FOR RENT.

RESIDENCE FOR RENT—

On Seventeenth street, near new Church. Seven rooms; bath room, with hot and cold water. Apply to

ja11 GREER & LAING.

FARM FOR RENT,

Five miles east of the city, within ½ mile of the National road, containing about 160 acres. Could be divided in three tracts—85, 50 and 25. Would rent separate or together. Much of the land is suitable for gardening purposes.

ja10 ISAAC IRWIN, Agent.

FOR RENT—

STORE-ROOM & DWELLING.

I offer for rent the good Business Stand now occupied by J. L. S. Hall as a Drug Store, on Market street, No. ——, immediately below my place of business, corner 11th and Market. Possession given January 1st, 1876. For particulars enquire of

de22 A. C. EGERTER.

FOR RENT—

One of the two magnificent Store Rooms now occupied by John Roemer. Enquire of JOHN ROEMER, Nos. 2019 and 2021 Main Street, Centre Wheeling. de6

FOR SALE OR RENT—NO. 65 EIGHTEENTH Street, two story and a half Brick House, nine rooms, used as dwelling and grocery; gas and water in house. For sale on easy terms or rent. Also 3 Lots where the old Foundry on the Island stood. Apply to A. M. ADAMS,

de10 1227 Market St.

FOR RENT—THE DESIRABLE STORE-ROOM and Dwelling House, No. 1058 Main street, now occupied by M. Emshelmer as a Dry Goods Store and residence. Possession given on 1st of April. For terms call at P. KENNEDY'S, No. 1033 Main street. de6

WAREHOUSE AND OFFICE FOR RENT. Will be rented low until 1st of April next. Warehouse, No. 13 Fourteenth street (old Quincy), formerly occupied by Sweeney, McCluney & Co.

no27 EXCELSIOR GLASS CO.

FOR SALE.

MARKET STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE.

I will offer at private sale until February 5th, Lot No. 130, and one-third of Lot No. 131, in Chapline & Eoff's addition to the city of Wheeling, situate on the east side of Market street, opposite Fifth Ward Market House. If not sold before the above date, it will be offered at public sale at the front door of the Court House on said day at 10 o'clock A. M. For particulars and terms enquire of

ja13 J. C. HERVEY, Auctioneer.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

Valuable Vineyard Property.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust made by Frederick Rogers and Montague Rogers, to the undersigned Trustee, dated the 1st day of March, 1867, and duly recorded among the land records of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 42, page 1, I will on

WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of February, 1876,

At the front door of the Court House of Ohio county, West Virginia, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., proceed to sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, that is to say:

"A part of the farm sometimes called the Frazier Farm, situated on Caldwell's Run, in Ohio county, West Virginia, and which parcel of land is bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone or oak stump at or very near the Huss and Helstimer corner, on the east line of said Frazier farm; thence due north thirty-two poles to a stone or stake; thence south eighty degrees west 62 poles to a stake; thence south thirty-two poles to a stake or stone; thence north 80 degrees east 62 poles to the beginning, containing twelve acres and a half, more or less, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Being the same property that was conveyed to the said F. Rogers and M. Rogers by R. Frazier and wife, by a deed dated the 1st day of December, 1866."

TERMS ON SALE—One-third cash, the balance in two equal instalments at six and twelve months, with interest from day of sale, with security to be approved by the Trustee.

HANNIBAL FORBES, Trustee.

WHEELING, W. VA., Jan. 11, 1876. ja11

FOR SALE—

A BRICK HOUSE.

Containing ten rooms and finished attic, hot and cold water up and down stairs, with gas throughout; lot 33 by 152 feet, running back to alley, with good stable on the rear, situate at 1043 Chapline street, handy to Market Square. This property, if not sold at private sale before January 24th, will be offered at Public Auction on that day at 10 o'clock A. M. at front door of Court House.

Terms easy

A. C. EGERTER.

W. H. HALLER, Auctioneer. ja8

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust made by William Dillon and wife, to the undersigned Trustee, dated the 10th day of January, 1875, and duly recorded among the land records of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Deed B ok No. 8, page 248, I will on

MONDAY, the 7th day of February, 1876,

At the front door of the Court House of Ohio county, West Virginia, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., proceed to sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, that is to say:

"The east half of lot numbered fifty-four (54), situate on the south side of Fifteenth street (formerly Centre street), in Graham's addition to the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, being the same property upon which the said William Dillon has resided for a number of years, with all the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging."

