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#### The Fees Cut Off.

On the first day of the present session of the State Legislature a bill was introduced providing for the reduction of fees and perquisites heretofore paid to the "Row officers" of our city. It was referred to a select committee, consisting of the four Senators from Philadelphia county, and was favorably reported by them a few days since. On Tuesday evening the Senate passed the bill. It provides that the amount of costs and fees for any one year, o mmencing with the 1st of January, which shall be paid to the several officers named, shall never exceed a certain specified sum, as follows: --

District /	atter	ney	- 9				\$0000	
Clerk of	Qua	rter S	lessio	118			3000	
Sheriff	14 H	- e -	1411		1.0		4000	
Coroner			÷	- R.	100	× .	3000	

This, it will be noticed, includes all of the county officers, who are at present in receipt of the heaviest proportion of the "plums" of official power. At the present time, it is currently stated, and on good authority, that the following are the sums received from lees by the officers above named: -

District	4	attorney	141		0.00		\$35,000
Clerk of	r	Quarter	Se	sions			18,000
Sheriff	4				(e)	1.0	36,000
Coroner	i,						15,000

All of the receipts from these offices above the first-named sums shall be declared forfeited to the city treasury and be applied towards decreasing the expenses of government; in other words, the section of the law which has just passed the Senate will save to Philadelphia an annual amount of at least \$80,000. To exactly the extent of the amount saved will the burdens of taxation be reduced. In addition to the present offices, which are thus disposed of, there remain others, to which the second section of the act supplies the standard of remuneration. The Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, Clerk of Orphans' Court, Prothonotary of District Court, Pro honotary of Court of Common Pleas, and Clerk of Quarter Sessions, in addition to all the taxes they now pay, are required to pay to the city annually one-fourth of all the fees received by them over \$2000. Now the reason of the difference between the mode of payment of the two olasses of officers is clear. The first section applies to those only who receive their fees from the city treasury. The second receive their fees themselves directly from the parties. As the Clerk of Quarter Sessions falls under both the classes, he is placed in both of them. The fees of all the officers of the second class are much lighter than those of the first, and as they are for services actually rendered, it is probably only just that they should retain one-half, for it is about that amount which is deducted for taxes. In order that no chance for deception be allowed, it is made the duty of the officers in question to file with the City Controller an exact statement of all the fees received, and swear by affidavit to the correctness of the account, and the act especially makes false swearing liable to prosecution for perjury. By another provision the act is not to take effect until the expiration of the terms of each of the present incumbents. Of the justice and eminent propriety of such a law there can be no division of opinion The absurdity of permitting the Clerk of Quarter Sessions to received \$18,000 for his duties is self-evident. That he should get more than the combined judges of the court in which he is Clerk is ridiculous. The people have long demauded this change on both the ground of reason and economy. The saving of this \$80,000 to the city is in reality the deduction from the tax rate of just that amount and a consequent relief to that extent of the sum saved. Nor have the present officers any cause of complaint. The bill delays the commencement of its effect until their terms have expired. Had it been otherwise it might have been said that it was a mere partisan measure; that as the other gentlemen had lost the control of the places in question, that therefore they favored outting off the fees. There can be no charge of partisanship now urged against the bill. It is a reform, not a party device. We have so often and so urgently argued in favor of just such a law, that there can be no doubt of our position now. It is called for by every one except the flock of hungry cormorants who hang around Fifth and Chesnut, and hope in the future to secure the spoils thus cut off. It will meet with the universal support of all men who are not politicians per se. Of course, all such will denounce it; for are not they well defined as "men without any visible means of support ?" and are not the crumbs of these offices one of the invisible means which keeps them from the Almshouse? But all right-thinking men commend the effort. We urge upon the House of Representatives a hearty assent to the action of the Sepate, for it is clear to all that to defeat the bill is to legislate against the people, and openly and directly in favor of the political "ring."

amount to \$5,372,513, a sum equivalent to a six per cent, dividend on a capital stock three times as large as the stook of the Pennsylvania Railroad. There is great significance, in this connec-

tion, in the paragraph of the report which announces that the assets of the company, "exclusive of its own roads, invested for the protection and enlargement of its traffic, are now, at a reasonable valuation, more than sufficient to meet the whole indebtedness of the company, except the five per cent. bonds held by the State of Pennsylvania, which are being paid by a contribution from the net revenue of the company in semi-aunual payments of \$230,000 each." It is thus clearly shown that the road, with all its appurtenances, is unquestionably the property of the stockholders. Unlike many other large ourporations, it has a heavy bonded indebtedness to provide for; and its figancial operations are conducted on a sound cash basis.

