PITTSBURGH POST.

MONDAY MORNING.....MARCH 10.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

CANAL COMMISSIONER:
GEORGE SCOTT, of Cumberland Co.
AUDITOR GENERAL:
JACOB FRY, Jr., of Montgomery Co.
SURVEYOR GENERAL:
TIMOTHY IVES, of Potter County.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH.]

The Ohio River at Cairo.

By the Union Line.

CAIRO, March 8th.—The river is falling slowly; weather clear and pleasant; business dull. Boats are plenty. The Eclipse passed down last night; the Virginia has just arrived.

FOREIGN NEWS!

The arrival of the steamship Africa brings one week's later news from Europe, an abstract of which will be found under the telegraph head. No tidings of the Pacific. The prospects of her safety are growing small by degrees, and we are fearful for her safety. Peace between the belligerent European powers is looked upon as certain. The Anglo-American difficulty continues *en statu quo*, and will probably so remain until the arrival of Mr. Dallas, which will not be for a week or two.

THE NEWS

We learn from a Louisville paper that a steamboat captain running from that port recently drew a prize of $50,000 in the Havana lottery.

The new County of "Monongahela" has been killed in the Legislative Committee to which it was referred.

During the late fugitive slave trials in Cincinnati, one hundred persons were sworn in as special or deputy marshals, and the aggregate sum allowed them for their services amounts to $22,000.

The Cincinnati Gazette of Wednesday, has the following:—Yesterday and the day before, there were twenty-one arrivals of steamboats at this port from New Orleans, bringing large quantities of groceries, among which are 1,000 hhds of sugar and 10,000 barrels of molasses.

A Poughkeepsie, N. Y., paper says a boat attacked two citizens of that place a few weeks ago, and wounded them so terribly that one of the gentlemen, it is feared, will die. They were driving the hog along, when it attempted to go in a different direction, and in trying to stop the brute, and it attacked them as before stated.

Spring in New Orleans.

It is exhilarating to read such a rhapsodic editorial article as the following, which we copy from the *Picayune* of February 29th:

The signs that spring is upon can scarcely be longer mistrusted. The warm glow, the golden sunrays, the mellow skies, all betoken it. But not on their fickleness alone do we rely. The lovesick

"Mary colored, sighing heavy,
Sighing for the sighless cow,"

has ventured from his warm hive, in search of the earliest contributions for next winter's frugal store. The lizard is mentioned in our sunny sports; and I escaped the last flight of the fly-wagon. We have already caught the first blossoms of the almond-entombed tree; because we will worth catching.

"Push your ships, report me in their list!"

The plum trees, the peach bushes, and other early plants are bursting with sap, and the bee is sunk in the life-giving draught, which the trapping air tenders to them

"The swallow is come!
The swallow is come!
He brings on his wings
The sweets of vernal delight!
With his back full of aloe and head full of weeds."

The redbird, scent first sprung, is unchaining that has chosen of his winter chamber and left his dark swampy caves and rushing brooks, and sallies forth to recruit the waste his long sleep has made. Yes! spring, beautiful spring, is here!

"Soon reviving plants and flowers
Awake, and seek the day.
The woods shall wear the robes of spring,
And flowers green again."

Heedless are the waters in their enthusiasm to sing in the lap of spring. The chirping sparrow and the Mocking-bird are no more conscious of the hour, and the cold, blustering weather would any time of a week's date be to the present. The swallow with his back all silk, and belly of white, and the country clothed, and the lowing, among the evening bee, can not be expected to make their appearance much before the next grass. When they do come we will be all the better prepared to welcome them. It is, however, some satisfaction to know that about the time the Heavens in this region have spoken the line of May, our Southern friends will be sweltering under a burning sun or flying from epidemic, and inspiring, "Is there a North?"

BENEFIT OF MRS. J. C. FOSTER.

The patrons of the drama will please observe that to-night has been set apart for the annual benefit of Mrs. J. C. Foster, the estimable lady of Manager Foster. Mr. Neafie has kindly volunteered his services for the occasion, and will appear as Richard III. The bill will also include the favorite fairy extravaganza of the Enchanted Island. Mrs. F. has many claims on the play-going public, and we hope they will testify by a hearty response to-night, their appreciation of her efforts to please. The call is on calls for a crowded house, and we will be disappointed if there are any vacant seats to be seen.

