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Convention of Colleges.

At a meeting of the President and other representatives of Colleges, held in the School Department, Harrisburg, on the 2d and 3d inst., the following preamble and resolutions were adopted and offered as their joint memorial to the Legislature:

WHEREAS, A grant of thirty thousand acres of land, for each Representative and Senator in Congress, has been made by the National Legislature, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life, and the State of Pennsylvania has accepted the same, the President and other representatives of several colleges of the State here assembled, would take the liberty of expressing to the Legislature their views in regard to rendering this grant most serviceable to the State.

1. It should be the policy of the State to extend the advantages herein contemplated to the largest practicable number of the young men of this Commonwealth.

2. That this end would be most sure of attainment by distributing the grant to such well established collegiate institutions as may accept it in various sections of this Commonwealth.

3. That the institutions designated as recipients of this grant shall be authorized to locate the portions of the grant which may be assigned to them severally, and to dispose of the same, the titles being given by the State, when the purchase money or interest-bearing bonds of the United States, or of this State, (on which bonds the interest shall not be less than five per cent.) shall be deposited with the Treasurer, which purchase money or equivalent bonds shall perpetually remain in the State Treasury, the interest on the same, as it accrues, being paid to the colleges respectively.

4. That each institution which shall receive portions of this grant shall, as soon as the annual interest becomes two thousand dollars, establish a School of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and shall also give the students instruction in Military Tactics.

5. That the Literary institutions aforesaid shall educate, free from tuition charge, the sons of soldiers who have fallen in battle, or otherwise have lost their lives in consequence of the military service of the United States during the present war. Such scholars being nominated in such way as may be by law hereafter ordered, not exceeding one candidate for every hundred dollars interest received from the fund contemplated above.

And we respectfully ask the Legislature to pass a bill to carry into effect the views herein set forth.

The Convention then adjourned to meet on the 1st of March, at the same place, at seven o'clock p. m.

H. L. BATCHER, President.

G. C. VINCENT, Secretary.

Genuine vs. Bogus.—In Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and it may be in this city, there are large speculative operations in copper and gold mining stocks. Quite a number of gold mining companies have been established in New York, either for working the ores or for dealing in the credit of the ores of Colarado; and as the reports of mining operations in that Territory come forward, proving, as they continue to do, the reality and the immensity of its mineral wealth, there must necessarily be an increase in the number of the imaginative companies, and a rise in the value of the solid ones. In Philadelphia there is also daily more attention directed to the coal oil region in the Northwestern part of the State, and the development of values there has brought several large companies into existence, and others, we understand, are in progress of formation. One or two really productive companies, it is fair to presume, will start about an equal number of the imaginative sort, so that close watching will be necessary to determine the genuine from the bogus. Forwarned, is to be forearmed.

Benefit at Masonic Hall, on Friday Morning 12th inst.—Mr. A. B. Morrison proprietor of the Mitionian Tableau of Paradise Lost, has generously tendered the free use of his Exhibition for a benefit for the Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church in the west. All the money will be taken by the regularly appointed agent of said Missions. Doors open at 9½ o'clock; exhibition commencing at 10 o'clock. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as the benefit is for a good cause, and will be at a time in the day most free from the annoyance of crowded streets, and all who attend besides contributing their mite, will have the pleasure of witnessing one of the first exhibitions of the age. Tickets can be bought on Thursday and Friday, at Henry Miner's Book Store, Fifth street, and at the door on Friday morning.

The City Markets.—The Superintendent of Diamond Market, Mr. David Sims, has made his report for the year ending on the first of February. The total amount of rents for butcher stalls and daily stands is $12,217 88, of which $11,617 55 has been paid into the City Treasury, leaving $630,32 uncollected. The Clerk of Markets, Mr. M. F. Irwin, reports the amounts collected by him for yearly stands in Diamond Market at $3,007, daily stands, $6,599 55—total, $9,606 55. The amount collected for yearly stands in Fifth Ward Market is $328; daily stands, $112 15; butcher stalls, $175; Wood and Bark, $445 18. Total, $10,666 88. Total revenue paid in by the Superintendent and Clerk of Markets, $22,284 43; uncollected, $630 32. Receipts, February 1st, 1862, $21 802; uncollected, $61.

