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Oil Operations.

OIL RECEIPTS.—The Venango, which arrived from Franklin yesterday, brought down 172 barrels of oil, from the following wells: Raymond & Underhill, 50; Phillips, Frew & Co., 27; Cornplanter, Nos. 2 and 3, 67; Horner, McCombs & Co., 28.

The Noblestown Oil Company intend to commence boring this week on the farm of R. M'Clelland, one and a half miles from Noblestown. The strongest surface indications are said to be apparent. Another company has been formed with the intention of boring on the land of M. Hastings, one mile from the village.

The following item may be interesting to those making leases in Virginia: All leases for a term of more than three years must be acknowledged like a deed, and recorded within six months. To be valid, all the names of each of the parties must be included in the lease, and it must be signed by all of them.

A company is about being organized at Smicksburgh, Indiana county, for the purpose of boring for oil in that locality.

Messrs. Hubley, Ball & Co., of Allegheny city, organized a company some time since, and commenced operations yesterday, on their claim at New Waterford, Ohio. They have good hopes of tapping the "jugular vein," which runs through that region, on its way from Mecca to Smith's Ferry.

ARREST OF A MAIL ROBBER.—On Friday last, Henry Morse, who drives a stage between Clarion and Red Bank, a very illiterate young man, about twenty-five years old, was arrested by Thomas M'Cullough, Postmaster, and some citizens of Waterson's Ferry, Clarion County, charged with robbing the United States mail at that place. He had been seen to take a package from the mail in his charge and secrete it in a stall of the stable where the stage horses are kept. On examination the bundle was found to have been opened, and after his arrest a draft for $120, and a $2 bill, which had been enclosed in two of the letters, were given up by him on being asked for. Morse was brought to this city, after acknowledging his guilt, by some of the parties who arrested him, and taken to the Perry Hotel, where he was delivered up to Mayor Wilson's Chief of Police, Mr. Patterson, who locked him up for the night. On Thursday morning he was taken before United States Commissioner John H. Bailey, by Marshal Campbell, and after a hearing, at which the above evidence and defendant's admissions were detailed, he was finally committed for trial at the May term of the United States Court. The minimum punishment for this offence, under the Act of Congress, is ten years imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

MONONGAHELA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The members of this Society have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, D. McCurdy; Vice Presidents, Col. Joseph Taylor, John King, W. Wickerham, William Patton, John Wallace, Vanvoorhis. Secretaries, W. H. Wilson, Chill Hazzard. Treasurer, W. J. Alexander. Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Ard Moore. Auditors, Joseph Wilson, C. E. Beach. Board of Managers, Daniel Pierce, Brisbon Wall, James Williams, Moses Scott, John Storer, S. Bentley, H. M. Bentley, Jas. Stogdale, Dutton Shannon.

The receipts last year were $617,18, and the expenditures $566,71. Whole number of entries last fair 1002 exclusive of voluntary contributions.

ENGINEER KILLED.—Robert Brisbane, an engineer in the employ of the Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company, was instantly killed at Alliance, on Tuesday last. He was standing on the side track, and, as it is supposed, was engaged at the time in counting the cars in his train, in preparatory to starting, when a shifting engine backed three cars over him, killing him on the spot, and mutilating his body in a shocking manner. He doubtless had no warning of the approaching cars, as if he had he might have escaped. His friends reside in Columbiana, Ohio, where his remains were brought for interment on Sunday last. He was a most estimable man, and his terrible death has been a source of poignant sorrow to a large circle of relatives and friends.

BURNED TO DEATH.—On Monday afternoon, the 4th inst., a little child aged 17 months, of Abijah A. Smith, of Hanover township, Washington county, was so seriously burned by its clothes taking fire that it died on Wednesday morning about four o'clock. It was left by its mother in charge of an older child in a room where there was a fire burning in a grate, whilst she would attend to some work in the kitchen. Unknown to the mother the older child went out by a front door, leaving the babe alone in the room. By some means unknown, its clothes took fire, and before they could be extinguished, its breast, neck, face, arms, and hands, were so badly burned that it suffered on until Tuesday night, when it went into convulsions, which terminated in death the next morning.

