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WHAT HAS BEEN MAY BE. From the N. Y. World.

In 1834 the tax valuation of real estate in the city of New York was \$123,000,000. During that year a great inflation of prices was begun by the sudden addition of between thirty and forty millions to the loauable funds of the State banks, in the shape of Govern-ment deposits transferred to them from the Bank of the United States. So quickly did the inflation act, that within two years the tax valuation increased 90 per cent., and in 1836 stood at \$234,000,000. Of course, speculation ran riot, and the winners in the game believed it would continue to eternity. But as it was not sustained by renewed emissions of paper capital, nor backed by any legal-tender act, such as have operated to prolong the present inflation, that of 1836 could not last long. Accordingly it came to an end early the next year in a quick collapse and bankruptcy almost general, followed by a severe and protracted season of depression. The misery, the horror of 1837 is being oftener related now by those who witnessed it than heeded by those who might profit by the warning of the story. They need not be dwelt upon here. But that story has a sequel, which a long series of years was needed to develop, and which shows that the evil consequences of sudden inflations of the currency are by no means limited to the bankruptcy and ruin which immediately attend on the explosions in which such inflations are apt to end. Those consequences are found to be not merely such as follow the wrecking of commercial houses, but such as indicate an actual impoverishment of the country, and prove that inflations waste and destroy and result in real poverty, which years and years of quiet in-dustry and trade are needed to repair. How many years were needed to repair the losses

ceded 1837? From 234 millions in 1836, the tax valuation fell to 196 millions in 1837. This was, however, only the beginning of a steady decline which continued until 1843, when the amount was only 165 millions; and though from that year there was a gradual yearly improvement, yet it was so slow that not until 1852, which was sixteen years after the high estimates of 1836 were made, were those estimates again reached. During those sixteen years population had very nearly doubled, trade and industry had continued their efforts 20 accumulate wealth, and, in addition to the area occupied by the city of 1836, another area of equal extent had been covered with new structures more valuable than the old ones. So that to say the valuation of 1852 barely excelled that of 1836 is the same as saying that at the end of sixteen years the real property of the city had fallen to be worth in the market only half as much, lot for lot, building for building, and person for person, as it was worth at the beginning of that period.

of the short season of speculation which pre-

Or if it be thought unfair to compare with the exceptional valuation established in times like these of 1836, let us go back to the quiet and moderate days of 1832, when the amount was 104 millions, and compare the proportion which that would give to each inhabitant the proportion of each in 1850. Doing so, we find that in the former-year that proportion was \$528, and in the latter only \$402; showing a relative decline in eighteen years, as a re-Bult of the wasteful effects of the intermediate season of inflation, equal to 25 per cent., instead of a large relative increase such as there would have been if nothing unusual had happened to retard accumulation.

The tax valuations are not offered as proof of actual market prices of property, but merely as indicating variations in market prices; for which purpose they are as trustworthy as any proof to be had, if the period under observation be a long one, as in the present case, although for a short period they would not be worth much, owing to the slowness with which they follow the rise and fall of market prices. Probably in 1836 houses and lots sold considerably higher, and in 1837 and 1838 much lower, than the tax records would indicate. But inasmuch as real estate is liable to greater fluctuations in price than personal property, perhaps the movement of the latter, as shown by the tax valuations of different years, will give a better idea of the progress in wealth of a commercial city. Now, in 1834 the tax valuation of personal property in New York was \$63,000,000. In 1836 it had increased to \$76,000,000. In 1837 it fell to \$67,000,000; and it continued to fall, with but slight interruption, until 1849, when it was only \$58,000,000.

To state the matter with relation to the increase of population, the proportion of personal property to each inhabitant was, in 1836, \$260, and in 1849, \$124; showing a relative decrease of 53 per cent. in thirteen years. Or, going back far enough to pass over the period of inflation, we find that in 1832 the proportion to each inhabitant was \$192; comparing which with the proportion in 1849, which was \$124, there is shown to have been a decline in seventeen years of 35 per cent., instead of an increase, as there should have been.

