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THE BRILL PARDON.

NOT THE CASE

IT will not do for Republican newspapers and Republican peliticians to attempt to extennate such a seandalous violation of decency as is involved in the pardon of John H. Brill. Outside of the comparatively small number of wire-pullers, who too frequently imagine that they constitute the Republican party, and that the rank and file of voters are no better than so many cattle, to be driven in whatever direction it may please their masters, is the real Republican party, composed of reasonably honest and intelligent oitizens who have opinions of their own; and it has been amply demonstrated at more than one election since the conclusion of the war that very many of them are much more anxious to have the public offices filled by good men than they are for mere party triumph. It is an undeniable fact that the Republican party has been losing its hold upon a very large number of the intelligent voters who were the most earnest supporters of its principles during the war for the preservation of the nation. Why has this happened? The Democratic party has not changed in the least; its principles are the same as they were in 1860; its practices wherever it has obtained power have been such as to excite alarm at the prospect of its obtaining control of the Government, and it has made no headway whatever on its own merits against Republicanism. Why, then, is not the Republican party as strong to-day as it was in 1865? The answer to this question is easy, and we have only to point to the example of the so-called Republican leaders who demanded the pardon of Brill, to that of the Republican Governor who granted the pardon, and to that of the Republican newspapers that apologize for the scandalous transaction. This is but one instance out of many to prove the corruption that exists in the Republican party, and the true way to check the advances of the Democracy and to promote the interests of the great party to which the preservation of the Union is due, is not to apologize for crime that every honest voter knows is a personal injury to himself as well as to the public at large, not to advocate men whose dishonesty and want of principle are notorious for important public offices, or support them because by means of the lowest arts of the trading politicians they manage to get their names upon the regular party tickets, but to boldly, vigorously, and incessantly denounce corruption in any shape that it may be presented. The Republican party is not being injured in the least by the Democracy, but, on the contrary, it is wounded in the house of its friends; and such an article as that which we find to-day in the columns of one of our Republican morning contemporaries, endeavoring to extenuate the crime of Brill and to apologize for the action of Governor Geary in pardening him, at the bidding of a ring of political wirepullers, who hope to use him in the future as they have in the past, will do more to weaken the Republican party next October than anything we can say on the other side of the question. The falsification of the election returns is a crime for which no excuse can be advanced under any circumstances. It strikes at the dearest rights of every citizen; it must of necessity be committed deliberately premeditation, and the and with ir frequency with which it committed requires that it shall be punished with the severest penalties of the law. If Brill had been a Democrat, the very papers that are now endeavoring to apologize for his pardon, and to represent him as rather an illused individual than otherwise, would have been most eager in denouncing him. They may imagine that they are advancing the cause of Republicanism by such a course of action as this, but they are fearfully nfistaken, for every attempt to extenuate the iniquities perpetrated by men who call themselves Republicans alienates thousands of voters of the very class that constitutes the strength of the Republican party, and plays directly into the hands of the Democracy. With regard to the influences brought to bear upon Governor Geary to induce him to grant the Brill pardon, we reiterate what we have said before, that the complimentary resolution of the convention was one of the conditions of the pardon. Geary's backers may try to explain away this fact, but a fact it remains, and the Governor cannot deny it and speak the truth. Apart from this, however, why is it that his Excellency refuses to allow the papers in the Brill case to be made public? If the pardon was granted for proper reasons, and at the instance of men in whose integrity the public have confidence, there would be no necessity for jealously guarding them from the light of day. The fact is, the Governor does not dare to brave public opinion by an honest and open exposition of all the facts of the case. He knows that the pardon was granted to oblige certain notorious political tricksters who do not possess the confidence of honest citizens, and who have disgraced the party they profess to support by their past misdeeds. The pardon was granted to oblige these men, because Geary hoped that they would prove useful to him in the future, and by granting it he insulted every honest man who ever voted for him, or who ever believed that he was anything else than a political peddler of the lowest and meanest description. It will not do for Geary's friends, in the face of the Fickon, Landis, and Beill pardons, to prate about the integrity of the Governor, who has by these performances done for himself what his worst enemies could scarcely have done for him in the way of political annihilation.

