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HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

At the request of the City Executive Committee of the Republican party. we publish the following question to Judge McKennan, of the United States Circuit Court, and his reply thereto :-

Have the watchers appointed by the Court the right or authority to handle any votes cast on Tuesday?

Answer-No!

THE DUTY OF CITIZENS.

ONE of the chief causes of political corruption is in the apathy displayed with regard to political matters by the class of citizens who complain most of the existing evils. There are great numbers of the most intelligent men in the community who ought to have a controlling influence in political matters, and who could have if they would only make a little exertion, but who are not only absolutely unknown in political circles, and who are never seen at preliminary meetings and delegate elections, and but seldom at the polls. A Presidential election, or one in which some great national issue is involved. may bring out such men, but on the scarcely less important occasions when members of Congress, members of the Legislature, members of Councils, Judges, and State and municipal officers are to be chosen, they are content to leave the whole matter in the hands of regular political wire-pullers, notwithstanding the fact that interests of the greatest moment are involved in the selection of proper men to fill offices of the highest trust and responsibility. At the election to-morrow there will undoubtedly be an immense number of stay-at-homes, and the majority of these, we are sorry to say, will be Republicans. These voters should consider that by remaining away from the polls for no other reason than that it will be a slight inconvenience and variation from their regular routine to attend to their duties as citizens and deposit their ballots they are giving direct aid and encouragement to the vices that, if not checked, will inevitably destroy our whole political system. It is not merely the right but it is the absolute duty of every citizen to vote at every election, and those who neglect this duty do a grievous injury not only to themselves but to the whole community. If a party ticket is not in all respects satisfac tory scratch it liberally, and make a ticket that will at least be of an average respectability, but by all means vote some ticket, and aid as far as is possivle in putting the best men into office. We have stringent laws to prevent fraudulent voting, but it is a serious question whether we ought not to have laws also to compel, under severe pains and penalties, legal voters to deposit their billots; and it is scarcely too much to say that the man who will not spare the time and take the slight trouble necessary for the performance of his obvious political duties is unworthy to enjoy the benefits of citizenship. To-morrow there are great number of very important public officers to be elected, and if our interests are to be properly cared for, the best men must be chosen to represent us in Congress, in the Legislature, in Councils, on the bench, and in our various municipal offices. The number of voters who are not capable of forming intelligent opinions with regard to the worth of the various candidates is very small, and it is not pleasant to think that those least capable of voting with judgment will be most numerous their attendance at the polls. in It may be considered as certain that the Democrats will cast a full vote to-morrow, and that those who will neglect their duty will be Republicans of the more intelligent class, who ought to exercise a controlling influence instead of leaving our political affairs entirely in the hands of professional po'iticians and the classes who are least capable of managing them properly. We hope sincerely that those of our citizens who have intended to remain away from the polls, or who have debated in their minds whether to do so or not, will give this subject the censideration it deserves, and vote early if not often to-morrow.

or far enough north to be the territorial centre of the Philadelphia of to-day, but it approximates much more nearly to the centre than Washington Square, while it bids fair to become, a few years hence, the centre of population, and to continue for many generations the grand centre of local travel. Since the voters of Philadelphia are to determine the site of the public buildings at the ballot-box to-morrow, nothing will redound more to their credit than a decision in favor of the locality which is so strongly commended by the appropriateness indicated in the original plan of Philadelphis, inspired by a dispassionate study of the wants of the present, and clearly evident to all who consider for a moment the probable

wants of the future. Another consideration-that of architectural effect-should be carefully weighed by the tax-payers, upon whom the burden of the cost of constructing the proposed new buildings must fall. We want edifices that will not only be well adapted to their purposes, but that will be an ornament to Philadelphia. It is folly to erect splendid structures where they will rarely greet the eyes of strangers, and where their whole effect will be lost by the multiplicity of adjacent buildings. Broad street has by common consent been chosen for the display of the ornamental architecture of the city, and every Philadelphian looks forward to the time when it will become the most splendid avenue in the world. The whole body of tax-payers should insist that their money must be incidentally devoted to the work of decorating this grand thoroughfare. If any thousand or ten thousand of them, residing in various quarters of the city, united together to build a fine hall, temple, church, or academy, they would not think for one moment of squandering their means in such a locality as Seventh and Walnut streets, nor hesitate an instant about adopting Broad street as their site if they could procure an appropriate lot; and the whole community, acting in mass, should, for the common good. be governed by the same course of reasoning and arrive at the same conclusion.

