THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 18/1.

THE CITY COMMISSIONS.

The Opinious of the Lending Papers-The Ob-jections to the Proposed Plan of Public Flunder.

We give below the opinions of three of the principal morning papers with regard to the proposed legislative scheme to place the city government in the hands of irresponsible comm ssions.

The Ledger says:-

The Ledger says:--"On the sth of Vebruary last the citizens of Phi-ladelphia were advised by this journal that several proposed acts of Assembly were in course of pre-paration, with the design of transferring the most important departments of our City Government to commissioners named in the body of said oills. "-Every taxpayer-and every man and woman who pays rent is a taxpayer-as well as the owners of pro-perty, should read this prified bill. One of the bills proposes to transfer to six gentlemen, whom the power which is practically unlimited as to its extent and the money that may be expended, and the pub-lic debt that may be incurred in the opening of new streets and higuways, is the paving, repairing, and cuiverting of streets, the cleansing of streets, the building of bridges, the creation of new offices, etc. " " In expressing what is deemed to be the strong public grounds for opposition to these "Commissions," the comments here made will be commed mainly to the first of these bills, which is settilded 'An act to create a Board of much works in the oty of Philadelphia". To built will be conuned mainly to the first of these bills, which is entitled 'An act to create a Board of Public Works in the city of Philadelphia." This bill gives the six gentlemen named in the first section exclusive control for five years over the streets, highways, and bridges of the city, as to their paving, repaving, censtruction, repair, choice of materials for paving the streets, and the purchase of all mate-rials, opening new streets and highways without limit, cleansing of the streets, the taking of land for street purposes, filling up and leveling of vacant lots, the ordering and construction of sewers, and sundry other powers. Such exclusive control of these subjects in one Department, administered by a competent engineer, Department, administered by a competent engineer, with skilled assistants, would be proper, and to the great advantage of the city, if the power to check and control the expenditures, and to decide when new and expensive works shall or shall not be undertaken, were lodged in the hands of the people of this city, and their own chosen reprisentatives in City Councils. But there is nowhere in the bill any chees or limit to what the commissioners may do, except in their own discretion or will. For the above purposes the commissioners are empowered (section 8) to demand anrhally of Councils any amount of money required by them,' which Councils 'shall' levy a tax to raise. No limitation here but the will of the commisraise. No limitation here but the will of the commis-sioners. They become the taxing power to any amount. The commissioners are further empowered (section 5) to octermine the material for paving the streets hereafter, and for all streets they order to be paved with wood or granite blocks or macadamized stone, or anything else than cobble-stone, they are em-powered to issue 'City Paving Bonds,' to run thirty years, and there is not a word of limitation to the threatening millions of these bonds which the Com-missioners of Public Works may add to our enor-mons city debt They are further empowered to missioners of Public Works may add to our enor-mous city debt They are further empowered to open up any new streets now laid out on the city 'plan,' hundreds of miles of wh'ch paper streets are now nothing but farm land, cow lots, high hills, and deep ravines; but upon the opening up of these paper streets there is no check or limit but the will of the commissioners; all they have to do is to take possession of the land wherever it lies, order is to be graded, paved, curbed, and culverted, and issue bonds (also without limit) obligating the city to pay the damages. They are still further empowered the damages. They are still further empowered (section 9) to appoint officers and agents, without timit as to numbers, and pay salaries without limit as to amenuts, and make whatever contracts they may deem necessary to any extent. And, as if all this were not sufficient, they are finally authorized in the same section to do any and everything else necessary to carry out these already unbounded

powers. "The bill abounds in other objectionable features. Section 4 relieves the commissioners from the supervision and control of the auditing and accountsupervision and control of the auditing and account-ing officers of the city, and commands the City Con-trolier to countersign and the City Treasurer to pay every warrant sent to them by the commissioners, on their mere certificate that work has been done, 'or'-mark this little word-'or' that the amount was 'contracted for.' Even the mere formal checks upon their power to expend unlimited sums of money are thus taken away by the bill; and there is nothing left for the citizen or tax-payer but to suffer and pay whatever the commissioners 'may deem necessary' hatever the commissioners 'may deem necessary