The Fenian Brotherhood, will hold a meeting in Lafayette Hall on Saturday evening next, at 7½ o'clock. Capt. P. F. Walsh, Organizing Agent of the Brotherhood, will be present, and deliver an address. Subject—"The Mission of the Fenian Brotherhood and Irish Nationality." The public are invited to attend. Admission price,

A 20-Inch Rodman Gun.

Through the politeness of Capt. Knap, we were permitted to be present yesterday, at the casting, at the Fort Pitt Cannon Foundry, of a 20-Inch Gun of the Rodman pattern, which was successfully accomplished at the extensive works of Charles Knap in the Fifth ward. This is the largest gun ever cast in the United States, or in the world, we believe, and is a triumph of which Pittsburgh, and her manufacturers and mechanics, may well feel proud. The metal used in this casting was eighty-eight tons, which was melted in three furnaces, and conveyed in troughs to the mould, which stood upright in an excavation some thirty feet deep in the earth. The gun in its rough state will weigh eighty-three tons, and when finished about fifty-six tons. Its length is twenty feet three inches. It will throw a spherical shot of half a ton weight, a solid ball of one ton weight, and will require the enormous amount of eighty pounds powder for a single charge. The time intervening fron the first drop of the molten metal touching the bottom of the mould, until it reached the top, was just twenty-two minutes.

A large number of spectators were present, who evinced a deep interest in the operation. Among the number we may mention Major Rodman, the inventor of the principle now so successfully tested; Lieut. Col. Dyer, of Ordnance Department, and Commandant at Springfield Arsenal; Capt. R. Aulick, Assistant Chief of the Ordnance Beaurea; Captain S. M. Berrian, Inspector of Ordnance U. S. Navy; Capt. Bennet, Chief Inspector of Ordnance; Capt. Edie, Chief of Ordnance on Gen Meade's staff; Capt. Hays, Chief of Ordnance of Gen. Pleasanton's corps. Lieut Rockwell, Ordnance officer U. S. Arsenal, at Lawrenceville; Gen. Copeland, Commandant at Camp Copeland; Marquis De Bascourt, of the Italian army; Capt. Goodenough, of the English Navy; Maj. Butler, of the Allegheny Arsenal, together with many of our own prominent citizens. There were also present a number of ladies, who seemed greatly interested in what they saw.

We may add, that the entire management of the works in which this mammoth cannon was cast is under the immediate charge of Mr. Joseph Knap, a gentleman of large business experience and a practical mechanic who has not his superior in this country. The gun was cast under the immediate supervision of Major Rodman, whilst the direction of the mechanical operations was under the control of Mr. Joseph Kaye, the foreman of the foundry.

It will require the immense amount of melted metal which composes this mammoth gun ten days to cool sufficiently to allow it to be removed from its bed in the earth, and it will be some time before it will be ready to be conveyed to its destination, wherever that may be.

We noticed a daguerrean artist present with his apparatus, who was about to take a view of the model of the gun, together with the interior of the building and the machinery which will be used in elevating this "peace-maker" from the underground position it now occupies. Prof. Wilson, of the Theological Seminary, was present, and seemed to be deeply interested in the success of the undertaking, and paid the closest attention to every minutia of the operation.

We yesterday copied an article from the Baltimore *Sun* giving an account of a casting in that city which weighed twenty-six tons, at the same time expressing the opinion that we had, or could, cast larger ones here. Will our cotemporary of the *Sun* tell its readers something about the big gun cast here yesterday, which, as before stated, will weigh, when finished, *fifty two tons?*

Butchers' Meeting

A meeting of butchers and drovers, to the number of some two hundred, assembled at the old cattle yards, in Allegheny, on Monday last, to take action as to whether their business should continue to be carried on at their old stand or removed to the new stand at East Liberty. The secretaries were ordered to have the proceedings published in the city papers, but not having received a copy, we, at this late day, give the gist of their action.

Mr. N. Carr was chosen chairman. After some discussion a resolution was offered that the business be continued as heretofore at the Allegheny yards, butchers and drovers being unwilling to lose the time and spend the money which would be required in the removal. Upon a vote being taken on the resolution it was adopted unanimously, those voting pledging themselves not to buy or sell stock at any yards which have lately been or may be established in this vicinity, and that they would continue to buy of or sell for all those who may see fit to bring stock to this market.