The branch roads it has built or purchased, which in the aggregate are scarcely less valuable than the main line, are nearly all selfsustaining, and several have proved sufficiently profitable to compensate for the losses incurred in working the Philadelphia and Er.e. The present management have ever kept

pace with the progress of the age, and the various projects of great importance which are prosecuted at this time indicate that they will not be outstripped hereafter in the neverceasing warfare of rival railway interests. The call for a new stock subscription of twenty-five per cent., to be used mainly in equipping the great new thoroughfare to the West, indicates that the Pennsylvania Road about to ensure, and forever maintain, beyond all contingencies, superior connections with every leading Western city, and especially St. Louis, Louisville, and Chicago.

It is a noticeable feature of the recent annual meeting of the company that no minority report, and no motion for the appointment of a committee of investigation was made by our good-natured friend of the Fifth ward. His opposition had become so much a matter of course that the proceedings seem quite tame without a demonstration of hostility. It is to be hoped that he will put in an appearance at the next meeting.

#### The Caban Insurrection.

The censorship exercised over the press and telegraph at Havana prevents us from getting any definite and reliable information aboat the situation of affairs in Cuba. What can b, gathered from the imperfect despatches and rumors is that the insurrection is making rapid headway, and that the Spanish authorities are being overpowered. The whole course of Spain towards Cuba, during the reign of Isabella II, was such as to excite dissension: and after the revolution in Spain was a thing accompliahed, General Lersundi was so ill-advised as to refuse to recognize the right of the Cubans to participate in the benefits of that movement. The result was that a struggle for independence was begun, and the insurrection had gained such headway that General Dulce was unable to stem its progress when he assumed the Captain-Generalship. His proffered conciliatory measures were in reality scarcely less rigorous than the despotism of his predecessor, and the insurgents refused to accept any terms but a total abrogation of the Spanish authority and the acknowledgment of their independence. Cuba, however, is too rich a prize to be allowed to pass away from Spain without a struggle, and Dalce has therefore determined upon more energetic measures. Thus far his success has been small, and the insurgents are apparently hemming him in on every side, so that, unless he is heavily reinforced, he will be obliged to surrender his authority. The despatches published this morning give a mass of rumors and contradictory reports, which indicate that a terrible state of affairs exists in Cuba. General Dulce and his agents are arresting wealthy and suspected men in all directions, and many of the inhabitants are endeavoring to leave the country, but are prevented from doing so. One rumor states that the United States Consul at Havana having applied for passports for naturalized citizens, the latter were arrested, and the Consul was informed that the Government could not recognize his right to apply for passports. A later report states that a native Cuban was released on the production of his American naturalization papers. The American Consul at Trinidad has abandoned his post and joined the rebels, and the citizens of that place are consequently left without protection. It is evident that energetic measures are needed on the part of the United States Government to ensure for its citizens in Cuba proper treatment. Not many years ago, in the days of the Ostend manifesto and the Lopez filibusters, an opportunity like this for securing such a prize as Cuba would not have been allowed to slip by, but the insurgents would have found their ranks reinforced by volunteers from the United States. Since then, however, we have had enough of fighting, and are now content to await the course of events. Oar interests, however, no less than justice to American citizens in Cuba, demand that we should be represented there by such an armed force as will make the rebels as well as the Spaniards respect us, and which will give us an influence in the final disposition of the island, whichever party wins in the contest now being carried on. ART AND ARTISTS .- The means used for accomplishing results or producting effects differ in the various form of art, but the fundamental principles are essentially the same in poetry, painting, sculpture, or mimetic art. Each of these arts works by certain rules of its own and is limited in its;sphere of operations, but within these limitations the impressions left upon the mind and imagination are identical. The poet, with his word painting, is able to show all sides of a subject, to get at its heart. thousand dollars, while its gross earnings ex- and to suggest ideas that are beyond the ex-

ceeded seventeen millions, and its net earning | pression of language. The painter is limited to a single phase, but with his drawing, composition, light and shade, and wealth of color, he may excite the imagination to supply that which cannot be fixed upon the canvas.

