NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

National Convention of Journeymen Printers.

THURSDAY, Nov. 5, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met.

The resolution offered by Mr. Walsh, respecting the contract system was called up.

Mr. Young spoke on it. Thought it was a very important matter, and should be carefully considered. He hoped Mr. Nafew, who had devoted some consideration to the subject, would give his opinions on it.

Mr. Nafew was opposed to it. A great political party in this State divided on the subject, which he thought might make it a breach of propriety for us to express an opinion on it.

Mr. Walsh thought that that was rather a reason why we should say something about it. There was a probability of its being abolished, and he thought that all the influence which could be brought to bear against it, should be. Mr. Walsh urged his resolutions strongly.

Mr. Keyser was opposed to the present Contract system; and gave some striking instances as to its operations upon the producing classes. He stated that the most distinguished Members of Congress were opposed to the system. The day was not far distant when the Printers of Washington would make a handsome dividend of what is now distributed among political favorites. That day would certainly arrive. The system of Public Schools had a tendency to that end. He thought that *intellect* was not now confined to the higher professions.

Mr. Rogers thought that under the contract system the people had been robbed, but they had been robbed also under the other system. He was in favor of the contract system. That system was as favorable to practical printers as to any body else. You can bid for contracts as well as others. Let them get up a Joint Stock Company and make their bids, and they would be more favored than any other bidders. Mr. R. gave an interesting account of the doings of the politician-printers of late years. He thought Government was tired enough of them.

Mr. Greene was surprised to hear the gentleman from New-York favor the contract system. It cannot be anything else than disadvantageous to the Journeymen. It produces competition, and competition produces low prices. Whenever the contract is obtained by virtue of low bids, the Journeymen are made to suffer, not the contractor.

Mr. Conway spoke in favor of the resolution proposed. He was not opposed to the contract system, but to the *auctioning* system. He thought it was a botch system, paid botch price, and produced botch work.

Mr. Rogers would like to hear some better system proposed. He was decidedly opposed to the old system of favoritism.

Mr. Young was opposed to the present contract system. The Government work was not half done since the old system was abolished. The printing of Congress has not been fit to be presented to the public for the last three years. Such botch work injured our reputation. It was an absolute disgrace to our calling. Journeymen Printers had a better time and did better work under the old system.

Mr. Greene moved to strike out, so as to make it read as follows:

Whereas, The system, so universally adopted by the Legislatures of the several States and by the Congress of the Nation, of giving out the printing for the several bodies by contract to the lowest bidder is repugnant to the spirit of Republican Institutions, inasmuch as its effect is to degrade labor below the standard of its merit, by throwing it into market for the competition of men not practical printers, who have neither the character nor the interests of the trade at heart—as the style of the public printing generally evinces—being in its mechanical execution disgraceful not alone to the trade but to the nation; and whereas it is our duty not alone to Printers, but as Workingmen, to respectfully protest against such a system.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the trade at large to respectfully protest in a formal manner against the contract system in every branch of public work; and that the Executive Committee to be appointed by this Convention be requested to urge upon the various Unions some general action upon this subject.

Mr. Keyser offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the proposed establishment of a Government Printing Office would be subversive of the interest of the trade, and that the same would have a tendency to political favoritism; therefore, we do most solemnly protest against the establishment of the same; and we hereby recommend to the Congress of the nation the propriety of withholding the public printing from all persons who are not practical printers.

Mr. Walsh submitted the following:

Resolved, That the National Executive Committee be directed to take charge of the official proceedings of this Convention, prepare them for publication, and place them in the hands of the officers of the Philadelphia Printers' Union, to be printed.

Resolved, That the Philadelphia Printers' Union be requested to have them printed in pamphlet form, and that they supply all local "Unions," and individuals, with any number of copies they may order, at a cost which the Philadelphia Union will regulate.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the various "Unions" of the United States to furnish every newspaper in the States in which they are individually located, with a copy of the Official Proceedings of this Convention, with a request that they will publish the whole, or an outline of the matter therein contained.

Resolved, That the National Executive Committee be empowered and directed to call our next National Convention at Baltimore, Md. on the 12th of September, 1851.

They were taken up separately and adopted without debate, with the exception of the last, which gave rise to some discussion as to the time and place of calling the next Canvention.