The impression having gone abroad that the Allegheny yards had been abandoned, on motion a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions, which, with the secretary's report of the discussion, were ordered to be published in the city papers, and also in Western papers, in order to counteract an influence considered detrimental to the best interests of butchers and drovers.

The following are the resolutions reported and adopted:

1. That the contemplated moving of the drove-yards from Allegheny to East Liberty is contrary to the interests and wishes of drovers and butchers.

2. That the retail yards will be retained and conducted as before in Allegheny City.

3. That the expression of the drovers and butchers, as given at this meeting, be published in our own and all the Western papers, informing cattle dealers of the determination of the above named parties to continue to buy and sell as usual at these yards.

4. That the drovers and butchers feel that monopolies, whether gotten up by individuals or companies, are injurious to the majority.

5. That we believe the new yards at East Liberty have been gotten up to benefit a few, especially the Pennsylvania Railroad, contrary to the interest and wishes of our business men generally.

Coroner's Inquest.—Cor. McClung yesterday morning, held an inquest on the body of a woman named Mary Davis, who died suddenly about eleven o'clock last night, at her residence on Cherry alley. The testimony went to show that the deceased had of late led a very dissolute life, and was much given to the use of strong drink. A verdict was rendered that her death was the result of intemperance. The deceased leaves a family, who will have to be taken care of by the Guardians of the Poor.

Western Virginia Soldiers.—The *Chronicle* of yesterday publishes an interesting letter from New Creek, Va., from which we make the following extract: "Everybody is tired of our New Creek campaign, which has lasted eight days, and 'nary a rebel' seen yet. Captain Schoyer, who is sitting beside me very disconsolate, has just remarked that he "would as lief be in Fort Lafayette as here," and he hoped we should rejoin the Army of the Potomoc in the spring. We all echo the hope."

Re-Commissioned.—Col. Sirwell, of the 78th Pennsylvania regiment, has been re-commissioned as Colonel by Gov. Curtin. The Colonel had resigned on account of ill health, but the men were very anxious for him to assume command of the regiment again, and they will, no doubt, re-enlist at once.

Boots and Shoes and gaiters for ladies, misses, boys, youths and children's wear, selling at low prices at McClelland's "Auction House, No. 55 Fifth street.

Arrival of the 46th Regiment.—The veteran 46th Pennsylvania Regiment, Col. Selfridge, arrived in the city this afternoon, stacking their arms at the Girard House, and were refreshed at the City Hall, by the Subsistence Committee.

We noticed Lt. Col. Foulk, riding at the head of the brave boys as they paraded through our streets, looking every inch the soldier.

Coming Soon.—Gen. Tom Thumb, wife, Commodore Nutt, and another female elf whose name we forget, will be along here one of these days.

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IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Steamship China.

MAXIMILLIAN ACCEPTS THE CROWN OF MEXICO.

XXXVIIIth CONGRESS.

GREAT FIRE AT SYRACUSE, N. Y.

The Evacuation of Richmond.

WASHINGTON CITY NEWS ITEMS.

&c., &c., &c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The China, from Liverpool, has passed Sandy Hook.

The Danish preparations for resistance are actively progressing. The Danneswisk is being fortified and intrenchments made and armed with batteries. A telegram from Vienna says that the Danish note proposing six week's delay was only presented to Austria on the 25th.

A letter from Vienna, dated Jan. 23d, says the acceptance of the crown of Mexico by the Archduke Maximillian is now an irrevocable fact. His imperial highness will to-morrow return to Trieste and make final preparations for his journey. A second Mexican delegation is expected to arrive in March with the result of the plebiscium, after which the Emperor will leave for Mexico. The Emperor of Austria is said to have given his final consent to the daring enterprise of the Archduke, who looks on it as a purely personal matter, placing the empire under no obligation whatever.

PARIS, January 30.—The Bourse is firm, and rentes closed at 69f and 40c.

The Danish Embassador withdrew from Vienna. The London *Morning Herald* believes that the English cabinet has sent despatches to Vienna and Berlin notifying them of the hostile attitude it would be compelled to assume if Schlessing was invaded. The French Government is believed to be in unison with the English cabinet.

