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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1869.

State Revenues and Expenditures. An analysis of the expenditures of Pennsylvania, as given in the Auditor-General's report, shows that the Commonwealth has ceased to render any very important or essential pecuniary assistance to the general inte-

of the State. Its sphere of action has radually been contracted to very narrow mits. It incurs no obligations for new works public improvement. It contributed in 1868 to the common schools only the insignificant sum of \$343,866.99. It gave nothing to the support of paupers, nothing for police purposes, and nothing for the maintenance of prisoners, except the sum of \$127,395 appropriated to the penitentiaries and the houses of refuge. Its payments are mainly of the following character:-1. Expenses of the government, which absorbed \$845,539.89. This included not only the salaries of the State officers and legislative expenses, but also the salaries of the judiciary. 2. A series of military expenses arising out of exigencies of the late war. 3. Pensions and gratuities. 4. Charitable institutions, amounting in the aggregate to \$772,066.20, more than \$500,000 of which was for the support of the schools for soldiers' orphans. 5. Common schools-6. Payments on account of the principal and interest of the State debt, which amounted in 1868 to \$6,309,954.55. 7. Appropriations to houses of refuge and penitentiaries. 8. Appropriations for a variety of miscellaneous purposes of no general interest or importance. amounting in the aggregate to a little more than \$200,000.

The general policy which has prevailed in the State during the last ten or fifteen years, so far as it may be said to have had a policy, has been to cast upon the respective county, city, borough, and school districts every possible burden of the actual necessities of government that could be thus transferred, and at the same time to greedily absorb every source of revenue, exclusive of tax on real estate. It is therefore not at all surprising that the State finances have been improved, while many of the local governments have been loaded down with a heavy burden of indebtedness. If by any fortunate accident a set of legislators should ever be chosen who would seriously consider the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth, a useful reform might be effected in the direction indicated, and the present burdens of local taxation would be great'y diminished.

In 1868 the Commonwealth received from variety of sources, as current revenue, more

of an Insurance Department in Pennsylvania. It appears by the Auditor-General's report that more than thirty thousand dollars were paid by the Commonwealth to the late District Attorney of this city for examining, in 1867 and 1868, the books of the foreign insurance companies transacting business in Philadelphia, and smaller payments were made for similar purposes to the District Attorneys of Luzerne and Allegheny counties. These examinations no doubt served to increase the revenues of the Commonwealth, but they furnished little or no information to the public, in an authentic shape, to protect insurers, to expose frands, and to establish insurance on the sound basis it has attained in other States. The interests of the Pennsylvania companies are also injured by the present system. If the Legislature could be persuaded to devote a few days to their legitimate public business. they could speedily provide for the establishment of an Insurance Bureau that would render substantial service to all solvent home

and foreign companies and to insurers. Death of Two Distinguished Men. Two MEN, both noted, but in different ways. died yesterday-the Hon. John Minor Botts and Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau. Each ended lives of great activity. As on each page of Virginia histery, for the past thirty years, Mr. Botts' name will be found, it is well to look at the peculiarities of his character. He was a singular combination of great decision and rapid alteration. Throughout life we believe he was guided by a conscientious conviction of what was his duty and a conscientious obedience to its demands-He entered public life in 1833, and was never out of it until 1866. During the continuance his political career for a third of a cenof tnry, he exhibited astonishing powers of adhesion to principles and rapid alteration of those principles to which he should adhere. In 1833 he was a Democrat, but at the formation of the Whig party in 1834 he became not only one of its members, but a most earnest and active leader of that organization. He was a Clay man in Congress, but supported "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." When John Tyler changed his political opinions and abandoned his party, Botts, with a devotion to what he believed right, attacked Tyler with singular bitterness, and broke up the personal friendship which had for years existed between them. During the whole of that mongrel administration he was a very thorn in its side. He opposed the repeal of the Missouri Compromise and of the Lecompton Constitution, and, following the true bent of his inclinations, became an ardent Unionist. During the war he declined to leave the South, and suffered great persecutions and losses. His property, which was extensive, was continually ravaged by Federal and Rebel troops, and we cannot possibly blame him for being at times indignant at each. With a close of the war came a restoration of his lands, and we believe he died a rich man. His last political act was to attend the loval Southern convention which met in Philadelphia in September, 1866. In his death his native State has lost a leader who, if not original or brilliant, was certainly earnest and decisive. In many respects he was a representative man. -General Rousseau was a soldier of great personal bravery and a fair amount of mill tary skill. During the war he was in command of numerous detached divisions, and He was at one time talked of for the highest commands, but that was rather because tained a large proportion of romance, but not son in 1865, and did so without a reservation. in his promotion to posts which he would not think there was any intentional connection on his part between his advancement and his opinions. He was a good soldier and a poor politician, and his loss will be telt the more as

