

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs.
—The Caledonian Club met again last night for the purpose of taking measures to celebrate the centenary of Sir Walter Scott, which occurs on Aug. 15. A large committee, which will include delegates from all the professions, was appointed to devise appropriate measures for the celebration.
—Michael C. Mingle and James Cochrane, two river pirates, have been held in jail by Alderman Kerr.
—Bernard Shannon is in prison for burglary at the house of Ephraim Coon, No. 1718 Girard avenue.
—General Banks' Brigade drill yesterday was a success.
—John McGehee was out in the throat with a razor in the hands of Charles Finegan in a fight at No. 1001 Alton street last night. McGehee is not much hurt.
—James Smith, a literary negro, who stole \$89 to get up in Vineland a lecture, which by the way was a total failure, thereby rendering him unable to pay the money, was yesterday held in jail by Alderman Nichols.

Domestic Affairs.
—The grasshoppers of recent clouds are destroying the crops of Los Angeles, Cal.
—The House of Representatives on Monday last night resolved to report the bill abolishing the Building Commission with a negative recommendation.
—There is a prospect of the Legislature remaining in session beyond the 16th instant, as it is thought that the Senate will not fix any time to adjourn until the Republicans consent to an amendment of the Registry law.

Foreign Affairs.
—The Versailles troops have turned their electric lights towards Paris.
—The Paris forts still held by German troops are to be immediately evacuated.
—The Arab insurgents in Algeria have been defeated, and also lost their leader.
—A famine exists in Persia from lack of rain, and thousands of its inhabitants are dying.
—General Cluseret has been removed from prison, and is now under examination at the Hotel de Ville.

—Fort Vaux was captured on Wednesday night by the Versailles, and was held for a short time, when it was recaptured by the Communists.
—The treaty of peace, just concluded at Frankfurt, abrogates the commercial treaty between France and Germany, and gives to Prussia the control of the railways in the central territory.

COUNCILS.

The Proceedings Yesterday.

Both branches of Council met yesterday afternoon.
Select Branch.—President Cattell in the chair.
A communication was made to the members of Council to be present at the reunion of the Pennsylvania Reserves, and also one inviting them to take part in the coming German Peace Celebration, Monday. Both accepted.
The following communication from Colonel Barton H. Jenks, President of the Hydrostatic and Hydraulic Company of Philadelphia, was read and referred to the Committee on Water.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9, 1871.—To the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia:
Having demonstrated to your honorable bodies the practical working of our patent compound propeller pump, and being convinced that by its introduction an ample supply of water at all times can be furnished to the city with the elevation requisite and at a reduced cost for the same, we therefore respectfully propose to construct works to supply the city with water on the following terms and conditions, viz.:

The city of Philadelphia to furnish the location, and a conduit from their present forebay or elsewhere to supply the pumps with water, and to connect their mains to the outlets of said pumps.
We to furnish pumps and buildings for the same, engines and engine-houses, boilers and boiler-houses, all to be constructed of the best materials, and in the most substantial and reliable manner, and to be of such a character as will be an ornament to the city, and reflecting the best engineering skill, and to have a full capacity of five million (5,000,000) gallons of water per twenty-four hours, to an elevation equal to the level in the contemplated Park reservoir, and to lift a greater number of foot pounds of water per hour than is now being done at any of the city works.

The plans and specifications to be submitted to any committee or board of engineers that may be appointed or selected by Councils to superintend the construction of the works, and to the committee of engineers to have the power to modify the plans and specifications, provided such modifications shall not increase the cost as per plan presented without such additional cost be added to our estimate.

The cost of said works complete to be two and one-half million (2,500,000) dollars, of which seventy (70) per cent. is to be paid monthly as the work progresses under the direction of said committee or board of engineers, and twenty-five (25) per cent. to remain until the work is completed and proves equal to the capacity guaranteed.

Our system of pumps will require no reservoirs, and we can use or dispense with those the city have now in use.
In case our proposition should meet with a favorable reception, and the city desire to make use of one of our pumps before the completion of the works above contemplated, we make an additional proposal that there shall be appropriated by the city a sum sufficient for us to erect a pump at Fairmount or elsewhere, using the present power now employed there (if sufficient), and forcing such an amount of water into the basins as you may direct, guaranteeing to lift a greater number of foot pounds of water per hundred pounds of coal used than is now being done at any of the city works.

