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The Tax Rate for 1869.

On Tuesday next there will be a special meeting of Councils to fix the tax rate for the year 1869, and it is to be hoped that the subject will receive the attention it deserves, and that an effort will be made to avoid the financial embarrassments which have hitherto been so annoying to tax-payers as well as our civic legislators. On Thursday last a majority of the Finance Committee of Common Council presented a report advocating \$1.80 as the tax rate for the year 1869. The liabilities of the city for the coming year amount to \$12,389,-279-50, and the cash on hand is \$674,142-73-The estimated receipts from all sources added to this will make \$3,766,555.73, leaving \$8,622,729.77 to be provided for by taxation. The amount realized by the rate of \$1.80 is \$7,975,563.77, leaving a deficit of \$647,163. Two important items, however, have been omitted in the estimates made in fixing the above-named rate—the extra appropriations and the claim of the State for taxes now due and to fall due in 1869.

The extra appropriations for 1868 to November 1 amounted to \$1,531,794 74, and the amount now due to the State for taxes in arrears is \$200,000, and it is estimated that the State's claim in 1869 will be at least \$160,000, making a total of \$360,000. Thus, at the proposed rate of \$1.80 we will be more deeply involved than ever at the end of 1869, and extraordinary means will have to be resorted to to make up the deficiency. Our run deeper in debt, and the most prudent, sensible, and satisfactory course for all parties would be to fix upon a tax rate that will cover all expenses, and, if possible, leave a Surplus in the treasury.

On last Thursday Messrs. W. E. Littleton and James F. Dillon, of the Finance Committee, presented a minority report in Common Council, in which they clearly set forth the above particulars and earnestly advocated \$2.20 as the rate for 1869. The rate of \$2.20 will give in excess of the \$1.80 rate \$1,772, 347.77, from which deduct the estimated deficiency of \$1,507,163, and there will be surplus at the end of the year of \$265,184-54. Messrs. Littleton and Dillon state that when an annual expenditure of over twelve millions of dollars is to be considered, they do not think this too great a margin.

A high rate is, of course, unpopular with taxpayers, and members of Council on that account are disposed to resort to expedients rather than meet the financial difficulties of the city government in the only way that can avoid constant embarrassment. Messrs. Littleton and Dillon are entitled to credit for their advocacy of a tax-rate sufficient to cover the actual expenses of the city, and we hope that Councils will be induced to look upon the matter from the same practical and business-like point of view that they do. They say in their report:-

"With the result of the experience of the last five or six years and the present condition of the City Treasury before them, it was hoped and believed that at last a rate would be decided upon adequate to provide for current expenditure; but from the action of the majo-rity of the committee, it appears that this expectation was delasive, and that the course of folly is still to be continued in reference to city flances. It would seem unnecessary to say that the same rules should govern a muni-cipality as would influence a prodent man in the conduct of his business, and that it is as imperative a duty for a city or its rulers to provide adequate means for its annual expendifor an individual to do the same thing for his domestic or business engagements. But for years this familiar and simple rule has been neglected and repeatedly violated. In no one year since the war began has there been a tax rate producing a sum equal to current expenditures. Year after year nave deficiencies been accumulating until the debt of the city has assumed gigantic proportions, exceeding the debt of the State itself. No decrease has been effected, but accumulation has been steady and continuous. To such a course, if recklessly continued, there can be but one terminationbankruptcy; and only one remedy can be appiled—a tax rate sufficient for all current expenditures, estimated and special, waich can be made for or during the year in question."

It needs no argument to prove that the measure proposed by these gentlemen will be more satisfactory to tax-payers and more creditable to the city than the policy hitherto pursued, and which is advocated by the majority of the Committee; and we hope sincerely that Councils will allow themselves to look at this matter in a proper light, and endeavor to retrieve our credit a little by providing means for meeting our liabilities as they arise, rather than by adding fresh debts to those with which we are already burdened.

New York and Hester Vaughan.

WE are eminently sympathetic in our nature, and our feelings have been strongly excited for some of our New York contemporaries. There is an old story about a man who kicked at nothing and sprained himself, that seems expressly fitted to the present case of those journalists who have been dilating recently with so much fervor upon the wrongs of Hester Vaughan, and, as a consequence, upon the general hard-heartedness of Philadelphia in general and of Philadelphia ladies in particular. After "doing up" the story in the best fuelletonist style, toning it up and toning it down to concert pitch through column after column of eloquence, and spicing every paragraph with a "pitch-in" to the want of humanity exhibited by the entire population of Philadelphia, a deputation of New York ladies have made it their "mission" to throw themselves before Governor Geary, and, like the fair damsels of story, they have begged the ruthless tyrant to release his ylotim. All this is very pretty in the New , culars in future advertisements.

