LOCAL AFFAIRS.

THURSDAY MORNING.....FEBRUARY 7.

The Pennsylvania Railroad.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad was held in Philadelphia on Monday. The attendance was quite large. The annual report was read by the Secretary.

The following is an abstract of the most important portions of the report:

One hundred and thirty-six miles of the second track of the road have been finished and put in use; 51 miles of the new track are east of Altoona, and 85 miles west of that point; 80 miles upon the Eastern Division, and 31 miles of the Western, are yet to be lain. It is expected that a very considerable portion of the remaining work will be completed during the coming summer. The branch road to Indiana will be ready for business in the course of a few months. There are now in use upon the road, 118 locomotives, an increase of three over the previous year; 44 wide passenger cars; 24 narrow do.; 28 emigrant cars; 14 baggage cars with mail apartments; 9 do without mail apartments; 1170 eight wheeled house freight cars; 109 four wheeled do.; 102 eight wheeled lumber and iron trucks; 49 eight wheeled wood trucks; 92 four wheeled coal cars.

The number of passengers conveyed between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh was equivalent to 147,480 passing over the whole length of the road.

The earnings during the year from first class passengers, after deducting tolls paid other roads, were.....$1,063,250 07.
And for previous year.....1,057,342 41.

Increase.....$5,907 26

The increase is owing to the reduced amount of tolls component upon the avoidance of the Portage Railroad used in the early part of the year 1854.

The earnings from freight in 1855 were $2,895,365 89, showing an increase over the previous year of $278,091 54, or 28 4.10 per cent. Deducting $511,533 11, paid for tolls on roads over which the cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad run, there will remain $2,293,772 78, for the Pennsylvania Railroad from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh, against $1,645,090 44 the year previous.

The through tonnage for 1855 amounted to 74,972 tons, and the local tonnage to 193,034 tons; exhibiting an increase over the year 1854 in the former item, of 28,180 tons, and in the latter of 49,202 tons. The total tonnage moved during the year was 265,-006 tons; excess over previous year 128,282 or 54 2-10 per cent. This increase is attributed chiefly to the removal of the ice on the road and bridges, which, the report says, would have remained in their native mines and forests but for this exemption. The through tonnage was also increased by the withdrawal of the transporters from the Main Line.

The total receipts into the treasury up to January 1st, 1856, from shareholders, loans, business of road, balance of interest payable to stockholders, and surplus profits, after cancelling interest charged to construction, were $25,064,767 42.

Of this sum there has been paid for estate, construction, and incidental expenses for a single track, $10,891,916 41.

The actual business of the road, during the year 1855, was $2,159,851 02. Deducting tolls, &c., leaves the business proper of the road $1,578,333 27, equal to $14,264 47 per mile. The cost of conducting the business of the road, including tonnage tax, was $1,709,6-- 75, leaving the profits of the year $1,329,227 46.

After the reading of the report, a prolonged discussion took place upon the contract with Messrs. Leech & Co. It was stated by one of the stockholders that during the period of 43 months, Messrs. Leech & Co. had brought over the Pennsylvania Railroad 18,915 tons of freight, comprising 171,171 bbls of flour, 20,214 lbs. of wheat, and 688 bales of cotton. The gross freight on the tonnage was $225,197, and the commission of Messrs. Leech & Co. amounted to $28,-[illegible].

The supplement to the act of incorporation, passed May 2, 1855, authorizing the issuing of $2,000,000 additional stock, for the purpose of completing a second track, was adopted.

The Western Penitentiary.—The annual report of the Board of Inspectors of this Institution has been submitted to the Legislature. From a copy kindly sent us we condense a few facts relative to its condition during the past year. On the first day of January, 1855, there were in confinement in the prison 149 prisoners—147 males and 2 females—2 have been received less than the year and 109 have been discharged—93 by expiration of sentence, 9 by pardon, and 2 by deaths. The whole number of prisoners received since the opening of the prison, July 1, 1826, is 1876—1,666 white males and 31 white females, and 239 colored males and 40 colored females.

Of those in confinement on the first of January, 1856, 59 were from Allegheny county; 15 from Blair; 14 from Cambria; Erie, Fayette and Indiana 7 each; Beaver 5, Huntingdon, Lawrence and Westmoreland 6 each; Bedford 4; Butler and Washington 3 each; Armstrong, Clarion, Greene, Mercer, Somerset and Warren 2 each; Clearfield and M'Kean 1 each, United States 1.

The financial condition of the prison does not seem to be in as good condition as heretofore presented. This was caused by the large manufactured stock on hand at the beginning of last year, and the necessity of selling at reduced prices, together with the fact that a larger number than usual of aged and infirm convicts, wholly unprofitable in the labor department, were sent to the prison during the year. There was also a period of about twenty one weeks at the beginning of the year, and before the sale of the stock on hand was effected, when they were almost entirely without material in the shoe department—causing a deficit of almost three thousand dollars.