The cost of this pump to be paid for by the city after we have put it in successful operation according to our guarantee, or, in the event of a failure, to be removed at our own expense, and in the event any contract we have made with the city to be void.

Security to be given for the proper completion of the contract. Your obedient servant,
BARTON H. JENKS, President.

William B. Buck, Secretary.
Mr. Jones of the Highway Committee, submitted a report in regard to the paving of Lehigh avenue with rubble pavement. An ordinance directing the same to be laid in the centre was agreed to.

Mr. Shoemaker, from the Committee on Law, reported an supplemental ordinance in reference to hackney coaches, which directs that every coach shall have two lights, with a number painted on each. Agreed to.

Mr. Hanna presented an ordinance for the increase of the police force, which has been published. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Bump presented a resolution regarding the condition of Shackamaxon street square, and Mr. Alexander one inquiring as to the delay in the construction of the culvert on Federal street, from Eighteenth to the Schuylkill. Both adopted.

Mr. McIlwaine presented a resolution requesting the Board of Port Wards to inform Councils why the parties dredging the Schuylkill below Gibson's Point deposit the excavated earth outside of low water mark. Adopted.

The bill making an appropriation for the improved pavement on B. and street was called up but not considered.
A number of bills from Common Council were then disposed of. One to close the public offices on Monday, the occasion of the German parade, caused considerable debate and was finally agreed to.
The ordinance relative to security in municipal contracts for street paving was called up, but, after debate, indefinitely postponed.

After the passage of an ordinance authorizing the construction of certain sewers the Chamber adjourned.
Common Branch.—President Hahn in the chair.
A communication from W. W. Habbell, offering to lay a concrete pavement on Broad street at three dollars per yard, was referred.

The bill to create a loan of \$2,122,000 for the further extension of the water works, was then taken up. After several motions to postpone, the bill passed—yeas 43, nays 12.
Mr. Shane presented an ordinance authorizing certain transfers in the annual appropriation to the Fire Department for 1871. Agreed to.
Mr. Allen, from the Committee on Surveys, reported an ordinance authorizing the construction of sewers in Eighteenth, Jefferson, Master and other streets, amounting in length to 4700 feet, and the cost to \$12,000.
Also, a resolution to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the communication of J. W. Murphy, declining to accept a contract for a portion of the work on Fairmount bridge, but expressing his willingness to do the whole work.
Mr. Allen called up the resolution directing the City Solicitor to prepare contracts with J. W. Murphy for the main and Thirty-second street bridge superstructure, and the iron work of approaches with J. F. Kennedy for the graduation, masonry, curbing and paving, and any other work required for erecting a bridge over the river Schuylkill at Fairmount and its approaches. The resolution was adopted.
A number of bills from Select Council were concurred in, after which the Chamber adjourned.

AUCTION SALES.
M. THOMAS & SONS, AUCTIONEERS; NOS 119 and 141 S. FOURTH STREET.
Administrators' Peremptory Sale.
Estate of George E. Blake, deceased.
MUSIC PIANOS, SHEET MUSIC, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, &c.
On Monday Morning,
May 22, at 10 o'clock, at the auction rooms.
Catalogues now ready. 512 St

SALE OF STOCKS AND REAL ESTATE.
On Tuesday,
May 16, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange, will be sold:
BALTIMORE TURNPIKE, at Bellevue Station, 3 "Wilmington and Delaware" Country Seat, known as "Woolton"; 50 acres; mansion and out-buildings.
FOURTH ROAD, Gwynedd Station, N. P. R. R.—A very elegant Country Seat.
FRONT (North), No. 216—Brick Building.
TENTH (North), No. 670—Gentle Dwelling.
TENTH (North), No. 473—Brick Building.
TENTH and MILTON, N. E. corner—Stone and Dwelling.
FOURTH and GREENWAY AVENUE—Gentle Dwelling and large lot.
FIFTH (South), No. 1335—Store and Dwelling.
ARCH, No. 1343—Residence and building and large lot.
WASHINGTON and CAKE, Cape Island—2 frame Cottages.
TWELFTH (South), Nos. 1017 and 1019—Brick Dwellings.
GLEN RIDGE STATION, West Chester and Philadelphia R. R.—30 and 32 acres.
THIRD (North), No. 2115—Gentle Dwelling.
WISSAHICKON AVENUE, Germantown—Country Place, 1 1/2 acres.
NORRISTOWN TURNPIKE—Valuable Farm, 90 acres.
PERKIMORE TURNPIKE, Chestnut Hill—Valuable Lot.
SIXTEENTH and OAKTON, N. E. corner—Desirable Lot.
TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD, Twenty-third ward—Country Residence, Coach-house, 6 acres (near Tracy).