The "Regenerative Plan," submitted to the Convention by Mr. Molineux, was called up, and referred to the next National Convention.

Mr. Conway from the Business Committee, reported the following and moved its reference to the next National Convention, which was carried:

Resolved, That the National Convention Committee have power to correspond with the several Unions which are or may be established, on the subject of joint stock offices, and particularly to ascertain from such Unions if funds can be subscribed by the members thereof, in amount sufficient to warrant the establishment of a National Union for doing the printing of the United States Government.

Mr. Bechtel offered the following:

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to the New-York Union, for furnishing the Convention with a Hall and other facilities during its sittings. Adopted.

Mr. Greene offered the following:

Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to Mr. J. W. Peregoy, for the dignified, faithful and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of this Convention.

Resolved, That J. T. Nafew, of Albany, is entitled to our thanks for the correct and faithful performance of the duties of Secretary of this Convention.

Mr. Greene explained to the Convention why Cincinnati had not sent delegates. Her sympathies were with us, and at the next Convention her delegates would also be.

The Chairman announced the following as the

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

T. J. Walsh, Edwin H. Rogers, Peter McDonald, New-York; John F. Keyser, R. B. Smyth, W. B. Eckert, Pennsylvania; Chas. Bechtel, John Hartman, Wm. Gillespy, True American Office, Trenton, New-Jersey; G. L. Green, J. L. Gibbons, Raymond Linch, Kentucky; M. F. Conway, Frederick Young, John W. Peregoy, Maryland.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL.] **Board of Aldermen.**

STATED SESSION....THURSDAY, Dec. 5, 1850.

Present—MORGAN MORGANS, Esq. President; Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater and Franklin.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By the President—Petition of the New-York Screw Dock Company, in relation to the extension of Pier No 53, East River—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

By the same—Petition of Abraham R. Lawrence, Esq., in behalf of Commissioners of Emigration, for Lease of Pier No. 48, North River—which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Ald. Cook—Petition of Waterbury & Rossl, and others, for the abatement of a nuisance at the foot of Delancy-st. East River, by the discontinuance of dumping manure—which was referred to the City Inspector, with power.

By Ald. Delamater—Petition of Richard E. Hart to be paid damages sustained by him for loss of horse, occasioned by falling through Pier No. 5 East River, which was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Petition of Harris Wilson and others, to have 8th-av. filled in between 120th and 125th-sts., which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Ald. Franklin—Petition of J. C. Thiving for flagging side-walks north side of 16th-st, between 1st-av. and av.-A, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Ald. Shaw—Bill of the proprietor of the Triton Mansion House, amounting to $38 75, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Ald. Smith—Petition of Wm. P. Easterbrook and others, to have manure heaps lying between 35th and 36th-sts., the 2d-av. and East River, removed, and nuisance abated forthwith, which was referred to the City Inspector with power.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A Message was received from his Honor the Mayor on the subject of purchasing the Portrait of Baron Steuben, a distinguished officer in the American Revolution, and placing the same in the Governor's Room, which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

RESOLUTIONS.

Ald. Wood presented the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the salary of Amos Jones, Messenger to the Board of Aldermen, be and the same is hereby increased from $500 to $600 per annum, to take effect from the 1st day of December, 1850, which was adopted on a division, viz: *Affirmative*—Ald. Griffin, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Delamater and Franklin—12.

Ald. Haws presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to furnish the members elect of the Common Council with a Map of the City, together with the laws usually furnished, and also with the staves of office.

Ald. Haws presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Orchard-st. from Division to Houston-sts. be renumbered under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Ald. Griffin presented the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Whereas, by a resolution of the Common Council, the Bell Ringers stationed on the Hall are required to strike the hour of 8 on Sunday mornings, and in consequence of the alteration of the Fire Districts requiring the Bell Ringers to strike eight strokes for fires in the Eighth District; therefore,

Resolved, That the practice of striking the hour of 8 on Sunday mornings by the Bell Ringers on the Hall be discontinued, on and after January 1, 1851.

Ald. Franklin presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That permission is hereby given to Wm. H. Van Kluck to erect an iron stairway on side of his store, corner of West and Robinson sts—the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner and Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward.

