LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Horrible Attempt at Infanticide in Birmingham.—Considerable excitement was occasioned in Birmingham on Thursday, by the discovery of an attempt to conceal a revolting crime by a Mrs. Baird. It appears that a colored woman residing on Liberty street, Birmingham, was awakened on Thursday morning about two o'clock by the cries of an infant. She awakened her husband, who went out into the yard and found an infant apparently but a few hours old, lying on top of the dog kennel, in which were two large dogs. The child was taken care of, and a constable sent for, who examined the premises and found drops of blood leading to a house occupied by a man named William Baird, a glass blower. The man for being referred to Justice Spencer, on investigation took place, and Mrs. Baird, who had been married long two weeks, was found in bed; she denied all knowledge of the child, but a physician who called in, who, after an examination, said that she had given birth to a child some time, she finally admitted her guilt, said that she was the mother of the child, and had attempted to destroy it for the purpose of saving her husband from the mortification a knowledge of its birth would cause. She put the infant into a bucket and threw it over the fence into the kennel, supposing the dogs would soon devour it.

Baird is a simple old man of sixty years, and is much pained at the circumstances. He says he was in need of a housekeeper, and married this woman to serve him in that capacity, and that had she but informed him of her condition he would have taken care of her offspring. It seems that she had been married twice in your place, but was deserted by her husband. Yesterday she was quite penitent, and desired to see the child, when privilege was refused. The child is still in the care of the colored people who found it.

Justice Sympson thought the woman in too precarious a condition to undergo an examination, which has been postponed for the present. She will be, probably, under the supervision of an officer, who will not allow her to go "unwight of justice." Such a crime as this demands a severe punishment.

Young Life and Charlotte Jones.—The rumor which we noticed yesterday concerning a respite for these unfortunate individuals is contradicted. We have since learned that a gentleman of our city has had an interview with President Pierce on this subject, and he declines to interfere in the case at all; also, that Fifer's confession cannot be believed, and that, considering the strong circumstantial evidence against Stewart, he cannot interfere in his behalf, as many of our citizens have supposed he would do. Yesterday morning this information was communicated to the condemned, and they all received it without visible emotion. Fifer expressed some regret for Stewart, and still maintains his innocence. Charlotte declares that she is ready to meet her doom at any time. She seems to be preparing himself for the fatal day by religious exercises, and frequent and earnest prayer. Stewart does not seem much affected by his situation; he still preserves the coldness and quiet nature he has shown ever since his conviction. He still declares his innocence. A great portion of his time is spent in reading. He is well supplied with books, most of them of a religious character.

Board of Trade—The Tonnage Tax, &c.—At the meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday afternoon, the following resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved, That a committee of three be hereby appointed to enquire into the following questions and report at even as practicable their opinion on the business interests of the city of Pittsburgh, and to suggest for the consideration of the Board such remedies as may seem advisable for the evils which may be found to exist, viz: 1st. Do the railroads of Pennsylvania discriminate against her citizens? 2d. If so, is the cause to be found in the three mill tax? 3d. Should that tax be repealed?

In accordance with the above resolution, a committee was appointed, and will report as soon as they can arrive at a correct conclusion. The subject is one of vast importance to the trade of this city, and we hope the committee will give it mature and impartial consideration.

District Court.

Before Hon. R. W. Williams.

Alexander Wright vs. Joseph Wright and wife. This is a replevin for certain articles for defendant. A verdict for Wright for $310.

An action was brought by Nicholas Vivian against William A. Jones & Co. for services as architect in building a rolling mill for defendants. A verdict of $270 for plaintiff.

In the ejects and case of Cunningham vs. Mills, noticed yesterday, the plaintiff took a non suit.

Several judgments by non suit were entered, and the remainder of the day the Court was occupied in trying the case of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company vs. James M'Cully, an action to recover payment for railroad shares, which the company allege Mr. M'Cully subscribed.

Directors of the P., N. C. Railroad.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh, New Castle, and Cleveland Railroad, held recently at Darlington Station, the following gentlemen were chosen Directors for the ensuing year:

General W. Robinson, jr., G. W. Richeson, I. M. Penacck, Pittsburgh; Dr. J. W. Wallace, James James Ramey and Henry Pearson, Lawrence county. Gen. Robinson was re-elected President.

