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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1893.

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.

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 overcrowding Moyamensing and postponing the establishment of a House of Correction. The State has also displayed criminal neglect in failing to provide a number of cells in the penitentiaries sufficient to uniformly enforce the system of separate confinement.

It is evident, however, that without some well-considered 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.

Municipal Improvements. It is evident that the city, 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.

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.

It is scarcely possible, however, that future advantages will obviate increased taxation during the next few years. It will speedily become necessary either to increase the taxes on personal property or increase the rate on real estate.

Professional Criminals. The rapid increase of crime, the difficulty of bringing criminals 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.

We have before us the first number of 'The Probe,' which Dr. Joseph Parrish proposes to issue quarterly from the Sanatorium at Media. A variety of interesting subjects relating to the use and abuse of stimulants are treated in a manner to command general attention. An article on professional criminals and their relation to the State appears to us to contain some ideas that are particularly worthy of consideration.

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. Philadelphia Van Trump, of Ohio, who was recently called to account for distributing under his frank the prospectuses of a Columbus newspaper.

THE PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Reading Hotel, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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Governor Frederick Smyth, and General William F. Smith, and finally that he was appointed, August 3, 1865, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 40th Regiment of Infantry in the regular army.

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.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

SCIENTIFIC LECTURE TO-MORROW EVENING. ALCOHOL AND OXYGEN. THE CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 110 CHESTNUT STREET.

BANK OF NORTH AMERICA-DIVIDEND. BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, No. 110 CHESTNUT STREET, Philadelphia, Dec. 31, 1892.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1892. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1893, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

GIRARD NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1892. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1893, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1892. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1893, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

SOUTHWEST NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1892. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1893, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

SIXTH NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1892. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1893, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1892. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1893, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

OFFICE OF THE HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, AND GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Reading Hotel, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Reading Hotel, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Reading Hotel, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND COAST STREETS PHILADELPHIA PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Reading Hotel, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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COLD WEATHER DOES NOT CHAP. ALCOHOL AND OXYGEN. THE CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 110 CHESTNUT STREET.

CELTIC ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. The Annual Meeting of the Celtic Association of America will be held at the Reading Hotel, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Reading Hotel, on TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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BANK REPORTS.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$3,424,791.95; United States Bonds, \$1,450,000.00; Banking-house and other Real Estate, \$150,000.00; Due from Banks, \$245,727.97; Legal-tender Notes, \$14,912.11; Exchanges for Clearing House, \$1,075,974.85; Special Deposits, \$66,821.85; National Bank Notes, \$2,258,000.43; Total, \$7,438,712.48.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$1,000,000.00; Surplus and Profit, \$31,439.39; Other Stocks, Bonds, and Mortgages, \$1,000,000.00; Deposits, \$4,177,202.99; Total, \$7,438,712.48.

SEVENTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE KENSINGTON NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$730,000.00; United States Bonds, \$250,000.00; Banking-house and other Real Estate, \$150,000.00; Due from Banks, \$150,000.00; Legal-tender Notes, \$150,000.00; Exchanges for Clearing House, \$150,000.00; Special Deposits, \$150,000.00; National Bank Notes, \$150,000.00; Total, \$2,580,000.00.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$250,000.00; Surplus Fund, \$150,000.00; Undivided Profits, \$31,666.85; National Bank Notes, \$215,500.00; State Bank Notes Outstanding, \$11,700.00; Individual Deposits, \$1,050,456.21; Due to National Banks, \$95.00; Due to Other Banks, \$58.48; Total, \$1,712,966.96.

WILLIAM MCCONNELL, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1893. C. M. LUKENS, Notary Public.

SEVENTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE GIRARD NATIONAL BANK. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$1,137.71; United States Bonds, \$800,000.00; Banking-house and other Real Estate, \$169,151.21; Due from National Banks, \$31,288.58; Due from Other Banks, \$4,938.88; Total, \$1,813,117.30.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$1,000,000.00; Surplus Fund, \$400,000.00; Discounts and Interests, \$7,588.83; Circulation, \$584,000.00; Individual Deposits, \$2,091,258.46; United States Deposits, \$19,108.12; Deposits on Hand, \$171,932.00; Due to National Banks, \$147,472.97; Due to Other Banks, \$1,581.57; Total, \$3,924,512.30.