Ald. Britton presented the followed resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Tax on $2,000 on lot No. 67, in 41st-st. south side between 4th and 5th avenues, 12th Ward for 1846, assessed as a house and lot, be, and the same is reduced to $200; and the Receiver of Taxes be authorized to calculate and collect the Tax in accordance with said alteration, and the resolution heretofore passed and approved by the Mayor, Nov. 20, 1850, in relation to this subject, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Sewers presented a Report adverse to the petition for the construction of a Sewer in Avenue B. between 2d and 3d sts. which was adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department presented a Report in favor of reinstating Owen Kelly as a member of the Fire Department, which was adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department presented a report on the application of Engine Co. No. 6, for an appropriation to decorate their fire engine, which was adopted.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report adverse to the petition F. R. Tilyon for relief from assessment for flagging sidewalks in 51st-st. which was adopted.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report adverse to the petition of Peter Blake, to be relieve from an assessment upon his property for regulating and macadamizing 54th-st. between 7th-av. and Bloomingdale Road, which was adopted.

The Committee on Lamps and Gas presented a report in favor of placing two gas lamps in front of the edifice belonging to the Mariners' Baptist Church, which was adopted.

The Committee on Police presented a report in favor of paying bill of Capt. Stevenson, of the 16th Police District—which was adopted on a division, viz: *Affirmative*—Ald. Dodge, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Delamater and Franklin—13.

The Committee on Police presented a Report in favor paying bill of Jacob Vincent, for services performed by him as Doorman of the 16th Police District—which was adopted on a division, viz.: *Affirmative*—Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Delamater and Franklin—14.

The Finance Committee presented a report in favor of remitting personal tax, for the year 1849, of Isaac Rensheim—which was adopted on a division, viz: *Affirmative*—Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Delamater and Franklin—14.

The Finance Committee presented a report in favor of paying Commissary-General Daniel Lee for ammunition furnished the troops on on the 25th of November last—which was adopted on a division, viz.: *Affirmative*—Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Delamater and Franklin—13.

The Finance Committee presented a report in favor of paying William B. Galliker for services as keeper of Potter's Field, which was adopted on a division, viz.: *Affirmative*—Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Britton, Delamater, Franklin—13. *Negative*—Ald. Wood—1.

The Committee on streets presented a report in favor of filling-in and grading and setting curb and gutter stones in Greenwich-st. and other streets between Cortland-st. and Battery-place.

Ald. Smith moved to lay the same on the table, and have it printed—which was carried.

Ald. Kelly moved that the Board do now adjourn—which was carried. Whereupon the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until to-morrow, 6th inst. at 5 o'clock.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

OFFICIAL.] **Board of Assistant Aldermen.**

SPECIAL SESSION....THURSDAY, Dec. 5, 1850.

Present—OSCAR W. STURTEVANT, Esq., President, in the chair; Asst Ald. Judson, Haley, McCarthy, Boyce, Barr, Webb, Ackerman, Crane, Francis, Smith, Kip, Sammis, Sands, Ward, Rogers, Dean, Alvord.

PETITIONS.

By Asst. Ald. Boyce—Of Simeon Atwater, Clerk in Washington Market, for increase of salary. To committee on Salaries.

By Asst. Ald. Crane—Of John W. Lewis and others, for a sewer in Leroy and Hudson-sts., to connect with the sewer in Clarkson-st. To Committee on Sewers.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Asst. Ald. Crane—That Christopher-st., from Hudson to West, be lighted with gas. Adopted.

By the President—That the first section of the ordinance approved by the Mayor, April 18th 1850, providing that the stated sessions of the Boards of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen to be held on the first Monday of each month, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Adopted.

By Asst. Ald. Dean—That East side of 4th-av. from 6th to 13th sts. be lighted with gas. Adopted.

By Asst. Ald. Kip—Of Peter Mastherston and P. Brennan, that 72d-st. between 7th and 8th ave. be regulated and graded. To Committee on Roads.

REPORTS.

Of the Committee on Streets—In favor of fencing vacant lots [and repairing flagging in 4th-av. between 17th and 18th sts. Adopted by the following vote. *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Judson, Haley, Boyce, Barr, Webb, Ackerman, Crane, Francis, Smith, Kip, Sammis, Sands, Ward, Rogers and Dean.