THE CONCERT THIS EVENING.—At Concert Hall, this evening, a rare musical entertainment is offered, and as it has been some time since we have been favored with such a one it will probably be well attended. Already a good number of seats have been taken. The prima donna is Mad. Charlotte Varian, a first-class artiste, who will be assisted by Mr. Clement Tetedoux, baritone, well known as one of our best resident vocalists, and Mr. F. Smith, tenor. The musical director is Mr. Edward Hoffman, who will preside at the piano. A good programme is offered, and the occasion will be one of interest. We advise those who have not secured seats to call at Mellor's to-day and do so.

RAILROAD BRIDGES.—From the report of the Auditor General of Pennsylvania, we glean the following interesting statistics: The highest railroad bridge in the State is upon the Catawissa Railroad, and is one hundred and twenty eight feet high. The Media bridge, on the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad, is one hundred and one feet high. The highest bridge on the Pennsylvania Railroad is at Coatesville, and is seventy-two feet high. The bridge on the Huntington and Broad Top Road, at Stonerstown, is ninety-seven feet high, while the celebrated Wissahickon bridge, on the Philadelphia and Norristown Railroad, is but sixty-eight feet high.

WE have received the annual report of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, the main points of which we have already published.

NEW RAILROAD.—The Reading and Columbia, Pa., Railroad has been put under contract, and will be commenced as soon as the engineer can put it in condition for the workmen. Messrs. Moore & Co., of Philadelphia, have taken the contract at $600,000, and are to finish the grading, masonry and superstructure—prepare the road for ballasting, cross ties and track, from the East end of the Columbia bridge to the intersection with the Lebanon Valley road, the company to settle for the right of way. The work is to be ready for the track in fifteen months.

FIRE ITEMS.—The Relief boys have appointed a committee to make inquiries as to the probable cost of a new steam fire engine, which they think they can raise the funds to purchase. The Duquesne boys are also making an effort to procure a steamer, and some $2,000 has already been subscribed for the purpose.—The Allegheny Fire Company are to visit Greensburgh on the 21st of June, to participate in a parade to come off there. They will be warmly welcomed by the firemen of old Westmoreland.

ALLEGHENY SIDEWALKS.—Another Federal street merchant was before Mayor Drum yesterday, and was sentenced to pay a fine of $2 and costs, for obstructing the sidewalk with boxes. The Mayor of Allegheny seems determined to explode this method of advertising, and sometimes (as yesterday, when we saw a lady tear a fine silk dress by coming in contact with a box) we think our Mayor might give the matter his attention.

COMPROMISED.—Yesterday, a man named James Layden was before Alderman James Miller on a charge of assault and battery, on oath of John McClintock. The parties, it appears, had a difficulty, when Layden, becoming excited, struck McClintock a violent blow with a shovel. When the case came up for a hearing before the magistrate, a compromise was effected by the prosecutor withdrawing the charge and defendant paying costs.

FOUND.—Last week we stated that a girl of fourteen, Ada Brown, had disappeared from the residence of Mr. Scholey, Lawrenceville, with whom she had been living, and that fears of her having been drowned were entertained. It was ascertained on Tuesday that the child had gone to Mrs. Dennison's, near Wilkinsburg, where she desired to remain. Her mother, who had come to the city to find her daughter, immediately went to see her.

THE KANSAS FUND.—The following additional contributions to the Kansas fund were received at the Mayor's office yesterday:

Jefferson Lodge, A. Y. M. No. 285, Allegheny city	$ 25 00
A Lady of East Liberty	1 00
Total	$ 26 00
Amount previously reported	4,559 93
Total contributions to date	$4,585 93
Amount remitted	4,199 62

CHILD SUFFOCATED.—On Wednesday evening last, a little child of a Mr. Garvin, residing near Greensburg, Westmoreland co., climbed upon the table where its mother was cutting pumpkins, and unobserved, took up a seed and in attempting to eat, choked. When noticed by its mother it was too late to save its life.

