THE KEEPER'S STORY.

From London Society.

I am the Squire's head keeper. For two hundred years and more, since the Ridstocks of Ridstock in the West Riding sent into Blankshire a younger son to inherit the property of the Blankshire collateral branch, a Falconer has always been head keeper. The Squire does say that when his far-away ancestor, Sir Pembroke Ridstock, was found stark dead after the bloody fight of Flodden Field, up in the north country, his foster-brother, Giles the Falconer, lay dead on the young knight's body, clutching the broken banner-pole. So I tell my son Jack—as fine a young keeper as ever wore green velveteen—that Ridstocks and Falconers have been too long together ever to part; and though he does talk wildly sometimes about going off to America to try his rifle on a buffalo, and send me home a grisly bear's skin, I don't think he would really care to go until I am under the turf, and then of course he will be head keeper in my place. Our young Squire has some notion of going off next summer for a hunting trip upon the prairies, and if he does I must persuade him to take Jack with him and bring him back; and then, perhaps, after a turn at adventure in that wild country, Jack will be content to settle down, carry the young Squire's second gun, as I do his father's, on shooting days, and keep up the head of feathered game for which the estate is so famous.

There is not better ground in England, out of Norfolk, for partridges; and as he gives me his annual five-pound note, when we have finished up the day at Grimstone Roughs, Lord Blankton himself has many a time said to me, 'Why, Falconer, where do you get all these pheasants from—do you steal them?' In very truth, his lordship's little joke is becoming equally annual with his tip; for as he always gets put into a 'hot corner' or two, he brings down a good many to his own gun, and certainly does see more than anybody else; but I may say, without self-flattery, that our covers are always really well stocked. I am glad that I have nothing to boast of in the way of 'fur,' though to my mind there is no prettier shooting than a fine lively rabbit bolting and popping in and out of a fern brake; but the old Squire will not have either rabbits or hares to stain the ground if he or I can help it. I remember when I had been about three years head keeper I had got up an astonishing show of 'fur;' but one of the best tenants took huff at this, gave notice to leave, and nothing the Squire could do would persuade him to remain unless it was keeping down the rabbits and hares on his farm. This the Squire would not do, for he liked the shooting, and, besides, was obstinate and would not stand what looked like dictation. And so the tenant went to Canada; but as soon as he was gone the Squire took it a deal to heart and swore a strongish oath to me that he would never again run the chance of losing a good tenant for any such vermin; and they were well thinned down all over the estate, and we have kept them so ever since. Now-a-days there is no grumbling; indeed that tenant is a proud man who can boast of having given the Squire his best day, and as every one of them looks upon himself as a voluntary under keeper, we have scarcely any trouble with poachers; but formerly I often used to go home with a broken head after a tussle with the vagabonds, and it is one of my great captures that I am about to relate.

There is not much honor among regular poachers. The rascals are very often ready to split upon one another, though when they are out in a gang they will stick together and make desperate work with the keepers, as everybody knows. But over and over again, 'from information received,' I have been able to out-general and overpower them.

Now that same cover, Grimstone Roughs, has always been a pet cover of the Squire's and mine. It is on some rising ground not far from the Squire's school, where all we youngsters were so well taught; and from the time I began to go to school I knew every inch of it well. My father could trust me, and used to send me to lay down corn for the pheasants, and tell me to keep my eyes open for vermin and so forth; and many a half holiday have I spent in that wood watching the young pheasants running about, and the squirrels a-nutting. It is a pretty sight to see those little fellows stripping a hazel, and if you don't move you may even sit under the same tree and see them do it. The ground below is soon covered with cracked shells and uncracked nuts, but it is of no use picking up these last, they are all bad. Master Squirrel does not gather nuts for anybody but himself and his family. But I am babbling in my old age: I must get on with my story.