The health of the prison has been very good, only ten having died during the year.

Horticultural Society.—The regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny County Horticultural Society was held yesterday morning in the City Hall.

The President, Mr. McKnight, in the chair.

Members present—John Murdoch, jr., John Murdoch, Lockhart, Lamont, Cummings, Dunn, Wardrop, Williams, McKnight, Knox, Grenge and others.

Rev. Mr. Knox moved that the final selection of winter apples most worthy of cultivation be postponed until a special meeting of the Society, to be held on Wednesday, the 20th inst. And that the Secretary publish an invitation to those who feel interested in the subject, to be present with specimens of winter apples.

Mr. Knox, from the committee of arrangements, made a partial report on the subject of the renting of a hall, the use of the Society by the year referred to them, and ask to be continued, to report at the special meeting.

On motion, the committee was continued.

An interesting discussion as to the condition of peach trees ensued, and much diversity of opinion was expressed. It was finally resolved that the members of the Society at the next special meeting bring peach buds with them for the purpose of arriving at a determination in the matter.

Flowers.—Mr. Lambert exhibited a beautiful hand bouquet, containing *Bouvardia Humboldtii, Epacris Cockeana, Azalea Speciosa, Boronia heterophylla* and other elegant flowers. Also two Camelias and Rhododendron.

Mr. Grenge exhibited a *Lantanella Splendens, Acacia Oblongata* and *Veronica*, which were much admired.

Mr. McKnight exhibited several varieties of apples, among other specimens the *Grise Monet*.

Girl Burned to Death.—A sad casualty, resulting in the death of a little girl, occurred on Tuesday evening, at the house of a German woman, on Pike street, Third ward, Allegheny. Two girls, one 10 and the other 8 years of age, were left by their mother in the house, while she went on an errand. During her absence the eldest left the other in the lower part of the house alone, and went up stairs. In a few minutes she heard tremendous shrieks issuing from the room, and quickly returning, found her sister enveloped in flames. Before assistance could be procured, the child was so badly burned that she died shortly afterwards. The casualty was occasioned by the unfortunate child approaching too close to the grate, in which a large fire was burning; her clothing ignited, and being composed of inflammable material, afforded no chance to save her life.

Melancholy Occurrence.—*Boy Drowned.*—On Tuesday evening, a lad named Joseph Telford, about nine years old, in company with a companion of the same age, were "coasting" down the bank of the Allegheny river, near Lee's Ferry, when both were carried into a large hole, made in the ice by men engaged in hauling for an ice house. One of the lads managed to get out, and endeavored to extricate young Telford, but unfortunately his strength was not sufficient, and before assistance arrived Telford sank and was drowned. The unfortunate lad was a child of great promise, and unusually beloved. He was a nephew of the late Mr. Joseph Telford. His parents reside in the lower part of Allegheny.

Taken Out.—The coal wagon sunk in the Monongahela river, on Tuesday, by the breaking of the ice, was taken out yesterday without the coal.

District Court.—The case of Bishop O'Connor vs. Benjamin Coulder is still on trial.

Brutality.—The following, which we clip from the *Chronicle*, is about as unmitigated a piece of rascality and brutality as we have ever heard of:

"A horse belonging to a colored man residing in Allegheny city was stolen from his stable on Monday night, by a couple of villains, evidently for the purpose of having a ride. No clue as to who had stolen the horse could be had, but on Tuesday night the poor brute was returned to his stable so badly bruised that he died. A large gash of twelve inches in length was cut in the thick part of one of his hind legs, and he was otherwise most brutally abused."

The perpetrators of such an outrage deserve the severest punishment that could be inflicted, and we hope they may be detected and dealt with to the fullest extent of the law.

Arrested on Suspicion.—A few weeks ago a quantity of tools were stolen from the establishment of Messrs. Anderson & Son, on Water street. Officers Keep and Maxwell afterwards observed the tools in the shoe shop of J. A. Reed, on Duquesne street, but not being aware of the theft at that time, allowed them to remain there. Yesterday, information was made of the robbery, but on searching the shop, no tools could be found. Reed was taken into custody on suspicion of having stolen them, and committed to the Toombs for examination.

Irving's Life of Washington.—We are requested to state that the delay in the issue of the second volume was caused by some imperfections in the stereotyping and that there has been an addition of some 28 pages more than originally intended. It is fully expected that the delay will be well repaid by the additional interest made manifest. The great author has made it worthy his name. There will be no delay in the third volume, which will be issued immediately.

