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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1866.

Valuing Property Taken for Public Use. All questions that concern the people—all public questions, whether national or municipal—should be discussed by the press with special regard to truth. We wish to observe this rule in what we now propose to say with respect to the dispute which has arisen as to the value of the property that was selected and appropriated by the City Councils, under their ordinance of June 25, 1864, with a view to enlarge the Fairmount Park, and to preserve the purity of the water supplied from the Fairmount Works.

Parliamentary Politeness—The Necessity of Congressional Courtesy. From time immemorial a certain conventional usage has prevailed in all deliberative bodies—a mutual courtesy has been ostentatiously displayed, which has never been abandoned, even when personal and party feeling ran highest.

There can be no doubt that the enormous discrepancy between the different valuations of the same properties is surprising. And yet it would not be safe to say, in advance of further investigation, which of the several appraisements is most exact and reliable. Mr. Brewster, the City Solicitor, has determined to bring the whole matter before the proper court for careful revision; and there can be no doubt that the interests of the city and its taxpayers will be faithfully protected by him in the course of the examination.

In a matter of this character, however, great discretion should be exercised. Passion and ignorance should be allowed no influence. Political prejudice and animosity, above all things, should be excluded. The people are only interested to have the truth ascertained. The law authorizes the City Government to take private property for public use on the condition that the owners of the property shall be paid a fair price for it.

But there is another fact worth consideration in this connection. When a property is assessed for taxation, its own intrinsic value only is counted. When it is taken for public use, the business of the proprietor, who is turned out of occupation, must be embraced in the estimate. A barren lot, open and unused, may be worth so much a foot. But the same space of earth occupied by the owner in the prosecution of a profitable business, can only be fairly valued, when it is to be turned into a public park, by taking into the appraisement the "good-will" of the position, and its peculiar advantages for the private uses for which it has been employed.

owners of properties will sustain when they are taken for public use. It is, nevertheless, certain, that all real estate in the city should be taxed at its actual value—that is to say, at the value for which its owners would sell it, either to private purchasers or to the Government. The proprietors should be made to pay a tax on their property proportionate to the price which they would demand for it if sold privately and at their own option.

The election of Hon. Herschel V. Johnson. A recent telegram from Georgia announced that the Legislature of that State elected Alexander H. Stephens United States Senator, that Mr. Stephens declined, and that Herschel V. Johnson has been elected for the place. Likewise, that Mr. Johnson has signified his acceptance of the post.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE. The Germantown Murder—Conviction of Christiana Berger—Sentence of Death. COURT OF OYER AND TENER—Judges Allison and Ludlow. Commonwealth vs. Christiana Berger. The trial of this case was continuing last evening, and at about half-past 7 o'clock the case was given to the jury, under the charge of the Court, by Judge Allison.

A MORBID SPIRIT of epidemic crime is being cultivated among our community, and hundreds of our citizens are being fascinated by the hideous deed of the most atrocious of our murderers. We say fascinated—charmed, spell bound with the horrible details. To see the crowds of young men who stand gazing and gloating over the trial of this man

BERGER—to see scores of young women thronging round the doors and listening on tiptoe to catch the recital of all the harrowing incidents, is to furnish a clue for the detection of future murderers, to see a collection of candidates for criminal honors. It is a fact, proved by the records of history, that whenever a great crime starts a community, a sort of maniac epidemic seizes the people.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES. THE POOR.—PROF. BARNHARDT will give a lecture on "The Poor" at the University of Pennsylvania, on Monday evening, Feb. 6, at 8 o'clock. The lecture will be held in the Lecture Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

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place of execution, and there hanged by the neck until he be dead, and may God have mercy on your soul. During the remarks of the Judge and the imposition of the judgment of the law Berger stood motionless, gazing fixedly at his Honor, and he uttered no emotion. At the concluding words—"And may God have mercy on your soul"—he closed his eyes, slightly inclined his head to the Court, and sat down.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 21st day of February, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the BANKERS' BUILDING, No. 110 N. 3rd Street.

