LOCAL AFFAIRS.

TUESDAY MORNING.....JULY 15

Examination at the High School—Prizes Distributed.—The examination which has been progressing for three days past closed yesterday with the distribution of prizes amounting in the aggregate to nearly one hundred dollars. The proficiency the scholars had made in their studies was truly gratifying. The prize poem of Miss Ekin was a very fine specimen of versification for a novice and contained some truly beautiful thoughts. The following were the successful contestants:

ESSAYS:

1st prize to Miss Helen Ekin, of the Third Ward, sixteen years old. The young lady's essay was a poem on "Evening," and was an admirable piece of composition.

2d. To Myra M'Laughlin, of the First Ward, sixteen years old. "Mother, Home and Heaven" was the subject of her essay. It was well written and elicited a good deal of praise from those who heard it.

3d. To W. H. Moore, of the Eighth Ward; thirteen years old. Subject: "The Women of '76 and '56." A sarcastic production, and well written.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP.

The prizes in this department were very numerous, and amounted to nearly $60. The highest were awarded to the following: Miss Mary A. Bunn, Miss Susan Young, Miss Emma Willett, Miss Helen Ekin, J. S. Ferguson, Wallace Radcliffe, Kuno Kuhn, Jos. H. Montgomery, Harriet L. Lewis, Simpson Daft, and Mary Ward.

DRAWING.

The following are the names: Kuno Kuhn, Josephine Shepler, Charles Layng, J. S. Reed, Sarah H. Dannells, A. W. Foster, jr., H. M. Davis, A. S. Atchison. The prizes consisted of drawing books, pencils, &c.

Outrageous Acts.—Villainy seems to be rampant. No sooner has the excitement attending one stabbing affray than others follow it in rapid succession. Saturday evening witnessed two of these disgraceful occurrences—the first in this city, the other in Allegheny.

The first was an unprovoked and murderous assault upon an old man from the 7th ward, named Fairburn, by a German named Leonard Nitts. Fairburn stepped into Grindrod's tavern in the Diamond, on Saturday evening, and having got a drink, was departing, when he was annoyed by a rut terrier dog, which he gave a kick that sent it howling. Nutts, the owner, in turn assailed him with a knife, giving him an ugly cut in the neck, severing one of fingers and lacerating his face in a shocking manner Although several watchmen were in the vicinity, no arrests were made. Fairburn's wound in the neck is a severe one, and his recovery is considered doubtful.

The other occurred in a tavern in Anderson street, Allegheny. Wm. Smith, the proprietor, had closed his house, when, shortly after 12 o'clock, three rowdies, named James Stewart, Wm. DeHaven, John Walls, demanded admission to get a drink. This was denied them. They then broke in and assailed the proprietor, fracturing his skull and otherwise maltreating him. They were all arrested soon after and taken before Mayor Adams. Stewart and Walls were committed. DeHaven gave bail in $1,500 to answer at Court.

The New Insurance Law.—At the last session of the Legislature a bill "relative to foreign Insurance Companies" was introduced by N.-B. Browne, a Senator from Philadelphia, which passed both branches, was signed by the Governor, and went into operation on the first of July. This law requires all foreign Insurance Companies doing business in this State to have a paid capital of $200,000; and to make a detailed statement of their affairs for the past and present year, to be filed with the Auditor General. If the statement is satisfactory, a license is then issued to each agent annually, upon the payment of each year: for the county of Philadelphia $200: Allegheny and Lancaster each $150; all other counties each $100, and a state tax of 3 per cent. on the gross receipts of each Company, without regard to profit or loss." This law is very burdensome on foreign Companies, and will succeed in driving all, or nearly all, of them out of the State. To show its onerousness we would state that its tax, including the necessary expenses, on the Ætna, of Hartford, Connecticut, one of the safest Companies and with a very large capital—is equal to about 22 per cent. on its actual business. The Agent in this city, we see, notifies all persons holding policies in the Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., that said Company has discontinued business in this city, and withdrawn from the State. All outstanding policies are considered good until they expire.