A LARGE FAMILY.—On Wednesday there was a family of thirty-four at the National Hotel in this city, on route from Fayette co., Pa., to La Salle co., Illinois. It comprised Mr. Haney and his wife, aged respectively seventy and sixty-nine years, nine sons five daughters, and eighteen grand-children.

OBSTRUCTING A RAILROAD.—A man named Daniel Carroll was arrested the other day, charged with obstructing the Pennsylvania Railroad by placing an iron chain and place of rail on the track near Coatesville, with a view of throwing off the first train that might approach. He was committed for trial.

THE bill at the Theatre for this evening embraces the "Three Guardsmen," which is produced in fine style, and the "Serious Family." To-morrow evening the Lloyds commence their concerts.

GEN. JOS. McMASTER, a highly respectable citizen of Blairsville, and well known throughout the adjoining counties, was stricken with paralysis on Thursday morning last, while sitting by the fire engaged in reading a paper. The General is lying dangerously ill.

COAL WORKS SOLD.—Mr. A. J. Baker has sold his coal works, situated at Webster, Westmoreland county, to a German company for the sum of $33,000. This company, some two weeks ago, bought Bayne's coal works, adjoining, for $15,000.

THE EDUCATOR.—The March number of this admirable School Journal, edited by Rev. S. Finley, is on our table. It is an excellent periodical in its way and should be in every household where there are children.

SENTENCED.—George Talbot, convicted of entering and robbing the millinery shop of Mrs. Fromald, in Johnstown, last fall, has been sentenced to four years imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

HEARING.—Godfrey Netzschke, charged with exploding the infernal machine at the residence of Mr. Hoeveler, is to have a hearing before Mayor Wilson at two o'clock this afternoon.

DIVORCE.—In the Common Pleas Court, the application of Isaac Gragg for a divorce from his wife, Mary E. Gregg, on the ground of desertion, has been granted.

FRESH SHAD.—The amiable Reed, Maltby head quarters, Fifth street, has just received a lot of delicious fresh shad. Call soon.

DR. STEBBINS & MUNSON, dentists, have formed a partnership and opened an office at 105 Fifth street, second door below the Cathedral. See their card.

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LATER FROM EUROPE.

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WILMOT ELECTED.

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LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

&c., &c., &c., &c.,

WASHINGTON CITY March 14.—SENATE.—Mr. Mason, of Va., offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of War to inform the Senate whether any portion of the District of Columbia Militia or any officers thereof, since the first of January, have been mustered into the service of the United States, and whether any duty has been imposed on them by the Department; if so, whether they have received any or what allowances, the nature of the duties, for what time employed, and whether the same still continue to be performed, etc.

Mr. Sumner, of Mass., objecting, the resolution lies over.

Mr. Douglas, of Ill., moved to take up his resolution offered yesterday, calling on the Secretary of War for information relative to the Southern forts and other public property, etc.

Mr. Fessenden, of Me., said it was quite obvious that this was a matter on which the Senate could not act. It required legislation and they were here only as an executive session. He therefore demanded the yeas and nays.

Mr. Hunter, of Virginia, hoped the resolution would be taken up. It interested very deeply the people of the country, who want to know whether they are to have peace or war. He did not agree with the Senator from Maine that the resolution was Legislative in its character.

Mr. Clingman, of North Carolina, said he had prepared a resolution advising the President to make a treaty with the seceded States, relative to this very property. Whether this was proper or not, everybody admitted that the President and Senate are the treaty making power, and that whatever they do in that capacity, is final without reference to the other House. He repeated that the true policy was for the President by, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make such a treaty.

Mr. Douglas thought that the majority ought to permit the resolution to be taken up, in order that he might explain his object in offering it, which was for the best of purposes.

Mr. Mason said that the resolution called for information of very great moment, and if the majority refused to take it up, the inference would be that they desired to suppress information affecting the question of peace or war.

