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The State Legislature—How Can it be Purified? THE proceedings of the State Legislature furnish little ground for hoping that it is composed of better material than its predecessors. There are painful indications that the session will be characterized by the usual neglect of the public interests, the usual subservience to a few influential individuals, and the usual prostitution of legislative powers to unworthy purposes.

As year after year passes by, spasmodic attempts are occasionally made to improve the character of the Legislature. Sometimes they are partially or wholly successful in portions of the Commonwealth, but a thorough reform is never effected, for a residue of the old leaven is always preserved through the error or neglect of some of the multifarious constituencies.

The Alleged Frauds at the Navy Yard. A few days ago we gave a statement of a controversy between Hon. William D. Kelley, of the Naval Committee, and Chief Engineer Zeller, of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, with regard to certain alleged frauds connected with the purchase of marine engine-building tools.

Chief Engineer Zeller undoubtedly has a right to make a complete statement of the case to the Naval Committee, as upon the report of the committee will almost certainly depend the action of the House. We hope that the committee will make a complete and exhaustive investigation, and we await the publication of the report before arriving at any conclusions.

The Public Buildings. THE meeting of the Commissioners of Public Buildings, held yesterday, indicates that they are about to proceed immediately to the practical business of their appointment. A resolution providing for Committees on Hall, Architectural Plans, Contracts, Buildings, Law and Audits was agreed to, and it was further wisely ordered that the committees should hold during the five years of the Commission, and not be reappointed annually.

Primogeniture in England. JEROME from the recent British journals, it is to be presumed that there is a popular feeling arising in England against the law of primogeniture. This would be only a natural link in that chain of events now stretching in unbroken sequence through long ages, and first catching the early light of history on that great day when the barons braved their king at Runnemede.

Based originally, as a warlike tribe, upon feudalism, which regarded the chief as the sole source of property and power, this fiction has been preserved in words, while in fact the absolute reverse has grown to be the reality, and power and property proceed alone from the people, who willingly clothe a servile executive official in all the gorgeous trappings of royalty, in which they really do homage to the industry, wealth, and success of the English nation itself.

SPECIAL NOTICES. NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15, 1869. At an election for Directors held this day the following named gentlemen were duly elected to serve for the ensuing year: WILLIAM H. RHAWN, BENJAMIN ROWLAND, JR., FREDERICK A. HOYT, JOHN FEARNE, HOWARD HINCHMAN, ALFRED M. NEWFORD, CHARLES RICHARDSON, J. BARLOW MOOREHEAD, WILLIAM H. BROWN, CHARLES L. SHARPLESS, WILLIAM H. BROWN, AND AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS THIS DAY WILLIAM H. RHAWN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT, JOSEPH P. MUMFORD, Cashier.

THE FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 1869. At an election held on the 15th day of January, 1869, the following named stockholders were elected Directors of this bank: J. B. LIPPINCOTT, JOHN W. WOODWARD, ANTHONY J. ANTELO, GEORGE W. FARR, JR., BENJ. A. FARRHAM, WM. H. WOODWARD, FRED. S. TAYLOR, C. D. HENNING, LINDLEY SMYTH, R. K. BROWN, AND AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS THIS DAY EDWIN M. LEWIS, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, No. 407 Walnut Street, Jan. 6, 1869. DIVIDEND NOTICE. The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on SATURDAY, the 9th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., and will be reopened on MONDAY, the 12th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. A dividend has this day been declared of FIVE PER CENT, clear of taxes, payable in scrip bearing no interest, and convertible into Seven Per Cent Mortgage Bonds of the Company, in sums of not less than five hundred dollars, on and after May 1st next.

PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD. Office, No. 224 South Delaware Avenue, PHILADELPHIA, January 20, 1869. The Directors have this day declared a special dividend of FIVE PER CENT, upon the Capital Stock of this road, any clear of taxes, from the profits of the six months ending December 31, 1868, payable on and after February 1st proximo, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand recorded on the books of the Company on the 15th inst.

ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY. SACRAMENTO OFFICE, No. 40 Broadway, N. Y. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Stockholders of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company will be held at the general offices of the Company, No. 40 Broadway, in the City and State of New York, at 12 o'clock noon, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of January, 1869, to consider and approve of, or reject, certain contracts entered into with the Erie Railroad Company and the Columbus, Chicago, and Indiana Central Railway Company, and for other purposes. The transfer books will remain closed until after the meeting.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY—Office No. 127 S. Fourth Street, PHILADELPHIA, December 20, 1868. The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on the 31st of January next, and will be reopened on TUESDAY, January 12, 1869. A dividend of FIVE PER CENT has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of National and State Taxes, payable in common stock on and after January 21, 1869, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand recorded on the books of the Company on the 15th of January next. All payable at this office.