MAIN STREET, Chestnut Hill—Tavern and Dwelling.
FIFTH and SEVENTH—Phoenix House.
MARKY, No. 124—Frame Dwelling and large lot.
RACE, No. 1211—Modern Dwelling.
SEVENTH (North), Nos. 1331, 1333, and 1335—Valuable Lots.
MARSHALL, Nos. 1336 and 1338—Building and Large Lot.
BRADSHAW, No. 2164—Gentle Dwelling.
STUMMER, No. 2123—Desirable Dwelling.
GROUND RENTS—\$24, \$36, and \$150 a year.
MARSHALL, No. 473—Brick and Frame Dwellings.
HUNTER, No. 1332—Brick and Frame Dwellings.
CANTRELL, No. 936—Gentle Dwelling.
KANDOLPH, east of Waterloo—Large Lot.
COATES, No. 928—Desirable Dwelling.
BAIRDREY, No. 1319—Gentle Dwelling.
EIGHTEENTH (North), No. 1413—Modern Residence.
BROAD above Thompson—Large Lot.
QUINCE, No. 234—Gentle dwelling.
16 shares Camden and Atlantic Railroad, com.
20 shares Camden and Atlantic Land Company.
20 shares Mohamond Land and Lumber Co.
7 shares Kintanping Coal Co. and \$34.67 scrip.
108 shares Schuylkill and Port of Manf'g Co.
50 shares Empire Transportation Co.
1 share Point Breeze Park.
25 shares National Bank of the Republic.
44 shares Western Pennsylvania Coal Co.
1 share Philadelphia Library Co.
13 shares Steubenville and Indiana Railroad.
2000 shares Pennsylvania Railroad 6 per cent.
1000 Fifth and Sixth Streets Pass R. Co. 7 1/2.
100 shares American B. H. Sewing Machine.
70 shares New Creek Coal Co.
\$2000 Huntington and Broad Top M. R. and Coal Company. 512 St

Sale on the premises, Glen Riddle Station, on the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad.
VALUABLE COTTON MACHINERY, CORLISS ENGINE, BOILER, &c.
On Wednesday,
May 17, at 12 o'clock noon, by catalogue, the valuable cotton machinery belonging to the estate of Thomas McCredy, deceased, and Messrs. Riddle & Steen.
Particulars in handbills. 512 St

HENRY W. & B. SCOTT, JR., AUCTIONEERS, No. 1129 CHESNUT STREET (Girard Row).
THOMAS BIRCH & SON, AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 110 CHESNUT STREET; rear entrance No. 1107 Sanson street.
BUNTING DUBROW & CO., AUCTIONEERS, Nos. 239 and 244 MARKET street, corner of Bank street. Successors to John B. Myers & Co.

SALE OF 3000 CASES BOOTS, SHOES, TRAVELING BAGS, HATS, &c.
On Thursday, May 18, at 10 o'clock, on four months' credit. 512 St

NOTICE.
On account of the German Peace Celebration, our regular sale of French goods is postponed from Monday to Wednesday, May 17.
LARGE SALE OF FRENCH AND OTHER EUROPEAN DRY GOODS.
On Wednesday Morning,
May 17, at 10 o'clock, on four months' credit. 512 St

Bankrupt Sale on four months' credit.
SPECIAL AND PEREMPTORY SALE OF THE ENTIRE STOCK OF WATSON & DE YOUNG.
On Friday Morning,
May 19, on four months' credit, at their store, No. 543 Market street, by order of assignee in bankruptcy.
Particulars in handbills. 512 St

BY BARRITT & CO., AUCTIONEERS, No. 280 MARKET STREET, corner of Bank street.
Cash advanced on consignments without extra charge. 1145 St

CONCERT HALL AUCTION ROOMS, No. 1313 CHESNUT STREET.
Personal attention given to sales of household furniture and dwellings.
Public sales of furniture at the Auction Rooms No. 1313 Chesnut street, every Monday and Tuesday day.
For particulars see "Public Ledger."

