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OUR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

The question of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence came up yesterday in the National House of Representatives. It is not unnatural that other cities should desire to enjoy the benefits that such an exhibition would bring in its train, and the opposition to the claims of Philadelphia that has thus far been made was no more than was to be expected.

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GROUND-RENT LAW.

The recent publication of two decisions by Judge Ludlow on the subject of ground-rents in this county seems to have occasioned considerable doubting and misunderstanding in some people's minds, for which there is really not the slightest cause. The principles laid down by the learned judge are unquestionably sound, and he has expressed himself in the clearest possible manner, so that it strikes us that if individuals desire to understand his opinions as he means them and wishes them to be understood, they have only to read the statutes involved and the opinions respecting each, and then give the matter a single sober thought.

authorized and required to make a decree declaring that the said ground-rent is released, merged, and extinguished, etc. In the case that brought into question the constitutionality of this law, no payment or demand of the ground-rents or acknowledgment of their existence had been made for more than twenty-one years; and when the court was asked to declare them extinguished on this ground, the objection was made that the law was unconstitutional, because in giving the court the power thus to decree it deprived the party of his right to trial by jury.

The other was the act of April 15, 1869, providing for the abolition of irredeemable ground-rents, which have for years proved a heavy clog to real estate in this city. The act says that the owner of land upon which such a lien exists may cite the owner of the lien into court for the purpose of coming to terms for its extinguishment, and if they fail to agree upon the amount to be paid, the matter shall be referred to a jury, who shall assess the damages; and upon the payment of all expenses by the owner of the land, the court shall decree the hitherto irredeemable ground-rent to be extinguished. The objection to the constitutionality of this was that it divested vested rights and forced the owner of the rent to part with it whether he wished to do so or not.

It is easier for a young married man to gradually acquire absolute ownership of a comfortable home in Philadelphia than in any other large city. The operation has been so much simplified by the building associations which abound here, to the number of nearly one thousand, that practically it amounts to nothing more than paying a little extra rent from quarter to quarter and year to year. Any industrious artisan can become the possessor of a good residence in Philadelphia by making a series of payments through ten years of a smaller aggregate sum than would be required in New York for the rent of a house possessing similar accommodations.

The Democracy of Pennsylvania have promptly seized the first occasion that offered for honoring Coffee-pot Wallace by electing him Speaker of the Senate. A heavy debt of gratitude was due to him for his distinguished services in giving to false and brazen-naturalization papers the halo of antiquity; and the debt has, in part, been promptly paid. Our law-makers never act so nobly as when they lavish honors upon men who break the laws for partisan purposes, and exalt their party above the Commonwealth.

The school-books and text-books teach young men to love their country, and thereby inculcate a confusing and dangerous error. The real thing to be done—if you are anxious to figure in politics—is to let your country slide, and to go your death for some one of the robbers, or gangs of robbers, who fatten on her life-blood. If you are a Philadelphian, get into the Gas Ring. If you are a New Yorker, put on the Tammany harness. If you are a Pennsylvanian, swear by Cameron. Be unjust and fear not, and the road to plunder will be opened unto you.

It is said that Grant favors an increase of the tax on tobacco. As he is one of the greatest smokers in the land, he gives evidence of genuine patriotism in urging such an increase, and all other office-holders should imitate his noble example. The magnates of our Row should petition the Legislature for an increase of the tax on their fees and perquisites, and the favorites of Tammany Hall should make a free-will offering of half their stealings to the authorities at Albany.

If you want to get an office from the Legislators or Senators at Harrisburg, put yourself under training as a prize-fighter, kick up a tremendous row, kill off a man or two, make yourself notorious as a bully, and demonstrate to the world that you are always ready and anxious to disturb the peace of the community.

THE BRITISH MINISTRY.

A change in the War Office—Lord Strathairn to succeed Mr. Cardwell—Something About the New Secretary of State for War. A cable telegram announces that the Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, Secretary of State for War in Mr. Gladstone's Ministry, is about to be succeeded by Lord Strathairn, the contemplated change being in the interest of the war party.

Lord Strathairn is the Right Hon. Sir Hugh Henry Rose, G. C. B., G. C. S. I., a son of the late Right Hon. Sir George H. Rose, who was a member of Parliament for many years and British Minister at Berlin. Lord Strathairn was born in 1808, was educated at Berlin, entered the army in 1830, and after becoming a Lieutenant-Colonel, held successively the positions of Consul-General in Syria, Secretary of the Embassy, and Charge d'Affaires at Constantinople, and English Commissioner at the headquarters of the French army in the Crimea in 1855-56.

On the return of the late Lord Clyde to England, Lord Strathairn became commander-in-chief in India, and it became his task in this capacity to superintend the amalgamation of the Queen's forces with the armies of the late East India Company. The zeal, energy, and skill displayed by him in this task were instrumental in reforming many old-standing abuses and in greatly promoting the comfort and efficiency of the troops.

In 1865 he resigned the position of Commander-in-Chief in India, and subsequently held the chief command of the forces in Ireland. On July 28, 1866, he was rewarded for his long and efficient services by being raised to the peerage as Baron Strathairn, of Strathairn, in the county of Naier, and of Jhansi, in the East Indies. He holds at present the rank of General in the British army, is Colonel of the 45th Foot, and is regarded as one of the best general officers in the British service. It will be seen that he is amply qualified, by experience, for the position to which he is to be appointed.

