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greatly in promoting the general health of | that the parties the city and in checking the ravages of epidemic diseases. The ordinance introduced at the last session of Councils, appropriating \$15,000 for this purpose, ought therefore to be passed without further delay, and the work of erecting the baths commenced immediately.

Whatever else is done, however, the improvement of the condition of the Bedford street district is a matter that demands prompt action. Mr. Long has been unceasing in his exertions to improve the sanitary condition of the neighborhood, but he is almost unprovided with funds, and is therefore unable to carry out many of his plans. We therefore hope that the concert to be given on Thursday evening, May 12, at the Academy of Music, for the benefit of the Bedford Street Mission, will be liberally patronized. The entertainment promises to be unusually attractive, and well worthy of the consideration of the public for its own sake. If a large sum of money can be gained by means of it, the objects of the mission will be greatly promoted, and Mr. Long will be able to do much towards accomplishing his reforms. The money realized from the concert it is proposed to devote to the increase of the bathing accommodations at the mission, and to the promotion of other important sanitary objects. Those who may not be able or may not be disposed to attend the concert can extend material aid and contribute to a most deserving object by purchasing some of the tickets and recommending the affair to their friends. Every little helps, and this entertainment affords those who cannot give much an opportunity to make small contributions that will be most acceptable to those who are engaged in the arduous work of fighting the pestilence.

OBITUARY.

Franklin Peale.

This well-kwnown citizen died at noon today, at his residence on Girard street.

Franklin Peale was born in this city in the year 1795, and had consequently attained the good old age of seventy-five years at the time of his death. He was a son of Charles Wilson Peale, the founder of Peale's Museum and celebrated as a portrait painter, as was also his elder brother, Rembrandt. who died about ten years ago. The artistic talent which was so marked in many members of the family had not been denied him, but he did not fancy labor at the easel, and in early life turned his attention to natural history, the greater number of preserved specimens of birds, etc., in his father's museum having been the result of his skill in this department. The museum was his constant resort, and in it he passed the greater portion of his youth.

In 1833 Mr. Peale was appointed to the position of Assistant Assayer in the United States Mint in this city. Shortly after receiving his appointment he was sent on an official visit to Europe by the Government, to study the working of the mints in the different countries of the world. Nearly two years were devoted to this task, and when Mr. Peale returned to this country he had gathered much information upon the methods of coinage which was of value, as well as elaborate drawings of the improved machinery in use in the mints at Paris and London. As the result of his travels abroad, numerous improvements were introduced into our Mint and found of such permanent value that they are still in vogue. Mr. Peale remained in connection with the Mint until 1854, filling in succession the positions of Assistant Assaver. Melter and Refiner, and Chief Coiner.

insured were therefo entitled to the full amount of the policy in his policy in his company, pa that sum, without any abatemen in thirty days after the loss. The Imperi Insurance Company consented to leave t matter to arbitration, and a full hearing the case (Samuel N. Dixon, Esq., acting judge of the arbitration, and George I throp and Thomas J. Diehl being counsel Joseph F. Tobias & Co., and George Biddle and John Samuel counsel for the I perial Insurance Company) resulted in award to the insured of the full amou claimed, which decision was promptly co-plied with. Notwithstanding the volunta payment by the Franklin Insurance Company and the subsequent action of the Imperi Insurance Company, we understand that t Insurance Company of the State of Pennsy vania still declines to adjust the loss on an other basis than the payment of seventy-fi per cent. of the amount claimed. In view the high character of the officers of th institution, we should be greatly astonish at this course if a similar policy w not so frequently persued that it h almost ceased to be a matter surprise. As a practical result, this syste encourages many parties who are insured claim, after a fire, a greater amount of day ages than they have actually suffered, and the end we believe the insurance compani will lose more than they will gain by endea oring to secure an abatement of just claim For the common good of all parties, it is be regretted that crimination and recrimin tions are of such frequent occurrence.] surance is one of the most beneficent modern institutions, but its full advantage can only be realized when it is so thorough understood and completely systematized th it affords, in all cases, beyond all doubt equivocation, absolute security for the fu amount of damage that is nominally cover by the policies.