OFFICE OF THE VOLCANIC OIL AND COAL COMPANY. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held on THURSDAY, the 21st day of February, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the BANKERS' BUILDING, No. 110 N. 3rd Street.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW ERA OIL, LUMBER AND MINING COMPANY. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held on THURSDAY, the 21st day of February, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the BANKERS' BUILDING, No. 110 N. 3rd Street.

RETRUVY'S TURKISH BANDOLEANIAN HAIR TONIC. THE DRESSING AND RESTORE OF THE AGE. TURKISH BANDOLEANIAN. RETRUVY'S TURKISH BANDOLEANIAN. Retruvy's Turkish Bandoleanian. What can be more acceptable than anything that will benefit that will restore nature's decay by stopping the hair from falling out, restoring its natural color, making it to grow in luxuriance and beauty, assist in putting up according to the present style and fashion and keep it in place? This Retruvy's Turkish Bandoleanian Hair Tonic will do, and for proof we refer you to any person who has tried it. It is acknowledged to be the benefactor of the age, the only Hair Tonic and Restorer worthy of the name. In Turkey, in France, in England, in America, everywhere where the Bandoleanian is known, it is pronounced the "one plus ultra" of Hair Tonic preparations. Remember, it is free from all metallic poisons that are contained in most Hair Colors and Dressings. It is the extract of many flowers and herbs, beautifully put up, an ornamental to the Toilet.

SPECIAL NOTICES. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Washington, January 29, 1866. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, that the Treasurer of the United States, the Assistant Treasurers at New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, and the designated Depositories at Baltimore and Cincinnati, have been instructed to discontinue, on and after the 1st of February next ensuing, receiving deposits for Temporary Loans at six per cent. interest.

HUGH McCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury. NEW PUBLICATIONS. THE LOST BRIDE! THE LOST BRIDE! T. S. ARTHUR'S NEW BOOK IS PUBLISHED THIS DAY, BY T. B. PETERSON & BROTHERS, No. 306 CHESTNUT STREET, Philadelphia.

60 PER CENT. DIVIDEND TO BE PAID DURING 1866, BY THE CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. A DIVIDEND OF SIXTY PER CENT, will be PAID during the year beginning February next. Those who have paid their premiums in cash receive SIXTY PER CENT DIVIDEND in cash; those who have paid their premiums in cash and have received the extra dividend in cash, amounting to TWENTY PER CENT, of the cash part of their premiums, will be ADDED TO THE USUAL DIVIDEND OF FIFTY PER CENT.

GROVER & BAKER'S IMPROVED SHUTTLE OR "LOCK" STITCH SEWING MACHINES. No. 1 and No. 9 for Tailors, Shoemakers, Saddlers, etc. No. 730 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; No. 17 Market street, Harrisburg. WORK, McCOUCH & CO., STOCK AND EXCHANGE BROKERS, No. 36 S. THIRD STREET. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES Bought and Sold. STOCKS Bought and Sold on Commission. INTEREST allowed on Deposits. 12 1/2 Imp. JOSEPH A. SEFFARLEN, AGENT FOR COTTON LAPS, No. 240 NORTH THIRD STREET, PHILADELPHIA. 21 Imp. BAVAN CIGARS AND LYNCHBURG TOBACCO. Best in the city at reduced prices, at ZL. BELL'S, No. 87 CHESTNUT STREET, Opposite the Continental. Notice—Store closed on Sunday. Customers please purchase on Saturday. 12 1/2 Imp. GROVER & BAKER'S FIRST PREMIUM ELASTIC STITCH AND LOCK STITCH SEWING MACHINES, with latest improvements, No. 730 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; No. 17 Market street, Harrisburg. 2 1/2 Imp. THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK HAS REMOVED. During the erection of the new Bank building, to 117 1/2 No. 306 CHESTNUT STREET. THE STAMP AGENCY, No. 304 CHESTNUT STREET, ABOVE THIS, WILL BE CONTINUED BY HERETOFORE. STAMPS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION CONSTANTLY ON HAND, AND ANY AMOUNT.

PEPERY & CO'S STAR CLOTHING EMPORIUM, No. 609 CHESTNUT STREET, ABOVE NINTH. Slightly Damaged Stock Closing Out EXTREMELY LOW.