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash, the balance in two equal instalments at six and twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, with security to be approved by the Trustee.

ja1 HANNIBAL FORBES, Trustee.

PUBLIC SALE—

I will sell on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of December, 1875, in front of the Court House of Ohio county, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following property, situated on the west side of Huron street, between Goodrich and Zane: Houses Nos. 9 and 11, one containing three rooms and kitchen, and one of eight rooms and kitchen. Good pump and good cisterns and hydrants, and fruit on the lot, with all the necessary outbuildings. First lot 32x125, and second lot 24x125.

The above will be sold separate or in the whole, to suit purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash on day of sale, or more to suit purchaser, balance in two equal payments of six and twelve months, with interest, secured by deed of trust on the property for the back payments.

J. C. HERVEY,

Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent,

1406 Market St., Agent for Mrs. Walker Hunter.

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The above sale is adjourned until Saturday, February 12, 1876, at 10 o'clock, when the sale will positively take place, if not sold at private sale before that time. dec30

FOR SALE.

I wil sell the property of Mr. E. L. Pratt, in two pieces or the whole, to suit purchasers, situated on South Broadway street, Wheeling Island, west side, below S. P. Hildreth. Size of lot 60x120, with the house built on the north half the lot; house containg six rooms and kitchen and all necessary outbuildings, with gas pipes throughout the house, just new and complete. Terms easy. For particulars inquire of JAS. C. HERVEY,

Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent,

No. 1046 Market street,

dec29 Wheeling, W. Va.

FOR SALE—

One Frame House, with five rooms, No. 1514 Wood street. One Brick of four rooms, No. 1500, on corner of Wood and Fifteenth streets. Enquire of

WM. J. NESBITT,

de16 1510 Wood St.

TRUSTEE'S SALE—

—OF—

Valuable Chapline St. Property

By virtue of a Deed of Trust made by Franklin Winship and wife, to the undersigned Trustee, dated the second day of December, 1867, and duly recorded among the land records of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 52, page 270, I will on

MONDAY, the 17th day of January, 1876,

At the front door of the Court House of Ohio county West Virginia, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., proceed to sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, that is to say: "The south two-thirds of lot numbered one hundred and ninety-four (194) on the east side of Chapline street, in the Fifth Ward of the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, being the same property which was conveyed to the said Franklin Winship by Matthew H. Reed and Elizabeth his wife, of Belmont county, Ohio, by a deed dated the first day of January, 1867, and of record in the Recorder's office of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 51, page 159, with all the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging."

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash, the balance in two equal instalments at six and twelve months, with interest from day of sale, with security to be approved by the Trustee.

de13 HANNIBAL FORBES, Trustee.

MARTIN'S FERRY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

A number of choice lots, on high ground, in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, eligibly situated for residences and within easy walk of the Ferry and Bridgeport, are offered for sale on easy terms.

no27 EXCELSIOR GLASS CO.

FOR SALE—

Three hundred acres valuable Coal Land, with river front, lying south and adjoining the Benwood Iron Works property. Also, 80 acres surface, running from the river to the top of the hill, and known as the David B. McMechen tract. There is on this property one brick and two frame dwelling houses, with outbuildings. For particulars and terms apply to ALDERSON & PAULL,

oct30 Real Estate Agents.

SHOES and HATS

—AT—

Reduced Prices

Men's Fine Boots from $3 50 to $5 00.
Men's Heavy Boots from $3 00 to $2 50.
Boys' heavy Boots from $2 25 to $1 75.
Youths' Heavy Boots from $2 00 to $1 50.
Child's Heavy Boots from $1 40 to $1 00.
Ladies' Fine Morrocco Button from $3 00 to $2 50.
Ladies' Fine Pebble Lace from $2 25 to $1 90.
Ladies' Fine Kid Fox Lace from $2 00 to $1 75.
Ladies' Beaver Foxed warm Lace from $2 25 to $2.

WE DEFY COMPETITION IN QUALITY AND PRICE.