Of same—In favor of fencing vacant lots on 9th and 10th sts. Adopted by the following vote: *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Judson, Haley, Boyce, Barr, Webb, Ackerman, Crane, Francis, Smith, Kip, Sammis, Sands, Ward, Rogers, Dean.

Of same—To set curb and gutter stones in 5th-av. from 9th to 20th sts. Referred back.

Of same—To concur to regulate &c. South-st. from Roosevelt to Chatham sts. Adopted by the following vote: *Affirmative*—The President, Assistant Ald. Judson, Haley, Boyce, Barr, Webb, Ackerman, Crane, Francis, Smith, Kip, Sammis, Sands, Ward, Rogers, Dean.

Of Finance Committee, to concur to issue duplicate certificates to C. V. S. & J. I. Roosevelt. Adopted.

PETITION.

By Assistant Ald. Ward—Of Samuel Woodward, to have premises No. 17 West 13th st. relieved from tax sale. To Committee on Finance.

FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Report of Committee on Roads, in favor of regulating and grading 6th-av. from 57th to 127th-st. To Committee on Roads.

The Board then adjourned to Friday, at 5 o'clock.

From the minutes. RICHARD SCOTT, *Clerk*.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.—*Washington*, Dec. 4.—Present as yesterday, and Mr. Chief Justice Taney.—Andrew Ewing, Esq. of Tennessee, was admitted an Attorney and Counsellor of this Court. No. 13. B. Stricklin *vs.* Bonaffe & Co. appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for Mississippi. On motion of Mr. Walker, this appeal was dismissed with costs, under the 54th rule of the Court. No. 20. Hogg and Delamater, plaintiffs in error, *vs.* John B. Emerson. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. J. O. Sargent, for the plaintiffs in error. Adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock, A. M.

COMMERCIAL AND MONEY MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 5.

6 000 Readg Mort Bds	85¼	6 Albany and Sch	91½
10,000 do, 70	80	50 Long Island RR	13½
16,000 Erie Inc Bonds	93½	150 Morris Canal	21½
20,000 do b60	93½	100 do	21½
2,000 Mich South Bds	92	100 do b30	21½
22 Equitable Ins Co	116	350 do	21½
50 Del & Hud Canal Co	142	200 do s60	21½
52 do	143	25 Portsmouth	8½
850 Farmers Trust	53	350 do	8½
500 do	52½	700 Harlem RR	63½
63 Erie RR	23	50 Ston RR s60	44½
175 do	23½	50 do b60	45½
150 do s60	23	139 do	45
25 do	23½	75 do	44½
100 do	23½	75 do	45½
75 do b10	23½	100 Reading RR	74
100 do	23½	85 do	74½
300 Norwich Wor	59½	50 do	74½
50 do b10	60	200 do b30	74½
100 do s30	60	100 do b60	74½
25 do b15	60½	100 do b45	74½
20 Roch and Syrac	112		

SECOND BOARD.

$2,000 Hud Riv Bds	102½	100 Harlem	64½
10,000 Incomes	93½	25 Canton	35½
100 Long Island	13½	125 Stonington	47
400 Reading	74½	50 do b5 mos	48
150 do b10	74½	150 Norwich	60½
300 do	74½	100 do	61½
300 do b30	74½	45 N Y and N Hav	116
50 Erie	23½		

THURSDAY, Dec. 5—P. M.

The Stock market continues buoyant and active, and especially at the Second Board the market had an upward tendency. Reading was in demand at better prices, and Stonington advanced to 47, showing an improvement of 5 ₱ cent with, in ten days. Norwich was also in large demand and advanced 2 ₱ cent. We shall have the annual statement of this Company in a few days, when it will be shown that the earnings for six months will give a considerable surplus after paying expenses, repairs, interest and 3 ₱ cent dividend on the stock. The advance in Stonington is partly by reason of increased receipts and partly by reason of the prospective improvement in the value of the Road, by reason of the building of the New-Haven and New-London Road, which it is anticipated may be extended to Stonington. Mohawk was in demand at 91¼@92, and the supply was very small. For Madison and Indianapolis 103½ was bid without sales. Portsmouth Dry Dock improved ½ ₱ cent. Erie was firm but not active. Cash stock is still very scarce. Incomes were firm and in demand. Sales of Southern Michigan Bonds were made at 92. Farmers' and Harlem had an upward tendency. The latter will fully meet the estimates of the Managers for the year. Morris, with considerable sales, was firm. Governments were quiet and without change. Generally the market looks like another considerable advance during the month.

