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$\frac{\text { FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, } 1870}{\text { GOT }}$ THK LOTTERY POLICY DEALERS,
Tru first act in the dramn of the prosecution
of the lottery policy dealers of Philadelphia Tre thist act in tolicy drama or of of Philadelphia
of the lotery policy yosterday by a failure of the defend-
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partios
follows:
 be renowped, and the cosese argued to-dang.
The public will awnit the result with no little
interost. Despite stringent laws prohibiting the plundering operations of these gentry,
they seem to be practically beyond the reach
of justice. Their dens are notoriously well of justioe. Their dens are notoriously well
known to the polioe, and day anter day they
continue to intensify the miseries of poverty and to tempt their infatuated dapos to part
with the last remnants of their property. It
is their with the last remnants of their property. It
is their chooen mission to makeo gambling on
a mmall scale ensy, and to graduate their a speals to the pookets of the very poorest
of the viotims of this vice. In numberress
ogese ohildime have cases ohildron have been sent supperless
bed, and familieg doprived of food, fuel,
olothing, through their machinations. Fr the madness of the many which they co
stantily engender, splendid fortunees for a f
are, orgated. Ben. Wood, the Democratio oesion poititician of New York, lives like
prince upon the spoils wrung from his lottery
and lottery-polioy interests, and and lottery-policy interests, and ohe is but
typeo the predatory whelpo a lower
gree who for years have bid deflance to police and the courts of Philadelphia. "Plate
sin with gold, and the
sinong
lance of justice hurtiess breaks,", has beont the lanee of justice hurtless breaks,", has been the
standing and heretofore the safe reliance of
thees offenders. Conident in the protection
of powerful backers who drive splendid of powerful backers who drive splendid
equipages, live upon the fat of the land, and
take special pains to subsidize unscrupulous, tare special pains to subsidize unscrupulous,
criminal lawyers and influential politioians
they have continued their nefarious pursuit as publicly as if it was a legitimate calling.
The proceedings now in progress will help to
dotermine whether these denersa dotermine whether these dangerous and de-
moralizing knaves are to be forever safely
ensoonoed beyond the reach of law, and the
welfare of thousands of their unhappy victims is involved in this question.
Distriot Attorney Gibbons has the sympa-
thies of every just and philanthropic citizen in his eifort to break up the organized band
of polioy plunderers. We trust that he will
also dirioot this attention to the gamblers of
another grade whose operations were exposed
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$\qquad$ rizing the appointment of a leather inspe
of Philhadelphia as requires the appointee
have Eerved seven years apprenticoship, less the same bill provides that some definite
term, as five years for instance, shall be
served. Vory few apprentices at the prosent
day aro required to pass seven yanrs in leanr-
ing a trade, and these would be no objection day are required to pass seven years in learn
ing a trade, and these would be no objection
to amending the existing lawe with regarat to
the appointment of a leather inspector so as
to make it conform to the custons of the to make it conform to the cnstoms of the
times. To do away with this very just
and necesana safeguard altogether, how
ever, would to phace the oftice of Leather In
spector in the hands of some protessional spector in the hands of some professiona
politician, and this we have very little hesita.
tion in believing is the sole objeot of the bill
prosented by Mr., Connel. Every man in
the leather business is interested in having The leather busingess is interested in having a
competent Inspector, ,nd in keeping the office
entirely free from the contamination of poli-
tica. There are too many politicioins already in important and reaponsible positions of
this kind, and the pubbicas well as individual
and trade interests demand that the sphere and trade interests demand that the sphere
of aostion of this very objectionable elass of
individuals should be reetricted rather than enlarged.
Tur sitL suthorizing the Thirteenth and track on Llocoust street was opposed io in th
Stato Senate yesterday by Mr. Nogle, for the reason, among others, that "the company
had no olaims upon the Legislature." Whit does this mean? Did the company fall short
in the matter of "divvy," thant, in the opinion
of Nagle it had no ellims" of Nagle, it had in no other light than this, for if the Thir teenth and Fifteenth Streets Company asked
for an extension of this franohise in order to accommodate the publio in a matter the pro-
priety of whioh is generally admitted, there
onghtto be noneceessity for them to put forward any other claims upon the considieration
aty
the Legialature. Objeotions to the laying o the Legialature. Objeotions to the laying of
this track from the rexidents on Looust stroot
and the firectoza of the Agadequy of Mufic,

 and we hope that the Ho Hose will cor
the Sonato in granting the necossary
sion for the laying of the track.
 to lend wecessity, and thoso who have money
spite of the law. That they oan get for it in
restriction in to meftet of such a restriction is to make it more diffloult to bor-
row whete the legal rate is not of sufficient
inducement induoement to the capitalist, and it is a hin-
drance rather than a protection to mercantile Thx Staxe Hurtonins may be a very import-
ant and umefal offier, but we are not aware
of the fact, and we are disposed to conside him decidedly more ornamental than usseful.
The results of his labors have never come
under our under our observation in such a way as to in-
duce the opinion that he might not be dis-
pensed with altogother without serious detri-
ment to the public interests, and we are very of $\$ 8500$ in the way of salary nat worth expensess, the
expedienoy of paying which is now being con-
sidered by the Legislature. A bill making this appropriation was considered in the
State Honse of Represontatives yoster-
day and was laid over. The bost
thing that the Honse can do is to lay it over for good, or erse to cut it down to something
like reasonable proportions. The pooplo have
to pay too much now for the support of gready
and ureless oflicerss, and such a suma sa this to and useless officers, and such a sum as this
be paid out of the Treasury for the benefit
the State Historian is a perfectly needle









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