Tell the well-to-do citizen of New York that causes are now working which will not merely prevent any increase in the value of his real or personal property during the coming sixteen years, but will actually reduce the gold value of both to one-half what it is at present; or tell him that at the end of that period the one will have lost one-fourth and the other one-third of the value it had before the war, and he will be apt to laugh derisively. And yet the causes which worked to bring on the disastrous crash of 1837, and the long stagnation and depression which followed, were only two: one of them a fire, which destroyed eighteen millions of dollars worth of buildings and goods; and the other, and more efficient, the sailden expansion of the currency by the transfer of thirty or forty millions of bank deposits; while what have we now? We have yet to meet what we have not yet met, but cannot escape from meeting and bearing as best we can, the consequences and sequels of a combustion in the furnace of war of nine thousand millions' worth, and an inflation of four hundred millions of repudiated yet forced currency.

Many of us are trying to think that a "good time," which has already lasted seven years or more despite continued predictions of disaster, must needs last forever. But so long as the problem of the currency remains unsolved the lapse of time should cause apprehension-not confidence. In fact, one reason why the bubble has endured so long is that Congress has feared to touch it, lest it explode beneath their fingers. Many others who realize the gravity of the situation are fondly hoping our rulers will contrive some way for "letting us down easy"—as if they could find out some royal road leading out of the road to ruin, or span with legislation the yawning abyam in our resources where nine thousand

has been five years about it, and done nothing yet; but, do what it may, there are laws which it never enacted and can never stay, hinder, or repeal-the laws of trade-which will always vindicate themselves in the end and in their own sure way. Seven years is long for a "good time" to last. Let him who has secured his gains rejoice and take care of them. Seven also was the number of fat beeves the king saw in his dream, but for all that seven lean ones closed the procession.

THE INSURGENTS OF THE RED RIVER From the London Nation.

As far as we can see, the British Government has only one course to pursue with the insurgent "Winnipeggers," as the derisive Americans call them, and that is to wait quietly till summer arrives, and then restore the imperial authority, if necessary, by an expedition as powerful as that which overthrew King Theodore. The case of the insurgents is no doubt very remarkable, and in one respect exceptional, but they are pleading it in way to which no government that intends to continue existing can possibly submit. They are appealing to a foreign power to assist them in repelling a legal jurisdiction set over them by Parliament, and in the meantime resisting that jurisdiction by force of arms. Technically they have no case at all. The few thousand settlers in revolt on the Red river do not form a colony in the modern sense of that term, that is, a dependent State owing allegiance to her Majesty in the last resort, but wielding many of the powers of sovereignty; but are simply a body of squatters within her Majesty's dominion, who have been allowed to do very much as they pleased, but who are none the less bound to obey the authority set over them, provided only that the authority is They seem to see this themselves, British for in the Declaration of Independence issued on the 8th of December at Fort Garry, "President" John Bruce declares, on behalf of the Provisional Government, that the settlers have been transferred without their own consent to "a foreign power," and intimates that they are rebelling against that, but the assertion is absolutely without foundation. The Canadian Dominion is as much a part of her Majesty's realm as the county of Cornwall, and the settlers have as much legal right to resist their annexation to Canada as the people of Cromarty would have to resist the fusion of their oddly-divided county into Ross and Sutherland shires. In driving out Mr. Macdougall, if he were legally appointed-a fact of which there is some doubt-they are resisting the Queen's representative, and resistance of that kind cannot be tolerated if the Empire is to hold together. It is one thing to allow a colony, organized by Parliament with a view to its ultimate independence, to go free after a regular vote and negotiation, and quite another to permit a handful of settlers to kick out the royal flag and transfer the territories they happen to roam over to a foreign power. The Winnipeggers claim the whole Northwest, of which they do not occupy a thousandth part, and are said to intend to appeal to President Grant that they and "their" possessions may be included within the Union. It is quite impossible for any government to put up with coercion of that kind, and great as the difficulties in the way of action are, they must be faced, and faced by Great Britain. It is her authority which is resisted, and not that of Canada, for the settlers have not formed themselves into a colony willing to accept a British Governor, in which case we might have waited a few years for the fusion ordered by Parliament; but into a State claiming independence, and intending to request admittance into the Union. The difficulty of exerting British power at that distance and in such a locality is very great, but it must be faced, as similar difficulties were faced in Abyssinia, or we must be content to allow that British authority can be safely defied whenever it is inconvenient to exert itthat is, we must surrender the first idea of empire. It is greatly to be regretted that a force cannot be despatched to the Red river at once, but that is, we presume, impossible. We cannot proceed by the natural route through Minnesota, the republic forbidding transit for troops across its territory, and action by the Canadian route involves the march of a thousand men, with arms, ammunition, and baggage-that is, practically of 2000 men and 1500 horses-through an impervious forest in which every pound of forage must be carried, and every step of the road must be cut with the axe, a work which in winter may be pronounced impossible. The men would die of cold and want of provisions, or arrive too exhausted to be of service. There is nothing to do but wait; but, the weather once favorable, that road must be made at any expense, and the Red River brought back to its allegiance, if necessary by force. The danger of American complications, though no doubt considerable. must be faced as courageously as may be with full consciousness that it is serious, but a full resolve also not to suffer it to enfeeble an Imperial policy. If we are to remain in North America at all, we must act in our own dominions without this incessant reference to the ideas of statesmen who never deflect their own policy out of any deference to us. There is neither dignity nor safety in this perpetual apprehension of a power which