THE VITAL STATISTICS OF MASSACHUSETTS .- T records of births, deaths, and marriages in Mas chusetts during the past year develop some curio facts. A comparison between the marriages American and foreign-born persons in the State a the births in the families of the same extract show that while there were twice as many "Ame can" as "foreign" marriages, there were more ch dren born of the latter parentage than of the form In Boston the two classes of marriages were abo equal in number; but the births of foreign were 7 to 3 of American parentage. Yet the total num! of births was the largest ever reported. Twins my be scarce, for the plurality births was not 1 in The number of marriages has diminished, being l than in either last year or year before; but th need be no discouragement to those seeking a ten tie, as it is recorded that a maiden of 38 years came the sixth wife of a gentleman of 65, and th were three instances of marriage at ages exceed 80. On the whole, the population of Massachuse is increasing at the rate of 29 persons a day, and half of them settle in Boston, a molety of its prese inhabitants may live to see-abstractly considered a very considerable city, something like New Yo twenty or thirty years ago

A CHARMING proposal has been made by an At trian Church paper by which the poverty of priests is to be relieved and the gratitude of t children of Abraham made manifest. It sugge that as the latter not only make their money out Christians, but are specially indebted to the prie hood for preaching the sacredness of property, th should give liberally of their substance to help the who are at once their victims and their defende In fact, the simplest plan would be to impose a s cial tax on the Jews for the support of th churches which are most in need; and no doubt t gratitude of the recipients would be shown in the fervor of their prayers for the conversion of their benefactors. DIVIDENDS, ETC. PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COM-PANY, TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 3, 1870. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. Street. The Board of Directors have this day declared a somi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT, on the Capital Steck of the Company, clear of National and State Taxes, payable in cash on and after May 30, 1870. Blank Powers of Attorney for collecting Dividends can be had at the Office of the Company, No. 238 South Third The Office will be opened at 8 A. M. and closed at 3 P. M. from May 30 to June 3, for the payment of Dividends, and after that date from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. THOMAS T. FIRTH. Treasurer. THE CONSOLIDATION NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, May 3, 1870. The Directors have this day declared a dividend of SIX PFR CENT., payable on demand, clear of all taxes. 543t WM. H. WEBB, Cashier. 55t66 THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA, May 3; 1870. The Beard of Directors have this day declared a Divi-dend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on demand, clear of S. PALMER, Cashiar. OLOTHING. 536t GREAT NATIONAL BANK OF THE RE-AT THE PHILADELPHIA, May 2, 1870. The Board of Directors have declared a dividend of THREE AND ONE HALF PER CENT., clear of taxes, 533t JOSEPH P. MUMFORD, Cashier. THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL THE GREAT BROWN HALL BANK. BANK. The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of SEVEN PER CENT, for the last siz months, clear of taxes, payable on demand. 526t B. B. COMEGYS, Cashier. From Fit to Dome, with the most superb Garments for Men and Roys to be found anywhere this Spring. BED" FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NA-FARMERS' AND ADDELPHIA, May 3, 1870. TIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, May 3, 1870. The Board of Directors have this day declared a Divi-dend of aIVE PER CANT., payable on demand, clear of tax. W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier. R. & W 603 AND COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, May 3, 1870. The Directors have this day declared a Dividead of FIVE PER CENT. clear of taxes, payable on demand. 5 3 30. H. C. YOUNG, Cashier. 605 R. & W. folks SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK. The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of EIGHT PER CENT., payable on demand. 5 3 3t CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, The Board of Directors have this day declared a divi-dend of SIX FER CENT. for the last six months, pay-able on demand, clear of tax. 53 ft H. P. SOHETKY, Cashier, GIRARD NATIONAL BANK. The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of SIX PHILADELPHIA, May 8, 1970. PER CENT. for the last six months, clear of taxes, pay-able on demand. 5 3 Rt. Charles of the second states of the MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, May 3, 1870. The Board of Directors have this day declared a divi-dend of SIX PER OENT. for the last six months, pay-able on demand, clear of tax. 536t J. WIEGAND, Jr., Cashier. 1017 FOURTH NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, May 3, 1870. At a meeting of the Directors, neld this day, it was unanimously resolved to pass the dividend, and that Ten Thousend Dollars of the profits of the past six months be transferred to the surplus account. 53 St E. F MOODY, Cashier. and put up on the most reasonable terms. Jebbing promptly attended to. DO CITY NATIONAL BANK, The Board of Directors have this day declared a Divi-dend of SIX PER CENT., payable on demand clear of taxes. 53 tutbs3t G. ALBERT LEWIS, SPECIAL NOTICES. A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the POWELL TRAOT COAL COMPANY will be held in Philadelphia, at No. 616 WALNUT Street, Room No. 7, on SATURDAY. 31st instant, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the surpose of considering an act passed by the Lagislature of Pennsylvania affecting the company, and such other business as may be broard before it. 54 wthst C