Mr. John C. Schaad, in accepting the Professorship of the French and German languages, at the High School, has not resigned his position as Librarian of the Young Men's Library. His services in the latter situation are too valuable to be dispensed with, and he will continue, as heretofore, to attend to the duties of that office.

Passing Bogus Money.—A woman named Mary Kelly was committed to jail, yesterday, by the United States Marshal, for passing and having in her possession a quantity of bogus half dollars, quarters and dimes. She is from M'Keesport.

We are indebted to Messrs. S. Barnes & Co., manufacturers, 189 Front street, for a package of excellent Sugar Crackers. They are of superior quality, as one would expect an article coming from the well known Duquesne Cracker Factory to be.

Two Dungeons, who were having a regular pitched battle in the old warehouse, at the canal, were arrested and fined one dollar and costs, yesterday, by Mayor Bingham.

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PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY MORNING POST,
Wednesday, February 6, 1856.

GRAIN—Sales 250 bushels Rye from sleds at 75c; and 900 bushels from do at 75@75c. Sale 200 bushels red Wheat at $1 25.

BACON—Sales 5,000 lbs Shoulders and Hams at 8½c[illegible].

PORK—Sales 30 bbls country Mess at $13 50, and 70 bbls country Prime at $11 50.

BUTTER—Sales 3 bbls roll at 20c; cash.

OIL—Sale 12 bbls No. 1 Lard at 94c@[illegible].

New York Market.

NEW YORK, February 6—Cotton firm, with sales 2000 bales. Flour firm; sales 8000 bbls. Wheat quiet. Corn improving; sales 60,000 bushels at 86c for Western mixed. Pork improving; sales 600 bbls Mess; 1,000 bbls prime. Lard firm; sales 400 bbls. Whisky firm; sales 450 bbls. Coffee firm; sales 2000 bags Rio at 11½. Sugar firmer; sales 200 hhds. Molasses firm; sales of new Orleans at 34c. Linseed and lard oil steady. Butter, cheese and lard firm. Tallow declined; sales of home [illegible] at [illegible]. Stocks active. Chicago and Rock Island 90½. Cleveland and Toledo 75¾. Cumberland Coal Company 25. Erie 34¾. Galena and Chicago 109½. Michigan Southern and North-in Indiana 91¾. New York Central 107.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, February 6—Cotton dull. Sales reduced in Flour market, in export demand; shipping brands held at $8 12½@8 50; without finding buyers, except small lots for home consumption, and family brands at $8 75@9. Rye flour at $5 25; fancy brands ranges from $5 to $5 50. Little or no demand for Wheat; sales 500 bus. good red at $1 90@1 95; white, nominal. Corn dull; sales of 5,000 bus. yellow at 85c; and 2000 bus. mixed at 84c. Oats quiet; 2,000 bus. Western sold at 51c, and 2000 bus. delivered in all this month at same figure. Corn Meal dull. Provisions—demand quite moderate; 1,000 bbls pork within at sale; disposed of part at $20 50, and part kept private. Sales of 50 bbls Prime Mess lard at 9½@10c. Whisky—sales 500 bbls Ohio free at 24½c, in drove; 50 bbls at 25c, and 100 bbls at 26c.

New York Cattle Market.

NEW YORK, February 6—The offerings of Beef Cattle to-day were 2,000 head; prices show an advance; sales at two Stock Yards at $6 50@7 50 per 100 lbs. Extra at $8. Veal Calves nominal; sales at $5@7 50. Sheep and Lambs at $5@7 50 per head.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, February 6—Flour—Sales to-day still at $7 75. Nothing done in Provisions. Whisky dull, sales to-day at 24½@24¾; [illegible] at 24½.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, February 6—Holders ask $8 12½ Flour but [illegible] offered; there have been no sales.

STOCK AND BOND LIST.

January 31, 1856.

STATE SECURITIES	Interest	Last Sale	Bid	Asked
Pennsylvania, [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Virginia [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CITY AND R. R. BONDS

Pittsburgh 6's [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allegheny City [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Connellsville R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Steubenville R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio & Pennsylvania R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Erie R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Steubenville R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Erie R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Connellsville R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

BANK STOCKS

Bank of Pittsburgh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exchange Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Commercial Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monongahela Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citizens' Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merchants' Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mechanics' Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Iron City Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manufacturers' Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allegheny Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citizens' Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Diamond Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh Savings Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RAILROAD STOCKS

Pennsylvania R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sandusky & Mans. R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleveland & Pittsburgh R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio & Penn. R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Connellsville R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allegheny Valley R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio & Penn. R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh & Steubenville R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

BRIDGE STOCKS

Allegheny Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	30
Monon. Suspension Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monon. Bridge Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smithfield Street Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northern Liberties Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS

Pittsburgh Gas Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monon. Water Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh Insurance Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh Mutual Insurance Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburgh Mutual Fire