The financial affairs of the company were represented to be in a fair condition, and the work on the road to be in a state of forwardness.—*Reporter.*

Mr. Quigley's System of Detecting Counterfeit Bank Notes.—The classes in Duff's Mercantile College have just completed a series of lessons in this important and emphatically useful branch of commercial education, under Mr. M.'s own immediate instruction. The students regard it as a matter of somewhat more practical utility in their future business occupations than Algebra. To be a good judge of money, in some departments of business, renders anyone much more worth fifty per cent. more to his employers.

Gymnastic Associations.—The members of the Pittsburgh Polytechnic Association have been engaged for some days in making preparations for an exhibition at their Gymnasium on next Thursday evening. We have no doubt they will get up sufficient attractions to draw a large concourse of people. They have recently made some important additions to their fixtures. We are authorized to say that no gentleman will be admitted unless accompanied by a lady.

Attractive Books at Auction.—The catalogue of Books this evening, on the second floor of Davis' New Auction Building, Fifth street, comprises the most valuable body of old English Literature, and books of illustration which we remember to have ever been offered in our city. Catalogues, with full particulars, can be obtained at the Rooms, where also the Books are now open for examination.

An Oyster Tower.—Neighbor Steinruck exhibits in the window of his popular restaurant on Wood street, a limb covered with shell oysters. We believe, in planting the oyster, a pole is placed to mark the spot to which the oysters cling with great tenacity. It is quite a novel sight.

Cantata of Daniel.—This performance, in the First Presbyterian church of Allegheny, was well attended last evening; the house being completely filled. We were informed that about a thousand tickets had been sold. The concert was said to be fully equal to the first one, in Manchester, which we noticed at length.

Salve of the Iron City College.—A large concourse was present at City Hall last evening on the occasion of the annual soiree of the Iron City College. The amusements were diversified, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the extent of their ability. It was a very pleasant re-union of the students of the College and their friends.

A gentleman named Dunn, who lives in the Fifth Ward, fractured his leg on Thursday evening at the corner of Strawberry alley and Smithfield street. The crossing is blocked up with slush and water, and in attempting to jump across, he fell and injured himself. This place is very dangerous, and we hope it will be remedied immediately.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.—We have been informed that an invitation has been extended by this society to Rev. Dr. M'Cauley, of Philadelphia, to deliver a lecture before this association, and that he has accepted it. We may expect him here in a short time.

At the Mayor's office yesterday, items were very meagre. Five constables—three were committed, one paid up, and one was discharged. The Aldermen's offices were allmost idle.

The success of Mrs. Marshall's treatment of invalids, and the interesting and valuable character her examinations continue to take much attention, and to make the subject of no little conversation. She will remain at the Monongahela House probably through the most of the coming week.

Foster's Gaieties.—Mr. Coyne had a good house last night. He makes his last appearance this evening. The plays announced are "Rory O'More," "Ben, the Bantoman," and "Coyne and Young on a Spree."

Pittsburgh Theatre.—Miss Heron played Medea to a good house last evening. She had been engaged for a few nights more. The bill for tonight is "Medea" and the "Alpine Maid."

The Court of Quarter Sessions convenes again today, when Simon Howell and Steinberg will be sentenced. Dr. Reed will have a long speech prepared and ready to be delivered in Court. Doubtful.

Henry Waugh and Andrew Stewart were taken over to the penitentiary by Jailer Phillips yesterday. Stewart's term is one year, and Waugh's has one years to run. The latter is to open a shoe shop where he comes out.

Dr. Burleigh continues his interesting experiments this evening at the Iron City College Hall. See advertisement.

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One of the best articles for chapped hands now in use. Warranted a sure cure. For sale at

SUPER'S DRUG STORE,

Corner Penn and St. Clair streets.

Adjourned Meeting of Councils.

In Select Council, Mr. Pollock in the Chair.

Several petitions from numerous citizens of the different Wards complaining against nuisances in the public places, and appropriations to the fire companies were read and placed on file. C. C. concurred.

A communication from the Fire Wards Association, endorsing resolutions, and stating that the present appropriation is insufficient, and remonstrating against any reduction, was read and referred to Committees on Engines and Hose. C. C. concurred.

A petition requesting the opening of Twenty-ninth street, from Penn to Liberty, presented in the Monongahela wharf case, referred to Street Committee. C. C. concurred.

A communication from our Representatives, Judge Williams and Mr. Thomson, relative to the appointment of Engineers, was read and placed on file. C. C. concurred.

A petition from the Peter Fire Engine Company for appropriation for gas for engine house, referred to Committee on Engines and Hose. C. C. concurred.

The Committee of Conference reported, that the appointment of Inspector of Gas be referred to Committee on Gas, reporting the ordinance back to the Finance Committee. It was read three times and passed. C. C. concurred.

