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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1869.

The Almshouses and Prisons of Pennsylvania.

The report of the Commissioner appointed by the Governor to inspect the almshouses and prisons of the Commonwealth discloses some very discreditable facts. Under the present system, or rather want of system, the treatment of paupers and prisoners depends altogether upon the disposition of irresponsible local authorities, and upon the degree of wisdom, liberality, and humanity with which local affairs are administered. In a number of counties no almshonses have yet been erected, and in some districts the custom still prevails of selling out panpers to the lowest bidder, or to the person who agrees to maintain them for the smallest sum of money. In not a few instances they fall into the hands of enterprising individuals who endeavor to extract the largest possible amount of labor from incompetency and decrepitude, and at the same time to sustain life with a very limited amount of nourishing food. The unfortunate inmates of Dotheboys Hall fared no worse at the hands of "Squeers" than some of the paupers farmed out in the sparsely settled districts of Pennsylvania. It must be confessed that this system is often effective in checking pauperism, and if it was applied to the bummers who abound in this city their ranks would speedily be thinned; but it leads in some instances to acts of great inhumanity. and a better mode should be provided for maintaining the deserving poor. In some of the counties where almshouses have long been in existence, those institutions are badly constructed and mismanaged. The large number of deaths by cholera or other fatal diseases which have occasionally occurred within their walls are startling indications of their deplorable sanitary condition.

The county prisons, with a few honorable exceptions, are by no means what they should be. Philadelphia sets the worst possible example to less wealthy communities by overorowding Moyamensing and postponing the establishment of a House of Correction. The State has also displayed oriminal neglect in failing to provide a number of cells in the penitentiaries sufficient to uniformly enforce the system of separate confinement. The members of the Legislature have been too busy considering private bills to devote serious attention to their real public duties, and they have not taken timely cognizance of the rapid growth of orime. Under these circumstances, it is not suprising that the prisons of poorer the counties are at once insecure and unhealthy. Prisoners soon learn to despise the restraints upon their liberty, and to fear the malign influences which threaten their health, and they accordingly make jail deliveries in a manner not provided for in the acts of Assembly. A few of the wealthy counties have built prisons which are very creditable structures, and several new similar edifices are now being erected. It is evident, however, that without some well-concerted system devised by the Legislature, and enforced by competent State authority, the condition of the paupers and prisoners of the Commonwealth will depend solely upon the whims and caprices of local authorities. and that the public welfare, as well as the cause of humanity, would be promoted if the Commonwealth would adopt a uniform and enlightened policy on this subject.

on personal property or increase the rate on real estate. The credit of the city must be maintained at all hazards, and the practice of swelling the volume of its indebtedness should cease.

Professional Criminals.

THE rapid increase of orime, the difficulty of bringing oriminals to punishment, and the facility with which they too often manage to escape the full penalty of the law even after conviction, are matters that demand serious attention from the law-abiding portion of the community; and it is of the first importance to censider whether some means cannot be devised for the better protection of society. We have before us the first number of The Probe, which Dr. Joseph Parrish proposes to issue quarterly from the Sanatarium at Media. A variety of interesting subjects relating to the use and abuse of stimulants are treated of in a manner to command general attention. Au article on professional criminals and their relation to the State appears to us to contain some ideas that are particularly worthy of consideration. The same subject is also discussed in a recent number of the Pall Mall Gazette; but, while agreeing with Dr. Parrish as to the main facts of the case, the English writer offers the least practical solution of the difficulty; and he indeed confesses that he has no idea that his suggestions will be adopted. The article in the Pall Mall Gazette proposes that every person shall be obliged, whenever required by the police authorities, to give an account of his or her occupation, and other particulars, and that those who have no visible means of support or local habitation shall be considered as actual or prospective criminals; that they shall be obliged to labor on the public works if they can find no other employment; and those hardened criminals who refuse to work and who cannot be expected to reform, it is proposed to put out of the way by sending them to the gallows, in the hope that a few terrible examples will deter others from imitating them. This is the gist of the entire argument; but if the police surveillance which it necessitates would be intolerable in England, it would be much more so in the United States, and with regard to the remedy which is proposed for extreme cases, the inefficiency of hanging for orimes less than murder, at least, has been amply proved by experience. Dr. Parrish suggests that the punishment for crime should be so severe that those who are disposed to offend will be deterred by a dread of the consequences; and, above all,