A Reverend Politician Roughly Handled.—They had a regular Fourth of July celebration at Clarksville, Mercer county, which was participated in by citizens of all parties. There was nothing to mar the festivities except a political tirade introduced by a reverend gentleman named Burgess. Notwithstanding his meek calling, the people shut him up in a very short time. We extract from the *Western Press*:

"He commenced a regular abolition, disunion harrangue, and so thunder-struck were the citizens that he had proceeded some minutes before they could decide what course of action to take. He went on so far as to speak of 'the murderous villain who now occupies the chair as chief magistrate of the country,' when a simultaneous yell of indignation rose from all parts of the assembly, and intimated to the reverend reviler that he had exhausted their endurance. Cries of 'Knock him down!' 'throw him off the platform!' &c., followed, and for a time it seemed as if the disciple of the meek and lowly Jesus might find what he would call 'murderous villains,' nearer home. His few friends vociferated loudly about the 'freedom of speech;' but the citizens present, without distinction of party, were competent to distinguish between 'free speech' and free blackguardism, and compelled the worthy exemplar of Christian love and charity to sit down. The band struck up 'Hail Columbia,' and when its patriotic strains had ceased, a vote of thanks was moved and carried to Mr. Eckler, the orator of the day, for his beautiful and eloquent address, and also to Mr. Nesbit."

Severe on the North American.—As the Northern Know Nothing faction intend to hold a Fremont and Johnston ratification meeting to-night, it is well enough to let them see what their Republican colaborers think of their influence. The following is from the Cincinnati *Commercial*, the leading organ of that party in Ohio:

"The latest item of Washington impudence is that some of the wire-workers in the vicinity of the Capital are absolutely talking of taking W. L. Dayton from the Republican ticket to get Wm. F. Johnston (the K. N.) to withdraw, that a new man, a conservative man, may be found. This notion exceeds in pernicious absurdity anything of which we have before heard. The original Know Nothings are not all dead yet. Gentlemen, mind your own business. Let Johnston alone, he will not hurt any body by running. Quit your figuring and flickering. *Dry up.*"

The End of the World.—Presuming that anything round can have an end, the most likely place to see such would be the North Pole. Go, therefore, to Dr. Beale's Panorama of Dr. Kane's Arctic journey. Office at Masonic Hall. This is probably the last week, and whoever has not seen John Smith cutting his name on the North Pole, while enjoying a cold fab with a Polar bear, has seen nothing. After a voyage to the Arctic seas, a little scrimmage at Sebastopol becomes refreshing. Just watch how the shells fly! Go and see before it is over.

Fakes on to New York.—Peabody, the young man who was charged with stealing at various times $3000 worth of goods from Seargeant, Hardy & Co., of New York, was taken on to that city at 3 P. M. yesterday. Officer Hague made the arrest, and that officer went along with him East. Peabody is said to have made a full confession of his guilt to Mr. Hardy, the member of the firm who came on here and identified the goods.

☞ **We have been informed** that several on principled parties have for some time past been refilling empty bottles with a spurious article, and retailing it to their customers as the genuine HOSTETTER BITTERS. All such engaged should be shunned by all that value their health, or it is evident that those who would prostitute themselves to one base action, would not hesitate in others. We would also earnestly caution you to examine well the bottle before purchasing, as in different parts of the Union several worthless preparations are gotten up with the evident design of being palmed off as our Bitters, having a similar bottle and label, and the directions, etc., taken off *verbatim*, save the omission of Dr. J. Hostetter's name.

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OHIO & PENNA. RAILROAD CO.,
PITTSBURGH, July 7th, 1856.

☞ NOTICE to the Stockholders of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company.—In pursuance of a vote of the Stockholders of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad Company, an ELECTION will be held at the Room of the Board of Trade, in the City of Pittsburgh, on the 30th of this month, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M., for fifteen persons to serve as DIRECTORS OF THE "PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY," to serve for one year, and until their successors are chosen according to law.

J. P. HENDERSON,
Secty of the O. & P. R. R. Co.

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OHIO & PENNA. AND OHIO & INDIANA R. R.

☞ NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.—On and after July 7th, Bills of Lading must be handed in at the Federal Street Station before 7 o'clock P. M. of the day of shipment—otherwise, the Company will not pay charges, or in any manner be responsible for their collection.

J. H. MOORE,
Superintendent.

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☞ DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK.—No. 65 FOURTH STREET—JONES' NEW BUILDING.—Deposits must be made with this Institution in the month of June, in order to draw interest from July 1st.

CHAS. A. COLTON, Treasr.

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SIR JOHN FRANKLIN,

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JOHN W. M'CARTHY, Bill Poster and Distributer, will attend to the Posting and Distributing of all kinds of

BILLS FOR CONCERTS, LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS, &c.

All communications—either by mail, telegraph, or otherwise—directed to the office of the Morning Post, will receive prompt attention.

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AUCTION SALES.