The wood covers about twenty-five acres of ground, on a gentle rise to the top. From the top of the wood stretches out for many miles an extensive moorland and half-cultivated country; at the bottom, and going round nearly two sides of the wood, flows a deep and sluggish stream, and at the opposite lower corner, with just a strip of meadow land between, is an old bridge with Roman foundations, they say, where four roads meet. One of these, on the cover side of the river, goes over the moorland to a big town about fifteen miles off; the other, to the left, to some farms of the Squire's. On the opposite side one road goes past the school and my lodge to the hall and beyond it, and the other to the neighboring town of W——. The road up the moorland had formerly gone right through the cover, but the Squire had managed to get it diverted alongside to the left, and the old road, through the strip of meadow, is now merely a drive, but trespassers occasionally will use it, as the new road is rough and steepish. Now it will be seen that when poachers out of W—— have been in the wood they must make for the bridge to get home, and when I happened to be out alone and heard any disturbance in the wood, I always used to keep near the bridge to find out who they were if a strong party, and if only one or two for a capture, in case they made for the bridge by the old drive through the meadow; for this being a private road I could legally do so. But the villains generally got out of the wood upon the Moorland road, and then, that being a public road, I could not touch them; but still I had the satisfaction of finding out who the plunderers were. The wood had not often been attempted by a strong gang, for by occupying in strength the line of the moorland road we could drive them into a corner by the river, or force them to make a rush down the drive, in which case we were always ready for them, so that the party was commonly a small one.

One night, 'from information received,' Bill Bevan and I had posted ourselves close to the bridge on the lookout for two hulking fellows out of W——, whom we expected to hit upon going to or returning from their nefarious work. At that time I was a stout, strong young fellow, and did not care for any man in the county in a good cause, and Bill Bevan was my favorite watcher. He was bold as a lion, much bigger and stronger than myself, and had helped me to handcuff not a few pheasant-robbers.

We waited till past 2 o'clock, and saw and heard nothing; indeed, we hardly expected to do so; for the business our friends were out upon, was the long net on the upper side of the cover and driven in, which is done with little noise unless it may be an occasional squeak from a hare; and we had watched the bridge carefully from a distance, while it was light, and had not seen them cross it. We therefore at last determined to give up, just take round the upper side of the cover, and then go off to bed. On a sudden we heard voices talking in the wood, and the speakers apparently making for the bridge.

'Why, they have been there, after all,' said Bill; 'how could they have got there?'

'Never mind how they got there,' said I; 'there they are, and, as luck will have it, are coming down the drive. Keep still, and we'll catch 'em here.'

We waited quiet under the shadow of the hedge—the men were still talking, and drawing near. There was not much light, but the stars were bright, and by them, when they came within about ten yards, I could distinguish our two friends, one laboring along with a heavy bag at his back.

'Now then,' said I, in a whisper, 'take the outside one, Bill;' and we each sprang at our man. I got fair hold of the fellow's collar with the bag. He dropped the bag with a curse, and laid hold of my arm. I instantly found I had my work before me, for, though I had a fair hold of him, the fellow was half as big again as myself, and cursed and struggled and wrenched and at last managed to kick my shin with the heel of his hob-nailed boot so viciously that from pain I loosened my hold for a moment. My man broke from me, and seized me by the bare throat with one hand and round the loins with the other. Half-choked, with a desperate effort, I got his fingers from my throat, and a second after got a half-hit on the chin which dazed me. We had now struggled close to the river, and my friend, who had been cursing extraordinarily during the fight, said, 'I'll pitch thee into the river.'

