

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Important Instructions Concerning Taxes on Dividends, Surplus Profits, and Interest on the Bonds of Corporations.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued the following important circular:— Upon further consideration it is deemed advisable to publish the following instructions, which it is believed cover all the questions which have arisen respecting the liability to tax of dividends, surplus profits, and interest on bonds of the corporations enumerated in sections 130 and 132, act June 30, 1870, as amended, and section 15, act July 14, 1870.

First. Dividends of the corporations enumerated in sections 130 and 132 aforesaid, which were declared at any time prior to August 1, 1870, are subject to a tax of five per cent.

Second. Undivided profits of said corporations which were carried to the account of any surplus or contingent fund prior to August 1, 1870, are subject to a tax of five per cent.

Third. Interest (or coupons representing interest) due from the corporations mentioned in section 132, which became due and payable prior to August 1, 1870, is also subject to tax at the rate of five per cent.

Fourth. All dividends of the corporations before mentioned which were declared within the last five months of 1870 are exempted from a dividend tax, even when said dividends are comprised wholly or in part of profits accrued prior to August 1, 1870.

Fifth. Profits carried to the account of a fund in the last five months of 1870 are exempt from a surplus tax, even if said profits were earned prior to August 1, or subsequent to December 31, 1870, excluding profits of the last five months of 1870.

Sixth. No tax shall be withheld from interest (or coupons representing interest) falling due and payable within the above period of five months.

Seventh. Dividends of said corporations which are declared on or after January 1, 1871, are taxable as follows:— If composed wholly of profits accrued prior to August 1, 1870, at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent; if composed partly of profits accrued prior to August 1, 1870, and partly of those accrued since January 1, 1871, at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent on the amount of the dividend as respects profits accrued either prior to August 1, or subsequent to December 31, 1870, excluding profits of the last five months of 1870.

Eighth. Profits carried to the account of a fund on or after January 1, 1871, are subject to the same liability to tax as the dividends above described. So much of said profits as were earned prior to August 1, or subsequent to December 31, 1870, are taxable at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent.

Ninth. Profits of the corporations previously mentioned, which were earned or accrued within the last five months of 1870, are not taxable when divided or carried to the account of a fund subsequent to December 31, 1870.

Tenth. Interest falling due and payable on or subsequent to January 1, 1871, is taxable at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent, if such interest accrued either prior to August 1, or subsequent to December 31, 1870, and if such interest accrued within the last five months of 1870, no tax whatever is to be withheld.

Eleventh. Returns of dividends and surplus profits by the corporations mentioned in section 15, act of July 14, 1870, should be rendered on Form 65, and returns of interest on Form 63 as revised.

Twelfth. All previous rulings of this office inconsistent with these instructions are hereby revoked. A. PLEASANTON, Commissioner.

MORAL SCIENCE.

The International Christian Moral Science Association—Breakfast at the Continental Hotel.

Invitations to breakfast are rather a novelty in this country, although the custom is quite frequent in England, among the clergy especially. This morning at 9 o'clock there assembled at breakfast in the Continental Hotel about one hundred and fifty of the most prominent citizens and clergymen who had been invited to hear explained by the Rev. Dr. Cather, the Secretary of the Institution, the purposes of the association which has been established in England.

After breakfast religious exercises were held, and the Rev. Dr. Cather, W. G. Moorhead, Esq., arose, and making a few preliminary remarks, introduced Rev. Dr. Cather. Dr. Cather made an extended speech, going into the details of the scheme, and commending its importance to the whole Church. He quoted a remark of Lord Derby to the effect that the man who, in this practical and busy age, asks the attention of his fellow-men to a subject other than what is absolutely necessary is guilty of an impertinence if not a crime.

The speaker thought that the powers of the Church have been too much abstracted. There has been a fearful waste of force, a waste partly because the work could be done by others and partly because the work was not directed to explain to them plain which would render others unnecessary. He believed it would be practical and also productive of great results. It will intensify the work and will bring to an end unnecessary societies.

Next the speaker turned to the subject of the Church in England. He is first to deal with the proposition of the unity of the Church, and secondly, to treat the great question of Catholic morality. Dr. Cather then went into a review of the history of unity, and a word to which he gave a broader definition than is usually accepted by that term. As commonly understood it means only uniformity. He believed that the whole of the churches of God combined to make up the unity of the Church. There is diversity, and there should be, for diversity is the order of nature. In the works of creation harmony exists, but yet there is the most infinite variety, and this law holds precisely in the same relation in religion.

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STATE OF REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS.—The following sales of real estate and stocks were made at the Exchange to-day at noon by M. Thomas & Sons:—

Table listing various real estate and stock transactions with prices and descriptions.

FRANCIS GERMAN RELIEF SUBSCRIPTIONS.—A. J. Drexel, Treasurer of the fund, acknowledges, in addition to the \$2900 78 previously received, the following sums:—

Table listing names and amounts of contributions to the Francis German Relief Subscriptions.

COMMISSIONER'S CASE.—This morning the case of John K. Brown, charged with aiding and abetting in the illicit manufacture of spirits, was heard before Commissioner Phillips.

THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION, which is an independent branch of the great Methodist family, held its annual conference for East Pennsylvania at Lehigh on last week.

THE DEMOCRATS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WARD.—The Democratic citizens of this ward met last night and elected the following officers of a political association they then and there formed:—President, Jacob Schuler, Secretary, Michael Quinn, Treasurer, Charles Abel, Recorder, John Schell, Philadelphia, St. Mission, S. G. Rhoads; Germantown Station, R. M. Lichtenwalter; Norristown Station, J. O. Leher; Montgomery Circuit, A. Kindt; Trappe Circuit, Thomas Harper; Milford Circuit, H. Delsher and Alexander Weaver; Bridgetown, Mission, M. Shdlbiger; Camden Mission, D. Yuenst; Phoenixville Mission, H. Steintel.

CORONER'S CASES.—The Coroner's jury this morning declared that the man who was taken to the Fourth District Station last night, and there expired, died of general debility.

A MURDER SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.—Three black boys were found on a pavement in the nineteenth ward, bleeding profusely from a number of wounds that had been inflicted on him by persons unknown.

FALL OF A CHIMNEY.—NARROW ESCAPE.—Yesterday a chimney on the building No. 929 Chestnut street, occupied by M. L. Baker, fell down, breaking through a \$200 skylight.

MANAGER OF THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.—The Mayor has appointed George K. Ziegler, President of the National Bank of Commerce, Manager of the House of Refuge, in the place of the late Evan Rogers.

THE NUMBER.—At the Third District Station House last night 143 lodgers were accommodated.

DRY GOODS. CHEAP RELIABLE ONE-PRICE STORE. Special Announcement. It gives me great pleasure to inform the ladies that I have just opened a superior stock of Lyons Black Silks.

WE HAVE NO AMERICAN SILKS. Dress Goods for Spring. 2 cases of Silk Serge for Suits, 75c, cheap at \$1. 2 cases of Black Mohair, superior goods, 75c.

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