By selecting Penn Square the legal diffi salties, disputes, and postponements which are inevitable in case a majority of voters decide in favor of Washington Square will be avoided. There will be no necessity for digging up the bones of thousands of Revolutionary soldiers, for violating the graves of numberless strangers, for setting at naught the injunctions of William Penn, for outraging the sense of justice which pervades the minds of unprejudiced and uninterested men, and for inflicting a permanent wrong upon posterity for the temporary enrichment of a few property owners of the present day.

On Penn Square there will be plenty of room, plenty of light, plenty of air, and com modious surroundings. The wide streets will diminish the danger of stifling judges and juries, and the necessity for lighting gas some of the offices at all hours of the day. The Building Commission has officially an nounced that no definite plan for the proposed edifices has yet been adopted, but the character of the gentlemen composing it furnishes a sure guarantee that if the Penn Square site is selected its great natural advantages will be effectively utilized, and that no pains will be spared to render the new buildings in every respect creditable and satisfactory to the citizens of Philadelphia.

Square site is now not near far enough west | telligent, and spell better than he does, and cannot be blinded by the chaff he would cast it their eyes, if they are somewhat deafened by the Chinese gong he has been beating through the Fourth district.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROULAMATION. THE blockade of the Prussian coast having proved a failure of the most decided charactor, the French navy has transferred its operations to our coast, and a number of menof-war have been for some time past engaged n watching with hostile intentions the German vessels in several of our ports. The President has accordingly issued a proclamation to prevent the neutrality of the United States from being violated, and he directs in substance that the vessels of war of either belligerent shall not leave any port of the United States within twenty-four hours of the departure of any vessel of its opponent, whether man-ofwar, privateer, or merchantman; that vessels of war shall not remain in our ports for more than twenty-four hours except for absolutely needed repairs and supplies, and that any such war vessel, after having entered one of our ports, shall not re-enter until after having visited one of the ports of its own government. The only thing to complain of with regard to this proclamation is the tardiness with which it has been issued. For several weeks past the French cruisers have been prowling in and about New York harbor, noting the German merchantmen there congregated, and making preparations to pounce upon them in case they should put to sea; and, so far as the United States authorities were concerned, there was no apparent check upon their movements. It is said that the President's proclamation was hurriedly prepared and issued in consequence of important information received in Washington on Saturday, which indicated that the German merchantmen were in special danger. Be this as it may, it is well that the President has placed the proper restrictions upon the navies of the two belligerents before any occurrence should take place that would in-volve us in difficulties with either party that might force us to abandon our position of impartial and friendly spectators of the contest now being waged in Europe.

THE UNION LEAGUE-IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.

THE Directors of the Union League of Philadelphia have called a meeting of the members of that organization for the purpose of considering a proposed application to the Legislature for the call of a State Convention to amend the Constitution of Pennsylvania. We must assume that this movement is not in any way connected with party politics. but is intended as a means of directing public attention to a subject of universal interest.

The Legislature has power to propose such amendments once in five years, and since the convention of 1838 the power has been exercised. Several amendments have thus been

SPECIAL NOTICES. BOS" HON. JAMES MILLER AND THE ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY.