'Do if thou can,' said I, getting hold a bit firmer by the collar again, and hitting him a fair blow between the eyes with my fist. His rage was awful; and after a very violent tussle he got hold of me foul in some out-of-the-way manner that I cannot recollect, and threw me right through a thorn-bush into the river. The smarting from the thorns, that scored my hands and face wofully, and the cold water, and the shame of being beaten so enraged me that I was out of the water almost as soon as I was in, and jumped back to the fray, which from the noise I judged to be serious. During the time I had been engaged with my man, Bill had tackled the other, and much more successfully; for, just as I was sent neck and crop into the river, he was kneeling on his man's chest and putting on the cuffs. He was in the act of completing this when the fellow freed from me came up, slipped his arm round Bill's neck, and proceeded to garrote him off his handcuffed antagonist. But Bill—an immensely powerful man—though taken thus at disadvantage, was not to be beaten easily, and managed to twist himself upon his back, still keeping the first man below; and when I came upon the scene, dripping out of the river, they were all there in a heap, all arms and legs, and snarling and blaspheming frightfully. In a second or two I saw the state of things, and jumped upon my old friend with both knees in the small of his back and both hands at the back of his collar. I had such a good hold that I could have throttled a giant, and in a few seconds he ceased to struggle. I then got one foot on the ground, and heaved him by the collar so as to ease Bevan, who soon got out of the mess, took my cuffs out of my pocket, and secured my big one, who was now nearly strangled and gasped for breath. The other fellow lay still upon the ground. I began to be frightened about my work, for my man did not seem like coming to; but Bill got his billycock full of water out of the river, dashed it in his face, and the ruffian was soon all right. I do not think I ever heard any one blaspheme so fearfully as when he found out the handcuffs; but we got him and the other fellow up and collared them safely. As we were making for the bridge I stumbled over the bag, which I had clean forgotten. I sung out to Bill to carry it.

'Carry it be blowed,' said he; 'I'll make this big 'un do that.'

'Hold him a minute.'

He got hold of the bag, and finding, as he expected, a strong cord with a loose end round the top, whipped it in a loop over the big man's neck behind, and marched him off, carrying unresistingly his own game-bag.

As I was wet through, we agreed to go to my lodge before going to the lock-up at W——. Upon arriving there, I left Bill outside with the two prisoners, struck a light, went up stairs, and changed my clothes. When I came down, I called Bill in with his two beauties to have a look at them. To my amazement they were perfect strangers, and looked like and really were navvies on the tramp. Bill stared at me, I at Bill, and there stood our two ugly customers, looking now as though they could not quite make it all out. Had we made a mistake?

What on earth was to be done? Had we half-killed one and handcuffed two innocent men? 'Well, if they were innocent, they do not look like it,' was my final thought. The big fellow was a stolid-looking ruffian, who seemed to take things pretty easy; but the other looked just like a fox caught in one of my traps, with a quick startled eye that seemed to ask what next. I was puzzled what to do, and so I could see was Bill. But there was the bag! Ah, the bag! 'Untie the bag, Bill,' said I, 'and let us see what they have got.' Bill slipped the cord over the big one's neck, put the bag on the floor, proceeded to pull out—not hares and rabbits—but new boots and shoes, to the amount of a couple of dozen or more! I understood it all in a moment. 'Tie them up again, Bevan, and let us be off to the lock-up.' So Bill soon loaded his man again, off we went, and trudged away about three miles to W——. We walked into the lock-up, roused the sergeant of police on duty out of his doze, and as he was an old acquaintance, I took him on one side and told him the whole story. He at once said that he should lock them up on suspicion; and while he was doing this a man came up on horseback to say that a bootmaker's shop at the big town across the moorland had been broken into, the owner nearly murdered, and a lot of boots and shoes carried off.

The two rogues were tried at the assizes, and got fourteen years' transportation. Bill and I kept our own counsel, and as we were not asked anything about mistaking the fellows for poachers, we did not let out that we had taken them into custody by accident; and my Lord Judge, after complimenting us highly for our gallant capture, as he called it, ordered us five pounds apiece out of the county chest.

DIVIDENDS, ETC.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 227 South FOURTH Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1870.

NOTICE.—In accordance with the terms of the Lease and Contract between the East Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, dated May 19, 1869, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company will pay at their Office, No. 227 South FOURTH Street, Philadelphia, on and after the 17th day of January, 1871, a dividend of $1·50 per share, clear of all taxes, to the Stockholders of the East Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as they shall stand registered on the books of the said East Pennsylvania Railroad Company on the 31st day of December, 1870.

