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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1866.

The Chesnut Street Bridge.

We were told the other day, seriously, too, that the Chesnut Street Bridge will be finished and opened for travel on or about the 1st of June next. There are a great many people who would be glad to believe this; but having had their hopes so frequently disappointed, they are unwilling to again put faith in any predictions or promises respecting the completion of the work that has moved so slowly towards its consummation.

Moreover, there is no visible evidence that the bridge is making much progress. It requires a week at least to detect any change in its appearance. At intervals of that length a close observer may possibly discover that a bit of timber or iron has been added here and there, but any one who daily passes the melancholy edifice as it creeps languidly forward, is hardly made sensible, by the testimony of his eyes, that it has grown at all in its proportions. The identical four or five solitary men who have been for a year or more wandering around, and about and upon the bridge in a mysterious manner, may still be seen there, going through the same marvellous motions of dreary disquiet and despair, and no man, with ordinary human sensibilities, can gaze upon the spectacle without a sincere sentiment of commiseration, mingled with a sense of perplexing curiosity.

It may be asked why those poor fellows are kept so long at their lonely toils? Why is not the force on the work increased? Fifty men, laboring steadily and earnestly, would finish the whole job in twenty days from this date. Why are they not employed? The reason probably is, that the iron work for the superstructure of the bridge is not ready to be put up, and cannot be supplied by the contractor faster than four or five men can place the pieces in position. If this be so, then there can be no good or sufficient excuse for the fact, and the City Councils should take some vigorous measures to expedite this part of the work.

But let us suppose that the bridge will be opened for public use in June or July proximo. Will the Chesnut and Walnut Streets City Passenger Railroad Company be entirely prepared at that time to run their cars across the bridge and out to the western end of their proposed route? Probably not. At least that Company are apparently taking no steps to accomplish any such purpose.

Neither Chesnut nor Walnut street is yet paved beyond the bridge west of the Schuylkill, nor are there any signs of any movement to pave those streets, much less to lay the railway tracks along them. As this work will take some time, should it not be begun at once, so that the cars may be run out to Forty-second street as soon as the bridge is completed? The present large amount of travel between the east and west extremities of the city requires much more accommodation than it now enjoys. The Market Street City Passenger Railway is not nearly adequate to the service that is required of it, and as long as it is allowed to exist as a monopoly the public must expect to have its absolute or even reasonable wants treated with insolent contempt by that avaricious and domineering corporation which now controls the only means of railway transit from Front to Forty-first street. It is, of course, interested to delay both the completion of the Chesnut Street Bridge and the extension of the line of the Chesnut and Walnut Streets Passenger Railroad beyond the east side of the Schuylkill. But it is to be hoped that both of those results will speedily be realized; and unless we are mistaken, there is competent legal power to finally defeat the selfish plans and influence of one of the most offensive railway monopolies that has ever yet afflicted the people of Philadelphia.

THE FIFTEENTH OF APRIL.—Next Sunday week will be the first anniversary of the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. On the manner in which that day is commemorated will depend its observance throughout the future. If the precedent is established of exhibiting some special reverence for the man whose life terminated on the morning of the 15th of April, 1865, then will the people expect that the custom established will be observed, and we may expect to have the anniversary of LINCOLN'S death take its place among the special days of our calendar. If, on the other hand, we allow the present instance to pass by unnoticed, then there will be no future commemoration of the event. For if the contemporaries of the tragedy do not sufficiently respect the memory of their murdered chief, then it is idle to expect posterity to show him honor.

We, therefore, think that it would be well for our citizens to specially commemorate the fifteenth by some outward display of mourning. A suggestion has been made to us that the flags be all placed at half-mast. This is the least that can be done. A lady writes us in favor of all the fairer sex wearing their badges of mourning on that day. We warmly approve of the suggestion, should it be made general. Under any circumstances we consider that it is only a proper tribute to the memory of a great and good man, that

the emblem of our nationality be draped in black in honor of his memory. Such a display would be a proof of the steadfast adherence of the popular heart, and rebut the proverb that "republics are ungrateful."