In Common Council Mr. McKelvy in the Chair.

A number of petitions were presented to improve alleys, and one for a school, very numerous in the public favor, also, against any reduction in the appropriations to the fire companies, which were referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was presented from citizens of the Sixth Ward, remonstrating against the passage of an ordinance allowing the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad across Penn street. Referred to Street Committee.

The resolution relative to the opening of Penn street had been at the last meeting laid on the table. A motion was made to recommit the report and ordinance to Councils to carry such arrangement into effect. Mr. Grant spoke at some length against the original resolution, and was followed by a number of other gentlemen. The vote was taken on the amendment, which was carried by a vote of 16 to 13. The resolution was then adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

Mr. Wood offered a resolution to the effect that this Council are in favor of the road crossing under reasonable restrictions, which was carried.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to borrow $31,000 to pay the funded debt which falls due the present year, which was passed in Select Council without any one being concerned in it. Also, an ordinance relative to the building tax of the city which was adopted in the same manner.

A petition was presented for water pipe along the crossing on Liberty, near Porter street. Referred to Street Committee.

A communication from Mr. Criswell asking to be reimbursed for expenses incurred for a man stabbed by Mary Doherty some years ago, which was offered to Select Council at last meeting was read, and the action of S. C. concurred in.

The subject of clear Hill was coming up, a resolution recommending the proper officers to sell in favor of the pending claim was laid on the table, on motion, the matter was postponed until the next meeting.

The remainder of the business in Councils was of little importance.

The Greatest Invention of the Age—The Excelsior Shingle Mills—Who Wants to Get Rich? Everybody!

Then let everybody pay a visit to the Great Western Planing Mills, on the corner of Marbury street and Duquesne way, and see the Excelsior Mill make sixty perfectly-formed shingles in one minute. But we would advise anybody wishing to secure the means of rapidly accumulating a fortune, to call soon, as we are disposing of Shop, Township, County, State and Territorial rights almost as fast as we can draw up the deeds. We have, as yet, some valuable rights for sale—therefore, ye who would at some future roll in your costly carriages, and better call soon.

We do not ask any one to purchase, until after he has thoroughly examined the mill, and perfectly understands the principles upon which it is constructed.

The best evidence we can give of the great value of this machine, is the work it performs.

The shingles made by it are more perfectly and beautifully formed, and command a much higher price from dealers than those made in any other way.

The public are respectfully invited to call and see the machine in operation at the above named place. The Proprietors can always be found at the St. Nicholas Hotel, corner of Grant and Fourth streets, Pittsburgh.

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WE WOULD MOST RESPECTFULLY call the attention of our friends and the public in general, to our new stock of

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CLOCKS, the largest and best selected stock in the city; JEWELRY, in all its variety;

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GOLD PENS, our own make warranted, which points come off we exchange them for gold pens.

☞ Silver Watches constantly direct from England and France, which enable us to sell cheaper at New York prices either to the Trade or Retail. In addition to the above we keep constantly on hand the largest stock of Watch and Clock Materials, and Watch-Makers' Tools, to which we invite the attention of Watch-Makers. 68

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Trustees of Pitt township, until THURSDAY, the 15th day of February next, for the filling up the hollow ground, on that part of the new road leading on Beatty street, Pitt township, and grading the same to a rise of not over five degrees by thirty-three feet wide, from the Pennsylvania Railroad, where it crosses Twelfth street, and continue along that street to a straight line to the rising ground in the road, about one mile beyond the new township road called Forgeton street. For further particulars, apply to either of the Auditors, or to the Township Clerk. ALEX. BARKER, Esq., is the township engineer near Birmingham.

WM. HERON,

JOSEPH COLLINS,

Pitt township, Jan. 9, '58—jan10-w4w Auditors.

SWEET CIDER.—3 bbls received this day. Price 20 cents ⅌ gallon.

HAWORTH, GEO. & BROWNLEE,

jn19 In the Diamond.

BATH BRICK.—2 casks just received and for sale by [1691] R. I. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

EAR CORN—150 sacks Ear Corn, just received, and for sale by JAS. A. FETZER,

jn28 89 Water street.

POTATOES.—324 sacks Neshannock Potatoes, arriving today, and for sale by

JAS. A. FETZER, 89 Wood street.

RED PRECIPITATE.—150 pounds for sale by B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.,

jn14 Corner of First and Wood streets.

HEMP SEED.

50 bags for sale by B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO.,

jn14 Corner Wood and Sixth streets.