struggle. The Union does not want the Red River at the price of a seven years' war. But we may be asked, although those settlers in Lake Winnepeg are legally in the wrong, may they not have a moral justification for their action? That is only to ask again the old question of the limit to the right of insurrection. Has every community, however small, the right to destroy an organization, however great, because it thinks that by such destruction it may benefit itself? May the people of the Orkneys morally claim a right to set up for themselves? We dare say the few thousands of people represented at Fort Garry would be a good deal happier if their possessions formed a State of the Union, and if they governed themselves in the rough way they like, and if they were exempt from any fear of Canadian taxation, and if they were left in full enjoyment of their practical monopoly in waste land. We do not know that they would be, but we are quite willing to assume that they know their own business best. But then the happiness of Red River settlers is surely not the ultimate end of the world's politics, or even of those of North America: and it is as certain as anything of that kind can be that the world and the continent would both be injured by the indepenthe Red River. dence of would be injured because its freest and most civilized State would be proclaimed powerless to hold her own, a failure in organization and in ideal; and North America would lose its greatest prospect, the rise of two great and friendly but different political civilizations. The plan of

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millions once was but now is not. Congress | of a few thousand settlers, whether halfbreeds of whole-breeds, to mar it either for the sake of their own personal dignity or their own personal comfort. We regret greatly that they should suffer, we would make any concession compatible with the general policy. and are not without respect for the kind of self-esteem bred by political isolation and the habit of independence; but those feelings though they would induce us to spare after subjugation, would not induce us to avoid subduing. The British Parliament and the immense majority of persons in British America have agreed to found there a grand State; and any group of individuals who cannot approve the plau must either endure it patiently or depart. They cannot be allowed to stand in the way either of the imperial career, or of the destiny which the whole empire deems the most fortunate for the vast territory in which their "settlement" is but a pretentious village.

> THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT-ITS EFFECT ON PARTIES AND POLITI-

From the N. Y. Sun. The undoubting prophecies of the Sun for the last six months being about to be fulfilled by the ratification of the fifteenth amendment, it is well for party leaders to inquire what will be its effect upon the politics of the

country That the amendment will ever be rescinded is but the dream of simpletons. It belongs to that class of movements that tread no steps backwards. It will stand, and its provisions will be enforced. Its adoption having closed a long and bitter controversy, any attempt to resist its operations will be frowned down by the people. The politician who does not re-cognise and respect this fact may be allowed to count one at the polls on the day of elec-tion, but will be taught that he is unfit to lead

a great party.

The amendment confers the ballot upon about 900,000 negroes, 800,000 of whom reside in the old slaveholding States. It gives the suffrage to 86,000 in three Southern States which the Democratic party now hold tenaciously, namely: in Kentucky, 47,000; in Maryland, 34,500; in Delaware, 4500—a force which may prove sufficient to revolutionize their politics if it should all be thrown

against that party.