HENRY MOLTEN, AUCTIONEER, BY HENRY MOLTEN & CO.,
Salesroom, Nos. 21 and 23 MERCER STREET, New York.

REGULAR TRADE SALE
OF FUR AND WOOL HATS, LADIES' AND GENTS' READY-MADE FURS, STRAW, FELT, AND VELVET GOODS, Every THURSDAY during the season.
Cash advances made on consignments without additional charges. 95 St

CAMDEN AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD.
SPRING ARRANGEMENT.
On and after MONDAY, May 15, 1871, trains will leave VINE Street Ferry as follows:
Freight with passenger car. 7:00 A. M.
Mail. 7:15 A. M.
Atlantic Accommodation. 8:45 P. M.
Returning, leave Atlantic.
Freight. 12:45 P. M.
Mail. 1:30 P. M.
Atlantic Accommodation. 4:30 P. M.
Returning, leave Atlantic.
Freight. 6:15 A. M.
For Haddonfield, 9 and 10 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.
For Alto and intermediate stations. 10:15 A. M.
For Haddonfield and intermediate stations. 9 P. M.
RETURNING LEAVE:
Haddonfield, 6 and 11 A. M., 1 and 3 P. M., and 10 P. M.
Alto, 9:15 P. M.; Haddonfield 6 A. M.
Night line for Haddonfield leaves Camden 11:30 P. M.
Freight must be delivered at Vine street wharf by 4 P. M. to insure its transportation next day.
612 St D. H. MUNDY, Agent.

FINANCIAL.
GREAT NATIONAL LOANS.

NEW FIVE PER CENT. BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Treasury Department is now able to promise that the registered Certificates of Stock, and a good part of the Coupon Bonds of the New Loan of the United States, bearing Five Per Cent. Interest, payable quarterly in Gold, will be ready for delivery early in the present month. The Subscriptions to the Loan now amount to \$62,000,000, and it is expected that the Subscriptions and Sales will progress more rapidly when the Certificates and Bonds are ready for market abroad as well as at home. The whole sum of Five Per Cents offered to the public generally, and to the holders of United States 5-20 Bonds, without qualification, is \$200,000,000. When this amount, to which preference is thus given, is taken up, the remainder of the Five Per Cents, \$300,000,000, embraced in the New Loan of July 14, 1870, for refunding the Public Debt, will be offered in connection with \$300,000,000 Four and One-half Per Cents, and any part of \$700,000,000 of Four Per Cents, the one running fifteen years, and the other thirty years.

The following is a copy of the New Five Per Cent. Bond, under and pursuant to the New Loan Act of Congress:—
FORM OF 5 PER CENT. BOND.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ARE INDEBTED TO THE BEARER IN THE SUM OF

DOLLARS.

THIS BOND is issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to authorize the refunding of the National Debt," approved July 14, 1870, amended by an Act approved January 20, 1871, and is redeemable at the pleasure of the United States, after the first day of May, A. D. 1881, in Coin of the standard value of the United States on said July 14, 1870, with interest in such Coin, from the day of the date hereof, at the rate of FIVE PER CENTUM per annum, payable quarterly, on the first day of February, May, August, and November, in each year. The principal and interest are exempt from the payment of all Taxes or Duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form, by or under State, municipal, or local authority.

WASHINGTON, 1871.

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THE INTEREST ON THE REGISTERED STOCK

of this Loan, it is determined by the Treasury Department, will be paid as conveniently to the holder as on the Coupon Stock, and personal attendance, or attendance by proxy at the Treasury, to draw and receipt for the Interest, will be dispensed with, whenever the check of the United States Treasurer, mailed punctually to the address and order of each holder, on or before every quarter-day, is preferred to such attendance. This check, payable in Gold Coin at the Treasury in New York (or such other office as the Stock is registered at), will be negotiable or collectable on the indorsement of the owner or owners of the Stock. In pursuance of this arrangement, the subscribers to, or purchasers of, the Stock in its registered form (which is a complete protection against theft or other losses incident to Coupon Bonds payable to Bearer) are advised to give their Post Office address in full, and to notify of any change in the address between quarter-days.