FOR RENT.—A desirable country residence, two miles from the city.

A two story dwelling house on Ross street.

A two story house on Duquesne street.

A three story house on Third street.

A three story house on Wylie street.

Two small houses in Spring's court.

jn1 S. CUTHBERT & SON, 51 Market st.

OATS.—200 bus. just received and for sale by [50] HENRY H. COLLINS.

FLOUR.—

20 bbls. Superfine Flour;

20 do. Fine do. just received and for sale by JAMES A. FETZER,

jn3 89 Water street.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE, For February.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK, For February.

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Just received at

ROBERT A. LOOMIS' Post Building,

jn18 41 Fifth street.

FRESH FRUITS.—

300 boxes M. R. Malaga Raisins;

100 " " Layer " "

200 half boxes " "

200 quarter boxes " "

50 drums fresh Figs;

5 casks fresh Currants;

20 boxes Lemons;

300 Oranges, Havanas;

10 cases Prunes, just rec'd and for sale by

REYNER & ANDERSON,

jn6 84 Water street,

Opposite St. Charles Hotel.

HONEY BEAN TOBACCO.—Another supply of those delicated Tobaccos, just received by

jn25 JOS. FLEMING, Corner Diamond and Market street.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.—30 sacks prime article, for sale by [1692] HENRY H. COLLINS.

APPLES.—100 bbls. for sale by

jn28 HENRY H. COLLINS.

TOMATOES, in Cans—10 cans just rec'd and for sale by [1692] HENRY H. COLLINS.

$1200 FOR a Two Story House on Robinson street, Allegheny. $750 for a good article humped House on Monterey street. A choice building lot on Cedar street, South Pittsburgh. Two dwelling houses cheap, and on easy terms, in South Pittsburgh for sale by S. CUTHBERT & SON,

jn29 51 Market street.

DRIED APPLES.—30 sacks prime Dried Apples received and for sale by

McCANDLESS, MEANS & CO.,

jn28 Corner of Wood and Water streets.

LARD.—A prime article of No. 1 Lard, in barrels and kegs, just received and for sale by

McCANDLESS, MEANS & CO.,

jn21 Corner of Wood and Water streets.

MUST REDUCE THE STOCK.—In order to reduce our stock before the spring, we will sell our entire stock of Ready Made Clothing at greatly reduced prices. Call and examine our goods and prices. SCHWABACHER BROS. & CO.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 1st, 1858.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON CITY, February 5.—The Senate was not in session to-day.

House—On motion of Mr. Quitman, a resolution was adopted calling on the President to communicate the number of soldiers engaged in the late war with Great Britain and the Indian wars of the same period; also, a statement showing the precise amount of the expenditure of extending them the benefits of the revolutionary pension laws. This information is desired as preliminary action on the bill pending for that purpose.

After a call in the House in order to procure a full attendance, the question was taken on the amendment prepared by the minority of the Election Committee, that Mr. Campbell, sitting member, and Mr. Vallandingham, the contestant, be allowed forty days to take supplementary testimony, and it was rejected by 19 majority. The resolution of a majority of the Committee that it is inexpedient to allow further time to take testimony as asked by the sitting member was adopted by 13 majority.

The Speaker laid before the House the amended answer of J. S. Williamson.

Mr. Staunton remarked that the witness had appeared before the Committee and answered very promptly and without equivocation every question propounded. As to whether he answered correctly was for the country to judge, and on Mr. Staunton's motion Mr. Williamson was discharged from custody.

The President's Kansas message was considered, when Mr. Grow called attention to the fact that while the President transmitted a copy of the Minnesota Constitution and the official returns of the election, making no recommendation concerning admission, he sent in a copy of the Lecompton Constitution with no returns, but with the recommendation that Kansas be admitted under that instrument. The President's message, instead of communicating desirable information, abounds in epithets and slanders against the people of Kansas. He gave way to Mr. Harris, of Illinois, who said he wished to withdraw the resolution he previously submitted, and introduce another, with the view of obtaining information. If they were to believe the opinions expressed by gentlemen on all sides of the chamber, this was one of the most momentous questions ever presented to the consideration of Congress. Insinuations had been thrown out here and at the other end of the capitol that the decision of this question might perhaps result in precipitating events disastrous in an eminent degree to the character and welfare of the country. If this expression of opinion rested on any well founded existing state of facts, it was necessary to the country to know what they are. When a navigator is about to embark on a voyage, it was important to him to ascertain his departure. If we are about to enter upon a new order of things, let the world know the facts on which this order of things be initiated. Allegations have been made of fraud, corruption, outrage and infamy, which, if true, and gentlemen by our action endorse what has been done, they become accessories after the fact in perpetuating frauds. It was due to themselves, and due to those who are to come after them, that they should be satisfied that the facts should be obtained in an authoritative form. He presented the letter of Secretary Stanton already published, which was read. He concluded by submitting a resolution that the President's message and the Lecompton Constitution be referred to a select committee of sixteen, to be appointed by the Speaker, with instructions to inquire into all the facts connected with the formation of said Constitution and laws, under which the same originated, and into all the facts and proceedings which have transpired since the formation of the Constitution, and whether it is satisfactory to the legal voters of the Territory, the committee to have power to send for persons and papers.