York ladies, and we are glad that the New York papers have had such a pretty event to dress up in such pretty language; but Governor Geary quietly responds to all this public pathos and delicate distress, that the citizens of Philadelphia have fully and earnestly urged upon him all possible extenuating circumstances; that numerous benevolent individuals quietly and promptly placed before him all peculiarities of the case, begging his elemency for the unhappy convict; and that the public might have inferred from his refusal to sign or issue a death-warrant in this case that it was under his serious and anxious consideration. "True it is 'tis pity and pity 'tis 'tis true,'' that when New York, after long and patient waiting, did at last find an occasion for bringing up against us that last and strangest charge-inhumanity-the whole difficulty in the story should turn out to be merely that-it wasn't so!

THE CONVICTION OF ALEXANDER -The trial of George W. Alexander, Assessor of the Righth district of this State, upon a charge of aiding and abetting in the unlawful removal of whisky with intent to defraud, the revenue, was concluded yesterday in the United States District Court. The evidence was voluminous and the pleadings lengthy, the case altogether occupying the attention of the Court for the greater portion of the week. Last evening the jury rendered a verdict of guilty, but afterwards, at the request of his Honor Judge Cadwalader, accompanied it with a recommendation to mercy.

The morning papers erroneously stated that the recommendation was brought in at the first, with the verdict, but so far from this being the case, it was not until the judge had said that he would be gratified the jurors would unite with him if the recommendation, that they in acceded. The trial, throughout, was conducted with fairness, and the verdict was eminently just. The public, tired of the constant peculations of the Revenue officials, and indignant at the easy manner in which they have hitherto escaped judgments watched this case with intense credit is not so good now that we can afford to interest, in the hope that at last one of the evidently guilty ones would be punished as an example to the others. They were not again disappointed, and to the results of the trial the efforts of the new District-Attorney, John P. O'Neill, Esq., were mainly conducive. He can feel the proud satisfaction of knowing that the people are all tendering him praise. Let but one or two more of the public pilferers receive their deserts, and a bright prospect arises that taxes will diminish before a revenue honestly collected.

James A. Keith.

In the letter of "The Junior," one of our special Southern correspondents, written from Charleston, S. C., February 25, 1868, reference was made to the incarceration of James A. Keith in Castle Pinckney, on the charges of murder, arson, and horse stealing, alleged to have been committed in North Carolina. He was arrested October 8, 1857, but up to the period of "The Junior's" letter no time had been fixed for his trial. Subsequently, on an order from Brevet Major General Canby, commanding the Second Military District, issued July 31, 1868. Keith was removed to the jail in Raleigh, N. C., charged with murder and other heinous crimes, to be held subject to the requisition of the Attorney General of the State of North Carolina. A few days ago Keith was removed from Raleigh to the Buncomoe County Prison, and in a short time he will be tried for the de liberate morder of his victims—James Shelton, Sr., James Shelton, Jr., David Shelton, Sr. David Shelton, Jr., Roderick Shelton, William Shelton, Isalah Shelton, Anderson King, Joseph Woods, James Metcalf, Halen Moore, Wadd Moore, and Jasper Chandler. These men were murdered in cold blood, it is alleged, in the presence of some of the members of their families ies, and amid the entreaties of their wives and children, in Buncombe county, on the 19 n of January, 1863. His arrest was occasioned through Governor Zeb. Vance. At the time of his capture he was a Licutenant-Colonei in the Con-federate army. He is a most villairous-looking scoundrel, and in a short time will naturally receive his just punishment.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

THURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NINETEENTH AND WALNUF
SIRFETE, The Twenty-flist Anniversary of the
Churchmen's Missionary Association for Seamen
of the Port of Philadelphia," will be held to this
church on Sunday evening, December 6, at 7% o'clock.
The report of the Board of Managars will be presented, and the sermon preached by the Rev PHIL
LIPS BROUKS. A collection will be made in aid of
the Association. The public are cordially invited.

NORTH BROAD SIREET PRESBY
TERIAN CAUSCH. - Preaching To morrow by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. STRYKER, at 10½ A. M. Monthly Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Sabbath School, at 3 o'clock; addresses by Rev. Drs. HERRICK JOHNSON and STRYKER. HOME OF THE POOR.-REV. DR.

MARCH will continue his series of Setmons on "Home Life in the Bible" in CLINTON STREET CHURCH, TENTH Street, below Spuce, To-marrow (Sunday) Evening, at 7% o'clock. All persons cordially invited.

REV. LEMUEL MORSE, EDITOR of the "National Baptist," will preach fomorrow Morning and Evening at the Tabernalle Baptist (hurch, CHESNUT Street, west of high-teenth, hervices at 10% and 1% o'clock.

THE TWO COUSINS. - WEST SPRUCE STREET CHURCH. - Rev. WILLIAM P. BRKED, D. D. will preach the third of a series of discourse on the Book of Estner, To-morrow, at 10% o'clock. All are invited.

WAS HINGTON Square - Key, ALBERT BARNES will preach To morrow, at 10% A M. subject.- Live at Threescore and Ten," Rev. HER RI K JOHNSON D. D. at 7% P. M. the REV. J. L. WITHROW EN ters upon his outers as Paster of the ARCH STREET PRESBYTESIAN CHURCH on Suaday morning, at 16% o'clock.

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