

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24, 1864. Editor—I have to-day listened to a speech which I think no less an honor to the orator than to human nature.

These dark hours of radical cant and excentricity, it is something to see a man stand forth fearless of both, and discourse wisely, eloquently, and truthfully of the troubles of the country.

This rare spectacle I have, however, enjoyed in hearing in the House of Representatives, one of Pennsylvania's true and noble sons, the Hon. Jno. L. Dawson.

I shall not attempt to give a synopsis of this admirable speech. Suffice it to say that Mr. Dawson boldly ignored all the new-fangled theories of the stand-point.

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If you are now having as pleasant weather as that which the citizens of this Capitol have for some time enjoying, I hope you have no cause to complain on that score.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. Improvement of the Ohio River. A day or two since we noticed the fact that a convention for the purpose of devising the best means of improving the Ohio river was to meet at Louisville on the 25th instant.

Trade, of this city, upon this important improvement. In referring to the report again we were struck with the truth of the substantial paragraph, which as a part of a report to a body of Pittsburgh merchants, is equally apposite as applying to all those cities.

When all is said and done, it is for our posterity we labor. We pursue our individual systems of conduct, of equipment, of wealth, and take therefrom somewhat as we may.

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Mason & Hamlin's Cabinet Organs.

We clip the following from the Boston Evening Transcript: "One cannot well have a great organ like that at the Music Hall in his own house, and perhaps it would be too much of a good thing, if he could.

The quality of these instruments is admirable, second only to the excellent very warm praise of our best artists, while their capacity for expression is quite new in instruments of their class.

It is not surprising to know that the manufacturers of these instruments are keen under the necessity of ever greatly increasing their facilities, in order to supply the rapidly growing demand for them.

Wheeler & Wilson's Highest Premium Sewing Machines are the best, the simplest and the cheapest. These unexcelled machines are adapted to every variety of sewing for family use.

Home Studies. About the only reliable method of securing a liberal education is by attending a school in which the student is not only taught the elements of knowledge, but is also trained in the habits of industry and economy.

Large Assortment of Pianos. The large assortment of pianos now on hand at Mr. Mellor's warehouse is so large and varied that we think it but an act of justice to call attention to it.

A Finger Post Paragraph. In the report of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company we find the following paragraph: "The Board has authorized called attention to the fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been for some time past, and is still, in a state of financial embarrassment."

Pittsburgh Advancing. Good citizens always delight in witnessing the progress of literature and religion in their city. Such will be pleased to learn that Rev. David McKinney, and J. N. McKinney, late editors of the Pittsburgh Review, have turned their attention to a monthly journal to be called the Family Treasury.

Dead—Hon. Thomas Busan, of Greene county, died on the 17th instant, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. The deceased was for years a member of the Legislature from that county, and was distinguished by his talents, and enjoyed a large degree of public confidence and esteem.

Committee in Town.—The Committee in the case of Rex versus Bigman, relative to certain communications and letters from Harrisburg to the Commercial, of this city, left Harrisburg for this city, to-day, testimony relative to the authorship. They were expected to reach Pittsburgh to-day, and will stop at the Monongahela House.

Graduated at this week's examination.

In DuRoi's Mercantile College, Pittsburgh, W. R. Harrison, Natrona, Pa.; Wm. K. Ewing, Keokuk, Mo.; Theodore S. Fleming, Salisbury, Pa.; John Anderson, Catsburgh, Pa.; James C. Stewart, Clarksville, Pa.; all of whom passed an honorable examination, and who will, doubtless, hereafter sustain the long established reputation of this favorite institution by their superior attainments in business. Each graduate was awarded the diploma of the College, and was presented by the Faculty with a copy of the College Genes of Penmanship as a memorial of their appreciation of his exemplary deportment during his attendance at college.

The Oratorio.—The oratorio which came off last evening at the Cathedral under the direction of Prof. Wainwright, for the benefit of the poor was more largely attended than any similar musical entertainment ever given in our city, and shows a true appreciation of the high musical ability of those who participate in the oratorio. It is to be hoped that Prof. W., the choir of St. Paul's and those who kindly volunteered for the oratorio, will be able to give some other such public benefit in our city.

That Big Gun.—In order to gratify the laudable curiosity of the public, and at the same time benefit the Subsistence Committee, the proprietor of the Fort Mifflin gun will admit visitors to see the famous "Big Gun" until the 1st of April—admission 25 cents. See advertisement in another column.

Increase of Pay.—A joint resolution recommending Congress to increase the pay of private soldiers and non-commissioned officers in the Union army passed the House yesterday. It is good news for our country's defenders.

The Fenians.—The Fenian Brotherhood (for the purpose of raising money for the purchase of arms) will hold a meeting at the Fenian Hall, on the 27th inst. in Spence's Building, corner of Fifth and Smithfield streets, opposite the P.O. office.

Boarding.—A man and wife, who will furnish their rooms, can be accommodated with a comfortable second floor front parlor, with board, in a central, quiet part of the house, near the city square, in the house. Address or call on "H." office of the Morning Post.

Re-charter.—Dr. Patton has presented a bill in the House to re-charter the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank of Wayne county, Greene county.

Albums, at low prices, in every style, at Pitts., opp. P.O. office.

Harper, Godley, Albright and Continental for March, at Pitts.

Card Photographs, 2,000 just received, at Pitts.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

FOR THE POST. XXXVIIIth CONGRESS. The Situation in Tennessee.

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA. Col. Straight All Right.

LATE FROM NEW ORLEANS. Late From Cairo and Below.

Sherman Occupies Selma, Ala.

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New York, Feb. 26.—(Good Trade).—Trade fairly generally, and the market for the day was quiet. Some speculation has been made in the market, but it is not very active. The market for wheat is quiet, and the price is steady. The market for flour is quiet, and the price is steady.

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COMMERCIAL & FINANCIAL.

PITTSBURGH PRODUCE MARKET. OFFICE OF THE POST, No. 27 PARK ROW, N. Y. CITY. SATURDAY, FEB. 27, 1864. BUSINESS.—The market was generally quiet, and the price of wheat was steady.

WHEAT.—The market was quiet, and the price was steady. The market for flour was quiet, and the price was steady.

GRAIN.—The market was quiet, and the price was steady. The market for corn was quiet, and the price was steady.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. New York Stock Market. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

AMUSEMENTS. PITTSBURGH THEATRE. Lessee and Manager, Wm. Henderson. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

YANKEE HILL'S Monster Minstrel Organization. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

GREAT BURLESQUE OPERA TROUPE. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT AND BALL. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

MASSONIC HALL. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

REMOVAL. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

RIVER MATTERS.

The River.—Last evening at twilight there was a heavy rain, and the water in the river was high.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

STEAMBOATS. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

WHEELING & PORTSMOUTH PACKETS. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. The market was quiet, and the price was steady.