The Speaker said that Mr. Harris could offer his resolution only as an amendment to Mr. Hughes' motion to refer the message to a select committee of thirteen.

Mr. Harris believed the ruling of the Speaker to be correct, and in order to ascertain the fate of his resolution, he moved the previous question.

Mr. Stephens in vain appealed to Mr. Harris to withdraw his motion, and moved that there be a call of the House by yeas and nays; the first was voted down; a motion was made to adjourn until Monday. A scene of great confusion ensued; the motions to adjourn were repeatedly voted down, both parties being evidently nerved for the contest.

At half past five o'clock the House refused to adjourn by 21 majority. Not half the members occupied their seats. A variety of motions to excuse members from voting, to send for a daguerreotypist to take a view of the members, &c., were debated and voted out of order. Various questions, principally on adjournments, were determined negatively by yeas and nays. Several clerks broke down in calling the roll, and inexperienced subordinates were dispatched to their relief. Members were continually going out to, or coming from, their lunch, and some eating at their desks. "Come," said one, "let adjourn; what's the use continuing this farce?" The other replied, "I'll bring my bed and stay here till Monday before I give way to the Lecompintonites." A voice: "Good for you."

Seven o'clock.—Both parties are determinedly holding out.

Mr. Allen was excused from voting. Mr. Phillips moved to reconsider and lay on the table. Ballots were ordered, but the opponents refused to vote. They could not vote; there was no quorum. The Speaker decided that a quorum was not needed on the question of adjournment. His decision was appealed from, and the yeas and nays were called. It was decided out of order, as a former appeal was pending. Members who attempted to speak were called to order. There is every prospect that the session will last till daylight.

[Special Despatch to the Morning Post.]

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, February 5.—*Senate*—Mr. Gazzam presented petitions for the re-charter of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank, with provision for weekly statements; also a petition signed by 552 citizens, for the repeal of the liquor law. Also remonstrances from Northern Liberties against the repeal of the vehicle license law, and from the authorities of South Pittsburgh against the vacation of certain streets.

Mr. Gazzam read in place an act in relation to certain streets in Allegheny city.

A resolution was offered to instruct the Committee on Finance to enquire whether equity requires the State to pay the interest on the Pittsburgh bonds, the Legislature at its last session having refused the city the power to increase taxation for that purpose, which was postponed for the present.

Mr. Wilkins presented sundry petitions and remonstrances.

House.—Mr. Foster offered a resolution that President Buchanan's recent message continued the true principles of the Democratic party. Referred to the Kansas Committee by a vote of 56 against 38.

The amendments to the Iron City Bank charter were reported and committed.

The act relating to the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, was reported back, slightly amended.

The following bill was read in place by Mr. Voegtly: relative to streets in Allegheny city. By Mr. Foster: relative to prosecutions for violating ordinances. By Mr. Irwin: relative to fees in the Orphans' Court; also to exempt the estate of James Hammerly from the Collateral Inheritance tax.

An act in relation to inquisitions was taken up and considered, and after discussion was negatived. It is believed that the bill will pass.

It was reported here to-day that Judge Black had telegraphed to Governor Packer requesting him to aid the Lecompton measure.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON CITY, February 6.—The *Union* of this morning says that, so far from any relaxation being likely to occur in the efforts of the administration to push on the reinforcements for the Utah army, it has conclusive reason to believe that every resource at its command will be exhausted by the War Department for swelling those reinforcements and hastening the expedition. The preparations of the administration will be such that, whatever responsibility for mischances to our gallant army shall attach to Government, it shall fall alone at the door of Congress.

Rumored Slave Insurrection.

CHICAGO, February 5.—There is a rumor from Fayetteville, Arkansas, that a fearful insurrection had occurred near that place, said to have been incited by two white men. The negroes attacked two settlements, killing twenty-three persons, burning houses and killing cattle. The insurrection was finally subdued by the organization of volunteers who killed seven and captured eighteen of the insurrectionists. The rumor is doubted.