HATS and CAPS

75c to $1 50, worth $2 00 to $3 50.

J. T. STONE,

Cor. Tenth and Main Sts.,

de22 OPPOSITE GRANT HOUSE.

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Steam Dyeing & Scouring Establishment.

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Ladies' and Gentlemen's wearing apparel cleaned or dyed on short notice. de30

RAILROAD TICKETS bought, sold and exchanged to all points East and West, at

H. FRANK'S CLOTHING HALL,

46 Twelfth street. Highest prices paid.

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Artificial Teeth,

Of the first quality, will find it to their Interest to call on

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Nitrous Oxide Gas administered.

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Learn the Enormous Bargains

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CLOSING OUT SALE!

We will offer from this day on until further notice our entire stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Cloaks, Shawls, Furs, Ready-made Goods, and Woolen Goods generally, at such prices that must excite the curiosity of all. Owing to contemplated improvements in our store room, we feel compelled to dispose of stock at once. We therefore urge the attendance of the ladies of this city and vicinity in particular, and the trade in general, to participate at the opening of our Closing-Out Sale. The goods will be sold regardless of value, in order to facilitate the remodeling of our store room. Our entire stock is fresh and select, and will be offered at such prices as will conform with the present exigencies of the times. Ladies, do not miss this opportunity; you will buy fashionable goods at your own prices at this sale. When you are out shopping, call and inspect our many bargains. It will cost you nothing to learn how cheap goods can be sold.

Remember, this is our Annual Closing-Out Sale, where goods are offered at slaughtering prices.

I. BLUM & BRO.

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The Intelligencer.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14, 1876.

New Advertisements.

For Cincinnati—Steamer Hudson.
Election—Island Building Association.
For Rent—Store Room, Dwelling and Hall.
Notice—Woman's Temperance Union.
Thompson & Hibberd—Plumbers.
Clocks—Oxtoby & Duffield.
For Sale or Rent—Dwelling.
Prices to Suit Times—Louis Dechert.
Stair Rods and Fastenings—G. Mendel, Booth & Co.

THERMOMETER RECORD.—The following shows the range of the thermometer, as observed at Silvey's drug store, corner opposite the Post Office, yesterday:

8 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	7 P. M.
21	25	25	24

THE ulster man is all over town these days.

THE "hog cholera" prevails up in Pennsylvania.

THE County Court yesterday adjourned to court in course.

THE ice trade is looking up, and a full crop is anticipated.

GEN. WALLACE, of the city lockup, has a crowded house nightly.

As the days grow longer the cold grows stronger, saith the proverb.

THE farmers think the fruit crop will be killed by the severe frost.

THE Board of Directors of the Hospital for the Insane meet again to-day.

THE streets are much cleaner now than they have been for some time past.

RURAL residents are braced up by the exhilarating atmosphere of these mornings.

BUSINESS in pork packing circles will be exceedingly brisk as long as the cold spell continues.

IT was cold and wintry yesterday. No extra charge for this information. It is included in the five cents.

THE hearing of the Carson-Anderson case in the Circuit Court fills the court room with spectators daily.

WORK was resumed yesterday in the forge department of the Belmont Mill. The sheet rolls will begin work to day.

DESPITE the talk about the great scarcity of money, the collectors are meeting with fair success on their semi-annual rounds.

MR. MCCLELLAND, of the Barnesville *Enterprise*, has not sold his interest in that paper, as stated in the Bellaire *Independent* of yesterday.

THE members of the Waverly Literary Society are thinking of presenting Hamlet at the Opera House in February. Who'll be the melancholy Dane?

THE Steubenville Philharmonic Society will excurt to Wheeling on the steamer Abner O'Neal this afternoon, and concertize in the Opera House to-night.

LATE.—The early train on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad was delayed at Bellaire yesterday morning, and was a half hour behind time at Bridgeport.

CUT HIS HEAD.—A man who was walking along 10th street, near Silvey's drug store, yesterday afternoon, slipped upon the pavement and fell down and cut his head badly. We were unable to learn his name.

BULOW COMING.—Mr. C. Y. Lucas has received a letter from Dr. Hans Von Bulow, the eminent pianist, asking for dates at the Opera House. Dr. Bulow will appear in the Opera House about the first of March.