Mr. Fessenden said he had his objections to the resolution. His opinion was that it would be unwise to pass it; hence he would not withdraw his objection.

The question was then taken, and the Senate refused to proceed to the consideration of the resolution, by a vote of 16 yeas to 22 nays.

Mr. Fessenden moved to take up the resolution offered by him yesterday.

Mr. Douglas inquired what was the first proposition on the calendar.

The Chair, Mr. Foote, replied: "The resolution of the Senator from Illinois."

Mr. Douglas remarked that as his resolution was the first in order on the calendar, and it was the duty of the Chair to say what was before the Senate, without the formality of a vote to take it up, he submitted that its consideration could not be dispensed with without the Senate agreeing on the question of postponement.

The Chair replied that the refusal to take it up was equivalent to a postponement.

Mr. Breckinridge, of Ky., thought the decision of the Chair correct, although before the motion was made by Mr. Douglas it was the duty of the Chair to announce that the resolution was before the Senate.

Mr. Douglas, by the request of several gentlemen, withdrew the appeal he had taken from the decision of the chair, saying that he could get at his object in another way, and open the debate.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of Mr. Fessenden's resolution, by a vote of 26 yeas to 13 nays.

Mr. Fessenden said he deemed it his duty to introduce the resolution, as exhibiting the position of the gentlemen therein named. The Constitution provides that seats in the Senate may become vacant by resignation or otherwise. After declarations made by them, and their withdrawal, their seats had become vacant, and there must be some time when the Senate must act.

Mr. Bayard, of Del., moved the following substitute: "That Albert G. Brown and Jefferson Davis, of Miss.; Stephen R. Mallory, of Florida; Clement C. Clay, of Ala.; Robert Toombs, of Ga., and Judah P. Benjamin, of Louisiana, having announced that, by the secession of their respective States, they were no longer members of the Senate, and having withdrawn therefrom, the Secretary be directed to omit their names in calling the roll of the Senate."

Mr. Mason was perfectly satisfied that the gentlemen named in the resolution were not members of the Senate, and therefore, was willing to vote for the resolution endorsing the fact. He took it for granted that Mr. Fessenden meant no discourtesy by saying in the resolution, "their names be stricken from the roll." He suggested the substitution of the word, "omitted." The resolution implied that the seats were vacant from these States. For this, he could not vote.

Mr. Fessenden accepted Mr. Mason's verbal modification.

Mr. Bayard moved to strike Mr. Brown's name from Mr. Fessenden's resolution, the latter not having made a declaration imputed to the others.

Mr. Collamer, of Vt., said the modification of the resolution required time for reflection. He moved to go into executive session. Carried.

After a short time spent therein, the doors were re-opened, and the consideration of the resolution resumed.

Mr. Clark, of N. H., offered a substitute for the resolution, which was accepted, namely:

WHEREAS, The seats occupied by Messrs. Brown and Davis, of Miss., Mallory, of Fla., Clay, of Ala., Toombs, of Ga., and Benjamin, of La., as members of the Senate, have become vacant, therefore be it *Resolved*, that the Secretary be directed to omit their names respectively from the roll.

Mr. Mason ineffectually proposed to amend the resolution by making it read: "that the gentlemen named have ceased to be members." Mr. Clark's substitute was adopted. Yeas, 24—Nays, 10.

The Senate then adjourned.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The steamship Etna has arrived, with Liverpool dates to the 27th ult.

The Etna brings £260,000 in specie, and the steamship Arabia, to sail on the 2d inst., it was expected would have £200,000 to £300,000.

The Etna furnishes no intelligence with regard to the missing steamer Australasian.

The Bank of England had made no alteration in the rate of discount.

ENGLAND.—The slave trade was debated in the House of Commons upon resolutions offered by Mr. Care, declaring that the effort to suppress it had hitherto been ineffectual, and pointing to the introduction of free labor into the West Indies, as the most efficient means.

Lords Russell and Palmerston strongly deprecated the policy of America, in preventing the rights of search, and permitting the prostitution of her flag.