The *Morning Post* says that pending the Austro-Prussian preparations for war, every effort will be made for peace, and probably such a coalition formed that must be respected. In the French Chambers Mr. Thiers strongly condemned the Mexican expedition and demanded that France should treat with Juarez. Mr. Claix defended the expedition just, and asserted that it was impossible to treat with Juarez. Mr. Bessyer contended that France had been misled and the Government ought to retire. The amendment of the opposition was withdrawn and the debate adjourned.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Marshal Mansell of Prussia has demanded the evacuation of Schlessing. The *Observer* says that the British cabinet is still hopeful of preserving peace.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A cabinet council was held yesterday afternoon and evening. The *Herald* learns from a reliable source that Herr Von Bismarch, the Prussian Premier, has declared in favor of the acceptance of the Danish proposal for suspending the movement of the Austrian and Danish troops. It is, however, added that the King of Prussia is opposed to this concession—that a ministerial crisis is anticipated.

The Danish question continues threatening. England backs her remonstrances with war like preparations and it is reported that from twenty to thirty thousand men are to be placed on a war footing. The Austro-Prussian war guard is ordered to march from Kiel towards the Eider canal.

The pirate Alabama was at Singapoe on December 22d.

The Austrian Chamber of Deputies, by one majority, adopted a resolution denouncing the measures of the government.

The English journals encourage the belief that until the first shot was fired there is no hope for peace. They doubt if Austria and Prussia are prepared to bear the tremendous consequences which will follow. The *Daily News* asserts that England will not stand by and let Denmark be crushed.

It is officially confirmed that Austria and Prussia have refused the application of Denmark for a delay of a month or six weeks in marching their troops, and that the Prussian troops entered Kiel on the 25th. The Saxons having withdrawn they also ordered the withdrawal of Duke Augustesburg's citizen guard, which was complied with.

The *Morning Post* says, as surely as soon as the Germans cross the Eider so surely will they array against themselves the arms of England, and find France moving on the Rhine and the Italians on Venitia. When the hour comes the policy of the Western powers will be identical. It urges an alliance of England and France with Italy, Russia and Sweden, and contends that the representation of these powers must be heeded.

A dispatch from Flengsburg says Gen Wrangle, on the 28th, summoned the Danes to evacuate Schleswig, a reply to be given at noon on the following day.

France and Russia have come to the conclusion to agree with England, but will leave active interference to England.

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—A large company assembled at the United States Hotel last night, on invitation of Col. Goodrich, to meet Col. Taylor, of East Tennessee. Speeches were made by Mr. Taylor and others, including George Thompson. The latter thanked God that he had lived to see the noble position America has taken, and hoped in a few days to have an opportunity to speak in England in relation to our great struggle. Mr. Thompson made an eloquent allusion to Washington, as the founder of American independence, and to Abraham Lincoln, as the founder of American liberty. His address was enthusiastically applauded.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.—The Montgomery (Ala.) *Daily Mail* has the following significant announcement:—Rumors of an evacuation of Richmond are gaining credit. There is a movement on foot which will create more consternation at Richmond than anything that has occurred during the war.

Mr. Shore, who was yesterday expelled from Gen. Butler's department as a correspondent of the New York *World* and *Daily News*, states that he has written but two letters for the *World* and one for the *News*, all of a strictly news character, and that no articles or letters from his pen have ever been copied into a Southern journal. He was engaged by the papers alluded to to forward Richmond papers as they arrived.

WASHINGTON, February 11.—In the House a special bill was passed appropriating twelve thousand dollars to rebuild the President's stable destroyed by fire last night. On motion of Mr. Chandler the Select Committee on the Railroad between New York and Washington was instructed to enquire into the expediency of furnishing additional railroad facilities for the transportation of troops between the two cities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—*House.*—The House went into Committee on the Enrollment Bill amendment to draft persons of African descent to constitute a part of the national forces, was discussed, involving the question of compensation to loyal owners. During the debate Fernando Wood said the Confederate Congress was now debating propositions of peace, while we are legislating in violation of the constitution.

Mr. Cox favored peace propositions, and believed if Fernando Wood were sent on a mission to Richmond, peace would be restored in sixty days.

Mr. Smith, of Ky., said he was the last man to treat with rebels who must lay down their arms and yield to the Government unconditionally.