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer,
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.

NOTE.—The transfer books of the East Pennsylvania Railroad Company will be closed on December 31, 1870, and reopened on January 10, 1871.

HENRY C. JONES, Treasurer,
12 27 tJ17 East Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 227 S. FOURTH Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1870.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Transfer Books of this Company will be clos on Wednesday, the 14th of December next, and r opened on Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1871.

A dividend of FIVE PER CENT. has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of State tax, payable in cash on the 27th of December next to the holders thereof, as they shall stan registered on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 14th of December. All payable at this office.

All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.
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MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK.

PITTSBURG, December 29, 1870.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock out of the profits of the last six months, payable December 31, 1870.

The Philadelphia Stockholders will be paid at the Commercial National Bank of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

JOHN SCOTT, Jr., Cashier.
12 31 10t

TO THE HOLDERS OF OHIO STATE STOCKS.—Notice is hereby given that the Interest due January 1, 1871, on the Funded Debt of the State of Ohio, will be paid at the American Exchange National Bank, in the city of New York, from the 1st to the 15th proximo, and thereafter at our office in this city. Columbus, Ohio, December 13, 1870.

JAMES H. GODMAN, Auditor of State,
ISAAC R. SHERWOOD, Secretary of State,
FRANCIS R. POND, Attorney-General,
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the State of Ohio. 12 30 1m

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 23, 1870.

The interest maturing January 1, 1871, on the Bonds of the State of South Carolina, will be paid in gold, on demand, on and after January 1, at the Banking House of H. H. KIMPTON, No. 9 Nassau street, New York, and at the TREASURY OFFICE in Columbia, S. C. The interest on the Registered Stock of the State will be paid in Columbia only.

NILES G. PARKER,
Treasurer State South Carolina.

Coupons will be received for examination on and after the 27th instant. H. H. KIMPTON,
12 30 15t Financial Agent State South Carolina.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

BOSTON, Dec. 27, 1870.

The coupons of the First Mortgage Bonds of the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, due January 1, 1871, will be paid in gold, free of Government tax, on and after that date, at the Office of the Company, in Boston, and at the Banking House of MORTON, BLISS & CO. in New York. Schedules of Coupons will be received for examination on and after the 26th inst. JOHN M. S. WILLIAMS,
12 30 10t Treasurer.

OFFICE UNION PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-THIRD AND BROWN STREETS. PHILADELPHIA, January 2, 1871.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE, clear of taxes, payable at this office on and after MONDAY, January 9, until which time the transfer book will be closed. JONATHAN BULLOCK,
1 3 7t Treasurer.

OFFICE SUSQUEHANNA CANAL COMPANY

PHILADELPHIA, December 30, 1870.

Coupons numbered 36, for the January interest on the common Bonds of this Company, due 1st proximo, will be paid on and after said date, on presentation at the First National Bank.

ROBERT D. BROWN,
12 31 10t Treasurer.

GIRARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. N. E. Corner CHESNUT and SEVENTH Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2, 1871.

DIVIDEND No. 25.

A dividend of FIVE DOLLARS per share has this day been declared by the directors of this company payable to the Stockholders on and after this date, clear of taxes. ALFRED S. GILLETT,
1 2mwf6t Treasurer.

THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

COMPANY'S BUILDING, No. 400 WALNUT STREET, January 2, 1871.

The Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT. on the capital stock of the Company for the last six months, payable on demand, free of all taxes. ALEX. W. WISTER,
1 2tf Secretary.

THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2, 1871.

The Directors have this day declared a dividend of SIX PER CENT., or Twelve Dollars per share, clear of all taxes, payable on demand.

J. H. HOLLINSHEAD,
1 2 10t Secretary.

OFFICE SUSQUEHANNA CANAL CO.

PHILADELPHIA, December 30, 1870.

The Interest due on the 1st proximo on the Susquehanna Canal Preferred and Tide Water Canal Priority Bonds of the Company will be paid at this office on and after said date.