LETTER FROM WM. B. REED, OF PHILADELPHIA ON CONSOLIDATION.—We shall give to-morrow morning an able paper from Wm. B. Reed, Esq of Philadelphia, on the subject of Consolidation, addressed to James M. Cooper, of this city, and read by him before the Board of Trade last Friday. The arguments presented by Mr. Reed are all that can be urged, perhaps, in opposition to the project, and set forth with great strength and force. We may publish another letter from a gentleman in Philadelphia, on the other side of the question, handled with no ordinary ability.

Consular Wit.

When in the U. S. Court yesterday, attending the examination of the British Consul, we observed him in conversation with a young Irishman, who was speaking of one of the prominent defendants in the Fillibuster trial. The Consul said: "Some say he is a very good fellow, some a bad one—what do you think?" "I think he is a rich fool," we'see, said Mr. Rowecroft, "that you know him well, you look as if you had been very much in his company." The Irishman was greatly disconcerted, and, with an endeavor to retort, he remarked: "I expect we shall have some great news about the English House of Commons very soon." "How is that" enquired the Consul. "Oh, just when they open your despatches in which you describe all the rogues you get amongst here." "I suppose so," replied the English official, "for I shall give a particular description of you."—*Cincinnati Columbian, 7th inst.*

One might have expected something sharper from the Consular representative of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria. But after all, Consuls are only men, and many of them are dull enough at that. Mr. Rowecraft will show his wit better by getting out of the tight place he has placed himself and his government, than by his ready retorts to "young Irishmen."

CORN IN ILLINOIS.—A letter from Peru, Ill., gives the following statement of Corn in store, along the Illinois river:—At Peru, 124,000 bushels; at La Salle, 70,000; at Ottowa, 200,000; and from Peru to and at Peoria, 700,000; in all, 1,094,000 bushels at these points, from Ottawa to Peoria inclusive. There is probably in store at Lockport 125,000 bushels; at Morris, 100,000; and at Joliet, 50,000 to 60,000. The probability is, this quantity will be doubled before the canal is opened. There is little of any other grain in store at these points.

FAILURE OF CASSIUS M. CLAY.—The Louisville *Courier* of Friday last, contains the following paragraph: "A correspondent writing from Lexington, under yesterday's date, advises us of the failure of Cap. Cassius M. Clay. His assignees are his brother, Brutus J. Clay, and M. C. Johnson, Esq., of Lexington. For several years past, Mr. Clay has been a large speculator in hogs, and to the recent very heavy decline in hog products, we presume, may be attributed his unfortunate failure."

FROM HARRISBURG.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 6, 1856. }

The Speaker called the House to order, at 9 o'clock. Inasmuch as the House had not been in session for two days there was an unusual quantity of petitions to be presented. The members had the opportunity to day of clearing their desks of the paper prayers.

Mr. Smith, of Allegheny, presented petition and read in place an act relative to the Measurement of Unslacked Lime in Allegheny county.

Mr. Foster read in place an act relative to the Northwestern Railroad Company, as follows:

SUPPLEMENT to the act incorporating the Northwestern Railroad Company.

Be it enacted, that the Northwestern Railroad Company are hereby authorized to increase their capital stock one million of dollars. Such increase of capital to be subject to all laws controlling the capital stock of said Company.

SEC. 2. That it shall be lawful for any Railroad Company now incorporated, or which may hereafter be incorporated, and with which the Northwestern Railroad Company may connect their road, or with which the said Company may connect by additional improvements for the carrying of freight or passengers, to endorse the bonds of said Northwestern Railroad Company, and such endorsement shall be deemed good and valid. Provided that no Company shall have power to endorse the bonds issued by the Northwestern Railroad, amounting in value to more than one million of dollars.

THE LICENSE BILL.

The House amendments to Senate License bill was taken up this afternoon and disposed of.