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Gold Stocks—Markets—The Workingmen and Their Demands—Another Heavy Robbery—Queer Suit—The Alleged Chilian Privateer—The Theatre, &c. &c.

The Stock Market is firm, and there is some excitement. Governments are steady. Gold, 127 1/2 @ 128. Business is better to-day, and in some articles of merchandise considerable movements are noticed. Cotton has declined under unfavorable views from Europe. Flour and wheat dull and lower. Petroleum dull and declining. Corn is firmer, oats higher, pork heavy, beef steady, lard dull and heavy, and whisky, as usual, dull and nominal. Exchange 106 1/2. Money 7 1/2.

Last evening the workmen of New York, Brooklyn, and Jersey City assembled to the number of about seventy-five thousand in Union Square in mass meeting, and were addressed by Messrs. Horace Greeley, Charles S. Spencer, Henry D. Rantze, John Reed, Duguid Campbell, Christopher Staley, and others. The resolutions declare that the interests of labor and capital are identical; that the workmen should have eight hours for their work, and eight hours for recreation and mental culture; that a fair trial of eight hours a day's work has always been a triumph for the measure, and that the workmen of New York and with lively satisfaction, the co-operative movement of the iron founders of Troy.

The office of the Montauk Insurance Company, No. 7 Court street, Brooklyn, was entered by burglars yesterday morning, who forced open the iron safe, and carried off about \$12,000 in railway bonds, and bank notes. The office of the Inspector of Police is only one hundred feet from where the robbery was committed. The case of the alleged privateer *Mevor* still occupies the attention of the United States District Court. Yesterday further evidence on the equipment and fitting out of the ship was given, after which the Court adjourned till this morning.

The New York East Conference resumed its sessions at the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, yesterday. Bishop Scott, the President, in the chair. The business of the day consisted of the proposal of eight candidates (deacons) for ordination, to whom the Bishop pronounced certain disciplinary questions, which being satisfactorily answered the candidates were declared competent to be ordained to the ministry.

Resolutions were passed relative to Methodism, North and South, in which the New York Conference extends to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now in session at New Orleans, an invitation to make next Sabbath (April 8) a day of special prayer for the peace and unity of the church. The annual missionary sermon was preached before the Conference last evening by Rev. Dr. Andrews, of Stamford, Conn. The session will be continued to-day.

The great *Bal d'Opera*, got up expressly for the glorification of Max Maretzek, came off brilliantly and successfully at the Academy of Music last night.

Mr. Edwin Booth is finishing up his highly successful engagement here, and will open in Philadelphia as *Hamlet* on the 20th.

Miss Maggie Mitchell also visits your city professionally soon, after an absence of many years—ever since childhood.

The Atlantic and Gulf Railroad has just been put in running order, the first through train having arrived at Savannah on the 13th instant.

The Memphis Post asserts that city that there is not another of its size in the Union where there are so many drinking saloons.

The prospect for fruit in Wisconsin was never better. An examination of the buds has shown that the frost did no harm.

Boston sells its house off under a contract for \$5500 per annum, the ashes collected by the city at \$3000, and the street dirt and sweepings for \$2000.

Bushwhackers roam up and down the Missouri river. Sixty of them attempted to seize the *Pony Ogden*, a river boat, while off Waverly.

Mrs. Chanfrau seems to be quite a favorite at the New Orleans Varieties, where she has just had a benefit. Madame Celeste, at the St. Charles, is also very popular.

Mad'le Marguerite Ellis, an accomplished young Creole pianist, has recently been asked to give a "farwell concert" by some of the leading citizens of New Orleans.

According to the statistics of 1865, there were 36,622,313 head of cattle in the whole island of Jamaica. Compared with 1859, when they footed up only 26,014,538, this is an increase of 10,607,775 in six years, or 40 1/2 per cent.

The Point Coupee (La.) Echo says the small-pox has been raging in that parish for several months to a fearful extent, especially among the negroes. The disease is so scattered that caution is of little avail.

The New Orleans Times asserts that there is not sufficient labor or force in the State of Mississippi to produce three hundred thousand bales of cotton of four hundred and fifty pounds per bale.