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THE condition of the Bedford street district is well calculated to create great alarm, and it is of the highest importance that something should be done for its purification before the hot weather sets in. There appears to be no doubt whatever that the relapsing fever has really made its appearance, and some measures must be taken to check the progress of this disease if it is hoped to prevent its spreading to all sections of the city. This is a matter that cannot be triffed with, and the necessity for prompt and efficient action is urgent. Mr. Long, the indefatigable missionary, has been persistent in urging upon the Board of Health, the city authorities, and the public the importance of improving the sanitary condition of Bedford street, and with such means as he could command he has done all in his power to carry on the great work. A single clergyman who has to labor almost alone, and almost empty-handed, can do comparatively little towards reforming either the moral or physical evils of Bedford street, and he ought to have the active cooperation of the city authorities and the public at large. Independently of any humanitarian considerations, this is a subject in which every one is interested, and the safety of the people of this great city ought not to be perilled by such a breeding place for disease as is Bedford street and the adjoining courts and alleys. Not only ought the streets, the houses, and the alleyways to be cleaned as thoroughly as possible, but there ought to be a general purification of the inhabitants. The Bedford Street Mission has ample facilities for bathing accommodations, but it is entirely without the means of carrying on a bathing establishment, and it requires the sum of \$500 immediately for this purpose. This money ought to be forthcoming without a moment's delay, upon the mere intimation that it is needed, for raking up the garbage in the streets will do but little good so long as the people are allowed to remain in their present filthy condition. Not only should bathing facilities be provided, but if it is necessary those who need washing should be compelled to use the baths. The average American citizen undoubtedly has a right under ordinary circumstances to wash himself or not as he chooses, but the right to breed disease is not one of those guaranteed by a republican form of government, and the exercise of a little wholesome despotism is what is greatly needed in Bedford street and vicinity.

In this connection, too, we again urge the importance of erecting a series of free public baths on our river fronts at the earliest possible day. Many persons who really desire to keep themselves clean are not able to perform their ablutions in a thorough manner for want of proper facilities. Free public baths will not only add much to the comfort of a large portion of the population during the

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Mr. Peale was twice married, his first wife dying a few years after the birth of a daughter, who is still living. His second wife, who survives him, was an heir of Stephen Girard, and in consequence of this alliance he became interested in the numerous attempts which were made to overthrow the will of the philanthropist. After his retirement from the Mint he took no part in public affairs, but earned a handsome competency by fortunate transactions in the stock market. For some years previous to his death he resided on Girard street, between Eleventh and Twelfth. He was a man of great energy and firmness, and his many fine qualities of head and heart had endeared him to a large circle of friends.

THE PERILS OF INSURANCE .- We have frequently referred to the necessity of extreme caution on the part of persons who insure property against loss by fire, in the examination of their policies. Many a man who thinks himself fully insured discovers after a disaster that either a failure to specify some of the articles destroyed or qualifying and restrictive clauses furnish a valid pretext for a refusal to award the full amount of damages. Thus defective policies are rendered nearly as hazardous as a total avoidance of insurance, and the guarantees of insurance companies become a delusion and a snare. Hundreds of enterprising citizens have been ruined by a neglect to comprehend the full scope of their policies, and by lulling them-selves into a false sense of security, and similar dangers will continually be incurred until the necessity of specifying every article that insurers wish to have covered, and the importance of comprehending the printed conditions of the respective companies, are fully understood.

A case arising from the disastrous fire at the Patterson warehouse in August, 1869, also illustrates other dangers, delays, and inconveniences to which the insured are frequently subjected by the insurers. That building was composed of eight sections, ranging from A to H. Some of the insurance companies asserted that the wall of section H fell before the fire occurred, and if they could have clearly proven that the goods stored in that section had been destroyed by the destruction of the building instead of fire, they might have had a valid defense. From the outset, however, they manifested a disposition to compromise the damages, by paying from fifty to seventy-five per cent. of the amount claimed, and a settlement on this basis was accepted by some of the parties who had goods stored in section H. Messrs. Joseph F. Tobias & Co., however, who had property valued at \$50,000 stored in this illfated building, which was insured to the amount of \$45,000, viz., \$5000 in the Franklin Insurance Company, \$10,000 in the In-surance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, and \$30,000 in the Imperial Insurance of London, declined an offer of the two lastnamed companies to compromise their claims for seventy-five per cent., and insisted upon the full amount. The President of the Franklin Insurance Company, Alfred C. Baker, after carefully examining all the fac's, was satisfied that a fire had occurred be'ore hot months of summer, but they will aid the walls of the building fell, and belie ring

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