Another Terrible Steamboat Disaster.

LOUISVILLE, February 5.—The steamboat Colonel Crossman, from New Orleans, on her passage to St. Louis, burst her boiler, about a mile above New Madrid, Mo., last evening. She was burned to the water's edge. She had on board 200 passengers, of whom from twenty five to thirty are reported lost. The captain, mate and five ladies are amongst the saved.

From Kansas.

ST. LOUIS, February 5.—The Leavenworth Kansas papers of the 30th say that Gov. Stickley, Commissioner appointed by the President to audit the claims of the citizens of the Territory who sustained losses during the difficulties, has allowed claims amounting to nearly $400,000. The Board of Commissioners appointed by the Legislature is now in session at Leavenworth taking testimony relative to the election frauds.

Destructive Fire.

DETROIT, February 4.—The stores on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson avenues, and occupied by Campbell & Lane, dry goods merchants, Schloss & Bro., and A. Amberg, clothing dealers, was partially consumed by fire at an early hour this morning. The probable total loss is from forty to fifty thousand dollars, and is nearly covered by insurance.

Democratic Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, February 5.—The County Convention to elect delegates to the State Convention adjourned last evening, after a most stormy session. The delegates selected are friendly to Mr. Porter for Judge of the Supreme Court. Strong Lecompton resolutions were submitted, which the President declared carried, amid much noise and confusion created by their proscription.

Resumption of the Baltimore Banks.

BALTIMORE, February 5.—The Presidents of the banks hold a meeting and resolved to resume specie

Louisiana Legislature.

BATTIMORE, February 5.—Notice has been given in the Senate of the introduction of a bill to import thousand negroes from the coast of Africa. Joint resolutions were introduced denouncing Commodore Paulding, and instructing Senators and Representatives in Congress to cause the views expressed carried into effect.

Fire at Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, February 5.—The starch factory of H. W. Logan & Co., was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Loss $12,000; insured for $8,000.

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Committee of Arbitration for February.

ISAIAH DICKEY, V. P.,

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JOHN FLEMING, JAMES GARDNER.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

Carefully Reported by JOSEPH SNOWDEN, *Superintendent of the Merchants' Exchange.*

PITTSBURGH, February 6, 1858.

FLOUR...The sales today are quite light, being made entirely from store; the quotations being $5.25@5.4 for superfine, $4.25 for extra and $4.50 for extra family.

GRAIN...Sales 175 bush. Corn from wharf, at 45c.; 50 bush. do from wharf at same figures.

APPLES...Sales 50 bbls. assorted from wharf, at $1.25@1.87; 70 bbls. do. at $1.50@2.25 bbls. mixed at $1.25@1.37; 26 bbls. Russets at $1.62; 20 bbls. Common fresh stock at 75c. ⅌ bbl.

BUTTER...Sales 1500 lbs. prime roll at 14@16c. ⅌ lb.

HOGS...Small sales Dressed from first hands at 5½@6 ⅌ lb.

DRIED FRUIT...Sales 20 bushels Peaches at $2.25 ⅌ bush.

CHEESE...Sales 20 boxes W. R. at 9½@10c. ⅌ lb.

FISH...Sales 12 bbls. No. No. 3 Mackerel, large, at $14.50; 10 bbls. Herring at $6.25 ⅌ bbl.

SUGAR...Sales 10 bbls N. O. at 6½c. ⅌ lb

MOLASSES...Sales 20 bbls N. O. at 27c. ⅌ gallon.

WHISKY...Sales 23 bbls. rectified at 20c. ⅌ gallon.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, February 5.—The Cotton Market is nearly swept of supplies, and accordingly advanced, the quotations being ⅛ ⅌ lbr. to-day; sales 2600 bales at 11c for middling uplands. Flour and Wheat from 16,000 bbls of the former and 12,000 bush of the latter sold today. Corn continued dull. Pork steady at $16.50@16.75 for Mess. Bacon clear Hickory at 8½c. for long ribbed, 8c. for Hams and 9½c. for shoulders. Whisky closed steady at 18c. Tobacco is quoted at 7@18. Sugar is quiet. Coffee buoyant and advanced; 3000 bags sold at 10¾@11 Shipping Stock at 12c. Turpentine spirits closed firm at 46@4 4½. Rosin buoyant at 3@3c. Freights active; on Grain to Liverpool is 10d@3d.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, February 5.—*Evening*—Stocks dull; Cumberland Coal, 18; Illinois Central, 95; La Crosse and Milwaukie, 19; New York Central, 81; Pennsylvania Coal, 71; Reading, 37; Erie 21; Cleveland and Toledo, 43½; Milwaukie and Mississippi, 32; Missouri 6s, 65½; Sterling Exchange firm at 9½@10 ⅌ cent. prem.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, February 5.—Flour firm at $5.70@5.75 for superfine, with sales of 500 bbls. Whisky has advanced to 18c. Large sales of both in store at 18c for Shoulders and Clear Sides; 1000 boxes Middling Clear Sides to be delivered at 8½c for Cumberland cut. Mess Pork is held at $16.75. Lard is quiet at 8½ for bbls. Sugar firm at 5½@6½. Molasses 32@35c. Coffee 10½@11½ ⅌ Coverse at $5.60.