did good service, although he never had the opportunity of winning any great victory. of the dearth of any other general than any merit of his own. His military career conan over supply of prudence. Like many brave military men, he was not as ready with the pen as with the sword, and in politics was not as well tried as in war. He sided with John-His error, to use the mildest term, resulted not otherwise have attained, although we do

The first floor should be divided into a pare and parquet strels, which would probably a greater number of seals, and make the ho appear more comfortable. As the auditori is arranged at present, the different portion the audience cannot see each other. This very material defect, as theatre-goors plenty of company, and a crowded house only inspires the actors to exert themselt but it also contributes to the enthusiasm of audience. Most persons enjoy a play better wi they have plenty of company; and the em benches so often seen at the Coesnut certai exerted a depressing influence on the spirits both actors and audience, which was dimanished by the unappetizing odors of bu oyster-shells proceeding up the heaters fro the restaurant in the basement. A cosy, co fortable-lookinghouse has a decidedly pot effect on the spirits of an audience, and achive this result the remodelling proc should be diected.

The ceiling of the Chesnut is handsome, s might with propriety be retained as it is present, but with regard to the other deco tions a number of changes could be m with advantage. But whatever system decoration may be decided upon the gene effects of warmth, comfort, richness, and gance should be borne in mind. It will be membered how, a few years ago, the director the Academy of Music tried an experiment repapering the walls. A pale blue pay chapged the whole appearance of the hou and gave it such a cold, cheerless look that press and public united in one burst of ind nation, and it was found necessary to appa the storm by returning to the rich orims which was in keeping with the size of house and the other ornamentations. Th ideas as to the necessary changes at the Ches have been set forth for the purpose of elicit comments from others who are competent judge in the matter. That a decided change needed we think all will agree.

As far as location goes, the Chesnut is the b situated theatre in the city, and there is good reason why it should not become one the most popular. The improvements nec sary to make it attractive internally wo probably not cost more than ten or fift thousand dollars at the most, and the judici expenditure of such an amount would wonders.

Under any circumstances the establishm should not be allowed to pass into the hand other than thoroughly competent manage If the owner of the building will make necessary alterations, and then make a proselection of a manager, there is no doubt that the theatre will pay. There are gen men in this city who would make excell managers. Mr. Adam Everly and Mr. Bar Hill, of the Arch Street Theatre Company, instance, are both of them capable of build up the fallen fortunes of the Chesnut, if th could be induced to undertake its m agement, Messrs, Hill and Eve pre actors of ability, enthusiastic their love for the dramatic art, and they gentlemen of education, taste, and judgment who would command the confidence of the public. Mr. Lewis Baker, who it was thought would take the Chesnut at the commencement of the present season, would also make a good manager. Any of these gentlemen know a good play when they see it, they are up in all the practical details of stage management, and in selecting their companies they would endeavor to obtain the best talent available. With the interior remodelled, with a competent manager at the head of affairs, and with good plays produced in the style of elegance and completeness that poor plays very frequently are at the Arch, the Chesnut Street Theatre ought to be and would be a success. The taste for the drama is as strong or even stronger now than it ever was, and three or more theatres can be supported in this city as easily as one, if they

SPECIAL	NOTICES.	SPECI/	AL NOTICES.
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SIXTH NA	FIONAL BANK.	at TRUMPLER'S, No	b. 926 OHESNUT Street, and
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VANIA BAILROA	D COMPANY,	way Company will be	e held at the General Offices
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Philadelphia, Jan. 6, 1869.	453 FRANKFORD Road.	A DIV DIVILAD	THE PARTY & CAME & NY AND CARFAR
The Board of Directors	have this day declared a	NOTICE -The ann	uni meeting of the Stockholde
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be held on MONDAY, the lith day of January near at is 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, 1225 124 Secretary. E MITCHELL C . RNELL Treasurer.