In Exchanges there is not much doing, but rates are steady.

The Franklin took $250 in silver.

In Freights there is no improved movement, and engagements reported of 15,000 bbls Flour at 15d; and Wheat, 10,000 bushels at 4½d; Deadweight 15s@17s 6d; Cotton ½d. To Havre, the rate for Cotton is ⅝c.

The amount received at the Sub-Treasury today was $34,083; Paid, $30,182; Balance, $3,656,994.

Capitalists should not forget that the bids for the Ohio and Pennsylvania Loan will be opened on Saturday next. A large amount are already in, many being on foreign account.

The North American Fire Insurance Company has made a semi-annual dividend of eight ₱ cent.

The *Shipping List* gives the annexed statement of the Imports at this port:

	For'n Jan. 1 to Nov. 30.	C'stwise Jan 1 to Nov. 30.	Nov.	Total Jan. 1 to Nov. 30. 1849	1850
Brandy, hf pipes	16,660	452	126	17,112	13,569
" qr cks & bls	28,642	517	339	30,150	22,131
Coal.....tuns	76,846	..	9,564	76,846	69,399
Cochineal, ce'ns	1,229	..	64	1,229	870
Cocoa.....bags	9,143	2,095	1,127	11,238	10,985
Coffee.....bags	304,610	54,799	26,403	359,409	359,523
Cotton.....bales	1,579,412	554,551	34,063	414,130	366,212
Duck.....bales	582	85	346	667	566
" .....pieces	1,599	5,697	1,247	7,096	10,056
Ear'ware..pkgs	31,694	78	2,726	31,772	27,318
Figs, drums, &c	22,825	30,078	13,141	35,987	61,425
Gin.....pipes	3,570	33	130	3,603	3,481
Hemp....bales	33,386	27,806	2,102	61,192	51,389
" .....tuns	673	76	23	749	1,207
Hides ....bales	141	545	6	686	957
" .....No.	1,096,543	227,114	122,830	1,323,657	1,064,787
Iron—Bar.tuns	51,532	1,246	4,238	52,778	47,072
" Pig.tuns	38,022	3,456	1,648	41,478	63,964
Sheet, &c..bdls	480,070	7,992	50,936	488,062	563,598
Indigo....cases	1,423	352	151	1,775	1,257
" ....ceroons	396	102	69	498	1,981
Lead.....pigs	203,220	213,255	18,337	416,594	418,934
Molasses ..hds	47,453	18,318	3,022	65,771	64,905
" ....trs	2,535	2,695	119	5,230	6,352
" ....bbls	1,030	41,028	1,872	42,061	43,222
Olive Oil..casks	584	115	34	699	75
" .....bxs & baskts	59,892	370	1,567	60,012	50,209
Pepper ...bags	33,572	15,735	8,387	49,337	19,472
Pimento...bags	9,072	2,246	2,115	12,218	13,177
Rags.....bales	29,672	2,612	2,767	32,284	26,108
Raisins ...cases	8,167	735	4,571	8,902	9,934
" ....boxes	327,511	30,455	148,811	357,966	251,366
" ....drums	..	600	..	600	962
Rice.....tcs	..	55,762	5,410	57,752	59,459
Rum.....puncn	1,514	217	131	1,731	2,159
Salt.....bush	1,811,047	34,218	155,675	1,845,265	1,520,125
Saltpeter..bags	5,577	6,945	770	12,522	13,930
Sugars.....hhds	64,126	50,434	1,507	114,560	127,891
" .....tcs	1,104	150	..	1,254	1,375
" .....bbls	5,725	38,832	4,076	42,557	19,095
" .....boxes	122,147	6,244	3,329	128,391	86,378
" .....bags	46,017	17,603	..	57,705	72,949
Tin, Pig, &c..lbs	25,515	11,333	2,829	36,848	47,920
" Plates ..bxs	265,674	..	20,497	265,674	186,701
Tobacco...hhds	3	15,066	1,520	15,069	11,204
" ....bles & cdls	21,485	1,739	4,339	23,224	17,990
Wines, bls & pcs	8,469	43	596	3,512	3,122
" hds & hf pcs	16,118	479	1,200	16,597	12,514
" ....qr casks	46,859	1,923	4,604	48,773	42,876
" .....bbls	10,524	1,836	1,399	11,920	8,963
" .....bxs	47,922	1,179	8,082	49,101	29,208
Wool ....bales	21,260	10,272	3,414	31,532	17,432

The Coal tunnage of the Reading Railroad for the fiscal year just closed, is upward of one million three hundred and fifty-one thousand tuns.