Mr. Baxter feared that the Southern confederation would revive the slave trade, and hoped that the government would never recognize them without express stipulations against it.—The resolutions were finally withdrawn.

FRANCE.—Mr. Thouvenel officially assured the American minister at Paris, that no delegates from any seceding State had been received by the Emperor or himself.

ITALY.—The Italian Senate, by a vote of 129 to 2, adopted the project of a law conferring the title of King of Italy on Victor Emmanuel and his successors.

The assertion is repeated that the Piedmontese brigade will soon enter Rome, and that the Romans were secretly preparing to receive Victor Emmanuel.

LONDON, Feb 26.—Flour dull at 6d@1s decline. Wheat steady for good securities. Sugar dull and declining; prices for lower qualities are 6d@1s lower. Coffee firm. Tea is quiet but steady. Rice is quiet. Tallow 59s 6d.

The money market is generally unchanged at a moderate demand.

Prussia had not yet assented to the French project in reference to the further occupation of Syria.

Gen. Klapka, in a conference with the Democrats at Turin, spoke against any revolutionary attempts in Hungary, representing that the country was unprepared.

An insurgent body, 5000 strong, supported by the Montenegrins had pillaged and set fire to the city of Behar, after robbing over fifty Mahomedans, including several women.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 14.—Chief Justice Taney delivered the opinion of the Supreme Court to-day in the matter of the Commonwealth of Kentucky against the governor of Ohio, Dennison, deciding that a case of original jurisprudence and, in effect, of one State against another, and therefore, the Court has jurisdiction under the constitution. It is a case to compel the governor of Ohio, by a writ of mandamus, to surrender a fugitive from justice from Kentucky. The Court says that the demanding State has a right to have every such fugitive delivered; that the State of Ohio has no right to enter into the question as to whether the act of which the fugitive stands accused is criminal or not in Ohio, provided it was a crime in Kentucky, and it is the duty of the Government of Ohio to deliver up upon any proper proof; that the act charged is a crime by the laws of Kentucky; that the act of 1793 determines that evidence is to be submitted to the State of Ohio; that the duty of the Governor is ministerial, merely like that of Sheriff or Marshal, and the Court appeals to his good faith in the discharge of a constitutional duty, for the reason that Congress cannot impose any federal duty on the officers of a State, and that where such officers are called upon by any act of Congress to perform such duty it conceives of good sense and good faith on their part, and on these grounds the writ of mandamus is refused.

The opinions in the Albany and New Jersey Bridge cases are reserved for the next term in December, to which time the Court adjourned.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 14.—In the Supreme Court to-day, Associate Justice Wayne announced his decision in the case of Mrs. C. Gaines. He said it was of long standing, and heretofore of doubtful result. The record covered 3,000 pages, and at least eight or ten points had been ruled by the Court with regard to it. At last it had been brought to a conclusion. The decision was, that she is the only legitimate child of Daniel Clark, and his universal legatee under his late will, and as such, entitled to all the property, real and personal, of which Mr. Clark died possessed, and the defendant, Hannings, having purchased certain property with full notice of the nullity of the title under which he held it, she is entitled to recover, immediately, the possession of it, with the rents and profits. The Court said that measures would be at once taken to enforce the decree, and Judge Wayne said in conclusion, the future writer of the history of jurisprudence, will be obliged to register this celebrated case as the most remarkable.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Charleston *Courier* states that the batteries bearing on the ship channel are of the heaviest kind, and are now in a high state of preparation and ready for almost any force.

The same paper believes the reinforcement of Fort Sumter was an impossibility. It estimates that there are three thousand highly disciplined troops in the various fortifications.

Official information will soon be received that the confederate loan of fifteen millions has been taken at a premium, probably of five per cent.

Commissioners Forsyth and Crawford have received such assurances from high sources of the pacific intention of the administration with reference to the Southern forts, that at present they will make no official demands.