The actor tells his story in propria person 1 and while any at'empt to realize a picture upon the stage must necessarily be a failure, the dialogue, action, dramatic effect, and identifi cation of the actor's person with the character represented, interpret a theme in a very differ ent but no less effective manner than inpetry or painting. Poetry deserves to stand at the head of the arts, on account of its wider scope no less than the greater permanence of its impressions, and painting, sculpture, or the orama, unless vivified by the poetic spirit, give merely the forms and not the substance of art-They may please the eye for a moment, but the intellect remains unsattsfied and the gratification is merely sensuous.

An artist should not only be proficient in the technicalities of his particular branch, but he ought to understand the principles and practice of art in all its branches. Michael Angelo, Raphael, and Leonardo da Vindi were piets as well as painters. The first named was equally great as a sculptor and as a painter, and the others were skilful with the sculptor's tools and frequently used them to model the groups for their pictures; indeed, this was not an uncommon prictice with many of the best painters. The study of the co-ordinate branches of art not only develops the thinking faculties, gives a wider scope to the imaginative powers, and adds a freedom and decision to the touch of the hand of an artist, but it is valuable as tending to draw him out of the rat of conventionality, adding a breadth to his style, and enabling him to take a more enlarged view of his art and its capabilities.

These ideas have been suggested by a visit to the studie of Mr. Ed wasd Moran, the celebrated marive painter. This gentleman has gained his present proficiency by long years of patient study and practice, and now that he has thoroughly mastered the particular line of art which he has made a specialty, it has occurred to him that the principles of painting are simple, in themselves easy of comprehension, and that they can readily be acquired by almost any one, without the same amount of time and labor that he has bestowed upon them. There is a general idea that it is useless for any one to undertake to learn to draw or paint who has not a special talent in that direction, while, in reality, drawing and and painting are no more difficult than music, and any young lady who can, by application, patience and study, learn to play upon the plano, can by the same amount of industry learn to use the brush and pencil with equally satisfactory results. Nothing but first-rate talent will make a first-rate artist, but there is no reason why drawing and painting should not be as common accompilatments as music, and there are few persons so entirely incapable as not to be able to make reasonable progress in the limners' art if properly instructed at the beginning, and if they will take pains to judiciously cultivate such talents as the Almighty has given them.

Mr. Moran, for the purpose of putting his theories into practice, has assembled around bim an enthusiastic class of students, composed of literary men, amateurs, musicians, and some of the leading actors of the city. His pian is to paint a picture in their presence, using merely the three primary colors-red yellow, and blue-and showing what an infinite variety of combinations can be produced by these simple means. Indeed, if the three colors could be procured in perfect pu others would be needed. The picture when finished is copied

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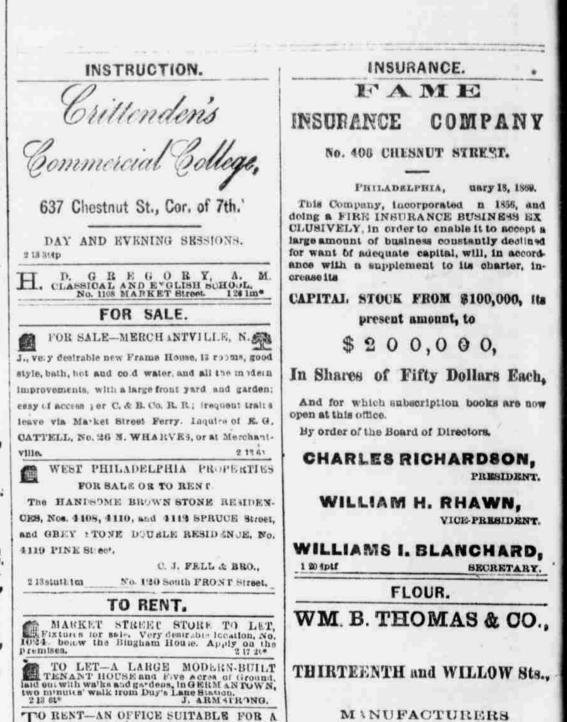
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