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 WEDNEEDAY, JANUABY 3, 1866 . Municipal Abuses-The Nec $\begin{gathered}\text { Refomation. }\end{gathered}$ The opening of a new year is the time gene-
rally selected by individuals to relorm abuses and commence a new courrse of life, aad there is no good cause why a city shoald not do
likewise. As we stand todav on the threshold of another year, with new offibers inaugu-
rated, with new appropriations needed, sad a a rated, with new appropriations needed, sad a
new routine with each, let us "turn over a
new leat", es the old proverb says, and commence with the rectifcation of such errors as
have crept into the management of municipal have crept into the management of municipal
afmirs. Philadelphin has always prided her-
self on the purity of her offlcers; let us see that she does not sink to the corrupt standard
of the Metropolis. Let us continue not ouly as stainless an escutebeon as heretolore, but
one on which no spot or blemish can be fouad While we perfectly acree with nay of her
citizens who praise the honesty of her admincitizens who praise the honesty of her admin-
istration, we have fault to find with certain portions of the systom, not as rogards their
purity, but as concerss their propriety. Lot us begin with the Board of School Controllers.
The body is composed of one Controller
chosen by each Sectional Board of Directors, whosen berves eoch Sene year, and who governnt the
scholastic training of our eity youth. It is only natural to suppose that these gentlemen
should possess an education which would At should possess an education which would nl
them to judge of the best system of learning.
Yet we flind that the office has gradually grown to be a political one, and that party
qualification, not knowledge, is the criterion we expect that the ceause of learning would
advance, when men totally unftted for any such poistion are placed as fudges of systems
and peienceefclass-books and languages, which We have no personal feeling in our remarks
in regard to the members of the prssena:
Board. Their existence as officers is entirely too short for us to indge of their capacity,
But from experience wo cannot but conclade that unless the Board of Control is radically
changed since last year, its abolition woald be us take, for instance, the High School Com-
mittee as it was formerly constituted. with a Chairman whose personal enmity overruled
whatever ability hie might have had, and wio
devoted his power rather to privato splean than to any attempt to advance the interests
of the institution of which he was supposed to What is needed is a number of educased
and Impartial gentemen who will do all
thing to forl school system, and will lend every onorgy
only to conduce to the advancement of the cause of education. If we could secure such
an immaculate Board, then its continuance would be of advantage to our city; bat for
-one to be formed with poltics as its basis, and
with politics in its organization, even down to judge of professors, or settue abssiruse ye:
important doctrines of educational theories derstand took place in the Cbamber on Mou-
day in regard to the chocece of boy of niceea
as messenger, and the elaborate oration frem Dr. NEBrsour in regard to the necessity o
selecting a young politician for even this post would have been disgraceful in a coroner's
ury, much less than lo a body supposed to b educated and to judge of education and its
technicalities. We will dismiss the Board, hereore, with the hope that all parsonal doned, and only the good of the rising gene-
ration be the governor of their actions. There is yet another Board in our city Ad
monistration which needs a renovation. W efer to that of the City Commissioners. least one member of that body, and the sus-
piciouis, to say the least, manner in which the gentleman holding the certifcate of election was enabled to receive th, have attracted at-
tention to the laxity of management and the
confusion of accounts which exist in that offce, and demand a total reformation. As
regards who is right ally elected the Court will decide, and, meanwhile, we cordially com-
mend the parting action of Mayor Hexry mend the parting action of Mayor Hexsy Given's secur ties
phatever may be the diecision, a clearing icself to the Commissioner will be simply an We stand at the opening of a new era. Le he City Departments will lend their ald to the parination. We expect that the Mayor will do of reformatlon, althongh not necessarilly rota-
tion, will be observed. Our city it clear in thon, wiir oe of her orilcers. Let us corre et
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