COUNTRY STORE AT AUCTION.—On WEDNESDAY morning, July 16th, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, corner of Wood and Fifth streets, a stock of Goods from the country, embracing a great variety of counties goods, consisting in part of ginghams, lawns, delaines, alpacas, bleached and brown muslins, brown and bleached drills, bonnet and fancy ribbons, linen thread, hosiery, gloves, boots and shoes, carpet and leather traveling bags, black and fancy dress silks, &c.

Same day, at 2 o'clock, P. M., will be sold a small stock of Groceries, embracing almost every description of those usually sold in a country store; among which will be 1 case tobacco, four half chests Y. H. tea, toilet and shaving soaps, spices, bunches, queensware, glassware, looking glasses, &c.

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LOT OF GROUND IN SEVENTH WARD AT AUCTION.—On THURSDAY evening, July 17th, at 8 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, Fourth street, will be sold that desirable lot of ground situate opposite Capt. Ward's row of buildings, having a front of 25½ feet on Liberty street, near Cedar street, and extending back 112 feet to Tannehill street, being Lot No. 15 and part of No. 14, on the plan of Lots laid out by A. Hart, dec'd.

Title indisputable. Terms—one-half cash; residue in one and two years, with interest, secured by bond and mortgage.

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PUBLIC SALE OF BIRMINGHAM AND SOUTH PITTSBURGH LOTS.—On THURSDAY evening, July 17th, at 8 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, will be sold—Lots Nos. 94 and 95 in the Borough of Scott, fronting each on the west front of forty feet on Lincoln street, and extending back sixty feet to the Brownsville pike.

Lots Nos. 84 and 59, having each a front of forty-two and four-tenths feet on Carson street, and extending back about one hundred feet to the Brownsville pike. The above are near Mintzer's Planing Mill and the Public School House.

Also—Lot No. 82 in the Borough of Birmingham, on Carson street, between Greig and Joseph streets, having a front of twenty-four feet, extending back to one hundred feet to Chestnut alley.

Lots Nos. 29, 30 and 31, having each a front of twenty-four feet on Bingham street, and extending back one hundred feet to Chestnut alley. These last described Lots are situate near Bakewell's Glass Works.

Terms cash. Sale without reserve.

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ASSIGNEES' NOTICE.—The Assignees of Mr. EDWD HRAZELTON hereby give notice that all persons entitled to a pecuniary second DIVIDEND from said Estate, will call at M. M. RICHARDS & CO.'s, Diamond on and after the 25th inst

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Respectfully yours,

KNAP & WADE.

ORANGES—40 boxes just received and for sale by REMER & ANDERSON,
No. 59 Wood street, opposite St. Charles Hotel.

FRESH FIGS. 100 drums just received and for sale by REMER & ANDERSON,
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COMMODORE PERRY'S EXPEDITION TO JAPAN and the China Seas.
The Short Cruise of Poor Jack.
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Fanny Fern's Cook Book—in one vol.
The War Path, a Story of Indian Adventures.
Publishable Life; by Mary H. Eastman.
Just received by W. A. GILDENNEY & CO.,
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CHEESE—100 boxes prime cutting just received by H. H. COLLINS.
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In attributing such valuable properties to this remedy, he feels no unwarrantable assertion is made, but is simply stated a fact; proven undeniably and conclusively by the extraordinary cures, and benefits derived from its use, under the direction of its illustrious originator, Dr. Hoofland, among all classes of European society, and from the numerous mass of testimony, from all parts of the American continent, evidenced during the last ten years, in the hands of the present proprietor. The prevalence of diseases to which the German Bitters are adapted, it is with sorrow we say, is almost universal; indeed there is scarcely a family throughout the whole extent of our country in which there cannot be found among its members that peculiar *sallow and languid appearance* denoting a diseased Liver, or an emaciated and suffering Dyspeptic.

Those of what immense importance to this class of invalids that a certain and reliable remedy should be placed within their reach; one in which no hurtful or injurious drug enters into its composition; a remedy on which the patient can rely with the utmost confidence and certainty, and be assured from actual and tangible proofs that the article he is using really possesses the virtues attributed to it. Such a remedy is "HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS." Thousands of dollars have been expended in its manufacture and diffusion throughout all parts of this continent, and the proprietor feels the greatest satisfaction in stating that there is no state, county, or even village, where the Medicine has been introduced, that there cannot be found numbers willing to testify to its virtues.