that the punishment should be certain. It ought not to be within the power of the District Attorney to decide whether persons charged with crime shall be brought to punishment or not. In this matter at least there is room for a decided reform. Dr. Parrish contends that our present prison system is defective, that imprisonment is too little of a hardship, and that in improving upon the old system we have rather gone to the other extreme, and "that in the United States to be a prisoner has become a luxury, and the career of a criminal has been rendered by the Government safe, profitable, and even agreeable to him." "A prisoner's ration," he says, "costs from 37 to 40 cents per day. which is considerably more than that of a soldier in the army ! His bed is better than the soldier's; his toils far less onerous; his pay in some constructions is greater." We doubt, however, whether this will hold true except in the case of a few institutions like our Eastern Penitentiary, and in the majority of our prisons there is still ample room for improvement. The convicted criminal is entitled to wholesome food and to accommodations which will conduce to health and cleanliness. The imprisonment, however, ought to be something more than a seclusion from society; and if it were well understood that real hardships attended it, the results in preventing the commission of crime would be much more efficacious. With regard to the large and increasing class of persons who prey upon the community, we think that some strenuous measures should be adopted; and we have seen no better suggestion than that made by Dr. Parrish, that every person convicted a third time for inferior offenses and a second time for any higher offense than larceny, should be pronounced a professional criminal, and that he should thereupon be imprisoned

become necessary either to increase the taxes | Governor Frederick Smyth, and General William F. Smith, and finally that he was appointed, August 3, 1866, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 40th Regiment of infantry in the regular army. All of this certainly goes far towards establishing the claim of General Hinks to the thanks of his countrymen for the good work he did in behalf of the Union. But the "Pub. Doc." in question contains nothing, as far as we can detect, which establishes the right of General Hinks to have his postage bill footed by the Government. Why the "synopsis" was ever printed we cannot imagine, nor can we divine why it is being distributed over the country under the frank of a member of Congress.

Perhaps Mr. Broomall can and will enlighten us on the latter point, and perhaps, also, Mr. Samuel J. Randall can find time to explain why he has loaned his franking machine to the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Streets Passenger Railway Company. And perhaps, futhermore, Congress may regard these two cases as additional arguments in favor of abolishing the franking privilege, with all its actual and all its possible abuses.

The New York Tribune justly regards as 'one of the most cheering auguries of coming reform the rapidity with which Congressmen are getting ashamed of the franking privilege." As "one of the most hopeful of the new converts," it cites the case of Mr. Philadelph Van Trump, of Ohio, who was recently called to account for distributing under his frank the prospectuses of a Columbus newspaper. When the attention of the public was called to this case, Mr. Van Trump also thought it would prove a profitable subject for study, and at it he went. The discoveries made by the Ohio member must certainly have astonished him greatly; for not only did he find, as he states in a long explanatory and apologetic letter, that he had been acting under a mistaken estimate of his rights, but that the "franking privilege has been monstrously perverted for years." An examination of the laws of Congress now in force, which had never before fallen under Mr. Van Trump's attention, divulged the fact that the privilege of Congressmen embraces only "correspondence to and from them, and all printed matter issued by authority of Congress, and all speeches, proceedings, and debates in Congress, and all printed matter sent to them." From these data the Tribune concludes that "the franking of campaign documents, liniment puffs, dirty shirts, and circulars of the New York Express, is, therefore, in direct contravention of the letter of the law as well as of its spirit." Mr. Van Trump has arrived at the same conclusion, and in his letter promises to be guided by it in the future use of his postage-stamp machime. Perhaps, if Messrs, Randall and Broomall will look into the subject, they will discover that the circulars of passenger railway companies and twelve-page puffs of Brevet Brigadiers are liable to postage, as well as dirty linen and patent medicines. And perhaps, as we have already intimated, Congress will have the good sense to compel the puff and liniment dealers to pay their postage, by doing away with the grossly-abused and inherently-wrong franking privilege.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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-	BANK DIVIDEND.		NORTH	AMERICA-	
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BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, January 4, 1883, } The Directors have declared a semi-annual Divi-dend of SEVEN AND A HALF PER CENT, and an extra divideod of FIVE PER CENT, together twelve and a half per cent, payable 8th inst. 14 mwi35 J. HOCK LEY. Cashler.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE RE-