Miss Jean Hosmer has been recently captivated by the Louisvilleans. If we can believe the notices in the *Journal*, which say that her "Hally" is "a triumph of art," and "that she stands at the head of the list of tragediennes."

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Friday, April 6, 1866. There was a firmer feeling in the Stock Market this morning, but the transactions continue limited. Government bonds are rather quiet; 7-30s sold at 100, a slight decline; and 5-20s at 104, no change; 10 1/2s bid for 98 of 1861; and 9 1/2s for 10-40s. City loans are unchanged; the new issue sold at 92, and old, do, at 97.

Railroad shares are in fair demand. Philadelphia and Erie sold largely at from 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4; the latter rate an advance of 1/4; Camden and Amboy at 1 1/2, an advance of 1/4; Reading at 60 1/2, no change; Pennsylvania Railroad at 56 1/2 @ 56 3/4, a slight advance; North Pennsylvania at 30 @ 30 1/2, an advance of 1/4; and Lehigh Valley at 60 1/2, a decline of 1/4. 28 was bid for Little Schuylkill; 52 for Norristown; 55 1/2 for Minersville; 30 for Catawissa common; 28 1/2 for preferred do; and 45 for Northern Central.

In City Passenger Railroad shares there is nothing doing. 70 was bid for Second and Third; 5 1/2 for Tenth and Eleventh; 3 1/2 for Spruce and Pine; 50 for Chesnut and Walnut; 68 for West Philadelphia; 44 for Hestonville; and 30 for Green and Costes.

Bank shares are firmly held, at full prices, but we hear of no sales. 206 1/2 was bid for North America; 124 1/2 for Farmers' and Mechanics; 28 for Mechanics; 100 for Kensington; 53 for Penn Township; 54 for Girard; 76 for Western; 52 for Commonwealth.

In Canal shares there is more doing. Schuylkill Navigation sold largely at 31 @ 31 1/4 for preferred, a decline of 1/4; and common do, at 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4, the latter rate an advance of 1/4; 53 was bid for Lehigh Navigation; 114 for Morris Canal preferred; 13 1/2 for Susquehanna Canal; 46 for Delaware Division; and 58 for Wyoming Valley Canal.

Oil shares are very dull and neglected. Ocean sold at 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4.

The New York Tribune this morning says:—"Money is at 6 1/2 per cent. in the market, and is chiefly at the latter rate. Commercial paper stands at 7 for extra, 8 @ 9 for good, and 10 @ 15 for ordinary. Lenders will soon have the Secretary of the Treasury as a customer, and get better prices. It is understood that on the 1st of May the interest on the Clearing House Certificates (payable in legal tender) will be reduced to four per cent., and that no other charges will be made upon the temporary loans of the Government. As the certificates are a necessity to the banks, the reduction of interest will not send any large amounts in for payment. The condition of the Treasury is such, in regard to income from internal revenue and customs, that reduction of the principal or decrease of interest, is out of the question at present. Exchange is held at 106 1/2 for leading names, at 60 days, but 104 1/2 is about all that can be got, and gold bills are quoted 106 1/2 @ 106 3/4, and produce bills 106 1/2 @ 106, and some sales reported at 105 1/2."

The Chicago Tribune says:—"The money market to-day was quiet and comparatively easy. The demand for discounts was light, and good customers were freely accommodated at the bank at 10 per cent. per annum, but later in the day the rate was raised to 12 per cent. Eastern exchange was in fair demand and firm at par, buying, and 1-10 premium, selling. Round lots were sold at the rate of 60 @ 70, per cent. There is very little exchange making at present, but the demand is less active."

The Cincinnati Enquirer says:—"There has been a material falling off in the demand for loans during the past week, and the receipts of currency are increasing; balances, however, are accumulating at the banks, and checking is heavy, and the interior banks are drawing freely against their deposits here. The supply of currency, however, is ample for all legitimate purposes, and the market is in a comfortable working condition. Some of our merchants, in their anxiety to increase business, and to work off stocks, are selling goods on time, as the banks scrutinize very closely all paper offered. Dates of interest are steady at 10 per cent. for real-estate mortgages, and 12 @ 15 per cent. for good mercantile bills."

