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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1869.

State vs. City Revenues and Expenditures. A resolution was passed by both branches of Councils at their last session, requesting the Legislature to transfer the revenue derived from tavern licenses and mercantile taxes in Philadelphia to the City Treasury...

It is a striking characteristic of the modern development of our political system that a marked increase in necessary municipal expenditures has occurred, while the necessary expenses of the State have been constantly diminishing...

Now all this is changed. If roads are to be built, townships, counties, cities, or private corporations must provide the means to construct them.

The State makes no appropriations systematically, and as a recognized duty, except such as provide for the interest and gradual reduction of the State debt...

There is not another State in the Union which contributes less, in proportion to its means, to any important object involving the general welfare, than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The natural consequence of this policy, accompanied as it is by a greedy retention of many sources of revenue which should only enrich treasuries that assume corresponding obligations...

Philadelphia, on the other hand, must spend a great deal of money, and even if the greatest economy is exercised a much larger sum will be needed to defray her municipal expenditures than is required by the Commonwealth.

Especially should the revenue from tavern and mercantile licenses be paid, under the circumstances, into the City Treasury.

assume this burden, she is clearly entitled in equity to every dollar paid for tavern licenses. In New York this principle is clearly recognized, and New York city and adjacent districts derive (and expend mainly for local purposes) a revenue of about one million of dollars per annum from tavern licenses alone.

The Need of a Legal Registry Law. Above all other duties incumbent upon the Legislature of our State during its present session, stands the passage of a just and legal registry law. The fearful lessons of the last election tell us, in language unmistakable, that if we would preserve the purity of the ballot, protect the rights of our citizens, and prevent popular suffrage becoming a popular farce...

We would urge this, not as a party measure, not because we are Republicans, but because we are Pennsylvanians, and cannot forget that while a party may be benefited by fraud to-day, the State loses by it always.

The act in question was unconstitutional. It was a badly drafted measure, and evidently drawn up by one who had no real knowledge of law. But in pronouncing its decision, the Court gave grounds for hope that while the bill before it could not stand legal tests, yet the idea of such a law was not repugnant to the Constitution.

First. It was provided by the previous law that all citizens must appear before a Board of Canvassers, to be appointed by the Board of Aldermen, and get registered ten days before the election.

Second. After the names were added to the register, it was made the duty of the assessors to meet on Saturday night, and, between the hours of 7 P. M. and midnight, assess a tax on all the registered citizens.

Third. When the citizen presented himself before the canvassers, he was required to make an affidavit that he had resided in the division for ten days previous.

Fourth. By the same Constitution it is provided that every citizen who is between the age of twenty-one and twenty-two shall vote without previous payment of taxes or assessment.

We have thus briefly summed up the grounds on which the former registry law was declared illegal. Let them be beacons to guide the framers of the much-needed law at the present session.

a stringent law. It is only in the heart of crowded cities that opportunity offers for such stupendous frauds as those with which we have been disgraced. In the country all are known, and if there be some cheating it must be limited. But with us there is no limit except the wishes of the sounders who perpetrate the swindle, and it requires that the strong arm of a stringent law be laid upon them to prevent the whole system of elections being made the sport of rascals.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. Rev. J. I. WITHERS will preach a sermon especially to young men to-morrow (Sabbath) evening, at 7 1/2 P. M. in the A. H. STREET CHURCH, above Tenth, at 7 1/2 P. M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON SQUARE.—Rev. J. M. HERRICK, Pastor. To-morrow at 10 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. The subject of the series of sermons on the significance of the cross. To-morrow evening, cant questions of Scripture. To-morrow evening, subject, "How small I give Thee up!" All are welcome.

WEST ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. A. L. BLACK, Pastor. To-morrow at 10 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Monday at 7 1/2 P. M. Rev. Dr. WILLIAMS will deliver the first of the course of Six Lectures in aid for the benefit of the Church.

CLINTON STREET CHURCH.—Rev. J. J. TENNENT, Pastor. To-morrow at 10 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Monday at 7 1/2 P. M. Rev. Dr. WILLIAMS will deliver the first of the course of Six Lectures in aid for the benefit of the Church.

ST. CLYMENT'S CHURCH.—Rev. J. J. TENNENT, Pastor. To-morrow at 10 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Monday at 7 1/2 P. M. Rev. Dr. WILLIAMS will deliver the first of the course of Six Lectures in aid for the benefit of the Church.

UTHERAN CHURCH, TWELFTH AND OXFORD STREETS.—Rev. J. J. TENNENT, Pastor. To-morrow at 10 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Monday at 7 1/2 P. M. Rev. Dr. WILLIAMS will deliver the first of the course of Six Lectures in aid for the benefit of the Church.

REV. E. H. ADAMS, D. D., WILL preach at the Central Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath Evening at 7 o'clock. The subject, "The Power of the Cross." All persons cordially invited.

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Amount of Cash Premiums received.....\$174,301 96 Amount of Interest received from Investments.....28,781 56

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