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THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION—LET THE LEGISLATURE UNDO ITS BABEL WORK.

With the future historian of Philadelphia describing the action of the present generation in reference to a House of Correction, what a fearful picture of vacillation and incompetence will he present! Sixteen years ago an act providing for the establishment of such an institution was passed by the Legislature, and the subject has been continually agitated ever since, every day increasing the manifest necessity for its construction. And yet the middle in which this project is involved seems to grow deeper and deeper with each new demonstration of the importance of its success.

THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION—LET THE LEGISLATURE UNDO ITS BABEL WORK. (Continued from previous page) The underlying reason of these difficulties is the question of location for the contemplated structure. The trouble does not arise from the paucity of proposed sites but from their superabundance, and this trouble is intensified by the anxiety of one set of interested parties to prevent the House of Correction from being erected in one region, and the desire of another set to have it built in some other special locality.

THE LEGAL-TENDER DEVISION.

A GREAT deal of puerile criticism has appeared in the papers on the recent legal-tender decision by the Supreme Court of the United States, and the most amazing consequences are predicted as sure to follow from it. Not the least ridiculous of the ideas held by some of these wisewags is that one which implies that transactions passed and gone may be liable to be dragged out again, and that even a receipt in full is a matter of dreadful uncertainty. The legal-tender decision applies, of course, only to contracts made before February, 1862, and only to such of those as still remain in force.

AFTER all, commend us to a New York Deputy Sheriff for a display of peculiar fitness for office. The papers of our neighboring city narrate at length the adventures of one such during a journey from New York to Sing Sing in charge of four convicts whose united sentences spanned seventeen years. The deputy was crazy drunk—so crazy drunk that justice was within an ace of being cheated out of seventeen years of hard labor by way of recompense for outraged law.

CAPTAIN WILLIAMS, the heroic man who commanded the ill-fated Oneida, gave utterance to a sentence which is destined to rank forever with the most notable in naval history. Mr. Crowninshield, the captain's clerk, who has written a thrilling narrative of his own almost miraculous escape, states that when one of the officers urged him to take to the boats, he replied "I go down with my ship!" and that, in response to an appeal from still another of his subordinates, he exclaimed, "No; this is my place, and here I remain!"

POOR PEORIA!—To-day the people of Peoria are to be forced to listen to harangues from Miss Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Miss Anna E. Dickinson. Now Peoria is situated a thousand miles, more or less, from Philadelphia, and it may be that the full enormity of its iniquities has not yet reached us by report. But we should think that there could have been found within its limits at least one sensible, sober-minded, satisfied woman, whose simple presence ought to be sufficient to save the town from the triple infliction which has fallen upon it.

Table with 3 columns: Year Ending, Amount, and Description. Includes financial data for the year ending June 30, 1869, and June 30, 1870.

It is in the case of taxes which have been removed, while all the other items from those sources were the taxes in question were in force were not yet paid in. The decrease in the receipts from penalties is occasioned by the fact that the department now more uniformly prosecutes suits to a conclusion, thus reducing the number of compromises, wherein penalties are paid in lieu of taxes. Altogether, the exhibit is a very satisfactory one to taxpayers, and shows how easily the iniquitous income tax can be dispensed with.

THE DEVASTATION OF WAR is something terrible to contemplate in the aggregate. Mr. Leray-Beaulieu, a disciple of the peace-at-any-price party, who argues that all the wars between 1853 and 1866 might have been avoided if those engaged in them had so chosen, thus summarizes the expenditures in men and money during the period of thirteen years:

Table showing expenditures in men and money during the period of thirteen years (1853-1866). Columns include War, Men, and Money.

ALEXANDRE DUMAS, according to a rumor current in Paris, has had a fit of apoplexy. Figaro says that it cannot vouch for the attack, hopes the story is a mistake, and only mentions it to have the pleasure of contradicting it in the event of its not being true. Figaro will glorify itself on having been in the field so early with the announcement.

Opium has been raised with success in Vermont. The yield would appear to have been 100 pounds of juice to the acre, merely requiring drying to become a marketable opium which brought from \$8 to \$10 per pound, as it contained more than six per cent of morphine. If this thing can be accomplished in so cold a climate, would not still better success attend its culture in California? It may yet be no object to Chinese smugglers to bring opium into San Francisco, and rolling upon Dory factored him on the ground, where he was almost frozen before he could arrive. The fatal accidents of travel where horses draw the vehicles are more numerous, though less noticed, than those where steam is the motive power.

AD INTERIM: For the brief space between now and the opening of our New Spring Importations, we will dispose of the remainder of our Winter Stock (much of which is not inappropriate for Spring Wear) at moderate prices.

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, NO. 1025 CHESTNUT STREET. SHERIDAN'S RIDE, LIFESIZE PAINTING BY THE PORT ARTIST, T. BUCHANAN READ.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—CHORAL CONCERT IN AID OF "THE BAPTIST HOME" BATTERY, BOSTON, 1870.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—LECTURE BY PROFESSOR J. W. SHOEMAKER, "HOW TO SAY THINGS."