NOTICE—WEST JERSEY RAILROAD COMPANY. OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, CAMDEN, N. J., January 16, 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 of this road on and after WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1869, at the Treasurer's Office in Camden. The Stock Transfer Books will be closed from the date hereof, until the 1st day of February, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE HAND-IN-HAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Philadelphia, Jan. 20, 1869. At the Annual Election held on the 15th inst., the following Stockholders were elected Directors, to serve for the ensuing year: WILLIAM F. SMITH, Robert M. Foust, Nicholas Bienenhouse, George W. Oram, Joseph Backhaus, George W. Michener, John P. Trail, Christopher F. Miller, and at a meeting of the Directors held on the 18th inst., WILLIAM F. SMITH was elected President, JOSEPH COLLIER Vice-President, BENJAMIN F. FOSTER Secretary, and ROBERT M. FOUST, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE DIVISION CANAL COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA, No. 308 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21, 1869. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, February 23, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., when an election will be held for Managers for the ensuing year.

CONTINENTAL HOTEL COMPANY. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Continental Hotel Company, for the election of Five Managers and the transaction of other business, will be held on SATURDAY, January 23, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., at the Hotel, J. HERBERT PRICE, Secretary.

OFFICE INS. CO. NORTH AMERICA. PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 1869. The Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of SIX PER CENT, payable on demand, free of all taxes. CHARLES H. BENTLEY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ST. NICHOLAS COAL COMPANY, No. 203 1/2 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 1869. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the office of the Company on MONDAY, February 1, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., when an election will be held for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year. R. JOHNSON, Secretary.

CUSHIONS AND MATTRESSES. I started with boxes in my fingers, but subject to my smell, and dirt. Elastic Springs is not only a more economical substitute, but is subject to some of the most objectionable and its purity almost immaculate. "Ready-Made" or "Made to Order."

The public need to be afraid of purchasing clothing "ready made." For "custom goods" outfit, said they. The "ready-made" garments many a day. The custom they had, in times of old, was to pay hard cash, for ROCKHILL & WILSON's ready-made clothing, and they would have you to know that the best of all places in town to go, for a suit of clothes for your family frame, as we've often told you, it's still the same. Buy hurry along and call and look at the goods of the GREAT BROWN HALL, ROCKHILL & WILSON, Nos. 603 and 605 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OF PHILADELPHIA. The annual meeting of the Commercial Exchange will be held on TUESDAY, January 26, 1869. At a meeting of the Board of Managers will be read at 11 1/2 o'clock A. M. The points will be open from 10 A. M. until 1 P. M. on the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year. G. B. TISDALL, Secretary.

BACHELOR'S HAIR DYE.—THIS splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world; the only true and perfect Bye-hair restorer, and it leaves the hair soft, lustrous, and free from dandruff. It is sold by all Druggists and Fancy Goods Dealers, and is also sold by Bachelor's Hair Dye Co., No. 100 Broadway, New York.

JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, ETC. CARD. JAMES E. CALDWELL & CO., 819 CHESTNUT ST.

The undersigned desire to make their sincere and grateful acknowledgments for the many favors and courtesies which have been placed in connection with the disastrous calamity by which their establishment was destroyed on the night of the 14th inst., and which involved the irreparable loss of the lives of two of their most esteemed and valuable clerks, an event they feel can hardly be sufficiently deplored. To the numerous friends, whose heartfelt expressions of sympathy have done so much to sustain them under their heavy losses, and to encourage them in the prompt resumption of their business: To the CHIEF ENGINEER of the Fire Department, his ASSISTANTS and the FIREMEN generally, for their devoted and daring efforts to subdue the conflagration. All that skill, courage and perseverance could do was done by the FIRE DEPARTMENT on this occasion.

J. E. CALDWELL & CO. 819 CHESTNUT ST. J. E. CALDWELL & CO. WILL RESUME BUSINESS On Monday, January 18, AT THE STORE No. 819 CHESTNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA.

NEW PUBLICATIONS. THE NURSERY. Beautiful pictures among which are SIX ORIGINAL DRAWINGS by OSCAR PLETCH, now first published, and comprising his new work. "The Little Housekeeper." Besides these are three full-page engravings of rare beauty, and charming original articles by Uncle Charles, Emily Carter, Marian Douglas, Mathias Barr, and other excellent writers. No Juvenile Magazine equal to this in beauty has yet appeared. See it as a judge for yourselves. NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE. Terms—\$1.20 a year in advance. Single numbers, 15 cents.

