Agent,
At the Company's Office in Freight Station, Penn st
no25

1863. 1863.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT FOR [illegible]
1863.--THE PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL RAILROAD, EIGHT DAILY TRAINS, on and after MONDAY, Jan. 12th, 1863.

THE THROUGH MAIL TRAIN leaves the Passenger Station every morning (except Sunday) at 2:50 a. m., stopping only at principal stations, connecting at Harrisburg for Baltimore and Washington, and at Philadelphia for New York.

THE THROUGH EXPRESS TRAIN leaves daily at 4:40 p.m., stopping only at principal stations, making direct connection at Harrisburg for Baltimore and Washington, and for New York via Allentown route and Philadelphia.

THE FAST LINE leaves the Station daily (except Sunday) at 11:30 a. m., stopping only at principal stations, connecting at Harrisburg for Baltimore and Washington, and at Philadelphia for New York.

THE ACCOMMODATION TRAIN leaves daily at 4:40 p.m., stopping at all stations and connecting at Harrisburg for Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York.

Passengers purchasing tickets in cars will be charged an excess, according to distance traveled, in addition to the station rates, except from stations where the Company has no Agents.

NOTICE.--In case of loss, the Company will hold their agents responsible for personal baggage only, and for an amount not exceeding $100.

P. B.--An Omnibus Line has been employed to con y passengers and baggage to and from the Depot at a moderate rate. Tickets can be procured for each passenger and baggage. For tickets, apply to

J. STEWART, Agent,
at the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Passenger Station, on Liberty and Grant streets. no13

PROPOSALS.

ORDNANCE OFFICE.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, March 30, 1863.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 4 o'clock p. m. on the 30th of APRIL, 1863, for furnishing six sinking six hundred Wrought Iron Beams for Rails of Chords of Bow-String Carriages.

These Beams are to be made after the following specifications:

The rail for barbette carriages is a rolled wrought iron beam, similar in appearance to the "I" shaped beams used in the construction of fire proof buildings. The rail is to be straight and smooth on its surface, and free from flaws, imperfect welds, blisters, and cinder streaks. The outer surfaces of the flanges are to be planes, parallel to each other, and at right angles to the web. The web joins the two flanges along their middle line, leaving them to project equally on each side, and must be without bends or corn agations.

DIMENSIONS OF BEAMS.

Length of rail	171 inches.
Depth betw'n outer surfaces of flanges	15 "
Width of flanges	5.375 inches.
Thickness of flange at outer edge	.75 inch.
Thickness of web	.625 inch.

These beams will be inspected after the following rules:

They are to be made of good tough well-worked clear iron, the absence of which qualities, (generally indicated by roughness of surface, and by checks, cut marks and flaws roughness along the edges of the flanges,) as also flaws or bad welds, blisters, and cinder streaks of cinder will cause their rejection.

2d. They are to be of the required dimensions and square at the ends.

3d. They are to be straight and free from short bends in the length of the rail.

3 1. The outer plane surfaces of the flanges are to be parallel to each other, and in planes perpendicular to that of the web.

4th. The webs are not to be bent or trenched, as would result from resting the rails along their whole lengths on the edges of the flanges while the webs are too hot to bear their weight.

5th. The flanges are to be perfectly equal on each side of the web.

VARIATIONS ALLOWED IN INSPECTING.

In length of rail	.50 inch.
In depth or rail	.10 inch.
In thickness of web	.05 inch.

In warp or wind, in depth of flange at extreme end of rail .10 inch.

Difference in distance between outer edge of plane surfaces of flanges at different sides of web at any cross section of rail .10 inch.

A straight edge of equal length with the rail placed on the outer edge of the flange should not depart from it at any point more than .15 inch.

A plane surface placed on the web should not depart from it any point more than .10 inch.

A plane surface placed on the plane surface of either flange should not depart from it at any point more than .10 inch.

Departure from square in depth of rail .15 inch.

Bidders will state the number of beams they propose to furnish, the time when they will commence the delivery, which should be as early as possible, and the number they can deliver weekly after commencing the delivery; place where they will make them, and the price per pound for which they will deliver them at the point of vessel or railroad shipment nearest to their works.

No bids will be entertained except from persons actually engaged in the manufacture of iron, evidence of which must accompany the bid.