It is used constantly in the practice of a large number of the most prominent Physicians in the country, who have also added their written testimony in evidence of its great virtues. In conclusion, then, we would respectfully ask of all those afflicted with any of the above diseases to give the German Bitters a trial, and rest assured it will never be regretted. In proof of the statements above made, all are invited to read attentively the Almanac published annually by the proprietor, for Farmers and Families, containing a great number of useful receipts, in addition to the testimony in favor of the Bitters, from the most prominent and well known individuals in all parts of the Union. All Agents for the Bitters are authorized to distribute the Almanac gratuitously.

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THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER GEORGE LAW.

NEW YORK, July 14.—The steamship George Law, from Aspinwall, July 5th, arrived this morning, bringing California dates to the 20th June, and $1,700,000. The George Law brings also 400 passengers.

The principal consignees are Drexel & Co., $426,000; Wm. Hoge, $145,000; Metropolitan Bank, $170,000; Wells, Fargo & Co., $888,000; G. H. Wines & Co., $17,000.

The George Law connected at the Isthmus, with the steamer Sonora, which brought down $2,133,000 in treasure. The Sonora spoke on the 25th, the steamer John L. Stephens, bound up. The New York mails and passengers of the 20th, had left Panama on the 1st, in the Golden Age. The George Law passed the Illinois on the 10th.

The Nicaragua steamer Sierra Nevada, left San Francisco on the 20th, with 400 passengers and $125,000 in specie. She took 200 recruits and 70 tons of provisions for Gen. Walker.

The sloop of war Decatur, from Puget's Sound, arrived at San Francisco on the 12th.

The only news of interest from San Francisco relates to the doings of the Vigilance Committee, who were still in session. Their forces consist of 4000 infantry 500 cavalry, 5 companies of artillery, and 35 pieces of ordnance. Their troops are constantly drilled in their armories in different quarters of the city, and occasionally appear in the streets for regimental drill.

Gen. Wool had refused to loan the Governor arms and ammunition, on the ground that he was not authorized to act in the premises, excepting upon an order from the President.

The Vigilance Committee have thrown up a breast-works in front of their buildings, and guarded all the approaches with cannon, and brass field pieces are mounted on the roofs of adjacent buildings, ready for instant action, day and night.

Several additional criminals had been convicted before this revolutionary tribunal, on the charge of ballot-box stuffing, and were sentenced to be banished from the State, and had been sent to sea on foreign bound ships.

The following have been arrested, and are awaiting trial:

Thomas B. Cunningham, one of the murderers of Col. Weymouth, of New Orleans. Thomas Mallory, highwayman. Bill Lewis, ballot-box stuffer. Robert Lipsey and Philander Brace, murderers.

All the arrests have been made without bloodshed, and chiefly without violence.

The Vigilance Committe police numbers some thousand men, armed with revolvers.

An immense mass meeting was held in San Francisco on the 16th by the friends of the Committe, and speeches were made by Hon. Bailie Peyton, Hon. Mr. Duer, and others, fully endorsing the action of the Committee.

The Committee have issued an address to the public, and have also published the constitution of their organization.

Terrence Kelly, one of the men ordered to leave, had resisted, and had been taken into custody.

There is but little news from the Isthmus in addition to that telegraphed from New Orleans. There was a rumor from Costa Rica that President Mora would be shot in the insurrection.

The Costa Rican army which had left Guatemala to invade Nicaragua had been prevented from crossing the territory of San Salvador, the latter State being opposed to the invasion.

It is reported that Gen. Walker intended soon to attack Costa Rica. His head quarters are now at Virgin Bay.

General Sherman had resigned his commission as Major General of the State troops of California, in consequence of the refusal of Gen. Wool to furnish them arms and ammunition. Gen. Johnston is said to be interested in the action of Gen. Wool. The State militia are encamped near San Francisco, and are said to number but a few hundred. Little more than a collision was entertained. The Chinese camp was burned on the 30th June. Loss $100,000.

MARKETS.—Nothing new. Flour—The market has declined, especially for breadstuffs. Galleys flour $14,50. Hazalle $15,50; Suffolk Mills, $1. Clear Pork on half barrels, $15,50. Bacon—sides $14; hams $16. Sugar—crushed, 12. Whisky 40. Turpentine 64. Whale oil 80.

THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—SENATE.—The Senate referred several papers yesterday to-day.

The bill amendatory to the act to provide for the efficiency of the Navy came on when a desultory discussion ensued on sundry amendments, which resulted in unanimously making it as made by a committee of the whole.

Mr. Brown called up the bill for carrying into effect the cession of the Territory of Florida to the United States by the treaty of 1819.

Mr. Hunter said the object of the bill was to carry into effect the cession of the Territory of Florida to the United States by the treaty of 1819.

Mr. Brown said the bill was to carry