PUBLIC. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Riection for Directors of this Bank will be he'd at the Banking House, on TUESDAY Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 11 A. M and 2 P. M. JOSEPH P. MUMFORD, 1 1 10t

GIRARD NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 8, 1865. PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 8, 1865. The Annual Meeting of the Stockhoiders for the election of Directors and for other purposes will be held at the Banking H-use on WEDNIESDAY, the 13th day of JAN UARY, 1869, at 12 o'clock M. The election will take place between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. 12 Swatjis USAN DEC. 10 DEC. 10

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FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NA-TIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA. December 11, 1 68. The Annual Election for Di ectors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 18'h dsy of Janua'y next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'c ock P M. 12 11 27; W. RUSH FON, JR., Cashler

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, December 12 1883 The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, Javuary 12 1869, between the hours of 10 o'clock A, M, and 12 o'clock M. P. LAMB, 12 16wfmtJ12 Cashier.

The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Banki g bouse on TUFSDAY, Jandary 12, 1869, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock 17 3t ROBERT B BALT SIXTH NATIONAL BANK OF. EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK .-

PHILADELPHIA, JADUARY 5, 1869 The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Div dend of FIVE PER CENT., clear of all Is 33 B. H. WILLIAMS, Cashler.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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CELTIC ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. CELTIC ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, comic, and musical entertainment, at CONCERT HALL, on THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 7, at 3 colock, for the banefit of the CELTIC LIRRARY FUND, Lecture by Hon. W. E. RYBINSON, M. G., of Brooklyn, Subject-"Are Amer.cans Celts or Saxons?" After which, through the generosity of Professor McKevoy, will be infroduced some of the besutiful Scenery of Ireland from the Hiberbloon, with appropriate masic by Alsa EAMON D, from the Irbh Felodies. Tickets 10 cents, For sale at the Book Stores of E. Cummikery No. 1037 Chesnut street; John Campbell, No. 740 Sansym street; and P. F, Scanlan, No. 103 South Flith street. Choice sess reserved far ladies and gentlemen accompanying them without extra charge. R. SHELTON MACK ENZIE, President, JAMES O'DONNELL, Secretary. 1538

THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, Office No. 496 CHES

NOT STREET, DECEMBER 22, 1868 NOT Street, December 22, 1868 NOT Street, December 22, 1868 NOTICE - The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the lith day of January next, at 16 o'clock A. M, at the office of the Company, An election for twelve Directors, to serve the en-suing year, will be held on the same day and at the same place, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M and 2 o'clock P. M. WILLIAMS I. BLANCHARD, 12 28 121 Becretary.

THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA - Office COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA - Office No, 470 WALaGUT Street, December 28, 1838. NOTICE.-The Annus! Meeting of the Stock-holders of THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the lith day of January next, at 10 o'clicck A. M., at the Office of the Company. An Election for Twelve Directors to serve the

ensuing year will be held on the same day, at the same place, between the hours of 10 o clock Λ . M. and 2 o clock P. M. 12 25 stuth7t ALEX. W. WISTER. Secretary.

WALNUT STREET.

WALNUT Street. JANUARY 4, 1869. The Directors have this day declared a dividend o FOUR PER CENT. on the capital stock of the Com pany for the last six months, payable on demand iree of all taxes. ALEX W. WISTER, Secretary.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE BTATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29, 1868. An Election for thirteen Directors of the Commany will be held at the Office of the Company. Nos. 4 and 5 EXCH ANGE BUILDING, on MONDAY, January 11, 1869, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and o'clock P. M. 12 29 121* WILLIAM HARPER, 12 29 121* Becretary.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY OF PHILADELPHIA, FIRST MONTH (Ja~.) 6, 1890. The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the office of the Company, No. 3 8. FIFTH Street, second story, on SECJND DAY (Moaday), the lith list., between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock.

1631* T. FLLWOOD CHAFMAN, Secretary.