ROBERT D. BROWN,
12 31 10t Treasurer.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—A DIVIDEND of FIFTY CENTS PER SHARE will be paid by the HESTONVILLE, MANTUA, AND FAIRMOUNT PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, free of State tax, on and after December 27th next, at the office of the Company, No. 112 South FRONT Street.

Transfer books will be closed December 15th and reopen December 31st.

CHARLES P. HASTINGS,
12 10 smwtf Treasurer.

OFFICE OF EAST MAHANOY RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 225 S. FOURTH Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1870.

A dividend of THREE PER CENT. has been declared upon the capital stock of this company, payable in cash on and after 31st instant.

12 29 12t JOHN WELCH, Treasurer.

BANKS.

CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1870.

The Annual Election for thirteen Directors of this bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 10, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

H. P. SCHETKY,
12 9 ftu tj10 Cashier.

GIRARD NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10, 1870.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders for the Election of Directors, and for other purposes, will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, 11th of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock M.

The election will be held between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. W. L. SCHAFFER,
12 10s5t Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10, 1870.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on WEDNESDAY, January 11, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

J. WIEGAND, Jr.,
12 31 stuth3t Cashier

BANKS.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1870.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, for the Election of Directors, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 10, 1871, between 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. At the same time an amendment of the Articles of Association will be submittod for adoption.

12 31 8t JOSEPH P. MUMFORD, Cashier.

THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, December 9, 1870.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 11th of January, 1871, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

12 31 stuth S. C. PALMER, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, December 8, 1870.

The Annual Election for President and Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 10, 1871, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

WM. H. TABER,
12 8th5t Cashier.

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10, 1870.

The annual election for Directors will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, January 10, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock M.

12 12 mwf t j 10 P. LAMB, Cashier.

CITY NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1870.

The Annual Election for DIRECTORS will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

12 10 s4t G. ALBERT LEWIS, Cashier.

COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 9, 1870.

The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

12 9 ftu t110 H. C. YOUNG, Cashier.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,

PHILADELPHIA, December 8, 1870.

The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

12 8 tj11 W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

RAILROADS.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 407 WALNUT Street.

PHILADELPHIA, December 23, 1870.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 407 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the ninth day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of electing a President and ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

12 28 10t EDWARD ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, 1870.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office, No. 224 South DELAWARE Avenue, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the 9th day of January, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M., when an election will be held for twelve Directors to serve for the ensuing year. FLOYD H. WHITE,
12 19 tJ9 Assistant Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office, No. 227 S. FOURTH Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1870.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of this Company that the annual meeting and election for President, six Managers, Treasurer, and Secretary will take place on the second MONDAY (9th) of January next, at 12 M. WM. H. WEBB,
12 15 tjan 9 Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI, AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1870.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, January 25, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., to vote upon a proposition to aid in the construction of, and leasing, a line of Railroad between Springfield and Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon a contract with the Cincinnati, Sandusky, and Cleveland Railroad Company, for running and business arrangements.

The Transfer Books will be closed on the evening of January 14, and reopened February 2, 1871.

By order of the Board of Directors.

12 30 tJ25 GEORGE H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 29, 1870.—MOSELEM RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Moselem Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 S. Fourth street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 9, 1871, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which time a President and six Directors will be elected to serve for the ensuing year. W. A. CHURCH,
12 31 13t Secretary Moselem Railroad Company.

CITY RAILROADS.

OFFICE UNION PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-THIRD and BROWN Streets. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1870.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Company will be held at this office on MONDAY, January 9, 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President and Vice-President and five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year.

JONATHAN BULLOCK,
12 27 tuthsmw5t Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 2453 FRANKFORD Road.

PHILADELPHIA, December 24, 1870.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their Office on MONDAY, 9th January, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President and twelve Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

12 28 10t JNO. B. CRAVEN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HESTONVILLE, MANTUA, AND FAIRMOUNT PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26, 1870.

Notice to Stockholders.—The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at their office, No. 2562 CALLOWHILL Street, on MONDAY, January 9, 1871, at 2 o'clock P. M. An election for a President and five Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the same place and on the same day, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M.