Each party, obtaining a contract will be required to enter into bonds, with proper sureties for its faithful fulfillment; and a d a transfer of the contract to another party will cause its entire forfeiture.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals if the prices are deemed too high, or if for any cause it is not deemed for the public interest to accept them.

Proposals will be sealed and addressed to General J. W. RIPLEY, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.," and will be endorsed "Proposals for Wrought Iron Beams."

JAS. W. RIPLEY,
ap3:3awid Brig. Gen., Chief of Ordnance.

DUQUESNE BRASS WORKS.

TATE, CADMAN & CO.,

Manufacturers of every variety of finished

BRASS WORK FOR PLUMBERS, STEAM OR GAS-FITTERS, MACHINISTS, AND COPPERSMITHS

BRASS CASTINGS, of all descriptions, made to order.

STEAMBOAT WORK, STEAM AND GAS-FITTING, and REPAIRING promptly attended to

KIRS FOR COAL AND CARBON OILS.

ALSO,

Sole Agents for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the sale of MARSH, LAUDELL & CO.'S PATENT SIPHON PUMP, the best ever invented. Having no valves, it is not liable to get out of order, and will throw more water than any pump of twice its size. ap10

MADISON STARCH AGENCY.

The undersigned are Agents, for Pittsburgh and vicinity, for

WATT'S MADISON STARCH COMPANY,

and keep constantly on hand a supply of their STARCH, various qty packages, which will be sold in quantities to the trade on most reasonable terms.

SCHOMAKER & LANG,
de13:tf 139 LIBERTY STREET.

PROPOSALS.

DEPUTY QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Ap il 4th, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until twelve o'clock m. the 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 1863, for the furnishing and delivery of TEN HUNDRED THOUSAND BUSHELS OF GOOD MERCHANTABLE COAL, at the following places, or depot, viz:

Five hundred thousand bushels at Cairo, Ill., in the following manner, viz:

One-third on or before the 18th day of May, 1863;
One-third on or before the 10th day of June, 1863;
And
One-third on or before the 4th day of July, 1863.

Five hundred thousand bushels at Memphis, Tenn., in the following manner, viz:

One-third on or before the 18th day of May, 1863;
One-third on or before the 10th day of June, 1863;
And
One-third on or before the 4th day of July, 1863.

Should any instructions be given by Col. Robt. Allen, Chief Quartermaster in St. Louis, Mo., to have the whole amount delivered at Cairo, Ill., then the price for the One Hundred for Memphis will be paid for as that named in the proposal to be furnished at Cairo.

The bids will be endorsed "Proposals for Ten Hundred Thousand Bushels of Coal," addressed to the undersigned.

Proposals from *Bilogal parties* will not be considered, and an oath of allegiance must accompany each proposition.

GUARANTEE.

The ability of the bidder to fulfill the contract, should it be awarded to him, must be guaranteed by two responsible persons, whose signatures must be appended to the guarantee.

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of the Clerk of the nearest District Court, or the United States District Attorney. Bidders must be present in person when the bids are opened, or their proposals will not be considered. Bond equal in amount to half the sum to be received on the contract, signed by the contractor and both of his guarantors, will be required of the successful bidder, upon signing the contract. As the bond must accompany the contract, it will be necessary for the bidders to have their bondsmen with them, or to have bonds signed in anticipation, and ready to be produced when the contract is signed.

Form of Guarantee.

We, ——— of the county of ——— and State of ———, and ——— of the county of ——— and State of ———, do hereby guarantee that ——— is able to fulfill a contract in accordance with the terms of his proposition, and that, should his proposition be accepted, he will at once enter into a contract in accordance therewith. Should the contract be awarded him, we are prepared to become his securities.

To this guarantee must be appended the official certificate above mentioned.

Proposals from contractors who have failed to comply with former bids, from disloyal persons, and from those who are not present to respond to their bids, will not be considered.

Payment to be made in certificates of indebtedness, or such other funds as Government may have for disbursement.

All bids to be accompanied by a guarantee, signed by two persons, and directed to "Col. A. BROEWITH, A. D. C., and C. S. U. S. A., Washington, D. C.," and endorsed "Proposals for Beef Cattle."

Form of Guarantee.

We, ——, of the county of ——— and State of ———, do hereby guarantee that ——— is able to fulfill the contract in accordance with the terms of his proposition; and that, should his proposition be accepted, he will at once enter into a contract in accordance therewith.

Should the contract be awar