THE JACOBS' CREEK OIL COMPANY. THE JACOBS CHERR OF COMPANY, THE JACOBS CHERR OF COMPANY, IN SECTION OF THE STOCKHOLDER OF THIS COMPANY, to elect D rectors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Company's Office, No 224 S. DELAWARE AVENUE, on WEDNESDAY, the

h of January, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M. 2 31th3t F. D. HOWKLL, Secretary. 12 31th34 THE "CLARENDON."

NO. 1516 CHESNUT STREET,

Having met with the most flattering success since its opening, the undersigned assures the public that nothing will be left undone to merit a continuance of the first class patronage of ladles and gentlemen. All the delicacies of the market will be served at the aloon or at private residences, with primp ness and on the most reasonable terms. Orders for dianers a, and general catering attended to, the stap TOMPEINS & CO. 1 5 tuthsat4p

NOT MUCH SNOW YET!

The snow is quite contrary This month o'January, And it won't come down, We wonder what's the reason. This present winter season. We've no snow in town ?

And Recems such funny weather. So curious altogether, With its mist and sleet,

The chilly damp winds, blowing Whichever way you're going

Along the street. And it's just the weather now, sirs, You need thick coats and trowsers:

BANK REPORTS.

QUARTERLY REP ORT OF THE PHILA DELPHIA NATH 'NAL BANK. RESOU. ROES.	L
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I certify that the above statement is c. prect, to the best of my knowledge and bellef. B. B. COMEGYS, Cash ler.

Sworn before me, JOSEPH BROBSTON, Notary Public, 163

SEVENTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT SOF THE KENSINGTON NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

MONDAY, Jan. 4, 1868. RESOURCES. Coans and Discounts......

Overdrafts United States Bonds to secure circu-250,000-00

182,200-06 27,833-83 rities on hand. 96,489-8 259 37 3,000 00 Real Estate. Current Expenses...... 2 655 62 Exchanges for Clearing-house 157.561 34 lash Items. 6,000-00 7,000 00 3.225-0 lő,012 68 6,653.00

Three per cent. Certificates. 15.000-00 \$1,712 966:56

LIABILITIES, \$250.0.000 Capital Stock. 150,000 00 34,666 85 215,500 00 standing. Individual Deposits...... 11.670-00 ... 1,050,436 21 Due to National Banks. 95 02 598 48 Due to Other Banks,..... \$1,712,960 66

WILLIAM MCCONNELL, Cashier, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1869. C. M. LUKENS, 153t Notary Public,

SEVENTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE GIRARD NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4, 1869, RESOURCES.

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204,139 79 \$803,881.18 1,231,411.96 26,666 00 State Bank Notes..... 63.00

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Capital. Surplus	\$1,000,000-00 400,000-00	
Discount and Interest, Profit and Loss, less Ex- penses	97,588-83	A1
Circulation Individual Deposits	2,901,258 46	\$1,497,588-88
United States Deposits Due Bills outstanding Due to National Banks	171.092 28	
Due to other Banks	101,582 37	3,924,512 20
Unpaid Dividends		44,048 67
Total	*******	35,465,149 70
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JOSEPH P. MUM ORD.

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Control of the same day, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M. 12 261j11 CHARLES S. HASTING'S, Secretary. OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYL-VANIA RAILRO 1D COMP INY, PHILADRLPHIA, NO. 407 Walmut street, PHILADRLPHIA, NO. 407 Walmut street, PHILADRLPHIA, NO. 407 Walmut street, Dec-mber 22, 1888, } The Annual Mreting of Stockholders of the North The Arnual Mreing of Stockholders of the North Penny, vania Railroad Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 407 WALNUTS rest. Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the eleventh day of Jaruary, 1869, at 12 o'clock M. for the purpase of electing a President and Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year. 12 29 11 EDWARD ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND COATESISTREENS PHILADELPHIA PAS SENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-FOURTH and COATES Strees. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company for the Election of President and Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at this Office on MONDAY the filth day of January, 1869, be-tween the hours of 10 A. M and 12 M. 12 26 131 JOSHUA GARSED, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND AND THIRDSTREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMFANY OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 2153 FRANK-FORD Road, Philadelphia, December 23, 1868. The Annuat Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office on MONDAY. Hith Jacuary, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., at which times and pace an election will be held for a President and twelve Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 18th January, 1859, 12 25 121 JOHN B. CRAVEN, Secretary,