LICENSE SUSPENDED.—Local Inspectors Young and Wilson have suspended for thirty days the license of Wm. Baker, pilot, who was on duty at the wheel of the steamer Diamond when she collided with the Coal City.

THE COURTS.—CIRCUIT COURT—*Judge Melvin.*—The Circuit Court convened yesterday as usual, and resumed the consideration of the case of Cranmer and Carson vs. Anderson. The entire day was taken up in the examination of witnesses, and the trial had not been concluded at the hour of adjournment.

Court adjourned to meet again this morning at 10 o'clock.

COUNTY COURT—*Judge Cochran.*

The County Court met at 2 o'clock P. M. yesterday, and proceeded to wind up the business of the term.

In the case of Holden Johnson vs. J. L. Bumberger and N. Reister, the judgment of the court on the demurrer to the evidence was that unless the plaintiff remits $20 the judgment will be for defendants, otherwise judgment for plaintiff for $10 50.

In the case of S. W. Boyd vs. F. Rogers *et al.*, the decree entered at a former day was set aside, and the cause removed to rules with leave to plaintiff to file amended bill.

In the case of M. & J. W. Sweeney vs. J. H. McLain, a final order was entered and bill of exceptions taken.

Adjourned to court in course.

POLICE COURT—*Judge Cranmer.*

There were three cases before His Honor yesterday morning, viz:

Charles Martin and Ephraim Jones (colored) were charged with disorderly conduct. The former was fined $5 and costs, and the latter was sent to the city prison for twenty days.

The famous Jeff. Davis, a colored youth well known in police circles, was sent to the stone quarry for twenty days for disorderly conduct.

CITY PERSONALS.—J. W. Woffindin, Esq., of the Weston *Democrat*, arrived in the city yesterday morning to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hospital for the Insane, of which he is a member. Mr. Woffindin is stopping at the St. James

Among the arrivals at the St. James are Judge Edwards, of Lewis county; Dr. T. B. Camden, of the Hospital for the Insane at Weston; and W. G. Bennett, Esq., a member of the Board of Directors of the Hospital for the Insane.

Senator C. M. Bishop, of Preston county, is stopping at the Grant House; also Hon. Campbell Tarr, of Wellsburg.

Senators C. F. Scott, of Ritchie; W. C. Clayton, of Mineral; U. N. Arnett, of Marion; J. M. Bennett, of Lewis; Gideon D. Camden, of Harrison; I. E. McDonald, of Wyoming; M. S. Grantham, of Berkeley; R. L. Berkshire, of Morgantown, are guests at the McLure.

Col. Dan. Johnson, President of the State Senate, contributes a sample of Tyler county tobacco to the Centennial Exposition.

Rev. J. G. Armstrong, of this city, will preach in the Bellaire Episcopal Church this evening.

Judge Chambers, of Belmont county, is stopping at the Grant.

Capt. W. H. Mattingly, ex-Sheriff of Wood county, is in the city. The Captain is quartered at the McLure.

Mr. Brown, advance agent of Miss Maggie Mitchell, is at the St. James.

Delegate Campbell, of Hancock county, is in town.

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.—The Board of Directors of the Hospital for the Insane at Weston met at the office of Dr. M. F. Hullihen, corner 14th and Market streets, last evening. The following members were present: Judge Edwards, W. G. Bennett, J. W. Woffindin, of Lewis county; A. C. Monroe, of Hampshire; Dr. Shaw, of Mason; I. J. McGinnis, of Cabell; Dr. M. F. Hullihen, of Wheeling.

Judge Edwards presided, and Mr. Woffindin acted as Secretary.

The Legislature having appropriated the sum of $3,000 for insuring the Hospital for the Insane for five years, some seven or eight bids were received from insurance companies for the same. The bids were all from Wheeling and Parkersburg companies. An examination of the bids proved that the amount appropriated by the Legislature will insure the building to the extent of $100,000, if not more.

The several bids were referred to a committee, who were instructed to examine the status of the companies bidding, and secure other information concerning them, and report to the Board of Directors.

The plan for the proposed new engine house and department for the colored insane was submitted to the Board for approval. A committee was appointed to examine the plans and report to the Board to-day.

Without transacting any other business, the Board adjourned to meet again to-day.