The London Times of March 24 remarks:—"The large increase of gold shown in the bank of France return tended to strengthen the anticipations of an early further increase of ease in the money market on this side, and the consols opened this morning at a recovery of an eighth. Prices, however, were inherently as weak as ever, and a fall soon took place. The German dispute continues to exercise that kind of influence which is always observable when war is apprehended, and which is usually found to be much greater before than after the event. At the same time, the wild rush of the holders of finance and other shares to get rid of their property at any price, empty in total ignorance whether it sound or unsound, has assumed an increased intensity. The discount market is without alteration, and the demand at the Bank to-day was of an average character."

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES TO-DAY

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including American Gold, American Silver, and various railroad and utility stocks.

PHILADELPHIA GOLD EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Table listing gold exchange quotations for American Gold, American Silver, and various currencies.

PHILADELPHIA TRADE REPORT.

FRIDAY, April 6.—There is more inquiry for Flour for the supply of the home consumers, and winter wheat is held with increased firmness; but it is difficult to realize on low grades, of which the stock is largely in excess of the wants of the trade. Sales at 44 1/2 @ 45 1/2. Prices of Corn Meal are nominal, extra family at \$2 25 @ 2 50 @ 3 1/2, including some Pennsylvania do. do. at \$2 50 @ 3 1/2; Ohio do. \$2 75 @ 3 1/2; and small sales of 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4. Small sales of 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4. Small sales of 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4. Small sales of 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4.

PRESENTMENT OF DEATH.—The Sussex (N. J.) Register relates a singular story of a citizen of Newton, in that State. It is of a Mr. Lorenzo Demarest, who summoned his pastor to his house last Wednesday and said that he should certainly die that night, with the further statement that the night previous his father, who had been dead many years, came to him and kissed him, and drew his cold hand over his breast. Here Mr. Demarest showed with his own direction his father's hand had taken. "That," said he, "means death; it is cold here already." He then said that he wanted his body conveyed to a certain place for interment—that he wished a funeral discourse to be preached after his decease, and that great care should be taken lest he be buried alive. At midnight of the same evening he was found dead in his bed.

LABORERS NOT WANTED IN THE WEST.—We find in the Chicago Post the extraordinary statement that, contrary to all previous reports, there is no demand for labor in the West. It says hundreds of poor laborers have been sent out there with goose chases to the Upper Missouri from St. Louis and Chicago. The intelligence offices are at the bottom of the knavery.

CROPS IN TEXAS.—A Galveston despatch, dated the 1st of April, says that the cotton crop is up and promising well; corn is depressed, but wheat promises the largest crop ever reaped. The exports of cattle are immense.

CRIME IN VERMONT.—There was never so much crime in Vermont as now, and the officials say that during the winter the cotton is up and promising well; corn is depressed, but wheat promises the largest crop ever reaped. The exports of cattle are immense.

A COQUETTISH CLIMATE.—The editor of a paper published in the mountains of California tells of gathering wild flowers in the morning, and wading through snow in the evening.

CALIFORNIA VINEYARDS.—There are upwards of fifty thousand grape vines in the immediate vicinity of the Bir Reservoir, at Salt Spring Valley, Calaveras county, California.

SALE OF BONAPARTE PROPERTY.—The property in the Parish of Plaquemine, La., belonging to the late Lucien Bonaparte was recently sold for thirty thousand dollars.

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—The French Emperor, at this moment (says a Paris correspondent), pays more attention to his wife than he has done for many years. He is constantly in her society. Metaphysicians of the Balzac school say that he is at this moment undergoing a phase of married life, which often happens—that of being in love with his wife for the second time. Persons desiring to purchase a first-class piano, at greatly reduced rates, should not fail to avail themselves of this opportunity. Treasurers of the regular schedule price, will procure cuts of the style of our Pianos, can be had at the warehouses, and, on application, will be sent by mail.

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