CHARLES P. HASTINGS, Treasurer.

P. S.—Those favoring the continuation of the present management are solicited to favor them with their proxies for the above election, by leaving the same with CHARLES LENNIG, President, No. 112 S. FRONT Street. 12 29 8t

OFFICE OF THIRTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, December 23, 1870.

The annual meeting of the STOCKHOLDERS of the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Streets Passenger Railway Company will be held at the Southeast corner of BROAD and CARPENTER Streets, (entrance on Carpenter street,) on MONDAY, the ninth day of January, 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of a President and five Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented. D. BOYER BROWN,
12 23 fmw6t* Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FRANKFORD AND SOUTHWARK PHILADELPHIA CITY PASSENGER RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 312 BERKS Street.

PHILADELPHIA, December 24, 1870.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at this Office on MONDAY, January 9, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place an election will be held for President and twelve Directors to serve the ensuing year. Action will be had at this meeting as to accepting, as part of the charter, an act of Assembly entitled "An act Authorizing Corporations to Increase their Bonded Obligations and Capital Stock," approved 29th December, 1869.

B. FRANK ABBETT,
12 28 10t Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND COATES STREETS PHILADELPHIA PASSENGER RAILWAY CO., TWENTY-FOURTH AND COATES STREETS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1870.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Green and Coates Streets Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, January 9, 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President and twelve Directors to serve for the ensuing year. J. B. MOFFITT,
12 27 tuths 6t Secretary.

OFFICE OF SEVENTEENTH AND NINETEENTH STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, NINETEENTH AND MASTER STREETS. PHILADELPHIA, December 24, 1870.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office on Monday, January 9, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place an election will be held for President and five Directors to serve the ensuing.

12 27 3t* CHARLES T. YERKES, Jr., Secretary.

INSURANCE.

OFFICE OF THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 809 CHESNUT Street,

PHILADELPHIA, December 24, 1870.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the FAME INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company.

An election for twelve Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held on the same day, at the same place, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. WILLIAM S. I. BLANCHARD,
12 24 tJ9 Secretary.

THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, January 2, 1871.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Company's Office, No. 4 and 5 Exchange Building, on MONDAY, January 9, 1871, at eleven o'clock A. M. Immediately after which an election will take place for thirteen Directors to serve for the ensuing year. J. H. HOLLINSHEAD,
1 2 6t* Secretary.

THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF PHILADELPHIA.—Company's Building No. 400 WALNUT Street,

DECEMBER 23, 1870.

NOTICE—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Office of the Company.

An election of Twelve Directors, to serve the ensuing year, will be held on the same day at the same place, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. ALEXANDER W. WISTER,
12 23 fmw7t Secretary.

OFFICE UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, N. E. corner THIRD and WALNUT Streets.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17, 1870.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock and Scripholders of the Company, and the Annual Election for Directors, will be held at the office of the Company at 12 o'clock M., on MONDAY, January 9, 1871.

12 17 J9 JOHN MOSS, Secretary.

HAND-IN-HAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Office No. 112 S. FOURTH Street, Philadelphia.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company for the Election of Twelve Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office on MONDAY, January 9, 1871, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. ROBERT M. FOUST,
12 24s5t* Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders for the election of Directors will be held at the office on MONDAY, January 9, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P.M. PHILIP E. COLEMAN, Sec.
January 3, 1871. 1 3 tuths 3t*

OFFICE OF THE UNITED SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA, NO. 921 CHESNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1870.

The annual election for Directors of this Company will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, January 11, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M. C. F. BETTS,
12 31 j6 10 Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OFFICE BUCK MOUNTAIN COAL CO.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1871.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the BUCK MOUNTAIN COAL CO. will be held at the office of the Company, No. 320 WALNUT Street, on WEDNESDAY, February 1, 1871, at eleven (11) o'clock A. M.

An election for seven Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held on the same day between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

1 2 mw 10t T. H. TROTTER, Treasurer.