184 E MITCHELC U'RNELL Treasurer. OFFICE OF THE HESTONVILLE, MANTUA AND FAIRMOUNT PASSEN- GER RAILWAY COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 26, 1868. NOTICE TO STOCK HOLDERS, - The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their Office, No. 2562 CALLOW HILL Street. this day, January II, 1869 at 2 o'clock P. M. An klection for a President and five Directors. to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the same place. and on the same day, between the holtrs of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M. 12 26 jill CHARLES S. HASTING3, Secretary. THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA - Office No. 400 WALDUT Street. December 20, 1859. NOTICE-The Annual Meeting of the Stock-holders of THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the lith day of January next, at 10 o'click 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 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND CHI T COATESISTREETS PHILADELPHIA PAS SENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-FOURTH and COATES Streets.

FOURTH and COATES Streets. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25 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 lith day of January, 1869, be-tween the hours of 10 A. M and 12 M. 12 26 13t JOSHUA GARSED, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND COATES STREETS PRILADELL'HIA PAS-ER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY. CT.

The Directors have this dry deciared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT, on the capital stock of the Com-pany for the last six months, payable on demand, iree of all taxes.

BANK REPORTS E THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE MUSIC. Lecturer will dis IAN AND THE \$1,841,175 1 he Address has Legal-tender notes, coin, ress, irrespective 358,842 00 iching and thrill 26,901.00 int has yet been 14,432 98 9,925 00 547,214 97 her very happies stamps... Premiums. Due from other banks... FIVE CENTS 957,31593 5,899 8 Expenses and taxes s will commence ING. the 1⁹th in 926 CHESNU Total. \$2,804,3904 191 LIABILITIES. Capital stock. TUTE. - LEC A -- "Electuloa as by SAMUEL K. d Sight, 'by Rev. y 10, "Anatomy nodels, by Dr. F. 3. Doors open at Tickets for the 0 cents. For sals UT Street, and at 192." Jirculation ... 1,353,611)eposits. Profit and los 33 279-Total. \$2,804 390 9 JOSEPH P. MU M ORD, Cashier. 15 tuths6t QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHI. LADELPHIA. AT WESTERN 10 Broadway, ember 1888. } at meeting of the eat Western Rail-imeral Offices of the City and State on SATURDAY, consider and ap-cis entered into d the Columbus, ay Company, and ooks will remain JANUARY 4, 1809. RESOURCES, \$103,296 2 oans and discounts United States Bonds...... Banking House and Furniture..... 259 050 (70 725) 8,532 (Expenses and taxes. Clearing House exchanges...... Due from Banks and Bankers, 81.796 63,168 fl 2,728 fl Cash Items and Fractional Currency. National Bank Notes. Due from Approved Association in READING \$1,116,582-23 lice No. 227 8 LIABILITIES. ember 20, 1868. Capital Stock \$250,000-09 11,084-81 4 637-28 Surplus Fund..... Profit and Loss... ind be reopened 219 335 lirenlation . has been de Stock. clear o Due Banks and Bankers 524.543.0 Deposits n common stock holders thereof, be books of the xt. All payable \$1,116,582.23 E. S. HALL, Cashier. 17 St witnessed and DRY GOODS. RD, Treasurer. JOHN BURNS, NO. 247 S. ELEVENTH street, above Spruce. House furnishing Dry Goods and Linens. Heavy Loom Table Linens, 50, 55, 621, 75, and A, WILMING-AILROAD COM-LA, Dec. 24 1868, kholders of this ectors, will take , in WILMING ONDAY (11th) in Fine Bleached Damask Table Linens, 75, 87, 11 0 23 50. Extra fine Scotch, Irish, and Barnsley ER. Secretary. Satin Damask Table Cloths, 21/2 to 41/2 yards WILMING. Beantiful all Linen Damask Napkins, \$150 LILROAD COM vidend of FOUR of the Company, n and after 7th of A. HORNER, Treasurer, berdizen. Very fine Napkins, \$3:50, \$4:50 to \$11 per doz. Heavy Pillow Linens, 50, 62:5, 75, and 57:56; All Linen Towels, 10, 12:5, 16, 20, 22, and 250, Splendid Damask Towels, 31c. to \$1:25 each. CE COMPANY e No. 406 CHES-Richardson's Shirting Linens, in every variely. All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 22, 25, 82 to 87%c. New York Mills, Wamsutta, Williamsville, and all the leading makes at the lowest market the Stockholders COMPANY will of January next, 5-4, 6-4, 8-4, 9-4, 10-4 Pillow and Sheeting Muslins, WHITE GOODS! WHITE GOODS!! Striped and Plaid Swiss Muslins, 20, 22, 25,

