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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1899.

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), etc.

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.

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The real question just now is how the millions are to be taught to read and write, and not how the model manikin can best become master of mathematics. Unfortunately the world at present has a great deal of business upon its hands, and while it is bound to give the best opportunity in its power to the youthful Newton, it must also, and in the first place, do as well by the lowest and most stupid ignoramus.

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.

At the Board of Trade meeting the subject of securing relief for seamen from the oppressions of runners of boarding-house keepers was introduced, and the Seaman's Friend Society asked the co-operation of the board in securing national legislation to protect the seamen from the "land-sharks" who devour their substance.

Pennsylvania and New York Finances. The report of the Comptroller of New York State Finances presents a marked contrast to the report of the Auditor-General of Pennsylvania, illustrative of the difference in the methods of administering the financial affairs of the "Empire" and the "Keystone."

Popular Education. It is easy to theorize upon the theme of popular education. The subject is always attractive to those who are qualified to judiciously consider it, and it has also so many claims to popular regard that it receives the attention of a multitude of benevolent leisurely people who try their pretentious hands upon the work.

The Mercantile Fund, The Mercantile Library, and the Board of Trade. Yesterday afternoon and evening the annual meetings of the Merchants' Fund Association, the Mercantile Library Company, and the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, were held, and reports of proceedings for the past year were submitted.

The President of the association, John M. Atwood, Esq., stated in his report that the cases which had been brought to the notice of the committee, and which were felt to be entitled to aid, were in excess of any previous year. The Merchants' Fund does its work so quietly and unostentatiously that the public are not aware of the extent of its charities.

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.

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Disturbances in Havana—Capture of Arms by the Authorities. HAVANA, Jan. 13.—There was a serious disturbance last evening on Carmen street. A young man by the name of Leon had lately returned from the States. It seems that he and some two hundred others had stored in a house on the aforementioned street about three hundred arms of various classes, and that last night they were to have proceeded to Candelaria—in the West—where an insurrection was to have been raised.

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the press will be subjected to the general law and the regular tribune. In that which is comprehended in the first article, so far as periodicals are concerned, first the author of the article is responsible, and afterwards (or in the next place) the director of the journal.

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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 BY DR. J. F. BOYNTON.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE YALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will take place at Adelphi's, No. 100 WALNUT STREET, on THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21, 1899, at 8 o'clock.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, CAMDEN, N. J. 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 and after WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1899.

OFFICE OF THE ST. NICHOLAS COAL COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, January 19, 1899. The Annual Meeting of the stockholders will be held at the office of the Company on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock noon.

OFFICE OF THE DIAMOND COAL COMPANY, No. 229 WALNUT STREET. The Directors, on the 15th inst., declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT PER SHARE, payable on or after January 16, 1899.

ROCKHILL & WILSON, Nos. 605 and 606 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA. The public used to be afraid to purchase clothing "ready-made" for "custom goods" outfits, said they. The "ready-made" garments may a day.

IN URANCE COMPANIES. F. A. M. E. INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 406 CHESTNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 1899. 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

CHARLES RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT. WILLIAM H. RHAWN, VICE-PRESIDENT. WILLIAMS I. BLANCHARD, SECRETARY. J. E. CALDWELL & CO. WILL RESUME BUSINESS On Monday, January 18, AT THE STORE No. 819 CHESTNUT 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 STEVENSON'S "MOUNTAIN" RICK WHEAT MEAL, guaranteed superior to any in the market.

CHOICE FAMILY FLOUR. For the Trade or at Retail. EVERY BARREL WARRANTED. KEYSTONE FLOUR MILLS, Nos. 19 AND 21 GIRARD AVENUE, East of Front street.

WHITE CLOVER HONEY. BETHLEHEM BUCKWHEAT. EXTRA MESS MACKEREL. ALBERT C. ROBERTS, Dealer in Fine Groceries, 117 1/2 Cor. ELEVENTH and VINE Streets.

WILLIAM W. ALTER, LEHIGH COAL, Also, Lorberly and Locust Mountain. Depot, No. 957 North NINTH Street, Below Girard Avenue (15 1/2 ft) Office, Cor. SIXTH and SPRING GARDEN.

WANTS. 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.