OBITUARY.

Charles H. Sweetzer, a well-known journalist, who has been interested in a number of newspaper enterprises, died on the 1st instant at Plunka, Fla., of consumption. Mr. Sweetzer is chiefly known as one of the founders of The Round Table, a weekly literary journal which for a time promised well, but which from a variety of causes failed to receive the support of the public. The Round Table was finally merged into The Citizen, and Mr. Sweetzer started the New York Evening Mail in 1867. In about a year's time he sold out his interest in the Evening Mail and started a daily morning paper called the City, which failed to achieve success. Mr. Sweetzer then removed to Minnesota and started a weekly paper, entitled the Mirror, at Minneapolis, but this also failed, and he accepted the literary editorship of the Chicago Tribune. Last summer he became alarmed at the symptoms of consumption that manifested themselves, and removed to Florida in the hope that he might be benefited by the climate. He leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss. Mr. Sweetzer was a man of fine literary taste, and an elegant and forcible writer. He was interested in a number of newspaper enterprises besides those mentioned above, but he lacked business tact or some other equally important quality, and none of them was successful.

Stephen Glover, a popular English story-writer, died in London, on the 7th of December last, at the age of 58 years. He was the author of a great number of songs, many of which have obtained a permanent popularity. Among these may be mentioned "Why Do Summer Roses Fade?" "The Monks of Old," "The Merry, Merry Sunshine," and the ditty of "What are the Wild Waves Saying?" which was suggested by an incident in Dickens' novel of "Dombay and Son."

THE PACIFIC TERMINUS OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.—W. Milnor Roberts, Esq., civil engineer, in his special report on the route of the Northern Pacific Railroad, gives the following opinion in regard to the industrial prospects of the extreme Northwest:—

"Next to the lumber trade in importance will be that of the great fisheries of the Pacific coast; the facilities for the accommodation of which will be found at the terminus of this railroad, where the vessels will be built, equipped, and found, complete, with every needed appliance, and manned ready for sea. I say 'at first,' because the day is not far distant when the manufactures which will grow up around this world of waters will engender a commerce far exceeding that arising from the fisheries; and as the forests recede under the insatiable demands of an increasing growth of population, agricultural products will fill the apparent void, for it is certain that the soil where these vast forests now grow is remarkably prolific. And if at some period in the future, when numerous flourishing cities shall have grown up with the growth of this Pacific coast, the timber should be exhausted, a beautiful Providence has stored up for the use of the coming generations an abundant supply of coal, an article which is the basis of most of the wealth of Great Britain, and which, more than any single product of the mines, has enabled the United States to take her present seat at among the nations."

NOTICES.

OVERCOATS, OVERCOATS, OVERCOATS, EIGHT DOLLARS, EIGHT DOLLARS, EIGHT DOLLARS. MEN'S ALL-WOOL MELTON OVERCOATS REDUCED TO EIGHT DOLLARS, TO CLOSE THEM OUT, BY BENNETT & CO., TOWER HALL, No. 615 MARKET STREET, HALF-WAY BETWEEN FIFTH AND SIXTH STREETS. Other goods in proportion.

BECAUSE A PERSON HAS A BAD COUGH it should not be inferred that Consumption has set it, although a case of Consumption is rarely met with unaccompanied by a distressing Cough. Where, however, a predisposition to Pulmonary disease exists, a Cough, if left to itself, strains and racks the Lungs and wastes the general strength, and soon establishes an incurable complaint. In all cases, then, it is the safer plan to get rid of a Cough, Cold, or a case of Consumption as early as possible, and to remedy it more promptly or surely, or with more benefit to the organs of the Chest, than Dr. J. Jayne's Expecto-rant, an article scientifically compounded from carefully selected drugs, and which, on trial, will always be found worthy of its world-wide reputation. Sold by all Druggists.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of MATILDA SCHOFIELD, deceased. The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit the account and adjust the account of WILLIAM R. BLACK, Receiver of MATILDA SCHOFIELD, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountants to meet the parties interested for the purposes of his appointment, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1871, at 2 o'clock P. M., in his office, No. 15 WALNUT STREET, room No. 19, in the city of Philadelphia. E. C. MITCHELL, Auditor.

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Suits costing \$15, we offer at \$13. Suits costing \$19, we offer at \$16. Suits costing \$22, we offer at \$15. 250 Suits of All-wool Cassimere at \$18, 250 Suits of All-wool Cassimere at \$19, 250 Suits of All-wool Cassimere at \$15, 250 Suits of All-wool Cassimere at \$15.

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COPARTNERSHIPS. THE FIRM OF ELLIOTT & DUNN IS THIS DAY DISSOLVED BY MUTUAL CONSENT. Either member of the firm will sign in liquidation. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, J. H. DUNN, PHILADELPHIA, January 2, 1871.

THE undersigned have this day entered into a COPARTNERSHIP for the purpose of transacting a general banking business, at No. 109 South THIRD Street, under the name of ELLIOTT, COLLINS & CO. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, FREDERIC COLLINS, ADOLPHUS W. ELLIOTT, FREDERIC J. ELLIOTT, PHILADELPHIA, January 2, 1871. 12 9 4P

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