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WHY PHILADELPHIA HAS NOT NOW A HOUSE OF CORRECTION. THE newspapers, the judges, the Grand Juries, the Prison Inspectors, and the Board of Guardians of the Poor, have announced again and again, through a series of years, the necessity of a House of Correction. The fact is generally acknowledged that of all our municipal wants this is the most pressing. While the present system is perpetuated the County Prison will continue to be an overcrowded refuge of vice and indolence, and inwite hither, in connection with the accommodations of the Almshouse, the loafers of the land. In view of the appointments of our two great public boardingthe avoidance houses, of and systematic attempts to compel the lazzaroni sheltered beneath their roofs to earn their subsistence, we are only astonished that the city is not perfectly overrun with thieves, paupers, and vagrants, for nowhere else on the round globe can they be better assured of the enjoyments of the life of laziness which constitutes the bummer's paradise. From time to time Councils agitate the project of a House of Correction, but the difficulties of selecting a site appear to be absolutely insurmountable. In a territory larger than a German principality, it does not seem possible to find room for a House of Correction, and there have already been two serious attempts to fix a site beyond the limits of the municipality. The real difficulty, however, is rather in the abundance of farms offered for sale, and in the variety of estates from which selections could be made, than in their scarcity; but as this difficulty proves, in practice, as serious an impediment to prompt action as the actual insufficiency of land, it behoves Councils, the Legislature, and all tax-payers to inquire whether this Gordian knot cannot be cut by the very simple expedient which was proposed a few years ago, and which seemed at one time on the point of being realized.

We refer to the project of building an extension to the Moyamensing Prison, on the adjacent ground owned by the city, which affords ample space for workshops of every description, and which could be converted into a House of Employment and Correction' at a comparatively trifling expense. We believe that this plan a few years ago commanded the unanimous approval of the Board of Prison Inspectors and of a joint committee of Councils, and the House of Correction loan of \$100,000 was authorized mainly for the purpose of carrying it into practical execution. It unfortunately happened, however, when all the arrangements were on the point of being consummated, that the Legislature interfered in a hap-hazard, slap-dash, and inconsiderate manner by passing a law that no House of Correction should be built in the ward in which the County Prison is located ! Thus the authorities were summarily prevented from locating this institution on or near the spot where, above all others. it should be built. The cost of a new structure like the County Prison, at this time, would be from a million to a million and a half of dollars, and nearly the whole of this expense would be saved by the contemplated extension of the old prison. The only point lost would be the advantages of a farm; but it is questionable whether they are really essential or even desirable for an institution which would contain hundreds of inmates who might easily be made useful in indoor workshops, but whose labor could not be utilized in open fields. We believe that Senator Henszey proposes to make the old scheme, which was once so near being consummated, again practicable, by repealing the unwise and unjust restriction which was placed upon the authority of Councils, and it is not only desirable that this step should be taken, but the public interests would be served if the Board of Prison Inspectors were at once authorized to make the proposed extension of the County Prison, so that its lazy inmates can be set to work. All systems of prison discipline recognize the value of regular employment, alike to the prisoner and the public, and no mistake can be made by a movement tending to the reform of the great defect of our County Prison. WOMEN INSPECTORS FOR PRISONS. A new aspect of the woman's rights question was presented in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg yesterday. A petition was presented, signed, among others, by Rev. Albert Barnes, of this city, praying the Legislature to authorize the appointment of women inspectors of prisons; and immediately thereafter Mr. Miller offered a bill providing for the appointment of three such inspectors for the Philadelphia County Prison. Against this project no reasonable objection can be raised. While punishment must always remain the leading object in prison discipline, the effort to reform the prisoners and prepare them for leading a better life on their restoration to liberty should not be lost sight of. The appointment of three earnest and sensible ladies to exercise some jurisdiction over the women upon whom it has been found necessary to lay the corrective hand of the law, would in all likelihood tend greatly to promote the latter object. Common sense tells us that the labors of such officials would be crowned with a larger measure of success in this field than has attended or can possibly attend the labors of men. The failings and wants of the female convicts could be public laugh or shudder. The consequence is

the hearts of their wayward sisters which would promise many good results. But, above all, if the project is carried out, it will be necessary to exercise the greatest care in the selection of the new class of prison inspectors. If the task is confided to any of the rampant female agitators of the period, the experiment had better not be tried. There will be no difficulty, however, in securing the services in this city of three true ladies who will bring to the work the best instincts of womanhood and the experiences of the nobler phase of domestic life, which will eminently qualify them for the duties of their office.

WENDELL PHILLIPS ON THE OUAKERS.

