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## The New City Hall. Tus ordinanoe providing for the erection of new City Hall passed the Common Conacil

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yeetorday afternoon, and now only awaits the yestorday afternoon, and now only awnits the
signature of the Mayor to become a binding
隹 law. That Mayor MoMichael will affix his
signature we do not donbt, for the projeoted
improvement is one which is almost fupeimprovement is one which is almost fupp-
ratively demanded. A glance at the looation of the oity and county offlacos will oonvinae the
most poonomically disposed tax-payer of this most eoonomically disposed tax-payer of this
foct. A grest number of thesse offices ara
loosted in and around Independenoe Hall, but loonted in and around Independenoe Hall, but
aboot a donen others are gosttered about the oity in buildings belonging to private indt-
vidual: or corporations. In the Law Buildtog, on Fifh street, below Walnut, are the
City Solloitor and the City Commissioners in Tatem's new building, just below this, are
the Purk Commission and the Department o Suiveys; in the Philadelphita Bank, on Ches-
nut street, above Fourth, is the Recorder of Deeds; in the Athesnum Building, at Sixth
and Adelphi streets, is the Board of School and Adelpai streets, is the Board of sctiool
Centrollers; in the Girard Bank, on Third
street, below Cheesunt, are the City Treasarer, street, bitow Cheesual, are the Conmissioner of
the City Controller, and the Comme City Property; at Fifth and Walnat streets is
tha Sinking Fand Department; and at Sixth the Sinking Fand Department; and at sixth
and Savsom streets is the Health Office and its appurtenanoes. In this way are the public
offloes of the city seattered about, without any regard to convenience or economy; while they
shoald all be embraced under one roof, or in a aeries of buildings adjacent to each other,
and owned in fee simple by the oity itself. and owned in fee simple by the oity iseli.
To remedy this state of affirirs is one of the
prinoipal objects of the projected improve. prinoipal objects of the projeoted improve
manta. But this is not the only good resalt
that will follow. The ricketr that will follow. The riekety old buildings at
the corners of Fifth and Chesnut and Sixth and Chennut streets will bo torn down, and
their unsightly aspect no longer mar the their unsightly aspect no longer mar the
beanty of our principal thorougharar. That
grand burleeque on architecture and convenience yolept the Now Court House will like-
wise be demolished, and peace of mind restored to the mas who bailt it by its disappearance
Independenoe Hall proper, the old historic building in whioh the Continental Congress
sat when they deolared the colonies free and independent States, as a matter of course will
not be disturbed, except for thorough renova When all the straggling edifices which now
enoumber Independence Square, excopting only Independence Hall iteelf, are removed,
there will be ample space for the arection of the new brildings on the Walnut street front
of the enolosure, withont shutting in all the
reat from the light of day and acoess by the publio. The Board of Commissioners undar
whoese supervision the new buildings are to
be erected consists of seventeen well-kuown citizens who enjoy the entire confidence of the
oommunity, in addition to nine of the regular oity offioials whose functions as prescribed by
law reader it very proper for them tate a portion of the Board. Ample provision
for meeting all expenses connected with the erection of the buildings is likewise maio by pledging a special tax levy sufficiontly high
to raiee $\$ 300,000$ annually for the purpose until the projected improvements are complite.
To render the whole echeme a snccoss whiuh
will merit and wiltire community, it is ouly neceessary for the entre community,
Bnitiong Commisioners to takee good oarre that
no such abomination as the New Court Hoase is stack together, to be torn down as an enoumbrance to the ground as soon as it is coun-
plated. The new buildings should be ereoted
with the double view of adoruing the city and economixing our looal adminitotration; and,
above all, they should bo large enough to answer all the purposes for whioh they aro
intended tor a contury to come. With an imposing and maguificent pubnio structare on one
side of Independence Square, and old Inde.
peudence Hall on the other, the oity will peavencemething to which it can poin
affer with both pride and satiffaction. Tus Naw War Clovd is Eozops, - Rurop,
has been panting and yearniug for war for a has been panting and yearniug for war for a
year, and at last \&he is about to be gratifiod.
By cablo telegrams received to day we loara that the troubles between Tarkey and Gree have culminated in an open rupture, and that a naval engagement has alryady taken place-
To all appearances Turkey has the endorieurged upon the Grecian Government an accopt
anoe of the Sultan's ultimatum. Bat thit endorsement will bo of omparatively ylttle
avail if Russia sees at to embrace the golden opportunity now offored her of aunihilationg slighteiest sign of Rustian sympathy all the and if concerted aotion between them an Grecee should be inaugurated, it would no
require a very great exertion on the part o deapito tuccomplish the rain of Abdul Azis, nuterial astistarce of England and Franco Tas Oruse Jous sos.-Oar misreprosentative at the Court of St. James has put himsell
obeek by jowl with the Philipplo Wendell, by oheek by jowl with the Philipplio Wendell, by
deciaring that, if he is guilty of trenson for declaring that, if he is guilty of trenson for
consorting widh the enemias of his country, their arms and delivered themsolves np in a
mass as prisoners of war. Bot Reverd's
course, taken altogether, has at last oasled course, taken altogether, has at last oaslled
down apon him the oensure of the Baghish
press. The London Times yeaterdey exprosised
its presns. The hom thene Timesure of the Boglish
its regret that so muoh had beenay made oxprosisd its regret that so muolh had been made publio
about the reocnt Alabama olaims negotiations,
evidently evidently intending to rebuke Mr. Johnson's
after dinner garrulonanesa; Whille the London afler-dinner garrulonaness; whille the London
Telegraph thinks he woald have fared much
better if he had not been better if he had not been so zenalous for pasaos.
The best thing that Mr. Johnsen oan do for his
own wis own welfare, and that of the conuntry as well,
is to pack his oarpet bag and start for home al Ir is atated that thene Renatenan. Committee on
Indian Aftairs has determined to report ad
In Indian Affairs has determined to report ad
vereely to the tranafer of the Indian Barean
to the War to the War Department, but that it will sab
stitnte a new bill, making the Indian Bareal into a separate department, with its chief enti-
tled to a seat in the Cabinet. We cannot that this arrangement will be any improve-
ment on the preeent exceedingly unsatisfactory state of affairs as regards the manage
ment of the Indians on the Western platias by ment of the Indians on the Western platas by
he Government, and it appears to be nothin
mere than a more than a subterfuge on the part of the
Indian Committee to prevent the oontrol o the burena from passing out of the
hards of its present managers. It is the $\theta$ opinion of impartial and disinterested men ferred to the War Department, in oomplaianoe
with the recommendation of Generals Grant and Sherman, as the surest way of correoting
the great evils whioh are known to exist. the great evils whioh are known to exist.
The House of Representatives took this view last seasion, and the subject was one of the
firat that engaged its attention whe sasembled this wing iter. They promply passed the bill, which the Senate Committee are now
attempting to smother by attemptivg to amother, by a very large majo
rity, and in so doing have, to a great extent at least, removed from their shoulders the
refponsibility for the oorraption and fand whoch are charged upon the present fradian
Burean. It is aeserted that the unwilling Burean. It is aeserted that the unwilling
nesi of the zenate to accede to the
proposed reform is owing to the teot that a number of the Senator
have friends in possession of fat places in the
Indian Burean, and that some of the Senatord themselves are fearfal that unpleasant dis. closures will be made if the bureas
passes under the control of the War Dopart
ment, and investigations are inatituted into the past mismanagemeut of Indian adfairs.
The hesitation of the Senate gives color to
these romora,

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