of public affairs from the officers elected by the people, and foist into public trusts men selected and nominated in some secret caucus, perhaps without their own knowledge or assent. These conmissioners are to hold office till November, 1876, a period that will conveniently include the period of the centennial celebration of the Declara-tion of Independence, and the expenditures inci-dent thereto. But we believe that there is too much independence all times among our people to submit tamely to this outrage. The people of this city, when they wish to do so, can elect Colonel Forney and the rest to office. It is wholly superfucus to put off the election for some years, and put the men in office immediately. If the election by the people can be postponed till 1876, it can, with just as much pro-priety, be postponed forever. We call on the efficients of Philadelphia to takecognizance of this plot against them, which now exhibits itself in a form that shows a matured design to capture all the great city interests, which it is the duty of every citizen to defend."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The Olty Amusements.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC this evening the German opera troupe will represent Wagner's opera of Tannhauser.

Trovatore will be given to-morrow evening. AT THE WALNUT the drama of The Emerald Ring and the farce of The Latest from New York will be performed this evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams in the leading roles.

AT THE ARGH Lotta will appear this even-ing in the drama of The Little Detective. AT THE CHESNUT Mr. E. L. Davenport will personate "Sir Giles Overreach," in Massinger's play of A New Way to Pay Old Debts, for the

last time, this evening. To-morrow evening the romantic play of St. Marc; or, The Soldier of Fortune, will be pro-duced, with Mr. Davenport in the leading role. AT THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING the two-headed

girl will be on exhibition from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 10 P. M. to-day. AT THE MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, performances will be given this afternoon and

evening.

AT THE AMERICAN a miscellaneous entertainment is announced for this evening.

CITY ITEMS.

A DIALOGUE IN WALL STREET .- It is a vulgar error to suppose that the habitues of Wall street converse about nothing but stocks and gold. Sometimes they talk about their health, and they all seem to have one trouble-biliousness. The wear and tear of speculation invariably tell upon the liver.

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"How do you think I'm looking ?" said a wellknown "Bull" to a friend in the Long Room, a few days after the late smash-up in gold. "Do I look panic-struck ?"

"No, by Jove !" was the reply; "you look in trim to fight for a man's life. Never saw you looking better."

"Let me tell you a secret, my boy," returned the great operator: "I drink no wine, no brandy, no bar-room stimulant of any kind; but I just keep my stamina up with an occasional dose of PLANTATION BITTERS; and if you'll do me the favor to try it for that bile on the stomach you're always complaining of, I'll furnish the margin for your next spec. If it doesn't cure you."

The gentleman referred to (the initial of whose Christian name is not very far from the end of the alphabet) has unbounded confidence in the restorative; and his bright eye, firm nerves, and wonderful powers of endurance prove that it is well founded.

BURNETT'S COOKING EXTRACTS the best.

TO SPORTSMEN .- We call the attention of all true sportsmen to the card of that old Napoleon of fishermen, Mr. Samuel Spang, No. 148 N. Third street, to be found in another column. Mr. Spang has just received direct from Europe a magnificent supply of the best trout rods, flies, hair, silk, and silk and hair lines, that cannot fail to please the most fastidious. Sportsmen should avail themselves of this golden chance, visit Mr. Spang, be convinced, and supply themselves accordingly.

MR. WILLIAM W. CASSIDY, the jeweller at No. 8 South Second street, has one of the largest and most attractive stocks of all kinds of Jewelry and Silverware in the city. He has also on hand a fine assortment of fine American Western Watches, Those purchase at this store at the present time are