The old leaders of public opinion in the late insurgent States intend to faithfully perform the conditions of their restoration to the Union, negro suffrage included. It is to these leaders and their followers that the Democracy of the North must look for their allies in the South. If these Southern Democrats alienate from their party the mass of the 800,000 colored voters, all the old slaveholding States will cast their electoral votes against the next Democratic candidate for the Presidency. Will the Southern Democracy be guilty of such infatuation? By no means: on the contrary, they will seek to revolutionize the politics of their several States by cultivating the negro vote. And this fact will inevitably rule out of the list of Democratic candidates for the Presidency in 1872 every Northern Democrat who has made himself conspicuous in his hostility to the fifteenth amendment, and has avowed his intention to resist its provisions. Unless we are to witness conversions as marvellous as that of Saul of Tarsus, this will dispose of all such aspirants as Pendleton, Hendricks, Packer, and Hoffman, as effectually as if they had already shuffled off their mortal coil. The Southern delegates to the nominating convention would not sacrifice success in their own States by ministering to the fruitless ambition of such candidates.

radical differences between Southern and Northern Democrats, and the deep-seated | "extra" lick at the Treasury—no matter what chagrin, not to say anger, which the former feel toward the latter for accompanying them through so many years toward the precipice of 1861, and then refusing to take the plunge with them-nay, more, stretching out their arms to push them over into its abyss-we say, the higher probability is, that the Democrats of each section of the Union will present a candidate of their own. The rapidly developing tendency to break up existing parties because of the disappearance from the arena of the issues upon which they were founded will powerfully contribute toward this result. Party chiefs, whose convictions do not strike beneath the skin, may try to avert this catastrophe by casting about in search of a candidate upon whom they can compromise their differences. Nor would the search be wholly in vain. The imposing figure of Chief Justice Chase would immediately arrest the eye. He is a genuine Democrat, and thoroughly orthodox on negro suffrage. In the Free-Soil struggle of 1848 he presided over the convention which nominated Van Buren, and was then a favorite of the New York Barnburners. He is highly esteemed at the North, is popular at the South, and is a very Talleyrand for forming successful coalitions. Then, there is young John Quincy Adams, who believes in the fifteenth amendment, combines an extraordinary degree of talent and tact with rare courage and audacity, springs from a famous old stock, and would ive animation to the canvass by reviving the Revolutionary ode of "Adams and Liberty."

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Nor need the sticklers for an ingrained Democratic candidate, one dyed in the wool, despair. Governor Seymour has been very reticent of late about the fifteenth amend ment, not unwilling, perhaps, to see his rivals and opponents in this State break their necks over a stumbling-block which he preferred to avoid. Even during the campaign of 1868, while he was on his stumping tour in the West, he was wary enough to talk a great deal about finances, and very little about negroes. And though he could not find time o attend the last Democratic State Convention, he has since found ample leisure to attend State conventions about the canals and about cheeses, and we think he would not object to running for the Presidency once more. And there is long-headed Sanford E. Church, for whom New York cast her thirtythree votes so many times in the last National Convention: he is a Democrat of the old and honest school, as well as a man of transcendent ability, and has kept very quiet about negro suffrage.

But if the Democracy want a candidate who has known neither variableness nor shadow of turning, who suffered persecution for the cause during the war, when even Seymour and Pendleton showed the white feather, who has been as silent as the grave for more than a year past about reconstruction and negro suffrage, and who is the very Moses to lead the Southern people, white and black, up out of the house of bondage, we point them to Clement L. Vallandigham of Ohio.

But though here is a goodly list to select from-and it might be extended-we adhere to the opinion that the differences between the Northern and Southern Democracy are so irreconcilable that the probability that each will present a candidate of its own is very strong. Yet, let not the Republicans grow merry over the prospect, for the very first serious sign of Democratic division on

and men, and will be the signal for the disruption, not to say dissolution, of the Republican party, especially if it should have the fatuity to nominate General Grant, with all his family connections and Spanish relationships, for another term.

MR. DAWES' POSITION.

From the N. Y. Tribune. Members of Congress are prone to waggery, yet we suspect that one who with sober iace talked of Mr. Dawes' retrenchment speech as putting him outside of the Republican party cannot have fully realized the facetiousness of his suggestion. If he had proposed that Mr. Dawes be excluded from the mammoth "ring" of tax-consumers, we might have imagined him in good earnest; but, outside of that ring, we know no Republicans who are not in hearty accord with Mr. Dawes, and rather inclined, where they differ at all, to go beyond him.