Plain Nainsooks, Cambrics, and Swiss Mus-

HOSIERY ! HOSIERY !!

Ladies' Genuine Baibriggan Hose, silk em-broidered, 87340. Gents' English Super Stout Half-hose, 37340. Gents' Merino Shirts, heavy, 50, 6234, 75 to 85.

FLOUR.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, NO. 400 The best and most suitable Present for a friend or the needy is a barrel of our "J. S. WELCH" FIRST PREMIUM FLOUR, and a bag or half barrel STER-LING'S "MOUNTAIN" BUCK WHEAT MEAL, warranted superior to any in the market. Constantly on hand the best assortment of differen orands of FLOUR, INDIAN, and RYE MEAL HOPS, etc.

than \$5,000,000. The useful current expenditures paid out of this sum (exclusive of the amount devoted to the maintenance of soldiers' orphans' schools and to the liquidation of claims originating in the war) did not exceed \$3,500,000, of which nearly \$2,000,000 was consumed by interest on loans.

The financial system of the State should be reconstructed in one of two ways. The Com. monwealth should either make larger appropriations to objects of general utility, or surrender to the respective counties some of the sources of revenue now enjoyed exclusively by the State. If the first theory is adopted. the State aid to common schools might appropriately be increased, and a corresponding reduction in local taxation for educational purposes could be made. Various other obli gations might properly be assumed, but perhaps the measure suggested above would prove most generally useful and acceptable. If the State authorities are determined to persist in their present policy of shifting the real burdens of local government on local authorities, the latter ought to have their sources of revenue increased. The amounts realized from taxation on personal property, for instance, by State and county authorities, are notoriously insignificant. The Commonwealth derived from this source in 1868 only \$277,337.66. If the laws appertaining to this subject were revised and properly enforced, and if all taxes derived from personal property were paid exclusively into county or municipal treasuries, the present operous burdens on real estate could be greatly reduced, and the financial condition of Philadelphia, especially, might be much improved by such a reform. It is difficult, also, to see the justice of the present system of enriching the State Treasury with all the money received for tavern licenses. While the Commonwealth pays nothing for the support of almshouses or county prisons, she renders no equivalent for her revenues from this source. Other anomalies, equally pertinent, could be enumerated. But it is unnecessary to particularize. The State should do one of two things: either assume newduties or surrender some of her present sources of revenue to the local anthorities. General legislation is either totally neglected at Harrisburg or conducted on radically erroneous principles. The law providing that the proposed increase in the salaries of the judges of Philadelphia shall be paid by the City Councils is a striking illustration of the general tendency to transfer legitimate State burdens to the respective cities and counties, and at the same time to clutch tightly the sources of revenue.

WE hope the Legislature will promptly comply with the recommendation in Governor

we recall his exploits in the war.

The Chesnut Street Theatre.

THE Chesnut Street Theatre never has been popular since it was first opened, and Messrs. William Sinn & Co. having abandoned it in despair, after an heroic but unavailing attempt to make it pay, it now stands desolate in its emptiness, a warning to managers. The Caesnut Street Theatre was built because there was want for such an establishment: this want still exists, and there is room for yet another theatre, provided it is constructed on proper principles and entrusted to a competent manager. It seems, therefore, opportune at the present time to consider some of the reasons why the Chesnut has failed.