PERTIES OF TAR. The pine tree has long been known to possess valuable medical properties. For pulmonary diseases it is doubtful whether any remedy has as yet been discovered equal to it. It seems to change and renew the very structure on which it acts, and to infuse into the system an indescribable power equal to the natural power before disease had even taken hold of the body, so as to make, as it were, an entirely new tissue, and to give a newness of life and energy which one who has been sick a long time knows the value of ut cannot fully describe. The great objection, however, to all tar preparations has been \$1,592,307-49 their unpleasant taste, and consequent liability to sickness and nauseate the stomach. We have before us, however, a preparation of the kind referred to, which obviates all these objections, and is as agreeable to the palate as it is valuable in the cure of disease. We mean "Dr. Wishart's Pine Tree Tar Cordial," a real, genuine, bona fide medicinal cordial, \$1,592,307.49 distilled from the pine tree by a process known only to the Doctor himself, the sale and popularity of which are only equalled by the amount of suffering it has relieved, and \$173,289.74 the number of diseases it is so well calculated to effectually cure. In the Pine Tree Tar Cordial the invalid may be sure he has a remedy of very extraordinary power for throat and lung affections, and when taken in conjunction with the "Great American Dyspepsia Pills," an infallible cure for dyspepsia, liver complaint, sick beadache, and the many ailments arising from a disordered state of the liver and digestive organs. In our sphere as publishers we feel some degree of cantiousness in what we recommen to our readers, but when we know of any-

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whatever the commissioners 'may deem necessary' or choose to demand. 'Now, without regard to the particular gentlemen named in these bills, it must be said that such un-bridled powers over the public moneys, over taxa-tion and increase of the city debt, are too vast, and threatening, and dangerous to be intrusted to any half-dozen citizens selected either by them selves or by the Legislature, and placed beyond the reach of the people for five years, even if the men named in the bill were infallible as the Roman Pontif and as pure ns 'Arisides the Just.' That the members of the Legislature from the interior, who would justly re-sent such an outrage upon the rights of their own immediate constituents, will attempt to shackle, op-press, and destroy the rights of the people of this immediate constituents, will attempt to shackle, op-press, and destroy the rights of the people of this city by passing such a bill, we can hardly believe. It is almost an insult to suppose it. Without their aid the wrong cannot be done. "As a final point, and ohe that should of itself be conclusive against all these 'Commission' bills at

conclusive against all these 'Commission' oils, at-tention should be directed to the fact that while they provide for the election of these commissioners by the people in 'eighteen hundred and seventy-six,' they deprive the people of any choice in the matter for the five intervening years. Now if the people can be trusted to choose the commissioners in 1876, why can they not be trusted in 1871?"

The Inquirer says:-

The Inquirer says:--"To these three bills we invite the very closest consideration of our citizens, for there is not a single individual presently or remotely interested in Philadelphia's welfare who is not now, or who will not be wronged, in person and estate, if either of them become a law. Schemes more monstrous in the insolence and grasp of their wrong have never been set afoat than these. They are directly the suggestion of Willism M. Tweed, of New York, who has plua-dered that tity of millions yearly by exactly such " That is the source of these bills. and their real object is, first to take from the electors of Philadelphila their right to elect their own officers, and second, to organize three separate boards whose sole business will be to plunder the tax-payers without a hope or chance of redress. " But if these commissioners were every one above reproach, it would be a shameless and dangerous precedent to give them the extra-ordinary and unheard-of powers with which these bills propose to invest them. Their authority, if these measures become laws, will be absolutely with-out limit, and they can, by virtue of them, do any

these measures become laws, will be absolutely with-out limit, and they can, by virtue of them, do any and every act of local legislation which Councils and the Mayor are now authorized to do without the slightest let or hindrance. The Board of Fublic Works, composed of five men, each with a salary of \$0000 per annum, can, under the bill creating the commission, repave any street, lane, alley, and turnpike in or leading from Phila-delphia with whatever material they may select, wathout notice for public competition, without advertis-ing for bids, or without being compelled to accept the lowest or best bidder. No matter what schemes of imprevement may suggest themselves to the Board lovest or best bidder. No matter what schemes of improvement may suggest themselves to the Board of Public Works, they may carry them ont in their own way, at their own price, and the City Councils must create loans and the Receiver of Taxes must raise taxes to pay for what they do, and the City Treasurer must cash whatever warrants the board may see fit to draw, no matter what such warrants may be for, or upon how filmsy a pretext they may be drawn.

"It should be borne in mind that these commissioners are to be clothed with powers that now ile either directly in the electors of Philadelphia or in City Councils. Five men, for instance, are made in effect the masters of Councils, and all the present safe-guards of the veto of the Mayor and the two-thirds guards of the veto of the Mayor and the two-thirds vote of Councils are swept away, and Councils are deprived of all control over the city except that of levying taxes to satisfy the demands likely to accrue from this triple-headed system of plander. "Philadelphia has quietly submitted heretofore to many and great wrongs from the hands of the Legis-lature. But it cannot submit to this one. "Governer Geary dare not sign these bills. The infamy of doing it would bear him down to poli-tical and social oblivion."