The pending amendment on the enrollment bill was that of Mr. Stevens, of Pa., that all able-bodied male persons of African descent between the years of 20 and 45, whether citizens or not, resident in the United States, shall be enrolled according to the provisions of the act to which this bill is a supplement, and form a part of the national forces; and when a slave is drafted and mustered into the service his master shall receive a certificate thereof for $300, and the drafted man shall be free; provided that slaves of loyal men only shall be paid for.

Mr. Davis, of Indiana, made a suggestion that the $300 feature in the above be omitted, to which Mr. Stevens assented.

Mr. Davis also offered an amendment to the above amendment, as follows: The Secretary of War shall appoint a commission in each of the slave States represented in Congress, charged to award a just compensation, not exceeding the sum of $300, to each loyal owner of any slave who may volunteer into the service of the United States, payable out of the commutation money upon the master freeing the slave.

Mr. Baldwin (Mass.) moved to strike from the amendment the words: "the owner of any slave," and to substitute the words "persons to whom the colored volunteer owes service."

Mr. Baldwin's amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Webster (Md.) offered the following amendment: "And the bounty of one hundred dollars now payable by law for each drafted man shall be paid to the person to whom such drafted person owes service or labor at the time of his muster into the service of the United States on freeing the person."

Mr. Webster's amendment was agreed to—ayes 69, nays 37.

Without final action the House adjourned.

NEW YORK, February 11—Mexican paper which have been received here state that the rumored abdication of Juarez rests upon the statement of a San Louis correspondent of the *Estafette*, who writes that at a Cabinet meeting Ridansey, Ortega, and Doblado advised the step and even threatened if Juarez did not accede to the proposition that they would depose him. It is also rumored that these three chiefs would go over to the French party.

It appears that previous to the battle of Morelia, and its capture by the interventionists, that the capital of the State had been removed by a decree to Nonpan, so that the capture was not so complete a surprise as has been stated.

The Marquis de Montholon, the French minister, has arrived at the city of Mexico. Baron Maigre, the French commanding General in the city of Mexico, addressed a letter to the Arch Bishop, complaining that incendiary proclamations had been circulated to inflame the populace against the army of occupation. The Baron urges the Arch Bishop to use his influence to counteract these incendiary proclamations.

The capture of Camprey raises the blockades there. By the articles of capitulation all goods and property passes over to the French commander, and the city is pocketed and occupied by the French Marines. Personal liberty and security, without restriction, are guaranteed by the French to all citizens. Persons who wish to leave the city will be safely conducted out of the State by French troops.

The *Gaceta Official* publishes the manifesto of General Almonte, dated January 24, 1864, in favor of the regency, and announcing his intention to suspend from the exercise of their functions all those magistrates of the supreme tribunal who refuse to give in their adhesion to the interventionists. He concludes by saying that the Mexican nation was on the verge of utter national ruin, from which it could only be saved by the strong hand of the Emperor Napoleon.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Fort Smith, Arkansas, says a large meeting of loyal citizens and soldiers was held there last night to welcome Gen. Curtis. Fears are entertained for the safety of the Indian brigade, which had been moved South from Fort Gibson to North Fork, a town on the Canadian river. They were fighting a largely superior force under Stanwaue at last accounts.

The correspondent of the Chicago *Journal* says: The largest and most formidable fleet yet seen on the Mississippi river is now being fitted out by Admiral Porter. The greatest activity prevails at all the naval depots and yards on the Ohio and Mississippi, the workmen being employed both day and night, to have the vessels ready at the appointed time. The fleet will probably rendezvous at Cairo and Memphis. The same correspondent thinks Lecrman's expedition into Mississippi is to flank Johnson's and Hardee's forces in Alabama and Georgia, rather than to attack Mobile.