The Message of the Governor of Virginia states that the present outstanding debt of the Commonwealth is $9,035,189 39, and there remains to be paid on account of subscriptions to organized companies, not yet called for, $4,632,868. Appropriations to the amount of $844,000 have been made to companies not yet organized, the greater part of which it is supposed will never be called for. In addition to the direct debt above mentioned, the Commonwealth has rendered herself responsible for the bonds of several corporations within the State, to the amount of $2,844,374, and has promised future guarantees to the amount of $1,103,520, making a sum total of $3,947,894. In view of the five millions which it will be necessary to raise for the purposes above mentioned by the sale of State Bonds, the Governor recommends that some legislation be adopted to obviate the many unnecessary formalities and technicalities which now impede the sale of the bonds of the State, and obstruct their ready circulation in the money market.

The contract for building the Attica and Hornelsville Railroad has been taken by Rockafellow & Co. who have taken $300,000 of the stock. They promise to complete the road by the first of May, 1852.

The citizens of Petersburgh have, individually, subscribed very liberally to the Petersburgh and South Side Railroad, and the aggregate of subscriptions amount to $150,000. The city, also, has taken, in its corporate capacity, $100,000, and is only waiting for authority from the Legislature to subscribe an additional sum of $200,000—thus making the joint contribution of the city and its citizens upwards of $450,000.

The corps of Engineers sent out by the New York and Erie Railroad Company, to make a preliminary survey of a road from Little Valley, New-York, to Erie, Pa. by way of Jamestown, have completed their labors, and Mr. Camp, who superintended the survey this side of the New-York line, states that the route is entirely feasible. They reach the summit 18 miles from Erie, with a grade of 40 feet to the mile. From there to the intersection of the New-York and Erie Railroad the route is entirely level. On the whole, it is one of the cheapest routes in the country, as already surveyed. Further examinations, however, are about to be made in order to ascertain if the summit cannot be reached with a less grade than 40 feet, as also to see if the streams this side of that point cannot be crossed at a less elevation, and thus reduce the expense of construction. It is believed that this can be done.

The Bank of Baltimore has declared a dividend of 3 per cent. for the last half year. The Patapsco Bank, one of 3½ per cent. The Baltimore Gas Light Company one of 4 per cent. The American Mutual Insurance Company a final one of $40 per share: the Company being wound up.

The semi-annual dividend of the State Bank of Indiana was paid on the 15th November. Its surplus funds are stated at $717,584 24, which exceeds the whole amount of the suspended debt, and the estimated value of the Banking houses and other real estate held by the institution—More than ⅔ths of its capital is stated to be held in specie.

The Rochester Democrat states that a letter has been received in that city from one of the members of the Canal Board, stating that the canals will remain open until closed by cold weather.—And that several of the millers in that city intend shipping flour as long as the weather remains favorable.

At Boston Money is easy. The demand is light on paper, but in stock colaterals transactions are made to considerable extent at from 7@9 ₱ ct.

The Michigan Central Railroad has transacted a very profitable business for the last six months, as will be seen in the following statement:

Earnings of the Road in June, 1850	$ 70,313 66
" " July, "	56,365 03
" " August "	78,195 44
" " Sept'r "	117,008 00
" " October,"	165,372 00
" " Nov'r " (estimated)	100,000 00
Total	$587,274 03
Earnings in same period in 1849	447,369 83
Increase in six months	$139,904 19
Earnings from June 1 to Dec. 1 as above	587,274 03
Deduct expenses, estimated at 55 ₱ ct.	265,005
Deduct interest, estimated	129,800
	$33,135 00
Net earnings for the six months applicable to dividends on the stock	$252,439 03
Deduct loss by late fire	40,000 00
Remaining for dividends	$212,439 03
Eight ₱ ct. on the capital stock of $2,500,000 is	200,000 00
Excess	$7,500 03