NEW YORK AND MIDDLE COAL FIELD RAILROAD AND COAL CO., No. 226 WALNUT Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1870.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the above named Company, and an election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at their Office on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock M. Transfer Books will be closed from January 2d to 10th. C. R. LINDSAY,
12 29 9t Secretary.

SHAMOKIN COAL COMPANY, OFFICE No. 226 WALNUT Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1870.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the above-named company, and an election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock M. Transfer books will be closed from January 8th to 18th.

C. R. LINDSAY,
12 31 13t Secretary.

CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—THE Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Cambria Iron Company will be held at their office, No. 218 South FOURTH Street, Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, the 17th day of January next, at 4 o'clock P. M., when an election will be held for seven directors to serve for the ensuing year.

JOHN T. KILLE, Secretary.
Philadelphia, December 17, 1870. 12 17 jm*

HORTICULTURAL HALL.—THE ANNUAL meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Hall on TUESDAY EVENING, January 10, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, for the election of Directors and the transaction of other business.

A. W. HARRISON,
12 27,28,30J2,4,6,6t Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY, No. 111 WALNUT Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1870.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held on TUESDAY, January 10, 1871, at 3 o'clock P. M.

THOMAS C. BUSHNELL,
12 30 10t* Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the WHITE OAK OIL COMPANY will be held on THURSDAY, the 12th day of January, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M., No. 120 GOTHIC Street (rear of Commercial Exchange.)

J. S. McMULLIN,
Secretary.
Philadelphia, January 2, 1871. 1 2 21*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Contributors to the House of Refuge will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January, at 4 o'clock P. M., at No. 109 North TENTH Street, above Arch.

The annual report of the Board of Managers will be submitted, and an election will be held for officers and managers to serve for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM S. PEROT, Secretary.
Philadelphia, January 2, 1871. 1 2 4 11

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.—THE ANNUAL meeting of stockholders of the Mercantile Library Company will be held at the LIBRARY BUILDING on TUESDAY EVENING, the 17th inst., at 7½ o'clock. JOHN LARDNER,
1 3 13t Recording Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

PROCLAMATION

$1000 REWARD.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, January 1, A. D. 1871.

It appearing that a spirit of incendiarism is at this time rife among the lawless of the community, exhibiting itself in frequency of such fires, especially during the last few nights,

AND, inasmuch as the protection of the citizens and their property against conflagrations, and particularly incendiary fires, should be the first consideration of all good people,

THEREFORE,

I do hereby offer a Reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS for the arrest and conviction of any and every person concerned in willfully setting Fire to any Building within the limits of the City of Philadelphia, or for such information as will lead to such arrest and conviction.

AND

I do hereby enjoin upon all Police Officers, and others acting as conservators of the peace, to be vigilant and active in detecting such offenders, and in bringing them promptly to the hands of justice.

DANIEL M. FOX,
1 2 3t Mayor of Philadelphia.

REPUBLICAN INVINCIBLES—ATTENTION.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1870.

Members of the Club are requested to attend the ANNUAL MEETING of the organization at the NATIONAL UNION CLUB HOUSE, No. 1105 CHESNUT Street,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 4, 1871, at 8 o'clock.

Nominations will be made for Officers and Executive Committee to serve the ensuing year.

EZRA LUKENS, President.
HENRY C. HAWKINS, Secretary. 1 2 3t

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, January 3, 1871.

NOTICE.—Applications will be received by the undersigned for the lease or purchase of such apparatus for the extinguishment of fires as in the judgment of the Commissioners may be deemed necessary for the same. All companies or individuals in replying to said application are requested to state the kind of apparatus they offer, and in what condition they may be, and the lowest price for the same, either for lease or purchase.

Applications will also be received for membership of the Department. All applications to be directed to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of Philadelphia, care of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, S. W. corner of Fifth and Chesnut.

JACOB LOUDENSLAGER, President.
JOHN G. BUTLER, Secretary pro tem. 1 4 6t

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