LEAVENWORTH, February 10.—At a meeting of the Union League last night, resolutions were adopted denouncing an election of U. S. Senator by the present legislature as an infamous fraud upon the people of Kansas, and expelling all members of the Legislature belonging to the League who voted for a joint resolution to go into an election. A meeting of the citizens is called for to-night to take action on this matter, and similar meetings are to be held throughout the State. Shere was no candidate against Carney. There were thirty-one votes cast, but all were blank or against fraud. The minority and a portion of the State officers issued a protest against the election.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 11.—The *Gazette's* specials say: Gen. Curtis arrived at Fort Smith yesterday, and the army of the frontier will be reorganized for offensive operations. Persons from Knoxville, who arrived at Nashville yesterday, report communication with Cumberland Gap cut off. Nearly all of East Tennessee is in possession of the rebels. Small pox prevails to an alarming extent in Knoxville. The army of the Cumberland is in splendid condition. The troops now draw full rations.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., February 11.—The Onondaga County Penitentiary took fire in the workshop to-day. The main building was entirely consumed. The prisoners' wing may be saved, but it is not probable. The loss amounted to $35,000 or $40,000, upon which there is a small insurance. The prisoners were all taken to the Court House.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 11.—In the Admiralty Court, yesterday, Judge Stewart decided that the Chesapeake and her cargo should be returned to her owner upon the payment of the legal expenses of the Court. The Court then adjourned till Monday, when a final decree to this effect will be delivered.

COMMERCIAL & FINANCIAL.

PITTSBURGH PRODUCE MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY POST,
FRIDAY, Feb. 12, 1864.

BUSINESS was not very active—buyers seem to be holding off for lower figures, whilst holders do not seem disposed to give way. Among the sales we note the following:

HAY—12 loads were disposed of at $30@35.

FLOUR—Extra Family at $7@7,75; 120 bbls do at $7,40. 180 do Extra at $6,50.

BACON—Shoulders—sales of 10,000 baat 9¾@9¾c. Sides—5000 do at 11¼@11¾c. Plain Hams at 12½@13c. S. C. Hams—4000 do at 14½c.

BULK MEAT—The market was fair with an active enquiry—prices were to unsettled to quote correctly.

CHEESE—Sales of 200 boxes W. R., at 14@14½c; 50 do Goshen at 15c.

FISH—Sales of 50 bbls No. 3 Mackeral, large, at $11, medium half do do at $4,75.

GRAIN—The market was dull.

GROCERIES—The market was very firm, but prices were to unsettled to quote correctly.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY POST,
FRIDAY, Feb. 12, 1864.

The market yesterday exhibited more firmness although prices exhibited but little change. The stock on hand is not large. Crude—Sales of 1000 bbls, on wharf at 24¼c; 250 do at 23½c, including packages; 100 do was sold at 17½c for 45 gravity; bulk was 18c; 75 do light gravity at 17c. Refined—Small sales only were reported: 50 bbls refined free at 47c; 50 do at 47½c; Bonded held at 37@38c. Benzole—Demand limited; sales of 26 bbls at 16½c. Residuum—But little enquired for; sales of 13 bbls at $4.

OIL RECEIPTS PER ALLEGHENY RIVER.

		bbls.
J. Gallagher	crude,	36
Capt. Byrum	"	56
J. Wilkins	"	51
R. Ashworth	"	67
Glen Oil Co.	"	17
Fleming & Bro.	"	100
J. H. Haughey	"	467
Venango Oil Co.	"	176
J. Beckham	"	50
Gallagher & Co.	"	108

Cincinnati Whisky Market.

WHISKY—There was an active speculative demand in the fore part of the week, and prices advanced to 87½c, but during the past three days the market has been very much unsettled under rumors that stocks on hand were to be taxed, and prices rapidly declined, and yesterday about 1,000 bbls sold at 75c. There was, however, a good demand at this figure, chiefly from speculators.

Chicago Highwines Market.

HIGHWINES—Received 1,318 bbls. Market opened quiet at 70@72c, but rallied and advanced to 75c—closing quiet; sales were: 100 bbls at 70c; 180 do at 72c; 265 do at 72c. At the close buyers only offered 70c.

Cincinnati Coal Market.

COAL—About 500,000 bushels Youghiogheny were received during the week, and sold at 25c ⅌ bushel afloat, a portion of which was for points on the river below. A fair amount of Pomeroy and Hartford City has been received and sold at 22@23 afloat. The retail rates are 30@32c ⅌ bushel delivered.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Cotton has a declining tendency, sales of 350 bales at 81½c. Flour firm; sales of 19,000 bbls at $5,30@6,50 for State; $7,25@7,50 for O. Wheat—Sales of 40,000 bush at $1,57@1,61 for Milwaukie Club, $1,67@1,70 for Red. Corn unsettled and declining; sales of 10,000 bush at $1,24@1,27. Pork heavy and at $22,50. Lard steady at 13@13½c. Whisky dull and unsettled at 86@88c. Sugar firm at 12½@13½c. Coffee firm 24@34½c. Molasses inactive. Naval stores quiet and steady. Petroleum quiet at 46c for Crude and 47½c for Refined. Freights dull.