Editor of the West Philadelphia Star .-

Dear Sir :- Some fault having been found with me for introducing a bill into the Legislature last winter for the opening of Diamond street, I respectfully ask a small space in your paper for the purpose of giving a correct statement in reference to the bill and its passage through the House. It was handed o me by N. B. Browne, Esq., President of the Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Company, who stated that he knew nothing of its character except that it had been drawn up by Eli K. Price, Esq., and handed to him by an estimable citizen living on the line of the "street. On the day Mr. Browne gave me the bill I met Henry M. Phillips, Esq., who asked me for it, saying that he wished to see it. We read it over together, and both objected to a clause in it, pledging the faith of the Commonwealth that no railroad should ever be laid upon it; but feeling that this matter interested only the property-owners on the road, I concluded to offer it, not having the least idea of the street running through the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, and not supposing there was any opposition to it. The bill was referred to the proper committee; and while it was before the committee, the gentleman who gave it to Mr. Browne, called upon me two or three times, and seemed very urgent for its passage. He said the street was to be seventy feet wide, with Nicolson pavement, and would be one of the finest avenues in the city, still saying nothing about inest avenues in the city, still saying nothing about the Odd Fellows' Cemetery. One morning, before the craining of the House, Mr. Adam Aloright brought to me a letter and a small plan, staling and showing that the street ran directly through the Cemetery. I took Mr. Albright up into the Library to examine a map of the city and found that the statement was correct. I at once told Mr. Aloright that I would have nothing more to do with the bill. On the following Saturday I met the property owner who had the bill in charge, and told him that he had placed me in a false position with reference to it; that I never would be engaged in any legislation that seemed to be underhanded, and as this looked as if I wished to put a street through the Odd Fallows' If I wished to be undernanced, and as this looked as if I wished to put a street through the Odd Fallowa' Cemetery by stealth, he must find some one else to pass his bill. He said that he had forgotten to tell me about the cemetery, but it made no difference; that some of the officers of the cemetery and influthat some of the officers of the cemetery and indu-ential Odd Fellows really wished the street to go through it, but dare not say so openly. They had another cemetery to which they wanted all the dead removed, and if they could get this fine avenue there, the building lots would sell for enough to pay for removing the dead, and bring them a large sum of money beside I told him that might have been a good argu-ment in an open fight on a bill known to have been introduced for the purpose of cutting a street ment in an open fight on a bill known to have been introduced for the purpose of cutting a street through the cemetery, but it would not do in this case; that I could not do anything for him. The bill came up and was defeated. Mr. Albright and Mr. Bunn actively opposed it, and I do not think any member advocated it. Subsequently the bill was, on motion of Mr. Stokes, reconsidered. I would not vote for h; no Odd Fellow had asked me to vote egainst it, and I did not vote at all. Mr. Bunn was not in the House. Mr. Albright voted against it, and I do not remember how any of the other Phila-delphia members voted. I believe it passed the Senate unanimously. [1t^{*}] JAMES MILLER. Mer ACADEMY OF MUSIC. THE STAR COURSE OF LECTURES.

OPENING SALE OF SEASON TICKETS FOR THE FIRST SERIES. THIS (Monday) MORNING, October 10. THE FIRST SERIES OF TEN LECTURES be given in the following order :-MISS ANNA E. DICKINSON, October 17. "JOAN OF ARC." GEORGE VANDENHOFF, October 19. "HENRY IV." WENDELL PHILLIPS, October 21. "THE LOST ARTS." MISS OLIVE LOGAN, October 24. "THE BRIGHT SLOE." MRS. F. W. LANDER, October 26, "MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM." JOSH BILLINGS, October 28. MH.K.

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THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

WHEN William Penn laid out the plan of the original city of Philadelphia heselected Penn Square, or, as it was appropriate'y called in former times, Centre Square, as the proper site for public buildings of general importance. There was great wisdom in this action, because no other spot approximated so closely to the territorial centre of the original city, and because this point was at the same time the only one then existing at which a junction of two broad streets would be effected. The lapse of nearly two centuries, and the accompanying improvements, have not only confirmed the wisthom of the plan devised by the founder of the city, but they have developed many powerful new reasons why his views should be adopted in the selection of a site for the proposed municipal ea. fces. The district embraced in the old city is now nearly covered with buildings, and while my ny thousands of dwellings, stores, and manufac, ories have been crected beyond the old city limits on territory west of the Schuylkill, north and northwest of Broad and Vine streets, and south and southwest of Broad and Pine streets, the opportunities for expansion near the line of the Delaware have been necessagily rostricted by that river. The Penn

FALSEHOOD IN POLITICS.