Nearly five years have passed since our civil war ended; yet we have five to six hundred army officers drawing pay from the Treasury, yet doing nothing whatever to earn it. It is not their fault that they do not earn their wages. It is our good fortune that we have no present need of their services, and we are entitled to profit by it. The boys who, for \$16 per month, carried muskets through blood and fire till the Rebellion was crushed, were then paid off and sent home, as was right; their mustering-out bounty of \$50 to \$100 each was all the extra they received. The officers, who, since Lee's surrender, have mainly done nothing and been well paid for it, should now be paid off and mustered out as the rank and file were. They should not ask to be paid longer for doing nothing, and, if they did ask, they should not be gratified. We are bound to be just; we cannot afford to be bounteous, much less prodigal. If we are ever to pay our great debt, we must be rigidly, sternly, systematically frugal.

Now, every member of Congress seems to favor public economy in the abstract, while nearly every one opposes it in the concrete One wants a new judicial district made, whereof his brother or best friend is to be judge, and his cousin or next friend aspires to be marshal. Another wants to increase the salaries of United States judges generally, or at least those of the highest class. Another wants a liberal subsidy for a railroad in which he is interested, or which is calculated to enrich his constituents. Another goes in for a river or harbor improvement advantageous to his district. Another wants a steamship line established and supported from the Treasury. Thus from every side the horseleech's daughters cry "Give! give!" and, while economy is on every lip, the expendi-tures are swelled by item after item which might be proper if we were out of debt and had an overflowing treasury, but are, in our actual circumstances; clearly unjustifiable.

Mr. Dawes hits the right spot when he propeses to cut down the expenses of Congress with an unsparing hand. Say what you may of extravagance in the departments, we are sure that no one of them, and we doubt that they all together, squander so much money as is fooled away on the minions of the Capitol. Committees are provided with clerks and the edifice filled with supernumeraries of all kinds, to the advancement of no interest on earth but their own. We defy any one familiar with the ins and outs of the Capitol to say that he believes the public business might not be well done by half the persons now employed and at less than half the cost now incurred. The sub-door-keepers, firen akers, folders, sub-postmasters, etc., etc., swarm like the frogs of Egypt, and are not content with liberal pay for doing little or nothing-they want "twenty per cent. extra, or "the usual extra compensation," or some the name so that they get the money. And there is a contant pressure on members and officers to inflict more and more of these

lazzaroni on a long-suffering public. We repeat that the whole country heartily thanks Mr. Dawes for saying the right thing at the right time. He may have been mistaken in this or that item-he may have done injustice to a worthy functionary by this or that comparison-but he is right in the main, right in purpose, and right in the effect his demonstration is certain to produce. Whether Congress shall or shall not be governed by his suggestions, it will surely be affected by them, so that the appropriations for the next fiscal year will be considerably less than they would have been had he kept silence. And for this he will be thanked and honored in nearly every household whose bread is not buttered from the Federal Treasury.

MR. PHILLIPS AND HIS BILLION DOL-LARS.

The power of habit is prodigious. Here is the Anti-Slavery Society holding its annual meeting in Boston in behalf of the abolition of slavery, as persistently as if slavery were still a flourishing "institution," calling for bold and gallant spirits to attack it. This society once was a busy affair, and dealt with a great subject, and was unsparing in its blows. Now, however, the ingenuity of its members seems to be mainly devoted to finding appropriate topics for discussion. The chief part of their meetings is occupied, apparently, in showing how several other matters are connected with slavery—or, at least, might be, if slavery were not dead and buried. For the rest, certain Congressmen furnish convenient targets for abuse and hard names at each annual meeting; and afterwards it is understood that the members mollify their angry passions with tea and toast. Amongst those Congressmen noticed this year are Senators Trumbull and Ross, who were described as "half-baked lawyers" and "half-fiedged statesmen"-though we do not remember anything specially callow in the appearance of those gentlemen.

