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THE COMMISSIONS-A NEW APPLI-CATION OF AN OLD FABLE.

THE only possible excuse for the creation of the proposed new commissions is that Councils are sometimes dilatory in providing for municipal wants. It should be remembered, however, that they rarely fail to respond to any unequivocal manifestation of public opinion, and even if they were as negligent and inefficient as some of the advocates of the commission wish the public to consider them, it would be infinitely better to suffer such minor ills as flow from inefficiency than destructive disasters that result unbridled, irresponsible, and corrupt rule. This community cannot too carefully ponder the moral of the fable of King Log and King Stork. The frogs, impatient at the inactivity of King Log, who certainly did them no harm, and who at least afforded them a comfortable restingplace, petitioned Jupiter for a change of administration-for a new monarch that would do grand things in their pond and display untiring energy. In response to their petition King Log was deposed and King Stork inaugurated in his stead. For a brief moment the frogs were delighted with the change; and as they surveyed the grand proportions of the stork, and contemplated his capacity for activity, they rejoiced in the change. But, alas! the honors of inauguration day had scarcely been completed before King Stork commenced devouring his new subjects. His activity was displayed solely in this fatal direction; and though the frogs petitioned to Jupiter for a restoration of the old rule, he left them to suffer the consequences of their folly, and to choose between being gobbled up by their gormandizing monarch and emigration to more favored ponds where King Logs still

In this old story Philadelphians may read their fate if the Legislature passes, and they submit to, the new commission bills. Their streets may be lined with rotten wooden pavements; land for new water works may be taken up at any point between the Delaware and Lake Erie; new police stations may be built on every street corner, and the city may bristle with pompous, well-fed, well-paid, grasping, grabbing, and greedy jacks-in-office; but the tax-payer, who pays for all this folly, the house-renter who repays with compound interest the tax exacted from the landlord, and the workingman whose labor forms the foundation of all wealth, must be doomed to hopeless and incessant toil that will make life burdensome, so that gangs of brazen robbers

may be enriched at their expense. In the presence of a danger like this it behooves all honest men in the community to unite heartily in the movement started by the Mayor and Councils for self-protection against their legislative foes. If these men must be bought to do their duty, in God's name let them fix their price, and let it be paid by a direct appropriation from the city treasury, rather than that they should sell for a few base coins priceless liberties which tens of millions cannot redeem. If they are determined to barter away the city, let them grant the small boon of an open auction, so that three-quarters of a million of people may see, face to face, the sinister features of the private bidders against their rights, and learn, dollar for dollar] and cent for cent, how much the whining sycophants who beg for the suffrages Philadelphia have the hardihood to demand for abstaining from the perpetration of a gigantic political wrong. It is pitiable, oh, fearfully pitiable! that the indignation of this community is voiceless in the legislative chambers, that schemes are concocted and promoted there which are manifestly aimed against her welfare without a word in her behalf being uttered, without one champion rising to defend her. The murderer calls to his aid trained advocates. the criminals of every grade employ high legal talent to defend them; but in the great Court of the Commonwealth, held in the Capitol building, a whole city full of people are at this moment threatened with the most terrible of political dangers, and yet they lack an advocate, and it is rumored that a majority of the tribunal which is to decide upon their destinies have been influenced by corrupt means to pass judgment against them. In such an extraordinary dilemma it is difficult to decide what practical course is best to pursue, but, as a starting-point, there can be no question of the propriety of making such a manifestation of public opinion as will leave on the legislative mind (so far as such a thing may be presumed to exist) no doubt of the intense aversion of just citizen of all parties to the proposed commissions. If this fails, it becomes a practical question whether an appeal to the legislative pocket should not be made. In self-defense the city may be forced to outbid the sordid hucksters who are on the point of buying, for thirty pieces of silver, what it

will cost Philadelphia tax payers millions to

redeem. It is terrible to be the slaves of the

miscreants of the capital, but, if no other

course is open, let them be implored to name

the price of our thraldom, to declare the sum

they requre for being honest, to tell three

quarters of a million of people, as frankly as

they tell the schemers and lobbyists who ordinarily buy their votes, whether tens, hundreds, or thousands of dollars are the ruling prices of legislation. Since they are dead to shame, let them mark their figures on their foreheads, and let every Philadelphia member who, with his figure thus marked, parades the streets in which his constituents reside, receive from the City Treasury openly and publicly the price he demands. Even this species of rascality would be a thousand times less criminal than the course which some legislators have favored. They had far better sell our liberties back to ourselves than to taskmasters who will oppress us beyond endurance. If a sale must be made, and legislation is exclusively a marketable commodity, let us insist upon the poor privilege of becoming preferred purchasers of our own rights from the miserable miscreants whom, in an unfortunate and misguided moment, we have been weak and foolish enough to arm with legislative powers.