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Municipal Improvements

It is evident that the city is, or soon will be, plunged into largely increased expenditures for important improvements, including the new buildings on Independence Square, the Park extension, and the extension of the Water Works. The propriety and usefulness of these improvements can scarcely be questioned, but tax-payers are naturally anxious in regard to the extent to which their burdens will be increased. The financial condition of Philadelphia has been greatly injured by the continued persistence in the fatal policy, which has prevailed since consolidation, of increasing the debt year after year; but, after all, the current expenditures of this city have fallen below those of other communities of equal size and wealth. Our embarrassments are due to a want of courage on the part of Councils to impose the requisite rate of taxation; to the imperfect system of valuation which prevailed up to a recent period; and to the fact that while other leading cities derive a large revenue from personal property, the receipts from that source here are merely nominal.

Such increased taxation as will be caused by the projected improvements may not prove a very serious permanent burden. As the new buildings are erected and occupied, appropriations now made for the rental of offices can be discontinued. With the extension of the Water Works the capacities of the Water Department and its revenues will be inoreased. The authorities of New York contend that the interest on the cost of all the improvements in Central Park has been more than repaid by the increase of the city revenues accruing from the increased value of real estate in the vicinity of the Park; and similar results may eventually be realized in Philadelphia.

TIt is scarcely possible, however, that future advantages will obviate increased taxation during the next few years. It will speedily

The Governor in his annual message gives some idea of the difficulties under which he labors with regard to the proper exercise of the pardening power, and we think the power might with propriety be limited in the manner proposed. Let criminals understand that imprisonment is a real punishment that they have good reason to dread, and that after they have so conducted themselves that there is no reasonable hope of reformation, no plea for mercy will prevail; and it is possible that many will be forced to come to the conclusion that "honesty is the best policy."

for life without faculty of pardon.

The Franking Abuses.

STILL another abuse of the franking privilege has been brought to our notice. A twelve-page pamphlet, enclosed in an envelope franked by the Hon. J. M. Broomall, has been sent to us by a gentleman in Baltimore to whom it was originally addressed. The pamphlet professes to be a "Synopsis of the Military Services of Brigadier-General and Brevet Major-General Edward W. Hinks, United States Volunteer Forces, and Brevet Brigadier-General of the United States Army, in the late war for the Union." From a perusal, in a vain effort to detect its claim to be considered a "Pub. Doc.," we discover that the gentleman who has been so overloaded with brevets has a valid claim to be regarded as "the first volunteer of the war," that he participated in fourteen different battles, that he was twice severely wounded, that he has received the highest recommendations from General Robert Anderson, General Sedgwick, General Dana, the late Governor Andrew, ex-Governor Cur. tin, Senator Daniel Clark, Senator Cragin,

YOUNG M ÆNNERCHOR THE GRAND BAL MASQUE 13 YOUNG MENNERCHOR

will be held at the AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC. ON THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 7, 1869.

Subscription tickets, admitting gentleman and lady, may be had at the Hall of the Sic.e.y. Nos. 502, 504, and 516 Cherry street, at Andre's Music Store. No. 104 Chesnut street, and at the News Stand of the Continental Hotel.

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Extra Ladies' t'ckets, \$1.

Speciators' tickets 50 cents.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL OF

THE SABBATH SCHOOL OF MESSIAH EV. LUTHEBAN CHURCH Will give their first. EVENING ENTERTAINMENT On THURSDAY Evening. Jan. 7. at 75 o'clock, At ATHLETIC HALL. THIRTEENTH Street, above Jefferson. The exercises will consist of Singing. Addresses. Dialogues, Recitations, etc. etc. As this is the first appearance of this young Sab-bath School before the public, we hope all interested in the Sabbath School cause will encourage them by their presence. Tickets of admission, 25 cents, to be had at the door.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING.-THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIELTY FOR ALLEVIATING THE MISERIES OF PUBLIC PRI-EONS" will be held at the Assembly Buildings S. W. SONS" will be held at the Assembly Buildings. S. W. corner of TENTH and CHEENUT Streets, on FRI-DAY. January 8, at half past seven o'clock P. M. Beveral distinguished citizens will address the meet-ing in defense of the Pennsylvania system of prison discipline.

