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TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1869.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPLETED. The last rail of the Pacific Railroad was laid yesterday amid universal rejoicings in all parts of the country, and the great work of the century is now practically completed.

The work to be performed was of such magnitude that it was felt that aid from the Government would be necessary to complete it successfully within a reasonable time.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company was incorporated by Congress in July, 1862, but various delays occurred which put off preparations for the commencement of the work until September, 1865.

The first contract for the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad was made in August, 1864, but the work was not actually begun until January, 1866.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE APPOINTMENTS. A PARAGRAPH appended to the list of new Custom House appointments made by the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, which we published yesterday, contains an inadvertent error, which may, we fear, create a false impression.

ABSENCE OF DIGNITY IN PUBLIC LIFE. THERE is a near and immediate connection between the manners and morals of a people. A recent amusing article on "Fashion," in the Atlantic Monthly, shows that the various stages of national progress through which most of the European people have passed can be detected by their change of fashions in dress.

carries the manners of a drawing-room into public affairs is viewed as an intruder, and hissed off as soon as possible. The President of the United States, within four years past, has harangued crowds from door-steps, and wrangled and flung Billingsgate at the lowest type of our citizens.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, during the last session, was, on several occasions, a "bear garden." On the day when the electoral vote was counted, it presented a spectacle which called for no other name.

FROM what we have said and the witnesses we have cited, it is too plain that the condition of official life is deplorable. There is none of that *hauteur* which becomes station. There is none of that respect which a people should show to their public servants.

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OF every section of France are apt to recall the time when the present Emperor was merely the elective head of the Republic, without any further reminder than the tyranny under which they are at present living.

ONLY \$150,000 would have been saved if the work of printing the debates of Congress had been entrusted to the Government printing office, instead of being given out as a sop to the private establishment which has already realized half a dozen fortunes from the same source.

THE FINE ARTS. The Philadelphia Artists vs. the Art Auctions. An article which appears in the North American a few days ago, entitled "Philadelphia as an Art Market," and which has been copied by other papers, we believe is calculated to leave an erroneous impression on the mind of the public.

THE ACADEMY of Fine Arts occupies a peculiar position. It is ostensibly an American, and distinctively a Pennsylvania school of art, and it certainly needs no great amount of argument to prove that its principal duty is to foster and encourage native art.

THE POSITION of the artists with regard to foreign art has been misstated in the article to which we allude, as it has habitually been by those who attempt directly, or indirectly, to defend the policy of the Academy of Fine Arts.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. FOR THE SUMMER.—TO PREVENT children and all imbeciles and invalids from the skin, bites of mosquitoes or other insects, see Wright's Allocated Chlorine Tablets. It is a deliciously fragrant, transparent, and has no equal as a body lotion. For sale by druggists generally. R. & G. A. WRIGHT, No. 43 N. BROAD STREET.

NOTICE.—PARTIES HAVING GOODS deposited with MARELLY & BRILLING, No. 33 North Third Street, will call at N. B. CORNER ELEVENTH and LOCUST to renew or redeem them, at 10 o'clock.

A PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING will be held, under the auspices of the YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION OF THE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, on TUESDAY EVENING, May 11, at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. B. BYRNE and others will deliver addresses. An interesting time is expected. Convoy and welcome. 5 10 25

NOTICE.—THE RICHMOND GRANITE COMPANY.—Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Office of the Company, in RICHMOND, Va., on THURSDAY, May 20, at 3 P. M.

COFFEES ROASTED ON A NEW PRINCIPLE, retaining all the aroma and true flavor, are the best. On sale by FAIRTHORNE & CO., No. 203 N. NINTH and N. 10th Streets. No. 109 Market Street.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLOOMSBURY IRON WORKS will be held at the Office of the Board of Directors, at No. 150 N. 2nd Street, on WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1869, for the election of Directors, to serve the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business.

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTHERN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, No. 125 South Third Street, May 10, 1869.

TO RENT—TO RENT—A HANDSOME RESIDENCE. No. 1231 LOCUST Street. Twenty feet front; in good condition. Possession given May 30. Rent \$1200 per year. Apply on the premises. 5 10 25

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PENN'A., April 3, 1869.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Board of Directors has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT on the capital stock of the company, clear of National and State taxes, payable in cash on and after May 20, 1869.

DIVIDEND—OFFICE OF THE WALL LACE OIL COMPANY, No. 319 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, May 8, 1869.

POINT BREEZE PARK. THURSDAY, May 13, at 3 P. M. MATCH \$300. MILE RATS, 3 in 5 TO HARNESS, GOOD DAY AND TRACK.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSES. JOHN F. FOREPAUGH & SON, Successors to Richmond & Forepaugh, FURNITURE WAREHOUSES, NO. 40 SOUTH SECOND STREET, 5 71 West Side, Philadelphia.

FURNITURE. T. & J. A. HENKELS HAVING REMOVED TO THEIR ELEGANT STORE, No. 1002 ARCH Street, Are now selling FIRST-CLASS FURNITURE at very Reduced Prices. 4 1 21 21 1/2

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HOMER, COLLADAY & CO., CHESNUT STREET, ABOVE BROAD, HAVE NOW OPEN, A GRAND DISPLAY OF THIN GOODS, In Great Variety of Textures, INCLUDING ALL THE NOVELTIES FOR SUMMER WEAR. THIN GOODS FOR SUITS, THIN GOODS FOR WALKING DRESSES, THIN GOODS FOR EVENING DRESSES, THIN GOODS FOR THE SEA-SHORE, THIN GOODS IN ROBES, ETC. ETC.

CHICKERING & SONS' GRAND, SQUARE AND UPRIGHT PIANOS. We this day issue a New Catalogue, in which we print our very lowest prices, and from which we make no Discount or Derivation whatever. Our object is to furnish to our Patrons the very best Pianos which can be manufactured, and at the very lowest Prices which will yield us a fair remuneration. Resonated 7 Octave Square Pianos, Agraffe Bridge, Curved Legs, and all Modern Improvements, at prices from \$475 to \$2000.

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