Externally the building is handsome, and a decided ornament to our fashionable thoroughfare. Internaliy it is an abomination. Some months ago, in article on the proposed new theatre on Broad street, the idea was expressed in these columns that one of the principal reasons for the unpopularity of the Chesnut was the bad arrangement of the suditorium and the ugly, uncomfortable, cheerless, and barn-like character of the place. Last season Mr. Sinn had undoubtedly the strongest stock company in the city; but in spite of this fact the audiences became smaller and smaller, and even such a talented and popular actor as James E. Murdoch conla scarcely draw full houses.

It has been hinted that, the failure of the theatre being a confessed fact, the question of remodeling it is being seriously considered. It is to be hope that this is true, and that the work will be so thoroughly done that there will be no cause for complaint in the future. In the way of reforms needed, the proscenium may be mentioned as the first thing that ought to be attended to. The present affair is heavy and inelegant, and it should be replaced by something more graceful. The niches adjoining the boxes, with their plaster statues, far from being ornamental, are in ex-80 cessive bad taste, and they should be removed altogether, and the line of the galleries brought round to meet the boxes. The galleries, too,

should be very different from the present ones. and in this respect the Arch Street Theatre Geary's message favoring the establishment might, to a great extent, be taken as a model.

are constructed properly and the managers are gifted with gumption. The Chesnut is in the right location to attract the best class of audiences, and the exercise of a little good judgment is all that is now needed to make it the model theatre of the city.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNIVER-SARY of the Scoley for the Advancement of Ubristianity in Penergivania will be held in ST. MARK'S URURCH, LOCUST Street, To-morrow Evening, at 7% o'clock. LOUDSI Street, 10 morrow The ermon will be preached by Babop KER-FOOT, and an address made by Bishop MORRIS The clergy and members of the Society will meet at 7% o'clock, in the School Building, in LOUDST Street

SEBMON TO YOUNG MEN, YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Rev. PHILLIPS BACOKS will preach a sermon especially to Young Men. To-morrow (Sabbath) Evening, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRI. NITY: corner of WALNUT street and RITTEN-HOUSE SQUARE, at 7% o'clock Seats reserved for Young Men Medical Students end strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend.

REVENTEENTH and SPRUCE STREET CHURCH, SEVENTEENTH and SPRUCE Streets --Rev. W. P. BREED, D.D., will preach To-morrow at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Subject in the Morning, The Heroic Resolve," being the fitth discourse of the series on the Book of Esther.

SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.-REV. PHILLIPS BROOKS will preach a sermon to Young Men, at the request of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, To-morrow Evening, at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY corner of WALNUT Street and RITTENHOUSE SOUARE. EQUARE.

THE NORTH UNITED PRESHY. TERIAN GBUR.H. MASTER BIreet, above Fifteentb. Rev. LAVAYETTE MARKS, pastor, will preach To-morrow at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Seaus free. Sabbath-school at 2% P. M. All the children in his neighborh od wi'l have a cordial welcome.

FAILY UNION MEETINGN FOR Prayer and Exhortation are held at No. 1210 CHEENUT Street, from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock. Come. The Monday Afterboon Meeting will be at the CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, FILBERT Street, venteenth, at 4 o'clock.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH, TENTH and FILBERT Streets.-Rev. HAS-BROUCK DU BOIS, of New York, will preach To-morrow, Service at 10% o'clock Morning, and 7% Evening. Evening.

MARCH will preach on this subject To mor. row (Sunday) evening at 75 o'clock, in CLINTON STREET CHURCH, TRNFH Street, below Spruce. All persons cordially invited to a tend.

LUTHERBAUM, TWELFTH AND ONFORD -Rev. NOAH M. PRICE, Pastor. 10%, "Great Walk." 7%, "Sermons for Souls." Pews

FIRST PRESBY TERIAN CHURCH, WAPHINGTON Squarz-Rev. HERRICK JOHNSON. D. D. Pastor, will preach To-morrow, at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M.

ST. ANDREW S LUTHERAN CHURCH N. E. corner BRO D and AROH. Rev. Ir. STORK Pastor.-Services To-morrow at 715 F. M. Communion 1915 A. M.