Ar a meeting of the Boston Radical Club last week, an essay on the Quakers was read which gave rise to a good deal of discussion among the advanced philosophers present, and Mr. Wendell Phillips, who is one of the shining lights of the organization, of course had his say-when was Mr. Phillips ever known not have his say, where he had the slightest chance to put a word in edgeways? Mr. Phillips is evidently not an admirer of the Quakera, although he admits that they have had a few good people among them. William Penn, in his estimation, was not what he has been cracked up to be, and Mr. Phillips says that he would have been a dough-face if he had lived in New England. Happy William Penn! who not only escaped being a dough-face, but who actually did not give the fine old Puritan fathers about Boston an opportunity to slit his ears and bore his tongue with red-hot iron. Those who have read Mr. Phillips' lucubrations on the negro before, during, and since the Robellion, would scarcely expeet that he would appear in the role of apologist for the Puritan persecutions of the Quakers. And yet this is just what this great high priest of the loftiest humanitarianism does, and throws upon a sect whose cardinal principle is peace and non-resistance to violence the responsibility for the atrocities committed by the bloody-minded old Puritans who ruled New England. Mr. Phillips says that the Quakers really became a nuisance by their eccentricities, and needed a restraining force. Here's richness ! A great many persons have thought for a long time that the eccentricities of Wendell Phillips made him a nuisance, and that he sadly needed a restraining force, but we fear he would look at the matter in a different light if his own principles were applied to him. It is just such utterances as this that serve to demonstrate the utter unfitness of Wendell Phillips and men of his stripe to be leaders of public opinion. It is such utterances that prove how narrow-minded, bigoted, and utterly devoid of any real human sympathies they are, and that their screamings and shriekings for justice to the negro are mere pretenses that ought to deceive nobody. Wendell Phillips is a humbug.

THE MILKY WAY .- It will perhaps be remembered that in the last hours of the last Legislature one branch of that body turned its attention to the subject of milk, but nothing came of it. And now Mr. Webb enters the field early in the session with a new milk bill, which deprives any vendor of the lacteal fluid who wilfully and maliciously makes free use of the pump handle of the right to recover pay for his milk-and-water mixture. The notion is not a bad one, and we hope that Mr. Webb will find time to 1 19 134 push his bill through both houses.

mit us to call them so-are full to action, and are really far better entertainment than many ploc s that make greater pretensions to morit. Last evening the actors entered heartily into the spirit of the piece they were performing, and with the exception of Mrs. Stoddart. who was cast for a part entirely out of her line, and who appeared to be bewildered by the ranting, roaring crowd that surrounded her, all the representatives of the leading characters acquitted themselves in a most satisfactory manner. Mr. Cathcart was a weak-minded gentleman with a strong tendency to lunacy, and although he laid on the colors thick and strong, he really gave a performance that had much artistle feeling in it. The same may be said of Mr. Mackay, who personated a villain of the "Uriah Heep" stamp, and Mr. James, who was the cool, calculating scoundrel with a sardonic laugh, under whose inspiration most of the rascalities are perpetrated. Miss Alice Placide was fitted with a good, strong emotional character that gave her opportunities for some really powerful acting, and Miss Price was the lovely heroine who wins the heart of "Ned McDermott," who, in the person of Mr. John Brougham, defeats the villains, solves the mystery of the red light, and brings matters to a conclusion satisfactory to all concerned at the end of the flith act.

The City Amusements.

AT THE CHESNUT the Galton troupe will appear this evening in Ching-Chow-Hi and Cupid's Second Visit.

AT THE WALNUT the drama of London will be repeated this evening. AT THE ARCH Mr. John Brougham's drama of

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"The Red Light" at the Arch.

Mr. John Brougham dipped his pen in gore and wrote The Red Light. He called it The Red Light because that is a first-class title suggestive of railroad smash-ups, steamboat collisions, broken bones, mangled limbs, and blood. A red light is made to cast its lurid glare over some of the scenes of the play, but it is evident that it cost the author some trouble to introduce it as an apology for the title, and it really has little or nothing to do with the actual development of the plot. As for the play itself, it is constructed on Mr. Brougham's most approved "cash and trash" principles, and we predict that it will draw like a fly blister for the next six months, if the author can induce the management of the Arch to keep it on the stage that long for his especial benefit. It is in such a performance as this that Mr. Brougham shows his immense superiority to Boucicault and the other high pricets of the sensational drama. Boucleanlt always will insist in lugging in his real wash-tubs, his real butcher knives, and what he would have us to believe is real blood. He puts on an air of injured innocence when any one disputes either the moral tendency or the artistic merit of his concoctions, and writes long letters to the papers to prove that Boucicault is a more gigantic intellect than Shakespeare. Mr. Brougham is above this sort of thing, and when he gets up something of the red-hot order for the special purpose of benefitting the exchequer, he scoras to beguile the public with such trivial devices as real wash-tubs, and he puts in plenty of bounce instead; and amid the rattle and bang with which he surrounds himself during the five acts, he moves serene as the philosophic hero, smiling at fate, and with a finger on the side of his nose, whispering, as an aside to the andlence-"gammon." When Mr. Brougham comes before the curtais and blandly says, "You want trash; I want cash," the adlicate compliment is greeted with a storm of applause, and the genial author and actor, with something approaching to a snicker on his countenance, retires to smoke his Partagas and to count his

dividends with the treasurer. To do Mr. Brougham exact justice, his drama of The Red Light has a very great deal of merit. The material of which it is composed is all pretty old, but it is worked up in a fresh and original manner, and there are a number of scenes of really exciting interest; and, despite some obscurities and inequalities in the plot, the piece is well put together, and is altogether immensely superior to most of the so-called sensational dramas of the day. Mr. Brougham always treats an affair of this sort more or less as a huge joke, and he consequently gives his fancy full play in working up his scenes of terror, and is equally indifferent whether the more readily and fully comprehended that his "cash and trash" dramas-if he will per-Annual and a particular and so the Souther and " a first or a



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