MONTGOMERY, March 13.—The tariff act has been published. It will go into operation on the 1st of May. As compared with the tariff act of the United States, most of the 30 per cent. duties are reduced to 25 per cent., and the greater portion of the 22 and 19 per cent. duties to 15 per cent. There is a large ten per cent. schedule, and a very small free list.

HARRISBURG, March 14.—The Legislature met in joint convention for the election of United States Senator. David Wilmot, of Bradford county, received 26 Senatorial and 69 Representative votes—total, 95 votes. W. H. Welsh received 5 Senatorial and 29 Representative votes—total, 34. W. W. Ketchum received 1 Senatorial and 1 Representatave vote.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 14.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations made by the President: William R. Allen, Nathaniel Green and Francis Blake, Lieutenants in the Navy; Julius Miece, Alexander W. Slacks and D. M. Cohen, as first Lieutenants, and James Tracy, of Pennsylvania, and Louis M. Goldsborough, of the District of Columbia, as second Lieutenants in the Marine corps; William Allen, as Postmaster at Auburn, N. Y.; Amos Frick, as Naval officer at Boston; Rufus Hosmer, as Consul General at Frankfort-on-the-Maine; Willard H. Phillips, as Collector at Salem, Mass.; John Russel Jones, as Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois; Cassius M. Clay, as Minister to Spain.

The nomination of Mr. Corwin for the Mexican mission was not acted on, his acceptance not being yet determined.

The only nomination sent in to-day, was that of Jacob T. Haldeman, of Pennsylvania, as Minister resident at Stockholm.

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—The planing mill of Bradford & Hart, corner of Ninth and Walnut was burned this morning. Loss $15,000.

In convention to day Judge Gamble offered resolutions to appoint delegates to the Virginia convention in accordance with an invitation from that State, which, by request of the committe on Federal Relations, was ordered to be printed and offered with the original resolutions. Yesterday and to-day were almost entirely devoted to the majority report.

NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—The Galveston *Civilian* of the 11th says that the surrender of Fort Brown was agreed upon quietly, between the Texas Commissioners and Capt. Hill, on the 11th. The *News* says that Fort Brown will be given up as soon as transportation could be found for the Federal troops. The latter take to their place of destination two light batteries of artillery. The David Webster, off Brazos, is waiting to take a part of the Federal troops. Other vessels will probably be dispatched to take the remainder. The Texan troops at Brazos are represented to be fortifying the Island so as to make it impregnable.

The ordinance to submit the permanent Constitution to the people for ratification or rejection, was under consideration in the Convention at Baton Rouge. A resolution authorizing the transfer of the State Military to the Provisional Government, and also to allow volunteers to enlist under the Provisional Government, passed the House. A joint resolution was introduced into the House that the Convention should submit the Constitution of the Confederated States to the people, or a Convention elected by the people for that purpose. Laid over.

RICHMOND, Va., March 14.—In the Convention to-day Mr. Tyler closed his speech against the peace propositions. He desired that Virginia should put forth her ultimatum, demanding full and ample security as the only condition of remaining in the Union. He thought such security, if granted, might eventually bring back the cotton States, and Virginia cannot exist in the United States without them. His speech was moderately conciliatory, but unequivocally for Southern rights. The propositions were referred to the committee. The Convention agreed to take up the report on Federal Relations to-morrow.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 14.—The vote for and against instructing the delegates from this city to vote for an ordinance of secession was continued to-day and extraordinary exertions were made on both sides, causing intense excitement. The vote stood this evening on the closing of the polls, as follows: For instructions 786; against instructions 673, majority for instructions 63. This is a gain of 12 since yesterday. Thispeaking is going on to-night with music and processions. To-morrow is the last day of the contest, and the secessionists are sanguine of the result.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The store ship Supply and gunboat Mohawk left the navy yard this morning, and have anchored at the quarantine in consequence of the snow storm, which prevails.

LOUISVILLE, March 14.—River stationary with 9 feet 2 inches water in the canal. Weather cloudy, indicating snow. Mercury 34 degrees.

BOSTON, March 14.—The modification of the Massachusetts Personal Liberty bill has passed the House. It had previously passed the Senate.