PILGRIM BENEFITS.—Tuesday Night—Morning Star Division, S. of W. Wallingford, 22d and Erie Streets, 8 o'clock.

NOTICE.—A FREE LECTURE WILL be delivered by ROBERT W. M. TOWNSEND, in the hall of the MERCANTILE LIBRARY, on FRIDAY EVENING, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock, to which the citizens generally are invited.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY COMPANY. The Board of Directors having failed to carry out the resolution...

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GROCERIES, ETC. 1870.

BUY THE BEST. BUCK'S FRESH TOMATOES. WINSLOW'S GREEN SUGAR CORN.

New Crop Green and Black Teas, At greatly reduced prices. Families supplied in quarter and half chests at wholesale price.

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EVANS & LEACH, No. 628 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

HATS. \$8.00. HATS. \$6.00. WARBURTON'S NEW SHAPES FOR SPRING.

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EYRE & LANDELL, FOURTH and ARCH Streets, ARE OPENING TO-DAY FOR SPRING SALES.

DRY GOODS. A CARD. SHEPPARD, VAN HARLINGEN & ARRISSON, No. 1008 CHESTNUT STREET.

EXTRAORDINARILY LOW PRICES. Making a difference of about 35% PER CENT. from former prices, being more than equal to the GREAT DECLINE IN GOLD.

Shirting and Fronting Linens. Table Cloths, Table Linens, Napkins, Doilies, Of entirely new and elegant patterns.

Towels and Towellings of every description, Marseilles Quilts, AND ALL VARIETIES OF House-furnishing Dry Goods.

FURNITURE COVERINGS, CRETONNES, AND CHINTZES. TABLE AND PIANO COVERS, REAL LACE AND NOTTINGHAM CURTAINS.

RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENT. The Entire Stock Marked Down to Gold at Par. Specie Given in Change.

Black Silks! Black Silks! The Cheapest for Ten Years. WILL OPEN TO-DAY FROM NEW YORK.

Daily Opening New Silks. Being determined to maintain our reputation for selling the cheapest Black Silks, we have marked our entire stock down to Gold at Par.

10,000 Yards of Japanese Silks, Plain, Stripes, and in Robes. These goods are the best quality, superior to any other Japanese Silks.

CEO. D. WISHAM'S, ONE-PRICE STORE, No. 7 North EIGHTH Street, PHILADELPHIA.

1853 17th ANNIVERSARY, 1870. THURSDAY, MARCH 10. (Seventeen Years on Spring Garden Street.)

Dry Goods Unprecedentedly Cheap. "THORNLEY'S," Cor. EIGHTH and SPRING GARDEN.

WE HAVE NOW A MOST COMPLETE STOCK OF Seasonable and Durable Goods, bought cheap and selling cheap.

JOSEPH H. THORNLEY, N. E. CORNER OF EIGHTH and SPRING GARDEN Sts., PHILADELPHIA.

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M. R. S. R. D. L. L. O. N., No. 223 and 221 SOUTH STREET, has a large assortment of FINE MILLINERY for Ladies and Misses.

JUST RECEIVED, SMALL LOT CHOICE HAVANA CIGARS, FOR SALE BY C. & C. M. O'CALLAGHAN & CO., 3-10 1/2 St. No. 208 1/2 WALNUT STREET.

DRY GOODS. E. R. LEE, No. 43 NORTH EIGHTH Street, OPENED THIS DAY.

20 pieces Nainsook Cheek Muslin, 25, 25, and 25, and 10 dozen large size All-Union Towels, 25, 25, and 25.

DEMONSTRATION IN PLAIN MUSLINS. LINEN GOODS A SPECIALTY.

Having been successful in disposing of a large portion of the stock to the public at an immense sacrifice of the ORIGINAL COST.

J. W. PROCTOR & CO., No. 920 CHESTNUT STREET.

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Some of the leading kinds of goods in this stock now on hand are as follows:— KID GLOVES, FURS IN SETS OR SEPARATE.

WHITE VELVET CORALS, POLAN'S PLAIN CLOAKING, \$2.50. BOYS' LINEN WEAR, STRIPED HERRING, 25c.

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WE GUARANTEE TO SELL The Cheapest Black Silks IN PHILADELPHIA.

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19 Pieces more beautiful "GOLD EDGE" BLACK GROS GRAIN, \$2.50, worth \$4. 5 Pieces heavy "GOLD EDGE" BLACK GROS GRAIN, \$3, worth \$4.

N. SPERING & SON, SUCCESSORS TO JAMES DENNY & SON, S. E. COR. ELEVENTH and LOMBARD. PHILADELPHIA.

WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INVOICE OF OUR CELEBRATED BOMBAZINE FINISH ALPACAS.

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