All interested in the subject are invited to attend. 1621* JOHN J. LYTLE, Secretary. THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

under the authority of an Ordinance ap proved the 31st of December, 1885, entitled 'An Or dinance to Provide for the Erection of Public Build ings,' are requested to mee, ior the purpose of or ganization, in the Select Council Chamber, on THURSDAY EVENING next, 7th inst., at 7 O,CIOCK'

Vclock. WM. ⁹, STOKLEY, JOS. F. MARUER, M. H. DICKINSON, R. P. GIL'INGHAM, JOSHUA SPERING, Philadelphia, Jap. 4 1869. Commiss Commissioners,

Philadelphia. Jan. 4 1869. Commissioners, ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY. BECHTARY'S OFFICE, No 40 Broadway. NEW YOBK, 28th December. 1883. Stockholders of the Atlantic and Great Western Rail-way Company will be held at the General Offices of the Company. No. 40 Broadway, in the City and State of New Yerk, at 12 o'clock noon, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of January sext. to consider and ap-prove of, or reject, certain contracts entered into with the Brie Railway Company, and the Columbus, Chicego, and Indiana Central Railway Company, and for other purposes. The transfer books will remain ckeed until after the meeting. W, ARCHIDALL O'DOHERTY, 114w

PHILADELPHIA AND R E A DING BAILROAD COMPANY-Office No. 227 S FOULTH Street

FOUETH Street. PHILADELPHIA. December 50, 1868. DIVIDEND NOTICE. The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on the 4th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, January 12. A Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. has been de closed on the Deformed and Common Bicek, clear 0.

A Dividend of FIVE FERCER VI. has been de clared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear o National and State Taxes, payable in common stock on and alter January 2s, 1859, to the holders thereo' as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 4th of January next. All payable at this office. All orders for Dividends must be witnessed an

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

12 30 1m THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMING THE PHILADELPHIA, WILLING TON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD COM PANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24 1868, The Annual Meeting of the Storkholders of thi Company, and an ejection of Directors will tak place at the Office of the Company, in WILMING TON, I clawa e, on the SECOND MONDAY (11th) in Janusry next, at 1 P. M. 12 29 115 A. HORNER, Secretary.

A. HORNER, Secretary. THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMING-TON, AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD COM-PANY. Philado.phia, Dec. 24, 1868. The Directors have declared a Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of Governme ent Tax, payable on and after 7th of January next. 12 29 111 Treasurer.

