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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1869.

The New Officers of the State Legislature.

The lower branch of the State Legislature passed a resolution on the 18th inst. authorizing the Speaker and Clerk to appoint twenty-seven additional officers of the House. A few members had the candor and boldness to oppose this motion, on the ground that the additional officers were entirely unnecessary, and that the proposition was "simply intended to enable the party to take care of its friends!"

Table listing names and salaries of various officers: Clerks and Transcribing Clerks (\$1,841.80), Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeepers, and Messengers (\$7,291.00), Pastors and Folders (\$7,241.10), Amount paid Pages (\$2,838.00), Postmaster (\$900.00), Assistant Postmaster (\$85.00), Chaplain (\$300.00), Forwarding documents and "Legislative Record" (\$1,300.00), Transcribing (\$30.00), Revising "Legislative Handbook" (\$90.00), Making index to do (\$90.00), Librarian (\$1,000.00), Marshal of Rotunda (\$801.40), Three Firemen (\$2,121.00), Extra services (\$755.50).

There is a total of nearly ninety thousand dollars paid for the personal services of the attendants of our sapient legislators during a short session of three months, or at the rate of \$360,000 per annum. All the labor these officers performed that is useful or essential to the State would be richly paid for by one-fourth the sum now expended.

They were in the strictest confidence and respect sympathy. It is this which, in a world where misfortune is so generally treated as a crime, gives them their peculiar value, and calls forth the most grateful acknowledgments.

The annual report of the Mercantile Library Company indicates that the institution is in a gratifying state of prosperity. The project of removing the library to a more suitable building has been so far advanced that it may now be considered as sure of completion.

minimum amount that should be guaranteed by the State to every child, but as yet even so much is far from being perfectly performed, and the complete fulfillment of this duty is of paramount importance. The higher and normal grades, although apparently less essential, are found to be necessary to the complete accomplishment of the lower department of the work, from the fact that they furnish teachers directly fitted for and conversant with the requirements of the situation.

The competency of the teacher is of such paramount importance that before it every other consideration becomes comparatively valueless. A hedge-school, illuminated by a farthing candle, may produce a riper scholar than the most completely endowed "institution" inefficiently conducted.

The school-days form so small a portion of human life that tuition should be directed not so much to the acquirement of facts as to the acquirement of the habit of study; it is not what the pupil learns, but that he is taught to learn; not what he reads, but that he masters that rare art—the power of reading.

In PENNSYLVANIA, the State Treasury, which is burdened with comparatively few necessary expenses, continues to absorb the revenues accruing from tavern licenses. The total amount accruing from this source during the fiscal year ending on the 30th of November, 1868, was \$279,532.72, of which Philadelphia paid \$162,476.06, all other portions of the Commonwealth contributing only \$117,056.66.

Disturbances in Havana—Capture of Arms by the Authorities. HAVANA, Jan. 13.—There was a serious disturbance last evening on Carmen street.

The common school system offers a very fair and practical solution for the prominent difficulties of the question, and it would be wise to accept the scheme in the form now in successful operation, and vigorously develop it to its utmost capacity.

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—The people of Rock Island county, Illinois, are putting up a monument in memory of her deceased soldiers. —The new Lord Chancellor of England has been for thirty years "a devoted and successful Sunday school teacher."

—General Henry K. Oliver is on a tour of inspection of the factory schools of Massachusetts. He met the agents of several of the mills at New Bedford, on Tuesday, and the present plan for the education of factory children was fully discussed.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. COLD WEATHER DOES NOT CHAFEROUGH the skin after using WRIGHT'S ALCONA... CONCERT HALL... IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT... A COURSE OF SCIENTIFIC LECTURES... BEAUTIFUL STEREOGRAPHIC VIEWS... INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS...

NOTICE—WEST JERSEY RAILROAD COMPANY. OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 19, 1869. The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT, clear of National Tax, payable to the STOCKHOLDERS on this date and after WEDNESDAY the 23rd day of February 1869, at the Treasurer's Office in Camden, The Stock Transfer Book being closed from that date hereon, until the 31st day of February 1869.

THE SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE YALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will take place at Adelphi's, No. 101 WALNUT STREET, on THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 22, 1869, at 8 o'clock. All Yale graduates who may desire to attend will please make the fact known to Robert N. Wilson, Sec. of the Assn., 77 Walnut street, if they have not already done so.

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OF PHILADELPHIA.—The annual meeting of the Commercial Exchange will be held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1869. The annual report of the Board of Managers will be read at 10 o'clock A. M. The polls will be open from 10 A. M. until 3 P. M. for the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year.

THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The annual meeting of the Contributors to the PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB will be held at the Institution, corner of PINE and BROAD STREETS, on WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, at 4 o'clock P. M. An election will be held for officers to serve for the ensuing year.

IN URANCE COMPANIES. F. A. M. E. INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 406 CHESNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 1869. This Company, incorporated in 1856, and doing a FIRE INSURANCE BUSINESS EXCLUSIVELY, in order to enable it to accept a large amount of business constantly declined for want of adequate capital, will, in accordance with a supplement to its charter, increase its CAPITAL STOCK FROM \$100,000, its present amount, to \$200,000.

WILL RESUME BUSINESS On Monday, January 18, AT THE STORE No. 819 CHESNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA. FLOUR. HOLIDAY PRESENTS. The best and most reliable brand for a friend or the needy is a barrel of our "J. & WELCH'S" FIRST PREMIUM FLOUR, and a bag or half barrel STEWING'S "MOUNTAIN" RICK WHEAT MEAL, guaranteed superior to any in the market.

WHITE CLOVER HONEY, BETHLEHEM BUCKWHEAT, EXTRA MESS MACKEREL, ALBERT C. ROBERTS, Dealer in Fine Groceries, 117 1/2 Cor. ELEVENTH and VINE Streets. COAL. WILLIAM W. ALTER, LEHIGH COAL, Also, Lorber's and Locust Mountain. Depot, No. 957 North NINTH Street, Below Girard Avenue (15 1/2) 4th Office, Cor. SIXTH and SPRING GARDEN.

PIANOS. STEINWAY & SONS' GRAND Model No. 1006 CHESNUT Street, 817 CHICKERING Grand, Square and Upright PIANOS, DUTTON'S, 11 1/2 No. 911 Chestnut Street. HATS AND CAPS. JONES, TEMPLE & CO., 20 N. 9TH STREET, HATTERS, First door above Chestnut street. 42 WARBURTON'S IMPROVED VENTILATED, and easy-fitting Dress Hats (patented) in all the latest styles, at the lowest prices, CHESTNUT STREET, next door to the Post Office, 11 1/2

COPARTNERSHIPS. COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a copartnership, under the name of B. K. JAMISON & CO., and will continue the Banking business, at the N. W. corner of THIRD and CHESTNUT Streets, formerly conducted by P. F. Kelly & Co. Surviving partner of the late firm of B. K. JAMISON, P. F. Kelly & Co. Any account with the late firm of B. K. JAMISON, P. F. Kelly & Co. will be paid by the undersigned, at the N. W. corner of THIRD and CHESTNUT Streets, 11 1/2

WANTED TO RENT.—On or before the 15th of March, a MODERATE HOUSE must contain all the modern conveniences, and be in good order, for which a good rent will be paid, and the best of care taken of it. A property with GRACE HOUSE attached preferred situated between TENTH and TWENTY-SEVENTH STREETS, and VINE Street. Address P. O. Box 106, Philadelphia, stating terms and situation. 12 1/2