W. L. SCHAFFER, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1893. C. M. LUKENS, Notary Public.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$1,442,920.53; U.S. Bonds deposited at Washington to secure circulation and deposits, \$910,000.00; Expenses and taxes, \$5,381.23; Revenue Stamp, \$38.23; Due by Banks, \$114,107.77; Exchanges for Clearing House, \$490,650.00; National Bank Notes, \$18,560.00; Legal-tender Notes, \$2,062,594.39; Fractional Currency, \$71,453.02; Special Deposits, \$6,701.75; Total, \$1,247,717.53.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$750,000.00; Surplus Fund, \$185,000.00; Profits, \$14,002.18; Deposits, \$2,062,594.39; Circulation, \$905,000.00; Unpaid Dividends, \$35.00; Total, \$3,927,121.97.

THEO. KITCHEN, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1893. JOHN M. EASTMAN, Notary Public.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, JANUARY 4, 1893. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$1,685,054.02; U.S. Bonds on Hand, \$141,000.00; Real Estate (productive), \$132,121.10; Legal-tender notes, coin, and certificates, \$58,842.00; National Bank notes, \$39,901.00; Fractional currency and stamps, \$14,329.98; Premiums, \$9,225.00; Due from other banks, \$67,214.97; Total, \$2,393,393.93.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$1,000,000.00; Surplus and Profit, \$1,393,611.54; Deposits, \$3,379.35; Total, \$2,393,393.93.

JOSEPH P. MU M O R I, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1893. JOHN M. EASTMAN, Notary Public.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$1,000,000.00; Surplus and Profit, \$1,393,611.54; Deposits, \$3,379.35; Total, \$2,393,393.93.

NOT MUCH SNOW YET!

The snow is quite contrary. It won't come down. And it won't come down. We wonder what's the reason. This present winter season. We've not snow in town? And it seems such funny weather, so curious altogether. With this mist and sleet, the chilly damp winds, blowing whichever way you're going. Along the street. And it's just the weather now, sir. You need thick coats and trousers; And now's the time to call. For the clothing all so nice, And so wondrous low the prices.

At the GREAT BROWN HALL! We haven't had enough snow yet to make a snow man out of. But a snow man is an uncomfortable looking object of criticism, standing out of doors with no clothes on. And so, although the snow is so slow in coming down here the present year, we won't complain of the mist and rain, or the want of snow, but we'll hurry to know and find out how low the prices can go of the coats and pants, and other goods all, which they keep for sale at the GREAT BROWN HALL. Right along, gentlemen, for now is the time for the low prices.

ROCKHILL & WILSON, GREAT BROWN CLOTHING HALL, Nos. 608 and 605 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

BANK REPORTS.

SEVENTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$499,661.80; U.S. Bonds on Hand, \$22,000.00; Banking-house and other Real Estate, \$50,000.00; Due from Banks, \$736,601.80; Legal-tender Notes, \$130,000.00; National Bank Notes, \$45,777.00; Fractional Currency, \$1,503.00; Notes of other National Banks, \$2,165.00; Cash Items, including Revenue Stamp, \$4,139.45; Exchanges for Clearing House this A. M., \$27,352.18; Due from Approved Associations, \$52,875.80; Due from other National Banks, \$46,038.00; Furniture, \$3,000.00; Premiums on Exchange, \$9,000.00; Due from other Banks, \$60.65; Total, \$1,985,191.26.

LIABILITIES. Capital, \$275,000.00; Surplus Fund, \$7,000.00; Profits and Loss, \$15,733.85; Circulation, \$246,550.00; Deposits on Hand, \$49,400.00; Dividends unpaid, \$670.00; Total, \$1,065,131.29.

Sworn to before Alderman A. H. SHOEMAKER, January 5, 1893. R. H. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$102,236.24; United States Bonds, \$250,000.00; Banking House and Furniture, \$70,725.83; Expenses and Taxes, \$3,522.90; Clearing House exchanges, \$1,774.93; Due from Banks and Bankers, \$3,188.55; Cash Items and Fractional Currency, \$15,560.00; Due from Approved Association in New York, \$78,836.91; United States Notes and Certificates, \$14,946.00; Total, \$1,116,582.23.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$250,000.00; Surplus Fund, \$1,393,611.54; Deposits, \$18,981.49; Total, \$1,116,582.23.

E. S. HALL, Cashier.