Stage of Water.

Nine feet water in the channel.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

Reported Expressly for The Daily Morning Post.

PITTSBURGH, March 14, 1861.

Flour...Dull. We note 544 bbls at $4,00@4,50 for Spring, and $5,20@5,25 for winter wheat extra $5,62@5,50 for spring and $5,70@5,80 for winter extra and $6,00@6,25 for fancy.

Grain...Sales 400 bush oats at 24c; 2,000 bush Corn from store at 40@41c.

Hay...Sales 4 loads from scales at $9 per ton.

Sugar...Sales 13 hhds N. O. at 7¼@7¾c ⅌ lb.

Molasses...Sales 36 bbls. N. O., at 37@38c ⅌ gal.

Coffee...Sales 63 sacks Rio at 14½@14¾c ⅌ lb.

Oil...Sales 22 bbls Lard No. 1at 90c ⅌ gal.

Butter...Sales 2 bbls prime Roll at 18½@19c ⅌ lb.

Eggs...Sales of 4 bbls at 11½c ⅌ doz.

Cheese...Sales 62 boxes W. R. at 10c ⅌ lb.

Bacon—Sales 3,500 lbs, in lots at 8c ⅌ lb.

Apples...Sales 70 bbls. at $2,62@2,75.

Beans...Sales 64 bush Small White at 90c.

Whisky...Sales of 22 bbls at 17@18c ⅌ gal.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, March 14.—Evening.—Wheat 2c lower, with a fair demand at the decline. Corn and oats unchanged with a moderate demand. Flour is in fair demand, chiefly from the South, and this market is steady at $5,50@5,55 for superfine. Whisky unchanged and in moderate demand at 16½c. Clover seed is selling at $4,50 and prime timothy at $189 per bush, being a further advance. Provisions dull, and prices nominally unchanged. Mess pork $10,75@17. Bulk pork & fershoulders, 8¼@8¾c for sides and 7¼@7½c for hams. Bacon 7 5-8@8½c and 10¼c with small sales at these rates. Lard dull at 6@6¾c, which are the figures asked for barrel and keg. There is a good demand for groceries; sales of 105 hhds sugar at 5½@7½c; 300 bags coffee at 13¼@14 and 200 bbls molasses at 31@36c. The market is firm, particularly for molasses. The money market is unchanged and the demand is moderate at 10@12 per cent. Exchange on the East firm at ½ premium.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Evening—Cotton firm; sales 1400 bales at 11⅜@11¾. Wheat firm; sales of 61,1500 bush at $1 14@1,16 for Chicago spring, $1,21@1,23 for mil $1,67 for White Kentucky and 1,30 for red Western. Corn firm; 39000 bush sold at 60@63c for old yellow 66@70 for white southern and 58 for yellow. Pork heavy at $16,75 for mess and 12,69 for prime. Whisky steady at 17¼.

Executor's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED EXECUTOR OF the Estate of JONAS TODD, late of Findley township, Allegheny County, dec'd, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same, to present them, duly authenticated, for settlement to the undersigned, at the late residence of the dec'd, on FRIDAY, the 11th day of March next, ensuing.

JAMES POLLOCK, Executor.
January 22, 1861. 4:24:6tdaw&W

Executor's Notice.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ON THE Estate of JOSEPH HOLEMAN, deceased, late of Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pa. Has been granted by the Register of said County, to the undersigned. All persons interested will take notice, and present their claims properly authenticated for adjustment, and those knowing themselves indebted, will make payment immediately.

JOHN SKILES, Executor.
Franklin township, March 2, 1861.

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION having been granted by the Register of Allegheny County to the undersigned in the estate of MELCHIOR SYBERT, late of Indiana Township, dec'd, all those persons having claims will present them, properly authenticated for settlement. Those knowing themselves indebted will call and settle without further notice.

EDWARD MOORE,
Feb. 13th, 1861. (fe16:6t) Administrator.

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BURKE & BARNES' SAFES

AGAIN TRIUMPHANT.

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