THE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.—To-night the Steubenville Philharmonic Society, accompanied by Messrs. W. H. McDonald and S. S. Colville, two singers of considerable prominence, will give a concert in the Hamilton Opera House. Mr. McDonald has been lately engaged by Manager Strakosch to sing in Italian Opera with Titiens, and Mr. Colville is a member of the well known Gounod Club, of Pittsburgh. The Society is composed of about thirty members, among whom are some excellent musicians. An excursion party of nearly two hundred citizens of Steubenville will accompany the Society. Our citizens should turn out in full force, and give the Steubenvillians a crowded house before which to make their debut. Secure your seats to-day without delay. There are still many good seats to be obtained, without extra charge.

CARICATURES of the city editors of the Wheeling papers were exhibited in an "art gallery" at the Thomson M. E. Church festival on the Island last night. We understand that for lack of room in the gallery only Johnson's bust was on exhibition last night, and after the cakes and things have been auctioneered off and the tables removed to-night the artist will undertake a life-size sketch of one of Charley's famous feet. Our gallant friend Taney (in oil) gazed down upon the bevy of beauty surrounding him and plaintively pleaded to be unhung, so that he could have the pleasure of a promenade. There was no doubt a knot of fair ones surrounding Brace's portrait the entire evening, gazing admiringly upon the elegant cut of his mutton-chop whiskers. *O tempora! O mores!*

THOMSON FESTIVAL.—The festival of the Thomson M. E. Church in the new building on the corner of Broadway and Virginia streets, last night, was an occasion of more than passing interest to the Island people. The rooms were thronged during the entire evening. Among the attractions were a postoffice, an art gallery (in which were exhibited the portraits of the local editors of Wheeling and several other distinguished philanthropists and public spirited persons), and the usual bevy of beauty engaged in enticing rag money out of visitors' pockets. The festival will be repeated to-night.

LEAP YEAR PARTY AT ST. CLAIRSVILLE.—The St. Clairsville girls are the first to open the centennial year with a genuine leap year party, and are fairly entitled to be ranked as maids of '76. On Wednesday evening they astonished their male friends with a brilliant ball in the St. Clairsville school hall. The ladies engaged hacks and carriages, and escorted their friends of the sterner sex to the terpsichorean hall in fine style. Several of our Wheeling gents were honored with bids, and were taken to St. Clairsville by their fair friends.

WESTWARD the star of empire takes its way. There is a greater demand for dwelling houses on the Island this year than ever before. Many persons residing on the east side of the river will remove to the Island in the spring.

THERE was a large party of the elite of the city at the residence of J. W. Paxton, Esq., on Chapline street, last evening.

HARD TIMES.

The Good Old Ante-Bellum Days as Compared with the Present Hard Times.

Cost of Living and Salaries Paid Then and Now.

Now that everybody is crying "hard times," and complaining of the scarcity of money and the high price of the necessaries of life, a brief review of the markets, in connection with the wages paid before and after the rebellion, may be found interesting. In the palmy days "befo' the wah," when every man jingled hard money in his pocket, the country was reaping the benefits of bountiful harvests, peace, plenty and prosperity. But how marked the change. The entire nation was suddenly called to arms; offices, stores, workshops and fields were deserted for the pomp and pageantry and circumstance of glorious war. We all remember the steady advance of rents, of clothing, of provisions, of the little luxuries we had been in the habit of enjoying at a trifling cost. At the close of the war prices were at their highest, and maintained a uniform rate until about 1870, since which time a gradual shrinkage is perceptible. With the advance in the cost of living wages also rose, no doubt more especially for the reason that during the war workmen were hard to get at any price. Wages, also, have been reduced within the past five years from war rates, and considerably lower, too, than the corresponding decline in the cost of living. But that all our readers may see and judge for themselves we append below a table containing the wages paid workingmen in 1860, just before the rebellion, in 1870, five years after the cruel war was over, and at the present time. It is impossible to give one quotation, as a general rule, that will cover exactly either wages or prices of living, and therefore we generally give two.

THE TRADES.