The whole proceeds of the new loan will be applied to the payment or redemption and cancellation of the 5-20 years six per cent. bonds, and, in addition to these proceeds, the 5-20s are now being reduced by purchase at the rate of \$10,000,000 per month.

The entire effect, therefore, of the new loan, in connection with the existing sinking fund process of the Treasury, is to reduce both principal and interest of the public debt of the United States. The loan creates no additional supply of Government stocks, while the application of the surplus revenues derived in gold from customs is constantly lessening, as it has been doing for two years past, the funded stocks bearing six per cent. gold interest.

The 1st of May schedule of the public debt, which has just been published by the Secretary of the Treasury, shows a reduction in these Stocks since the April schedule of \$12,215,700, and a further lessening of the yearly interest charge thereon of \$732,942. This leaves the total yearly interest charge in Gold \$111,982,034. In the same month the Treasury paid and cancelled \$2,470,000 of the Three per Cent. Currency debt, reducing the whole of this debt bearing interest to \$51,023,000, and the yearly interest charge thereon to \$1,587,470.

The proposed further reduction of the annual interest charge upon the Public Debt by refunding is as follows:—
By exchange of \$500,000,000 United States six per cent. for new five per cent. of 1871.....\$5,000,000
By exchange of \$200,000,000 United States six per cent. for four and a half per cents of 1866.....4,500,000
By exchange of \$100,000,000 United States six per cent. for four per cents of 1861.....4,000,000
Total saving per annum by refunding \$23,500,000
The large and rapid accumulation in the

last few years of private capital now retired from active business, and of the cash savings and Life Insurance premiums deposited with or intrusted to the provident institutions of the country—all seeking the most undoubted security, pledged to be kept free of all taxes, under national or local authority, and content, provided this object be assured, with moderate rates of interest—will no doubt ultimately absorb so much of these New Stocks as may not be taken in voluntary conversion of United States 5-20s, or marketed abroad.
C. C. NORVELL,
In charge of United States Loan Advertising.
TREASURY OFFICE,
NEW YORK, May 2, 1871.

PROGRESS OF REDUCTION OF THE NATIONAL DEBT.

1869.	Debt of the U. S. Cash in the Treasury.	Decrease of Debt during the preceding year.
March 1.....	\$2,225,465,260	
April 1.....	2,225,195,461	\$269,798
May 1.....	2,225,097,891	99,570
June 1.....	2,206,412,613	19,684,278
July 1.....	2,489,002,480	282,589,867
August 1.....	2,481,566,736	7,435,244
September 1.....	2,475,962,921	5,593,815
October 1.....	2,468,426,072	7,467,489
November 1.....	2,461,131,150	7,294,922
December 1.....	2,453,069,736	8,061,414

1870.	Debt of the U. S. Cash in the Treasury.	Decrease of Debt during the preceding year.
January 1.....	2,445,744,953	8,324,783
February 1.....	2,444,513,923	1,230,930
March 1.....	2,438,398,477	6,115,446
April 1.....	2,434,502,134	3,896,343
May 1.....	2,429,584,334	5,017,800
June 1.....	2,415,962,971	13,621,363
July 1.....	2,389,308,939	26,653,932
August 1.....	2,369,944,476	19,364,463
September 1.....	2,360,125,546	9,818,930
October 1.....	2,346,913,659	13,211,887
November 1.....	2,341,784,358	5,129,296
December 1.....	2,334,308,494	7,475,864

1871.	Debt of the U. S. Cash in the Treasury.	Decrease of Debt during the preceding year.
January 1.....	2,339,067,732	5,241,740
February 1.....	2,328,620,807	9,446,925
March 1.....	2,320,739,546	7,881,261
April 1.....	2,309,607,296	11,012,250
May 1.....	2,302,578,643	7,028,653

1870.	Debt of the U. S. Cash in the Treasury.	Decrease of Debt during the preceding year.
March 1.....	\$1,806,238	\$6,324
April 1.....	1,802,335	3,903
May 1.....	1,800,946	1,389
June 1.....	1,800,460	486
July 1.....	1,800,460	0
August 1.....	1,800,460	0
September 1.....	1,800,460	0
October 1.....	1,800,460	0
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INTEREST ON FUNDED LOAN OF 1851 | 5 PER CENT.

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