It thus appears that the road has actually earned in the above six months nearly *ten per cent. net* on the stock, and after deducting the total amount of loss by fire, about *eight and one third per cent.* The earnings of November are estimated from the receipts of the first eleven days, which were $14,000, showing that the ratio of increase for remainder of the month will be the same. The expenses are estimated at 55 per cent on the gross receipts, which is a fraction less than the per centage during the same period in 1849. The interest is calculated on the Bonds in existence previous to June 1, 1850, adding 6 months' interest at eight per cent. on the last issue of $1,000,000. A fair estimate for the remainder of the year, ending June 1, 1851, will give from 2@3 per cent. additional to the net earnings, making in all, from 10@11 per cent. for the year, after deducting as aforesaid, the loss of $40,000.

During the next session of the New-Jersey Legislature the following applications will be made: For a Bank at Paterson, with a capital of $200,000, and privileges of increasing to $300,000; for a Bank at Salem with a capital of $100,000; for a Company with a capital of $200,000, to construct a Plank Road from Schooley's Mountain to Elizabethtown or Newark. The available funds in the State Treasury of New-Jersey, on the 1st January next, the *Trenton True American* says, will amount to about $120,000, including cash on hand, transit duties from different corporations, stocks and dividends on stock, bond and mortgages and interest. From this is to be deducted a loan of $37,000, salaries and other charges, say $34,000—making $71,000, which, being deducted from the first amount leaves $49,000 available funds on hand at that date. This estimate may be varied by that time, but the surplus will no doubt be between 40 and $50,000.

The *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser* says:

We have seen a letter from one of the Directors of the Buffalo and Cohocton Valley Railroad to a gentleman in this city, dated LeRoy, Nov. 23. The writer states the substance of what has been done, at the meeting of the Directors at Lakeville, was to designate one among the three routes surveyed between the Genesee River and Blood's Corners, at the head of the Cohocton Valley. It was agreed to adopt the middle, commonly called the Conesus route, and to give the people on that line ten days to obtain the amount of stock that would fall to them to raise—viz: $310,000. The meeting then adjourned to meet again as soon as the President should be notified that the stock was obtained. On the 22d notice was dispatched that the whole amount required had been secured, and a meeting of the Directors is soon to be called. Upwards of $900,000 of stock to the road have been subscribed along the line, and there appears to be a determination to push it through, and that speedily.

In the meantime the Hornellsville road is going ahead. There is to be a meeting of the Contractors in this city in a day or two, to sub let the balance of the work.

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, the dignitaries of Wisconsin made a pleasure excursion over about five miles of the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad. The few miles finished form the first Railroad in Wisconsin. The road is laid with rail sixty pounds to the yard. The excursion train went over it at the rate of thirty miles an hour. Among the pleasing incidents of the trip, was the presence of Solomon Juneau, the oldest, and at one time the only white settler in Milwaukee, who had never before seen a Railroad. The change to him was marvelous, for he well remembers when the Indian's hut held the place of the massive buildings and 21,000 inhabitants which now cover the site of Milwaukee.

Markets....CAREFULLY REPORTED FOR THE TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, Dec. 5.

ASHES—The market is firm with a fair demand for Pearls at $5 81. Pots are less active at $6; the sales are 120 bbls.

COTTON.—The market is steady for this staple. Private letters from Liverpool make no mention of any advance. Holders are more willing sellers: sales of 1,500 bales at previous prices.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The demand is principally speculative for State Flour; the inquiry for the trade and the East is limited, restricted in part by the storm. There is less firmness in the low grades, without any positive decline. Canadian is in fair demand at the advance; the sales reach 4,500 bbls at 4 62½@4 75 for common to good brands. The sales of Domestic are 8,500 bbls at 4 68¾ for common and strait State; 4 75@4 94 for mixed to fancy Michigan and Indiana, and $5@5 06 for pure Genesee.—The better grades are firm but quiet. Southern is more active, there is a demand for export, and the market is 6¼@12½ better; the sales are 2,100 bbls at $5@5 12½ for mixed and strait brands, closing at about 5 12½. Rye Flour is more active; sales of 400 bbls at $3 12½@3 50. Corn Meal is quiet at 3 06@3 12½ for Jersey.