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH, EIGHTH PHRIES, pastor, will preach at 10% A. M. and 7%

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ERECTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS will be heid in SELECT COUNCIL, CHAMBER ON MONDAY EVENING. the like instant, at 7% o'cloow, for nermanent organi ration, R. P. GILLINGH aM. Socretary, Philadelphis, January 9, 1869. Philadelphis, January 9, 1969.

FENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY. FOURTH AND COATES STREETS. PHILADELPHIA, Jau, 4, 1869. 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 lith humant The books of the Company will be closed until the 12th instant. [155t] JOSHUA GARSED. instant, OFFICE OF THE UNION PASSENGER

OFFICE OF THE UNION PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-THIRD and BROWN Streets. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1808. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at this effice on MONDAY, January 11, 1868, at loo'clock A. M., at which time and place an election will be held for a Presiden , Vice-President, and five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year. 12 28 121 E. B. UAM PION, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY PAS SENGER RAILWAY COM-PANY, NO, 4180 CHESNUT Street, PANY, NO, 4180 CHESNUT Street, PALLADELPHIA Jan. 4. 1859. At a stated meeting of the BOARd of Directors held this day, a dividend of ONK DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS per share was declared. free of all taxes, psyable to the stockholders or their legal representa-tive on and after the 14th Inst. Transfer books closed until the 14th Inst. 14121 WM, W. COLLERT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE UNION PASSENGER BROWN STREETS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2, 1º69. PHILADELPHIA, JPR. 2, 1°60, The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividena of ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS for Share (clear of tax) payable at this office on and after MO *DAY. 11th inst., notil which time the transfer books will be closed. W. H. KEMBLE, 14 71 Treasurer.

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA AND TREN-

TON RAILBOAD COMPANY. TON RAILBOAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec 23, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and an Election for tweive Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's Office. No. 224 S. DELAWARE Avenue, on MONDAY, the lith day of January. 1859, at 1 P. M. 12 22wfmtJil J. MORRELL. Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FAME INSURANCE

COMPANY, NO, 46 CHESNUT STREEL COMPANY, NO, 46 CHESNUT STREEL PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 4, 1869. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fame Insurance Company held this day, a dividend of THREE PER CENT. was declared payable on de-mand, clear of all taxes. W. I. BLANCHARD, 14/21. Scretary. 14 125 OFFICE OF THE UNITED SECURITY LIFF INSURANCE AND TRUST COM-PANY, S. E. corner FIFTH and CHESNUT Stree 3. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1868. The Annual Election for Directors of this Company will be held at their office on WEDNE: DAY, Janu-ary 13, 1860, at 11 o'clock A. M 12 31 118 C. F. BETTS, Secretary. MENT COMPANY No 320 WALNUT Street. PHILADELPHIA, JAD. 6, 1568. The Board of Directors have the day declared a emi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT., payable

on and after the 18th Instan'. EDWARD ROBERTS, Ja., Transurer 1736

OFFICE OF THE DIAMOND COAL COMPANY, No. 309 WALNUT Street. NOTICE — The annual election for seven Directors to terve for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company on WEDNESDAY, the Jah Janu-ary next, betwien the hours of is and i P. M. 167t ED. PEAROE, President.

SHAMOKIN COAL COMPANY SHAMOKIN COAL COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, JAB. 1, 1809. The Annual Meeting of the Siockholders of the above-named Company will be held at their Office, No. 226 WALNUT Street, on WEDNEBDAY, the 20th Instant, at 12 ofclock, when 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 timw9t C. R. LUNDSAY, Secretary.

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12 26 stuth7t ALEX. W. WISTER. Secretary.

CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY. - THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Cambria Iron Company will be held at their office, No. 400 CHESNUT Street, Philadelphia, on TUES-DAY, the 18th day of JANUARY next, at 4 o'clock P. M., when an election will be held for seven Direc-tors in serve for the consulta year. P. M., when an election will year. tors to serve for the ensuing year. JOHN T. KILLE, Secretary. Philadelphia, Dec. 17, 1868. **GOVERNOR GEARY'S ANNUAL MESSAGE** 10 9 8m4p The annual message of Governor Geary MARSHALL'S ELIXIR. Is'nt weary Or dreary. As messages sometimes be; He tells with good nature To the Legislature Some things we are happy to see.

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