MANY men of no principie, or of defective moral culture, act in political life as if all honorable dealing were a thing to be discarded, if not despised. And indeed it very often happens that men of the most rigid integrity in every other relation of life will excuse duplicity and falsehood in connection with political movements that they would deprecate and denounce if exhibited in any business transaction. All this is wrong and fruitful of nothing but evil. Under a form of government such as ours, where political dishonesty can corrupt every stream of anthority and power, it is of the very first moment that this exception to the general rule of honesty and integrity should not be made, but that truth, fair dealing, and honesty should be demanded by all as much in political as in social and business life. These observations have their general application to both the great political parties of the country, but are here made with a special reference to one phase in the Congressional contest in the Fourth district that must be apparent and repulsive to all intelligent and observant men. In the bitter personal contest pursued by William B. Thomas against Judge Kelley, the great effort of the former has been to misrepresent the character, opinions, record, and services of his opponent, with a special reference to prejudice the mechanics and laborin ; men against him. By garbled extracts from speeches, misstatements and falsehoods on of the whole cloth, Thomas would mislead the people he aspires to represent into a belief that his opponent is not the friend of the laboring men of the country.

The truth is as clear as the sun at noon lay that, if Ju'ge Kelley in a long and eventfu career has proven anything beyond contradiction or doubt, it is his devotion to the industrial interests and laboring classes of the country. Himself a mechanic, the son of a mechanic, who by industry, honesty, and labor has elevated himself to an exalted position in the councils of the nation, he has never forgotten that great army of toilers from which he sprang, but has been, in season and out, their champion and advocate.

To uphold American industries, emancipate, elevate, educate, and ennoble American labor, has been the great effort of his life, and to attempt by misrepresentation to drive from his support the very class for whose elevation and happiness his life has been spent. is not a political trick, but a crime which an honorable man would shrink from attempting. General Thomas will discover very shortly

that he has wofully underrated the intelli-Sence of the men he would mislesd and deceive. Many read quite as much, are as in-

made and approved by the people. But that body is not always composed of men who have any special regard for the fundamental law of the State, or who are even competent to perform any other service as legislators than such as will put money in their pockets. It is the notorious corruption of successive legislators, and the facility with which the votes of their members have been purchased by individuals and corporations applying for special legislation. which have turned the attention of thoughtful men to the grave question of constitutional reform. A convention called and organized in the usual way is the only efficient instrumentality of such reform, and if the Union League identifies itself with the movement, o that it shall not assume a partisan aspect. its action will probably meet with general approval.

EVERY citizen of Philadelphia is interested in the selection of good men for our municipal legislature, and if more care was generally taken to choose none but men who would represent the intelligence and business ability of our citizens, Councils would perform their duties in a much more able and satisfactory manner. Among the candidates to be voted for to-morrow, there is none more worthy of cordial support from those who wish to see Councils become the real representatives of a great and wealthy city like this, than Mr. William E. Littleton, the Republican nominee for Select Council in the Twelfth ward. Mr. Littleton's record as a Councilman is a sufficient guarantee of his fitness. "He has been untiring in his exertions to promote all measures for the public benefit and the improvement of the city, and has proved himself to be a useful, hard-working, and intelligent member. The vast majority of the questions that come up before Councils have no sonnection whatever with party politics, and a man of Mr. Littleton's worth is entitled to the support of intelligent voters of all shades of political opinion.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For Additional Special Notices see the 6th and 8th Pages. SIX REASONS WHY, AS REPUBLICANS we intend to vote for

HENRY M. DECHERT

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COM-MON PLEAS.