8	COATES STREETS PHILADELPHIA PAS- SENGER RALWAY COMPANY, TWENTY, FOURTH AND COATES STREETS, TWENTY,	
=	At a meeting of the Directors of this Company held this day, a dividend of ONE DOLLAR per share was declared, free of taxes, payable on and after the fith	
ī.	The books of the Company will be closed until the 12th Instant. [155t] JOSHUA GARSED,	
	OFFICE OF THE UNION PASSENG SR RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-THIRD and BROWN Streets.	We h
d 12, 18	PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockhoidera will be held at this effice on MONDAY, January 14, 1869, at 16 o'clock A. M. at which the and place an election will be held for a President, Vice-President, and five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year. 12 28 12t S. B. CAM PION, Secretary.	lookin with n so slow won't snow,
	OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY PAS-ENGER RAILWAY COM- PANY, NO. 4180 CHESNUT Street.	the pr goods BROW
F	At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, a dividend of ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS per share was declared, free of all taxes, psyable to the stockholders or their legal representa- live on and after the lith inst. Transfer books closed until the 14th inst.	is the t
3. D-	1412t WM, W. COLKET, Treasurer.	NOS.
d	BROWN STREETS.	
r, RLL	The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividena of ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS i er share (clear of fax) payable at this office on and after MONDAY. 11th inst., until which time the transfer books will be closed. W. H. KEMBLE, 14.7t Treasurer.	SEV OF P
E- t-	OFFICE OF THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 416 CHESNUT Street. PHILADRLPHIA, Jan. 4, 1869. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fame	Loans U.S.I U.S.I U.S.
Đ	Insurance Company held this day, a dividend of THREE PER CENT. was declared payable on de- mand, clear of all taxes. W. I. BLANCHARD,	tific Legal Fract
p.	OFFICE OF THE UNITED SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COM-	Notes Ban
d-maile	LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COM- PANY, S. E. corner FiFfH and CHE3NUF Strees. PHILADRLPHIA. Dec. 39, 1868. The Annual Election for Directors of this Company will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, Janu- ary 13, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M 12 31 lit C. F. BETTS, Secretary.	Cash Star Exchi A. M Due fi Nev
	OFFICE OF THE UNION IMPROVE- MENT COMPANY. No 220 WALNUT SITESL	Due fi Furni Prem
N	PHILADELPHIA, Jau. 5, 1869. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX FER CENT., payable on and after the 18th instant. EDWARD ROBERTS, JR., 17 3t Treasurer.	Due fi
te te p. to ta ta	OFFICE OF THE DIAMOND COAL COMPANY, No. 809 WALNUT Street. NOTICE - The annual election for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company on WEDNESDAY, the list Janu- ary next, between the hours of it and i P. M. 157t ED. PEARCE, President.	Capita Surpi Profit Circul Depos Divid Due t
G	SHAMOKIN OKIN COAL COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1849. The Annual Meeting of the Shockholders of the abovenamed Company will be held at their Office, No. 276 WALNUT Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Instant, at 12 o'clock, when	Swo MAK It
be ed	an Election will be held for Seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfe books will be closed on the 10th and opened on the 21st instant. 1 limw#t C. R LINDSAY, Secretary.	$\overline{\mathbf{Q}^{\mathbf{v}}}_{\mathbf{j}}$
e of	NEW YORK AND MIDDLE COAL FIELD RAILROAD AND COAL COM-	Loans
ie ie ie	PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22, 1858, The Annual Meeting of the Stockhollers of the above-named Company will be held at their Office, No. 226 WALNUT Street, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January next, A. D. 1869, at 12 o'clock, when an Election will be held for seven Directors to serve for	Bank Exper Clear Due f
G.	the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed from Ja-uary 1st to 18th. 12 24tbstn7t C. R. LINDSAY, Secretary.	Cash Natio Due f New
115 G-	CAMBRIA IBON COMPANY THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Cambria Iron Company will be held at their office. No. 600 CHESNUT Street. Philadelphia, on TUES- DAY, the 19th day of JANUARY next, at 4 o'clock DAY.	Unite
In G.	tors to serve for the ensuing year. JOHN T. KILLE, Secretary. Philadelphia. Dec. 17, 1865. 12 is dtJ19*	Capita Surpl Profit Circul
IR IN of	CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1883. NO 11CEResistered City Warrants, numbering from 6.00 to 7000 will be paid on presentation, inter- est cessing from date. JOEEPH N. PEIRSOL.	Due E Depos
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ARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHI-LADELPHIA. RESOURCES. \$102,296-24 ed States Bonds. king House and Furniture..... 70,723 83 8,532 60

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525 00 Unpaid Dividends \$3,+07,121.57 THEO. KITCHEN. Cashier. QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, January 4, 1869, LIABILITIES. **Circulation of Tradesmen's** Bark. 3,610 00 Circulation of Tradesmen's National Bank. 177,655 00- 181,205'00 97,511'88 \$1,879,950 04 RESOURCES. Bills Discounted. United States Bonds to se-\$1,072,959.11 cure Circulation 212,000 00 \$8,822.00 226 329 77 563,970 47 6,105 09 5,415 87 19,500 00 29,831 59-Expenses and Taxes..... Cash Items..... Real Estate \$1,879,950 04 Affirmed and subscribed before JOSEPA BROBSTON, Notary Public, Jan. 6. 1869. 11* JOHN CASTNER, Cashier. ELEVENTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE RE-FUBLIC. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4, 1869. RESOURCES. ...\$1,068,054-02 5"0.000.00 of U. S..... Bonds on hand..... Real estate (productive)... 141 000 00 132,121 10 -\$1,841,175-12 Legal-tender notes, coln, 358,842 00 and certificates...... National Bank notes...... Fractional currency aud 26,901 00 14,432 98 stamps Premiums. Due from other banks..... 547,214 97 957,315 95 5,899 86 Expenses and taxes Total. \$2,804,390.93 LIABILITIES. ..\$1,000,000 00 ... 417,500 00 ... 1,353,611 58 ... 33,279 35 Capital stock. Oirculation Deposits. Profit and los