

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals upon Current Topics - Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

ALL LOVELY!

From the Pittsburg Commercial. We call for a report of progress on the proposition to rule Philadelphia and Pennsylvania by means of a joint commission.

From the N. Y. Tribune. The report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was directed by the House of Representatives to make an investigation into Indian affairs, is in the main a sensible, just, and practical document.

From the N. Y. Times. We confess our disbelief in the justice of that clause in the Times bill of indictment which accuses the commission of "aggrandizing" the public funds.

HOW TO LIGHTEN TAXATION.

From the N. Y. Times. We referred the other day to the burdens and inequalities of taxation in New York State, and to their fatal effects on our prosperity.

The matter of the valuation of personal property is much more difficult. Nearly all nations have abandoned the effort in despair. The attempt by officials results in a general deprivation of capital in reporting property, or in the removal of personal effects from the locality.

Wells proposes to get over the difficulties, both in the valuation of real estate and personal property, by an ingenious device. Real estate shall be assessed by the board of assessment at one-half its market value.

taxation (at four per cent.) would be \$100; but on a valuation of fifty per cent., as proposed, it would be \$80. But, under the proposed reforms of taxation, it is not believed that the rate will be more than two per cent. on a fifty per cent. valuation, which in this case would be \$40, divided between house and land.

Mr. Wells also strongly recommends the taxation of all corporations which are in the nature of monopolies—such as gas companies, national banks, State banks, railroad corporations, omnibuses, ferries, and bridges.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. JOSEPH and Denver City Railroad Company. The interest and coupons due Feb. 15, 1871, on the first mortgage gold bond of \$1,000,000 of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company will be paid at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE "GREAT PRESS BRICK MANUFACTURING COMPANY" will be held at their office, No. 209 WALNUT STREET, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, March 13 (second Monday), 1871, at 12 o'clock noon.

W. D. COMEGYS, Secretary. WASHINGTON'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER is the best for cleaning and preserving the teeth. For sale by all Druggists.

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the people, but of a small class of manufacturing monopolists. The few friends of Grant who do not sympathize with protectionists of the Greeley class have heretofore insisted that Congress was alone to blame for the monstrous rate of duty collected on imported merchandise, and that Grant was responsible for the law enacted.

The full force of the extraordinary conduct of the Grant administration in constraining the copper act of 1869 must be felt in order to realize how thoroughly it is prostituted to the clique of protective swindlers, and also to appreciate the tricks of the after.

On this clause Boutwell issues this circular:— "All articles made of the composition usually known as brass—copper being the component of chief value in the composition—shall be subject to the duty of 45 per centum ad valorem.

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OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES. No. 11 STATE HOUSE B.O.V. THE REGISTER OF UNPAID TAXES FOR 1870 AND PRIOR YEARS having been completed, notice is hereby given that the books are NOW OPEN for the payment of said taxes.

Under the provisions of the ACT OF A SENATE OF MARCH 22, 1870, proceedings will IMMEDIATELY be commenced for the COLLECTION OF SAID TAX, either out of the PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL ESTATE.

Parties desiring to pay in the office, and escape further trouble and annoyance, can do so by calling between 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. daily. JOHN L. HILL, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, No. 11 STATE HOUSE ROW, (Second Story).

POSTPONEMENT OF THE NEXT STATE CONVENTION. The following resolutions were passed yesterday by the State Central Committee:— HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24, 1871.

Resolved, That the time for the meeting of the Republican State Convention be and the same is hereby postponed until WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of May next, and that the delegates who may be elected thereto be and they are hereby requested to assemble at the Hall of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg, at 12 o'clock noon on said day.

Resolved, That Mahlon H. Dickinson, Esq., of Philadelphia, be appointed chairman of the State Central Committee, in place of the Hon. John Corvode, deceased.

Resolved, That the Republican State Central Committee heartily endorses the action of the Republican members of the Legislature in supporting the bill providing for the call of a convention to revise and amend the Constitution of the State.

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SHIPPING.

NATIONAL STEAMSHIP LINE. Steam to and from NEW YORK, LIVERPOOL, AND QUEENSTOWN. Steamers sail WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY.

PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTHERN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY LINE TO NEW ORLEANS, LA. The ARGO will sail from New Orleans, via Havana, on Friday, at 8 A. M.

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FOR NEW YORK. SAILING TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS AT NOON. are now receiving freight at winter rates, commencing December 28. All goods shipped on and after this date will be charged as agreed upon by the agents of this company.

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