	1860	1870	1876
Blacksmith per week	$ 9 00	$16a18 00	$ 15 03
Saddler, per week	8a10 00	10a14 00	10a14 00
Bookbinder, per week	10 00	20a25 00	12a18 00
Printer, per 1,000 ems	25	40	30a35c
Cigar maker, per 100 singles	10	25	20
Photographers, per week	$12a15 00	25a30 00	25a30 00
Confectioner, per week	10a15 00	15a18 00	15a18 00
Bricklayer, per day	2 50	4 75a5 00	4 00a4 50
Stone-mason, per day	2 00	3 00a3 25	3 00
Plasterer, per day	1 75	3 00a3 50	2 50
Carpenter, "	1 25a1 50	2 50a3 00	1 75a2 00
Painter, "	1 75	3 00	2 50
Plumber, "	1 50	3 00a3 50	3 00a3 50
Machinist, "	1 50	2 25a2 5	2 00a2 25
Clerk, per month	$25a50 00	25a75 00	40a60 00
Book-keeper "	30a50 00	60a75 00	40a75 00

STEAMBOATMEN.

Captain, per mo.	$100	$125	$ 25a150
Clerk, "	75	100	100a 50
Mate, "	$50a60	75a100	50a60
Pilot, "	60	90	80
Engineer, "	75a80	100	75a80
Fireman, "	33	30a35	30a35
Steward, "	50	60	50
Deckhand, "	18a20	25a30	20

RAILROAD MEN

	1860	1870	1876
Conductor (freight) per day	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00
" passenger per month	91 70	91 70	91 70
Brakemen " "	40 00	40 00	40 00
" freight per day	2 25	2 25	2 25
Fireman " "	2 25	2 25	2 25
" passenger "	2 00	2 00	2 00
Engineer " "	3 75	3 75	4 00

THE MILLS.

Boiler, per ton	4 25	8 50	5 00
Helper, per week	8 00	15 00	10 50
Nailer, per day (average)	4.25a5	7 00	6 50
Feeder, per day	1 50	3 00	2 00
Engineer, per week	9 00	15 00	14 00
Laborer, per week	4 50	10 00	7 50

THE GLASS HOUSES.

	1860	1865	1876
Finisher, per move	1 12	2 00	1 80
Pre ser, per move	1 12	2 00	1 80
Gatherer, per move	25	50	1 00
Teazer, per week	7 00	14 00	13 00
Stourmen, per week	7 00	14 00	11 00
Mould Makers, per week	12 00	16 50	17 00
Packers, per week	6 00	9 00	9 00
Selecters, per week	5 00	9 00	10 00
Teamsters, per week	6 00	11 00	11 00
Day Laborers, per week	4 50	9 00	8 00
Claymen, per week	5 00	10 00	8 00
Putmaker, per week	9 00	11 00	11 00
Mixers, per week	6 00	10 00	9 00

Coal Digging—1860, $1 75 per 140 bus. delivered at furnace; 1865, $1 50 per 140 bus. in rooms; 1876, $2 00 per 100 bus. in rooms.

It will be observed that the salaries of the railroad men are now the same, or nearly so, as in 1860. This may not be entirely correct, as the figures for the year 1860 were given from memory alone, there being no data in the city by which to obtain the necessary information. The wages paid at glass houses, quoted above, were obtained from the books of Messrs. Hobbs & Barnes, who were proprietors of the South Wheeling Glass Works in 1860, and the present firm, J. H. Hobbs, Brockunier & Co. We take the salaries paid on Wheeling and Parkersburg and Wheeling and Cincinnati packets for our steamboat quotations. The wages of the mill men, mechanics, clerks, etc., were uniform in the city so far as our observation extends.

Having shown the earnings of the workingmen, we now propose to show the cost of living in the years mentioned. Only articles in ordinary use, going to make up the necessaries of a family, are quoted. These articles are in common use by the families of the capitalist and the workingman, and will be equally interesting to both:

PROVISIONS.