First. Because he is a sound lawyer and possesses the requisite learning, ability, and experience to make a good Judge.

Second. Because his personal reputation is without spot or stain. It has not been questioned previously to or during the present canvass. Third. Because he took an open and decided stand during the war, and in the years 1862 and 1863, at the head of a company of his neighbors, mustered into the State and United States military

services in the 26th and 40th Pennsylvania Regiments. Fourth B cause Mr. DECHERT has been identified with various charitable and educational move ments, and has also obtained, by means of an indus-

trious life, an intimate knowledge of the people without regard to classes or nationalities. Fifth. Because he was nominated by acclamation in a convention composed of members of the bar,

who have presented him as a suitable candidate for the bench . Sixth. Because the Court is dow composed of four

Judges, of whom three are of the Republican party, and upon the election of Mr. Dechert as the additional Associate Judge, it will be composed of the Judges, of whom the majority will yet be of the

"THE DUEL BETWEEN FRANCE AND PRUSSIA. PETROLEUM V. NASBY, November 2. "IN SEARCH OF THE MAN OF SIN." MISS IS ABELLA GLYN, November 3.

HON. CHARLES SUMNER, October 31.

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will commence on Wednesday Mording, October 12, at the same hour, Box Office open daily from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. 10 10 21 ENT UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA. A Special Meeting of the UNION LEAGUE of Philadelphia will be held at the LEAGUE HOUSE, on TUESDAY, the 18th of October, 1870, at So'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering a proposed application to the Legislature for the call of a conven tion to amend the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

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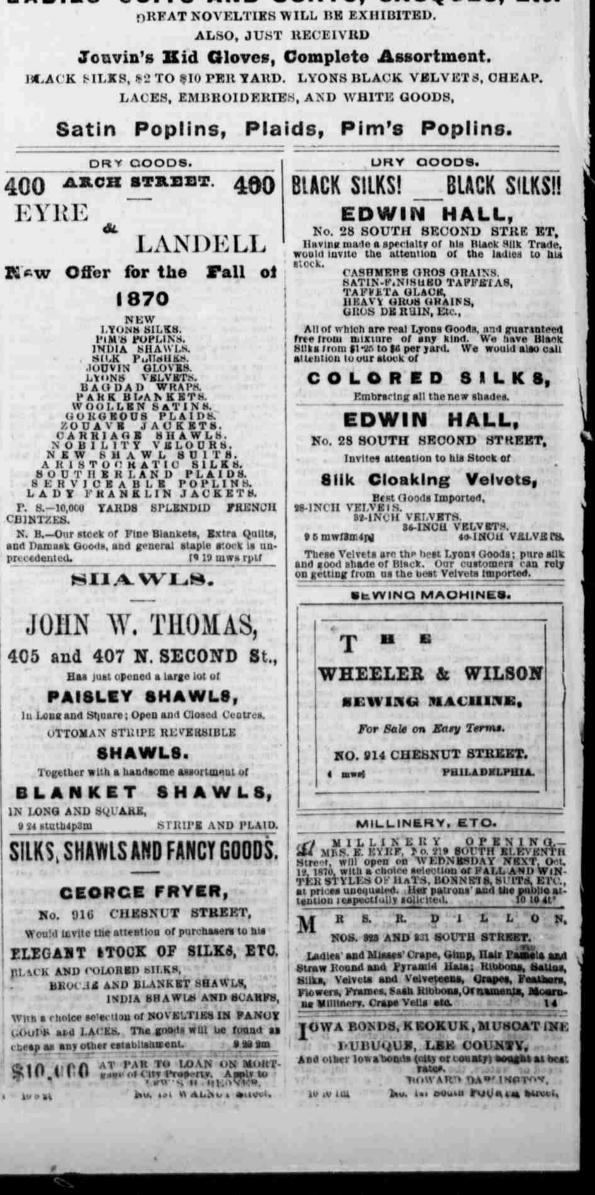
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