AUCTION SALES.

DAILY SALES AT NO. 54 FIFTH ST. At the new Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54, Fifth street, every week day, are held public sales of goods in all variety, suited for the trade and consumers, from a large stock which is constantly replenished with fresh consignments, that must be closed forthwith.

AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

Dry Goods and fancy articles, comprising nearly everything needed for the last for personal and family use; Cabinet ware; bedstaves; clothing; boots and shoes; ladies wear, &c.

AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

Household and kitchen furniture, new and second-hand; beds and bedding; carpets; elegant tea dose China ware; stoves; cooking utensils; groceries, &c.

AT 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

Fancy articles; watches; clocks; jewelry; musical instruments; guns; clothing; dry goods; boots and shoes, books stationery, &c. [808] P. M. DAVIS, Auct.

CHOICE AND VALUABLE ENGLISH BOOKS.—ON SATURDAY EVENING, February 6th, at 7 o'clock, will be sold by pamphlet catalogue, on the second floor of the New Auction Building, 54 Fifth street, a choice and most valuable collection of Books in the various departments of English literature, embracing fine Illustrations, many of which are splendidly embellished, and a number of curious and technical works from a circle library. The whole will be found particularly deserving the attention of literary men, and all readers of judgment and taste. Among them will be found:—Hogarth's works, original edition, 3 vols; National Cyclopedia of Agriculture, 2 vols; Gallery of the Lord Seas, folio; Scenical Beauties of England; Rushworth's Historical Collections, 8 vols. folio; Pelicanophia Scans Pictoria, quarto; Bunkes Southern Africa, folio; Pennant's Natural History of Birds, 10 vols. quarto; History of Westminster Abbey, 2 vols. quarto, colored plates; Description of the Crystal Palace, 3 vols. quarto, Sculptured Antiquities of London, Boydell's work, 2 vols. folio; Thornton's Philosophy of Botany, 3 vols. folio; Greek Bronze and Etruscan Vases, quarto; Prout's Views on the Rhine, folio; Sir Walter Raleigh's History of the World, folio; Boydell's Engravings, quarto; Wright's History of Ireland, 7 vols; Byron Gallery of Engravings; Origin and Progress of the Art of Writing; Bottrille's Monumental Remains; The Land We Live In, 2 vols, colored; Life of Duke of Wellington, 3 vols; Royal Palaces of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, folio; Shakspeare, 3 vols, quarto; Napier's History of Eng. land, 5 vols, folio; Miscellanies of Lord Byron, 2 vols, quarto; Smith's Picturesque Views of Paris, 2 vols; Costumes of the Netherlands, colored plates; Costume of England, colored plates; Wilkie's Views in India, quarto; Copperplate Magazine, 5 vols; Beaumont and Fletcher's Dramatic edition, folio 1679; Great Exhibition of All Nations, 3 vols; The Wonderful Magazine, 2 vols; Dean Swift's works, 17 vols; Wright's Court Hand Restored; American Ornithology, quarto; Galerie Antique par le Grand, folio; Moore Gallery of Engravings, quarto; Rich's Ruins of Babylon, etc. Catalogues are now ready, and the books arranged for examination.

feb P. M. DAVIS, Auctioneer.

DISSOLUTIONS, &C.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The firm of Wood, Moorhead & Co. has, this day, been dissolved, by mutual consent—W. DEWEES WOOD, withdrawing therefrom.

The business will be continued by the remaining partners, under the style and firm of MOORHEAD & CO.

W. DEWEES WOOD,

M. K. MOORHEAD,

GEO. F. MCELEANE.