Export of Breadstuffs to Great Britain and Ireland since 1st Sept. 1850.

From	To	bbls Flour	do. C. Meal	bus. Wheat	bus. Corn.
New-York	Dec 3, '50	411,931	....	401,489	73,525
N. Orleans	Nov. 29 "	12,488	....	....	....
Philadelphia	" 28 "	25,969	1,880	105,577	51,868
Baltimore	" 29 "	19,664	....	26,451	....
Boston	" 30 "	1,201	....	....	....
Otherports	" 22 "	....	....	....	....
Total		471,379	1,880	533,517	125,113
About same time last year		118,604	1,410	212,504	544,871

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GRAIN.—The market is rather easier for Domestic Wheat, with sales of 6,000 bush Genessee at 1 15@1 18, the latter price for prime, and 12,000 bush Canadian at 1 05@1 06½, the latter price for choice. Rye is lower, with sales of 7,000 bush at 75@75, closing at the inside price. Barley is heavy and lower; prices are nominal at 85@88c. Oats are firm, sales of Canal and Canadian at 46@47c, and Jersey at 42@43c. Corn is better; old is scarce, with a fair demand for the East and for export; the sales are 17,000 bush at 63c for new Northern, 67½@68½ for old Western and Southern mixed and Yellow, and 68½@70 for old Jersey and Northern Yellow.

PROVISIONS.—The market is better for Mess Pork and buoyant for Prime, there is still a speculative demand and Prime is firm; the sales are 500 bbls at 11 62½@11 75 for Mess and 11 12½ for thin Mess; 8 75 for Prime, and 8 25 for Rumps. Beef is unchanged, 150 bbls sold at 8 50@8 75 for Country Mess, and 4 75@5 for Country Prime. Beef Hams are firm; sales of 150 bbls at $14 ₱ 220 lbs. Lard is rather better: sales of 500 bbls and tierces at 7½@8c, the latter extra. Butter and Cheese are firm and saleable.

WHISKY.—The market is firm, with a better demand; sales of 200 bbls Ohio and Prison at 25@25½c, cash, and 50 hhds Drudge at 23c, time and interest.

LEAD.—A sale of 3,000 pigs Soft American was made at 4 67½, cash.

OILS.—The market is rather firmer under the advices from England. Sales 8,000 gals English on private terms. Whale is quiet.

NAVAL STORES.—There is but a moderate business doing, and the market is firm. Sales 500 bbls Wilmington Resin at 1 43½, delivered. Spirits are firmer, and 500 bbls sold at 34@35c, cash; 36@36½, time.

WOOL.—A buoyant market, with a good inquiry, some 20,000 lbs. Domestic Fleece changed hands at 35@45c, cash. Foreign, with a light stock, is salable.

SPICES.—A dull market, we note a sale of 1,200 lbs. No. 1 Nutmegs at 1 12½, 6 mos. Pimento is steady, sales of 50 bags at 15c, cash.

Per Arctic.] LIVERPOOL, Nov. 20, 1850.

The principal change to notice in the Provision market, since our report by the Europa, is a reaction in Lard, for which there are at present no buyers, and to make sales is 4ᵖ cwt reduction would be taken. Speculators are anxious to realize the present prices, and the retailers being out of the market, if sales are forced prices must go lower. The stock is now very low, and there are no fresh arrivals of any amount. New Irish Lard will be soon in market, which displaces the demand for refined. In Bacon, Beef, or Pork there is no change to notice. Shoulders move more freely, at full prices. Hams are lower and sell slowly. Grease Butter is in demand to hold over, at 24 and 25s ₱ cwt. Cheese is dull, and prices 2s ₱ cwt. lower.

Yesterday's Corn Market shows considerable improvement in tone from that day week, and prices were firm, with a considerable advance on some articles. Flour continues to move freely the best qualities of the lower grades being from 18s to 18s 9d. For Southern there is but little inquiry, but prices are firm at last quotations. Sour and partials continue to be sought for. Wheat is firm and prices a shade higher, but the buyers do not operate largely at the advance. There was a fair demand for Indian Corn yesterday, and prices advanced 1s to 1s 6d per qr. The best White offering realized 31s per qr; round Jersey Yellow is also held at 31s; 30s 9d being refused for it. Flat very saleable at 30s 6d; mixed, 29s 3d to 29s