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Upon our third page will be found the majority report of the Committee en Plans of the Public Buildings Commission, which we hope will receive the attention from our readers that it deserves, as a clear, concise, and unanswerable statement of facts and figures, and a conclusive reply to the loudvoiced protests and loose accusations of the anti-Penn Squareites. This report reviews the whole public buildings controversy, and shows that from first to last the commission have acted with perfect good faith to the public, and that they have earnestly endeavored to perform the important duty committed to their charge in such a manner as will best subserve the public interests. This report reviews the circumstances under which the vote of last October was taken, and no impartial person who reads its simple statement of well-known facts can doubt that the commission is now endeavoring to carry out the expressed will of the people. The report truly says that a protest from certain property-holders upon Market or Broad street against the plan for placing the public buildings upon the intersection ought to have no weight whatever with the commissioners, in view of the emphatic verdiet of propertyholders and tax-payers in all sections of the city which was given last October. There is one point made in the report that is particularly worthy of consideration in view of the clamor which was first made against the selection of the Penn Square site, and which is now being made against the intersection scheme, with the idea that, ultimately, the whole project for placing the public buildings there may possibly be abandoned.

The report says: - "After various schemes and attempts for many years to secure the desired object, which had been defeated from one cause or another, principally, however, from the clashing of conflicting interests, not controlled by a desire for the general good of the public, the Legislature took the matter in hand and imposed upon the present commission the duty of erecting public buildings upon whichever one of the two designated sites should be fixed by a vote of the people." The clamor against the Penn Square site was raised entirely by interested parties, and was entirely irrespective of the public convenience, and the same persons are now endeavoring to prevent the plans of the commissioners from being carried out, because they imagine that their individual interests will suffer.

The report explains very fully the advantages, both artistic and economical, of one building over four, and sums up the matter thus:- "The commission was satisfied, after a full and deliberate consideration of the whole subject, that the necessary accommodations could be better secured, with a more convenient and economical distribution of space, by one large building at the intersection than by four separate buildings upon the several unequal plots as they stood at the time the act of the Legislature was passed. The very object sought to be obtained by concentraof all the public offices, courts, municipal departments would nullified by the practically erection of four distinct buildings, separated by streets of over one hundred feet in width." * * * "One building could be better, more conveniently and economically lighted and ventilated than four separate ones, while the one courtyard in the centre would allow of the court-rooms, for which quiet is essential, being entirely removed from the noise of the streets."

It is impossible for the anti-Penn Square party to conceal the real motives which actuate them in their present efforts to embarrass the commissioners, and the general public should bear in mind always that all the agitation is caused by a ring of property-holders who, for their individual profit, are determined to leave nothing undone to keep the public offices and courts in their present location.

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THE REV. DR. NEWTON WILL PREACH at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, TWENTY-FIRST and CHRISTIAN streets to-mor-

row evening at a quarter before 8 o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, COR-ner SEVENTEENTH and SUMMER Streets.— Rector, Rev. BENJAMIN WATSON, D. D. Services to-morrow at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EIGHTH Street, above ARCH.—Rev. A. REED, D. D., Pastor, will preach to-morrow at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M.

SPRING GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, THIRTEENTH Street, above Wallace.—
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DIVINE SERVICE (PROTESTANT EPIS-copal) will be held in the hall of the COURT-LAND SAUNDERS COLLEGE, THIRTY-NINTH Street, above Market, on Sunday, March 12th, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school

THE THIRD SERMON OF THE COURSE with be preached in ST. MARK'S CHURCH, LOCUST, above Sixteenth street, to-morrow evening at 7½ o'clock, by Rev. Dr. HOFFMAN. Subject—"Reasons for a Choral Service." Service at 7½ o'clock.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOCUST Street, above Fifteenth—Services at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. The pastor, Rev. Dr. HUMPHREY, will preach to-morrow the last of the series of evening sermons. Subject—"The Permanent and the Transient in Christianity." SPECIAL SERVICE.—THE FOURTH OF the special free services at the CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, NINETEENTH and WALLACE streets, will be held to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock, when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. PERCY BROWNE.

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REV. A. A. WILLITS, D. D., WILL PREACH in the WEST ARCH STREET PRESBYTE-RIAN CHURCH, corner EIGHTEENTH and ARCH Streets, to-morrow at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M. Evening sermon, the twentieth of a series on interesting incidents in the ministry of Christ, "Raising of Lezarus."

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A STATED MEETING OF THE SUNDAY School Association of the P. E. Church in Philadelphia will be held on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, March 13, in ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Northeast corner EIGHTEENTH and GIRARD avenue, at 7.45 o'clock. The subject for discussion will be, "How can our Sunday Schools be made more Efficient?" To be opened by the Rev. C. W. DUANE.

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