Pittsburgh, January 14, 1858—jn16ds

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between JAMES BLAKELY and Dr. GEO. C. MURPHY, in the Real Estate Agency Business, is hereby dissolved. The undersigned will continue the business at No. 65 Fifth street, where the books of the old firm may be found, and where the unsettled business, with the firm of Blakely & Richey, will be transacted.

feb1 JAMES C. RICHEY.

GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE OF

FALL AND WINTER BOOTS AND SHOES,

AT THE CHEAP CASH STORE OF

J. H. BOELAND,

jn19 No. 98 Market street, two doors from Fifth.

GREEN APPLES.—15 bbls. choice Apples received, and for sale by

McANDLESS, MEANS & CO.

jn13 Corner of Wood and Water streets.

DIARIES for 1858, of all sizes and styles, for sale by W. S. HAVEN,

jn13 Corner of Market and Second streets.

SIME'S Ferrated Fluid, Bark and Elixir of Bark, on hand and for sale by

jn30 B. I. FAHNESTOCK & CO.

HOTEL CANDLES.—50 boxes 12's and 15's, Hotel candles, on hand and for sale by

jn11 B. C. & J. H. SAWYER.

TO DAIRYMEN.—308 sacks Ground Screenings in store and for sale by

jn6 JAS. A. FETZER, 89 Water street.

VACONET FLOUNCES AND NEEDLE-WORK COLLARS.—A large assortment, and very cheap, at HAYES' 1092, formerly Love Bros., No. 74 Market street.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

100 sacks, 50 lbs each, Buckwheat Flour, just received and for sale by JAMES A. FETZER,

feb 89 Water street.

GEO. R. WHITE & CO., having completed their annual inventory, and reduced the sea. sonable portion of their goods, will sell their present stock at a further reduction of prices jan11

THE SEASON ADVANCES, AND CHESTER Tilt has determined not to be caught with a large stock to carry over. He has, therefore, determined to close out the balance of his stock of Gentlemen's and Boys' Winter Clothing, at the smallest possible margin above cost. Now is the time to obtain bargains. The stock embraces everything usually found in a first-class city Clothing and Gentlemen's Tailoring establishment.

CHESTER'S GOTHIC HALL.

Cor. Wood street and Diamond Alley.

☞ We study to please. jn21

ONIONS.—7 sacks Onions, just received and for sale by JAS. A. FETZER,

feb 89 Water street.

APPLES.—

50 barrels choice Russett;

50 " assorted Apples, received and for sale by JAMES A. FETZER,

feb 89 Water street.

MILL FEED.—2000 lbs. Middlings, for sale by JAMES A. FETZER,

feb 89 Water street.

RYE FLOUR.—

25 barrels Rye Flour;

50 sacks " received and for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.

GREASE.—White Grease for Wagons, Omnibuses, Carts, Drays, Carriages, etc., in barrels and kegs, for sale by [63] HENRY H. COLLINS

LACE LEATHER.—Of a superior quality, 2 2 for sale by [1820] J. & H. PHILLIPS.

SHOES, SHOES, SHOES.—Ladies' Misses' and Children's dolores, shoes, Gums, etc., cheap, at the Porkopolis Store, No. 17 Fifth street, near market

$750 WILL buy a new frame Dwelling House of four rooms and kitchen. Pelleg in front, Bake Oven, etc. The lot has a front of 20 feet on Monterey street, Allegheny, by 110 feet deep to an alley. Terms of payment very easy. The house is new and in good order. For sale by S. CUTHBERT & SON,

jn16 51 Market street.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE.—500 boxes Pelot Variegated Soap, assorted colors, in 5, 8, 10 lb. and 15 lb. cakes, on hand and for sale by

LOAF.—1 barrels country soap, for sale by

RIVER NEWS.

HARDY & M'GREW, Steamboat and General Agents. Corner of First and Ferry streets.

RIVER. WEATHER, ETC.—The river is falling, with 3½ feet water in the channel at dusk last night. The weather was much colder, and there was every appearance of a heavy snow storm. Business at the wharf is about the same.

The *Iowa* is loading for St. Louis, and will have about the size of the week. The greater part of her load is engaged and there will be no detention, send your freights.

Considerable ice is running out of the Allegheny river, and if the present weather continues we could not be at all surprised if it stands be sufficient to check navigation in a day or two.

The funeral of Alfred J. Rogers, late clerk of the defeated Fairy Fawn, was very largely attended yesterday afternoon. The deceased turned out in full force, forming quite a lengthy procession.

PORT OF PITTSBURGH.

4 FEET 0 INCHES WATER IN THE CHANNEL.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Col. Bayard, Peeb