	1860.	1870.	1876.
Wheat Flour, per lb	3½a 3¾	3½a 4	3 a 4½
Buckwheat Ft'r, "	3 a 3½	3 a 4	4 a 5
Potatoes, per bush	80 a50	50 a80	1 25a50
Corn Meal "	80 a50	1 00	80
Bacon, per lb	8 a12½	18 a25	11 a18
Lard, "	12½a15	18 a20	16 a18
Brown & White Sugar, per lb	10 a12½	14 a18	10 a12½
Rice, " "	7	10	8 a10
Tea—Black & Green, per lb	50 a75	1 00a2 00	50 a1 00
Coffee—Green, per lb	15 a18	22 a25	23 a25
Cheese, "	10 a12½	18 a22	15 a20
N. O. Molasses, gal	50 a75	1 00	75
Soap, per lb	8 a12½	10 a12½	8 a10
Butter, "	12½	20 a25	30 a35
Eggs, per doz	6 a 8	20 a25	25
Chickens, each	10	25 a30	30 a35
Beef, per lb	8 a10	15 a18	12½a15

DRY GOODS.

Bleached Muslin	6¼a12½	10 a20	6¼a15
Unbleached "	6¼a10	10 a15	6 a12½
Prints	6¼a12½	8 a15	6 a10
Jeans	25 a50	50 a75	25 a50
Barred shirt flannels	25 a50	50 a75	25 a50
Red " "	25 a50	50 a75	25 a50
Ticking	10 a30	15 a75	12½a50
Common delaines	12½a25	15 a50	12½a25
Wool cassimeres	75 a1 50	75 a2 50	75 a2 00

MEN'S CLOTHING.

Fine dress suit	30 00	50a75 00	45a60 00
Fine cassimere suit	18a20 00	40a50 00	25a45 00
Cons. " "	15 00	30 00	25 00

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Men's fine boots	8a6 00	7 00	6a7 00
Men's com. boots	3a3 50	5 00	4 00
Ladies' shoes	1 50a2 00	3 75	3 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Clean coal, per bush.	5	10	9
Nut " "	3	5	7
Stories, per 1,000	1 50a2 50	11 00	10 00
Rent, 5 to 6 rooms, per year	60 &a75	185a225	180a225

With the exception of dry goods, which are as low and in some instances lower now than in 1860, there is still a wide difference in prices. For instance prints which sold in 1860 at 6¼a12½c per yard now sell at 6a10c per yard, and "Wheeling stogies," which could be purchased in '60 for $1 50 per 1,000, can not now be bought for less than $10 per 1,000. However, Uncle Sam considered the latter article a luxury when so much money was needed for the public service, and taxed it accordingly, very wisely, we think, discriminating as much as possible in favor of the real necessities of life. The tax upon chewing tobacco has been correspondingly heavy, and those who indulge in the weed now pay nearly five times as much for the luxury as they did in 1860.

There has been quite an important decline in the price of men's clothing within the past five years. As shown by our figures, a common cassimere business suit, such as is worn on the street every day, can now be had made to order, in the latest fashionable style, for $25, against $30 in 1870 and $15 in 1860. The difference in the cost of finer clothing is still greater; a fine dress suit of the best quality in 1860 cost but $30, in 1870 as high as $75, and now from $45 to $60. As it may be interesting to some of the youngsters of the present day to known just what their fathers paid for clothing in 1860, we will quote a few articles: frock coat (fine), $15; fine dress pants, $10; fine vest, $3; sack coat (cassimere), $12; cassimere pants, $5; cheap pants, $3 50; common cassimere business suit, $15.

Boots and shoes are made much finer now than in '60, and their manufacture is much more expensive. In those halcyon days the box-toed boot had not yet made its appearance, and the ladies wore very plain low-heeled shoes. There was no machine work then, all the sewing being done by hand. There was not such a wide range in prices, either, the practical people preferring an article of durability and simplicity to one of style and finish. The dealers generally keep on hand a few pairs of the old-time low-heeled shoes, which are sometimes inquired after by elderly ladies who choose to keep their feet comfortable, despite the dictates of Dame Fashion. Considering the difference in the style of shoes worn then and now, and the improved facilities for the manufacture of all classes of goods, our quotations will hardly show the changes in the price during the past fifteen years. Common "stogie" boots can even now be bought in this city as low as $2 50, but the average price is $4 00. Such boots, made by hand, were worth $3 50 in 1860. We quote this merely to show the impossibility of giving any figures by which the difference in the price of the same class of goods can be shown.