But the "land and money question" was perhaps the great discovery in the way of a topic for discussion at this meeting. Resolu-tions were adopted declaring that "the voter in the position of the negro race needs land to him independent, and also pecuniary aid." This great idea Mr. Phillips elaborates in the Anti-Slavery Standard. "The whole nation," he begins, "recognizes the fitness and necessity of securing land to the negro. Unless he has a homestead to stand upon. "the ballot and his civil rights will be wors than empty forms—they will be real fevils. Is this so? Then Mr. Phillips' notion of suffrage is evidently that it requires a property qualification, and not only a property qualification but a landed interest! For certainly Mr. Phillips does not concede that the negro is less qualified to vote than the white man, and more than half of the white voters have no lands or homesteads: it is clear, therefore, that this statesman contends that suffrage ought to be restricted to landowners. have seen Mr. Phillips in many roles, but hardly in one so remarkable as this.

Nor is the land all-"it is proposed that the nation shall lend the negro money." For, without money, "how shall he break up the soil, fence, build, or cultivate? Where is the Canadian Dominion is a very great and the Presidency will develop their own in-very wise one, and we cannot admit the right curable diversities of opinion about measures down question it appears that a certain politi-

cal economist has given the brief answer, "Root, hog, or die"—an answer which quite enrages the Anti-Slavery Standard, and moves it to declare this response to be that of a philosopher who prints a journal on stolen cotton for thirty years." In paying his respects to the same economist, Mr. Phillips expressed the quite inhuman desire to "strip

Horace Greeley, and put him out upon the prairie, and say to him, 'Root, hog, or die."

Meanwhile, the question comes up, how much does the Phillips party think we ought to pay the negro in order to fit him for the ballot? He tells us. "Every negro family can justly claim forty payers of land one can justly claim forty acres of land, one year's support, a furnished cottage, mule and farm tools, and free schools for life." This is all-a very modest demand. Figured in round numbers, at the present prices of mules and cottage furniture, he calculates "this would cost about one thousand millions of dollars." And this we are asked to do, "in order to secure the negro's free voting." Even this billion of dollars which represents "the negro's claim," Mr. Phillips considers to be a very generous proposition of settlement. "I am not sure that, with all its apparent wealth, the nation has anything it has a right to lend him. There might be a fair argument framed to show that he really owns all." And this, in fine, we are told, is the theory of "strong common sense," as opposed to "the cobweb speculations of dreamy theorists. If such, however, be the stuff the Anti-Slavery Society listens to, year after year, we should think it advisable for them to vote that slavery is dead, and thereupon adjourn and make an end of it.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Annual Meeting of the Steekholders of this Com pany will be held on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Hall of the A-sembly Buildings, S. W. corner of TENTH and CHESNUT

Streets, Philadelphia.

The Annual Election for Directors will be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of March, 1870, at the Office of the Company, No. 238 S. THIRD Street. 1 25 Nw JOSEPH L JOSEPH LESLEY, Secretary. OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE DIVI

Streets, Philadelphia.

SION CANAL COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA, No 363 WALNUT Street. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22, 1870. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Gem

pany will be held at their office on TUESDAY, February , 1870, at 12 o'clock M., when an election will be held for Managers for the ensuing year. E. G. GILES. 1 22 84

OFFICE OF THE FREEDOM IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, No. 230 South THIRD

Btreet.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17, 1870.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the FREEDOM IRON AND STEEL COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 230 South THIED Street, Philadelphia, on THUSDAY, February 3, 1870, at 13 o'clock M., when an Election will be held for Thirteen Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

The Transfer Books will be closed for fifteen days prior to the day of said election.

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CHARLES WESTON, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BELVIDERE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.
BELVIDERE, N. J., Dec. 8, 1892.
Notice is hereby given to the steckholders of the BRLVIDERE MANUFACTURING COMPANY respectively,
that assessments amounting to SIXTY PER CENTUM
of the capital stock of said company have been made and
payment of the same called for on or before the eighth
day of February. A. D. 1870, and this payment of such a
proportion of all sums of money by them subscribed is
called for and demanded from them on or before the said
time. By order of the Board of Directors.

S. SHERRERD, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAIL-ROAD CO., Office, No. 227 S. FOUR PH Street. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22, 1869. DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed FRIDAY, the Sist instant, and reopened on TUENDAY January 11, 1870. A dividend of FIVE PER CENT, has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of National and State taxes, payable in CASH, on and after January 17,

1870, to the holders thereof as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 31st instant. All payable at this office. All orders for dividend must be S. BRADFORD. witnessed and stamped. 12 22 60t

PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY—Office, No. 224 SOUTH DELAWARE Avenue.

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