The Age has the following:-

"About three weeks ago (February 16) we uttered a very unequivocal opinion of a bill presented in the House, at Harrisburg, to vest in three citizens name d therein many important functions of our municipal government. But this bill was but the precursor of others like it. They are, at present, three in number, but, we suppose, there is another in reserve, which will authorize some one or more persons to assume all the functions of the Mayor, and, perhaps, another to put William B. Mann in the place of Furman Sheppard. As we have them at present the bills are entitled as follows, and the first sections contain the names of the proposed rulers for the people of this city:--The Water Commissioners," "The Metropolitan Police Board," and 'A Board of Public Works." "About three weeks ago (February 18) we uttered

and 'A Board of Public Works.' "Just as the Germans evacuate Paris, it is pro-posed to capture Philadelphia ! We shall be counted among its defenders; and we look upon this whole scheme as one hostile to the interests of the city, and without one public consideration to recommend is. It does not sugar-coat the pill to us, that a few Demo-cr-ts are named in these commissions. The bills were introduced by radicals; the majority of the men named in these to pass them. They are un-benocratic in principle, for they wreat the control

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MARRIED.

HUBBERT-FERNLEY-On Thursday evening last, 2d instant, in the Eleventh Street M. E. Church, by the Rev. T. A. Fernley, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Castle, D.D., HARVEY H. HUBBERT, son of the late Alderman W. H. Hubbert, to Lizzie A. FERNLEY, daughter of the officiating elergyman.

JOHNSON-BEERS, On the evening of the 6th in-stant, by the Rev. J. E. Smith, Pastor of Twelth Street M. E. Church, Mr. CURTIS C. JOHNSON to Miss SALLIE E. BEERS, all of this city.

SMITH-HARTRANFT. - March 1, in New Branswick, by Rev. C. R. ertranft, JOHN ELMER SMITH, of Dela-ware, to LOUISA HARTRANFT, of Philadelphia.

DIED.

PRENDEVILLE. -On the 6th instant, GARRETT PREN-DEVILLE, aged 40 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respect-

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fully invited to attend the funeral, from his late resi-dence, No. 717 Griswold street, Fitzwater, below Sixth street, on Friday morning, at 8½ o'clock.

Sixth street, on Friday morning, at 3% o'clock. STEVENSON.—On the 6th instant, WILLIAM E. STE-VENSON, in the 6ist year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, Meridian Sun Lodge, A. Y. M., William H. Adams Relief Asso-ciation, and Washington and Lafayette B. A., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 2007 Mount Vernon street, on Friday atternoon, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Machpelah Vanit.

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SOWDEN.-On the 7th instant, Mrs. MARY SOW-DEN, relict of the late Wm. Sowden, aged 74 years. The lelatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, N. W. corner of Thompson and Otis streets, on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WOLFER. On Tuesday, March 7, after a long and painful illness, JOHN V. WOLFER, aged 24 years, 2

months, and 16 days. The relatives and friends of the family are respect-fully invited to attend the funeral, from the resi-dence of his father-in-law, Mr. Theodore Kampen, No. 132 N. Second street, on Friday morning, at 6 o'clock precisely.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see Inside Pages.

H. M. DALY'S WHISKY WAREROOMS, Nos. 222 S. FRONT Street and 139 DOCK St. IMMENSE STOCK OF THE BEST BRANDS IN ORIGINAL BARRELS. Among which may be found the celebrated "GOLDEN WEDDING," Bourbon of ancient date; Wheat and Rye Whiskies, all pure from manufacturers (in ori-ginal packages), including those well-known dis-tillers.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Alumni Association of the Jefferson Medical College will be held at the College Bullding, on March 11, at 12 o'clock. The address of the President, Prof. S. D. GROSS, will be delivered in the evening, at 7 o'clock, at the same march

e Alumni of the College and the members of

the Profession are invited to attend. \$8 21 J. EWING MEARS, M. D., Secretary.

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