Of course the prices of provisions and produce are influenced more or less by the supply. Potatoes were never plentier than at this time, while the fruit in this section of the country was a total failure this season. The wheat was damaged this season by the heavy rains, while there was an abundant corn crop. It is no unusual thing to have a butter famine, and occasionally there is a great scarcity of eggs and poultry. Therefore the prices of these articles are not always influenced by the general hard times. Groceries, however, with the single exception of sugar, are still higher than before the war, though a trifle lower than five years ago. Tea now rates at 50ca $1 00 per pound, against 50a75c fifteen years ago; and coffee at 23a25c against 15 a18c. Soap is nearly down to old rates again, selling at 8a10c per lb, against 8a 12½c in '60. Beefsteak, in 1860, was sold at 8a10c per lb, and at the present time sells at 12½a 15c. So it will be seen that that there is yet some distance to go before the minimum of ante-bellum days is reached.

COMPARATIVE COST OF LIVING.

We will now show, as far as possible, how much a man could buy with his wages in 1860 as compared with 1870 and 1876. Taking the amount of money earned in a week by each, we will undertake to show how much flour, bacon, coffee, potatoes and coal, which we take it are among the real necessities of life, can be purchased with the same:

BEFORE THE WAR.

OCCUPATION.	Lbs. Flour.	Lbs. Bacon.	Lbs. Coffee.	Bus. Potatoes.	Bus. Coal.	Wages.
Blacksmith	100	12	3	6	45	$9 00
Saddler	100	12	3	4	45	8 00
Bookbinder	131	12	3	6	45	10 00
Printer	131	12	3	6	45	10 00
Photographer	162	12	3	10	145	15 00
Confectioner	162	12	3	10	145	15 00
Bricklayer	162	12	3	10	145	15 00
Stone-mason	131	24	3	8	45	12 00
Plasterer	100	24	3	8	45	11 00
Carpenter	100	12	3	6	45	9 00
Painter	100	24	3	8	45	11 00
Plumber	100	12	3	6	45	9 00
Machinist	100	12	3	6	45	9 00
Clerk	100	12	3	4	45	8 00
Book-keeper	100	12	3	6	45	9 00
Laborer	69	16	2	2	37	4 50
Nailer	200	40	5	20	300	30 00
Feeder	100	12	3	6	45	9 00
Helper	100	12	3	4	45	8 00
Teamster	69	12	3	2	45	6 00

IN 1870.

OCCUPATION.	Lbs. Flour.	Lbs. Bacon.	Lbs. Coffee.	Bus. Potatoes.	Bus. Coal.	Wages.
Blacksmith	106	15	3	12	64	$18
Saddler	110	10	2	8	52	14
Bookbinder	200	15	3	16	82	25
Printer	100	15	3	12	64	18
Photographer	200	15	5	17	95	30
Confectioner	100	15	3	12	64	18
Bricklayer	200	15	8	17	95	30
Stone-mason	143	15	3	14	64	19
Plasterer	200	21	3	16	64	21
Carpenter	100	15	3	12	64	18
Painter	100	15	3	12	64	18
Plumber	100	21	3	16	64	21
Machinist	128	10	2	8	52	15
Clerk	100	10	2	8	52	14
Book-keeper	128	10	2	8	52	15
Laborer	70	10	2	4	45	9
Nailer	200	21	3	27	158	42
Feeder	100	15	3	12	64	18
Helper	128	10	2	8	52	15
Teamster	70	10	2	8	45	11

AT THE PRESENT TIME.

OCCUPATION.	Lbs. Flour.	Lbs. Bacon.	Lbs. Coffee.	Bus. Potatoes.	Bus. Coal.	Wages.
Blacksmith	100	20	2	10	64	$15 00
Saddler	100	20	2	6	64	14 00
Bookbinder	150	20	4	11	70	18 00
Printer	100	20	2	10	64	15 00
Photographer	200	40	4	20	128	30 00
Confectioner	150	20	4	11	70	18 00
Bricklayer	150	20	4	18	113	25 00
Stone-mason	150	20	4	11	70	18 00
Plasterer	100	20	2	10	64	15 00
Carpenter	67	10	2	8	64	12 00
Painter	100	20	2	10	64	15 00
Plumber	133	25	4	12	64	21 00
Machinist	100	20	2	6	64	14 00
Clerk	67	10	2	8	64	12 00
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