LEGAL NOTICES. IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. ELIZABETH L. MERRILL, Et'c., vs. GEORGE B. MERRILL. Sept. Term 1868. No. 33. In divorce. Please take notice that the Court has granted a rule upon you to show cause why a divorce a vinculo matrimonii should not be decreed in the above case, returnable SATURDAY, January 23, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., personal notice being given on account of the absence of the respondent, to JACOB RUMBAUGH, Executor of Abraham Rumbaugh deceased, Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 22, 1869. THOMAS C. FINLETTER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

PERSONAL. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has made application for the renewal of Certificate No. 10748 for Four shares of the stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, issued to Abraham Rumbaugh, late of West Chester, County, Pa., deceased, dated the 23rd day of December, 1867, the same having been lost or destroyed. JACOB RUMBAUGH, Executor of Abraham Rumbaugh deceased, Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 22, 1869. 1 21 54

INSTRUCTION. HAMILTON INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG LADIES, No. 230 CHESTNUT STREET, West Philadelphia.—The Spring Term of this Institution will commence on MONDAY, February 1. For terms, etc., apply to the Principal.

TRUSSES. TRUSSES. TRUSSES. Ladies' Trusses, Abdominal Supporters, Elastic Body Belts, Strappings and Bandages, correctly adjusted by a competent lady at "SHELLY'S TRUSS ESTABLISHMENT," No. 124 CHESTNUT Street.

LARZELERE & BUCHEY, Custom House Brokers and Notaries Public, No. 405 LIBRARY Street. All Custom House Business transacted. PASSPORTS PROCURED.

DEAFNESS.—EVERY INSTRUMENT THAT is used and also have invented to assist the hearing in every degree of deafness, superior to any other in use. MERRILL & CO., No. 12 WEST STREET, below Chestnut.

INSURANCE COMPANIES. FAME INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 406 CHESTNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, January 18, 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, in Shares of Fifty Dollars Each, and for which subscription books are now open at this office.

By order of the Board of Directors. CHARLES RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT. WILLIAM H. RHAWN, VICE-PRESIDENT. WILLIAMS I. BLANCHARD, SECRETARY. 50 PER CENT DIVIDEND Declared January 1, 1869, BY THE AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, S. E. Corner FOURTH and WALNUT Sts.

WHAT DOES THIS SIGNIFY TO THOSE INSURED AND THOSE ABOUT TO BE INSURED IN "THE AMERICAN LIFE"? 1. It shows the PROSPERITY of "The American." 2. It shows that "The American" does a SAFE business. 3. It shows that "The American" is WELL MANAGED. 4. It shows that "The American" have placed just ONE-HALF of the annual premium to the credit of "Participating Policies," and may be used in the payment of future premiums. 5. It shows that Philadelphia and Pennsylvania need not go outside of their own city and State to find ALL that is desirable in any Life Insurance Company, and to secure all possible benefits of being insured.

BOOTS AND SHOES. NEW STYLE SKATING BOOTS. BARTLETT, THE BOOT MAKER, No. 33 80TH SIXTH STREET. New Styles for the Promenade. New Styles for the Parlor. New Styles for Heavy Weather. His large stock enables him to furnish a good fit at all times. 10 16 17 1/2

HATS AND CAPS. JONES, TEMPLE & CO. FASHIONABLE HATTERS, First door above Chestnut Street. 4 1/2

WABURTON'S IMPROVED VENTILATED, and easy-fitting Dress Hats (patented) in all the improved fashions of the season, CHESTNUT Street, next door to the Post Office. 11 15 1/2

COAL. WILLIAM W. ALTER, LEHIGH COAL, Also, Lorberry and Locust Mountain. Depot, No. 957 North NINTH Street, Below Girard Avenue. 11 15 1/2

PIANOS. STEINWAY & SONS' GRAND square and upright Pianos, at BLISSARD BROS., No. 100 CHESTNUT Street. 8 1/2

CHECKERING. Grand, Square and Upright Pianos. DUTTON'S, No. 314 CHESTNUT Street. 11 1/2

COPARTNERSHIPS. COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—THE undersigned have this day formed a partnership, 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.

LOST.—CERTIFICATE OF OLD CITY LOAN No. 1618, for one hundred dollars, in the name of Mary F. Reeves. Application will be made for the issue of a new certificate. 11 1/2

FOR SALE. FOR SALE OR TO RENT—DESIRABLE House at ROXBOROUGH. 11 1/2

FOR SALE—LARGE WHARF NORTH SIDE OF CHERRY Street, Roxborough, and lease of Cherry Street Landing. J. H. WHEELER, 115 1/2 1/2

BOARDING.—FIRST-CLASS BOARDING for GENTLEMEN only, at No. 230 South EIGHTH Street. 1 1/2

EMPIRE SLATE MANTEL WORKS.—J. B. KILMES, No. 225 CHESTNUT Street. 1 1/2

S. GARTLAND, UNDERTAKER, 23 South THIRTEENTH Street. 11 23 1/2