A motion was made to strike from the bill an amendment allowing restaurants, oyster houses and cellars to be licensed to sell spirituous liquors in city of Philadelphia. This was debated at great length, and was defeated by the following roll call: Yeas 46, nays 47. This was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. Whallon, and again lost. So the bill progressed, and on the final passage resulting, 57 to 38. The following are the yeas and nays:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Barry, Beck of Lycoming, Beck of York, Bernhard, Boyd, Boyer, Brish, Buehler, Campbell, Craig, Dewalt, Dewhirst, Ecklinger, Fawcett, Foster, Fry, Fulton, Gayley, Gietz, Haines, Harper, Heins, Hill, Hillegas, Hipple, Hunsecker, Imbrie, Irwin, Johns, Johnston, Cyrus Jones, Lowrie, Lovett, Magee, Manly, Mayer, Meharg, Miller, Montgomery, Morgan, Nunemacher, Orr, Patterson, Pearson, Purdy, Ramsey, Reed, Richolt, Ridgway, Salvinger, Shreve, Smith of Allegheny, Smith of Wyoming, Vail, Wherry, Wilson, Wright of Dauphin, Wright of Luzerne and Zimmerman—57.

Nays—Augustine, Backus, Barlow, Brown, Bull, Caldwell, Carty, Clover, Coburn, Crabb, Cook, Dibbonny, Hamell, Hamlin, Hazlehurst, Hibbs, Holcomb, Horncastle, Hughes, Ingram, Kerr, Laporte, Leisenring, Lee, M'Carter, M'Combs, Moorhead, Morris, Purcell, Reed, Roberts, Smith of Philadelphia, Strause, Strull, Walter, Whiteside, Yearsley, and Wright of Somerset—38.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

Had the section prevailed to restore Philadelphia her exclusive privileges, Mr. Smith would have offered the following

SEC. —. That the several sections of the act relative to the mode of granting licenses to innkeepers, eating houses, oyster houses, and restaurants, passed April 16, 1850, be and the same are hereby extended to the county of Allegheny.

THE CANAL.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill making an appropriation for the Western Division of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pa.

Mr. Jones, of Westmoreland, moved to amend the bill by striking out the section appropriating $50,000 for the Beaver division of the canal, and inserting in lieu thereof a section appropriating $100,000 for the Beaver division, and $50,000 for the Allegheny division, even after the Commissioners' report should be made.

Mr. Fuller moved to amend the amendment by striking out $100,000 and inserting $50,000.

Mr. M'Clure said he spoke for right and refused to compromise in favor of either of the propositions which he addressed the Senate. He said he was a gentleman and a business man, and he recognized the bill, but in making estimates he had not calculated the cost, and was in favor of the bill.

Mr. Fuller said he addressed the Senate as a business man. Last year he stated that if an appropriation of $50,000 was made for the Beaver division, it would be sufficient to complete it. He was a gentleman who was never with a friend who misrepresented his reasons, and when he said he required $50,000 he had them here on the ground that it was due. The gentleman opposed the Senator that he would succeed in Pittsburgh, to get his friends there. That reminded Mr. Jones of a story which he would tell the Senate. Mr. Montgomery, who was a member of the House last night, and he would ask him if it was not true. Mr. Montgomery acknowledged the correctness of the statement. [Laughter.] Mr. Jones continued. He was in favor of the bill, and hoped it would pass.

The bill passed over the veto of Governor Pollock, by a vote of 26 to 6. The Governor's objections to the bill were that the Canal Commissioners had not reported in favor of the appropriation, and that the bill was not sufficiently explicit in detail. I believe all of the Democratic members voted for the bill, and all of the Whigs present, except Messrs. Fuller, Lowrie, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Wherry. Mr. Smith, of Armstrong, was absent, but he was understood to be in favor of the bill. Mr. Fuller, in explaining his vote, said that he was in favor of the appropriation, but he was opposed to the bill, because it assigns the reasons and facts for not having the Commissioners' report before the Legislature in detail. I believe all of the Democratic members of the House were present, and voted for the bill, except Messrs. Hall and Montgomery, who were absent. Mr. Smith, of Armstrong, was present, and voted for the bill. Mr. Wherry, of Allegheny, was present, and voted against the bill. Mr. Lowrie, of Allegheny, was present, and voted against the bill. Mr. Fuller, of Allegheny, was present, and voted against the bill. Mr. Jones, of Westmoreland, was present, and voted for the bill. Mr. Montgomery, of Armstrong, was present, and voted for the bill. Mr. Hall, of Allegheny, was present, and voted for the bill. Mr. Wherry