MONEY MARKET.

CORRECTED DAILY FOR THE MORNING POST, BY MESSRS. KOUNTZ & MEGRT, BROKERS, NO. 118 WOOD STREET.

The following are the buying and selling rates for Gold, Silver, &c.:

	Buying.	Selling.
Gold	1 56	00
Silver	1 50	00
Demand Notes	1 53	00
Eastern Exchange.		
New York	par	¼
Baltimore	par	¼
Philadelphia	par	¼
Boston	par	¼
Pennsylvania Currency	par	½
Western Exchange.		
Cincinnati	par	¼
Louisville	par	¼
Cleveland	par	¼
St. Louis	par	¼

RIVER MATTERS.

THE RIVER.—Last evening at twilight there were six feet six inches water in the channel and falling. The weather was pleasant.

☞The splendid passenger steamer Paragon, Captain Donnelly will leave for Cincinnati on Saturday.

☞The fine passenger steamer New York, Captain Lightner, leaves to-day for Cincinnati and Louisville.

☞The new steamer Interpid, has been sold to a St. Louis Company, and her name changed to Benton. She will be commanded by Capt. Thos. W. Rea, an experienced and clever officer. She will load for the Gold Mines direct.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

ARRIVED.

Gallatin	Clarke	Brownsville.
Franklin	Carmac	Brownsville
Jas. Rees	Irwin	Elizabeth.
Minerva	Gordon	Wheeling.
Juba.	Coulson	Zanesville.

DEPARTED.

Gallatin	Clarke	Brownsville.
Franklin	Carmac	Brownsville.
Jas. Rees	Irwin	Peebles.
Kate Robinson	Robinson	Cincinnati.
Gem	Russell	Wheeling.

STEAMBOATS.

Wheeling & Portsmouth Packets.

RUNNING BETWEEN WHEELING, PARKERSBURG, GALLIPOLIS, IRONTON, BIG SANDY AND PORTSMOUTH.

THE NEW AND FAST steamer CITIZEN, Capt. Wash. Kerr, plying regularly between Wheeling and Pittsburgh, Gallipolis, Pomeroy, Parkersburg, Portsmouth, Ironton and Big Sandy, leaving Pittsburgh for Portmouth every TUESDAY, at 11 a. m., and leaves Portsmouth for Pittsburgh every FRIDAY, at 9 a. m. Wide guards, large and comfortable state rooms. This fine boat has recently been purchased expressly for this trade. She will leave punctually at the advertised time and will pay prompt attention to any business intrusted to her.

For freight, or passage, apply on board, or to
feb10 JOHN FLACK, Agent.

FOR WHEELING.

THE REGULAR PASSENGER Packet MINERVA, Capt. Gordon, has resumed her old trade, making regular trips, leaving Pittsburgh every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY. Having been thoroughly repaired, she well deserves the patronage of the public generally.

JAS. COLLINS & CO., Agts.
Wharf-boat, below Monongahela bridge.
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Pittsburgh & Cincinnati Packets.

WEDNESDAY'S CIN., PACKET.
Leaves Pittsburgh every WEDNESDAY.
Leaves Cincinnati every SATURDAY.

THE NEW AND MAGNIFICENT side-wheel passenger steamer JOSEPH PIERCE, S. B. French Commander, will run as a weekly Packets between the above points. Leaves Pittsburgh every WEDNESDAY, at 11 a. m., and Cincinnati every SATURDAY at 11 a. m. For freight or passage apply on board, or to

JOHN FLACK, or
jan30 J. D. COLLINGWOOD, Agts.

FOR CINCINNATI.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14, AT 10 A. M.

THE NEW SIDE-WHEEL steamer PARAGON, Capt. Donnelly, will leave as announced above.

For freight, or passage, apply on board, or to
JOHN FLACK, or
febl2 J. D. COLLINGWOOD, Agts.

Cincinnati & Louisville Packets.

FOR CINCINNATI & LOUISVILLE.

THIS DAY FEB. 12, AT 4 P. M.

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