DOUBTFUL IMPROVEMENTS. Tun liability to freshets on the Schuylkill has of late years been an ever increasing anxiety to property-helders and dwellers on that river. This year any serious disaster was fortunately escaped, but such immunity cannot be calculated upon, and every recurring spring must be expected to bring its season of insecurity and peril. This is partly the price we pay for position, and, with all the risks, Philadelphia could illy afford to lose the incomparable advantages which the confluence of the Delaware and the Schuylkill affords her over every other American city. Philadelphia loves the Schuylkill and values it, but she is also a little bit afraid of it. The placid sweep of the river in August is a very different thing from the angry boil and rush of March. Erperience of its power we have already had to our cost, and it is very possible we may have yet sterner evidences of it if the present policy of waterside improvements is not in some way modified. Public attention has not until now been called to the serious encroachments being made upon the Schuylkill channel at different points from the Wire Bridge to below Gray's Ferry. These consist in the building of wharves and embankments far into the stream. At some points these works appear to stretch half-way across the former water surface. The Pennsylvania Company seems to have set this perilous example. The land the company has reclaimed and banked in from the river makes an awkward bend in the stream, and appears, to the eye at least, to constitute a serious obstruction. With so powerful a precedent set them, other companies, as well as manufacturers and private parties, have not scrupled to increase their areas at the expense of the river, and a trip along the bank would indubitably surprise the citizen who had not visited the locality within the last two years. To do every one justice, it must be stated that the parties to these improvements elaim to have built only to the Port Wardens' line. How the Port Wardens could have made such an eccentric line as that which bounds the Pennsylvania Company's wharf is not clear, but we will suppose that they did commit that vagary, and that all these wharfbuilders are within the letter of the law. The questions will still arise: - Are they right in such extreme action? and are they not seriously imperilling life and property on the river banks? There is grave concern felt by people doing business and living on the river from Chesnut street southward, and dismal predictions are made concerning the results of the next freshet. The question is not easily decided. but one thing is tolerably certain-either these levees should not be raised at all, or they should be made uniform throughout the city limits. When water is hemmed in, after the obstruction is passed the reaction carries it as far beyond the natural limits as it had previously been contracted. This is a natural law, and in times of exceptional commotion. it is easy to imagine-or rather it is not easy to imagine-the consequences. At present, parties who do not care to construct these wharves, or who have no occasion for them, are taken as a great disadvantage. A chooses to build a wharf 150 feet long. Very well for him if he can afford it, or has use for it. But A's neighbor, Mr. B. does not desire such an addition to his property. Straightway his land is deluged by the stream sweeping around Mr. A's breakwater. This is, in a measure, the case even when the water is the lowest. The element of fairness seems somehow lacking in this matter. Property of all kinds has its rights. The men who improve the city, who attract commerce, and tend to develop our interior resources, are to have their hands strengthened, of course, but not surely at the expense of other citizens whose usefulness to the community may be quite as considerable in other ways. The most equitable manner of adjusting the trouble would be to have the city construct a uniform series of wharves or levees from below the dam to the Delaware. The distance is not great, and the expense would certainly be made up in the improvement of real estate and the consequent tax returns. Until something of this kind is done, we may expect individual enterprise to strive and push at the expense of its neighbor.

THE verdict of the Coroner's inquest upon the bodies of some of the victims of the Pittston disaster presents a very foreible and probably a truthful account of the causes of that calamity. It states that the Mining Inspector, as well as the mine operators, failed to observe, strictly, the requirements of the law. It is painfully evident that better efforts are needed to enferce the statute which was wrong from the Legislature by the agonizing scenes at Avondale. In Great Britain similar laws are rigidly executed; and they must also be sternly enforced in this Chamon wealth if order is ever to be established in the coal regions. The lawlessness of some of the minars is bad enough, but even it is less eriminal than the neglect of mine operators to make proper provisions for the safety of their workmen; and the State should begin the great work of asserting the supremacy of law and justice over both capital and labor, by a determined effort to punish coal capital ists for all wilful and dangerous evasions of their duties.

Some of the officials of New York have recently been doing a really good thing. They have made a vigorous raid upon the lotterypolicy dealers, bringing hundreds of them into court, and acting as if they really meant to suppress this demoralizing form of petty gambling. Fer once Gotham has set an example worthy of imitation in Philedelphia. When will the raid be made here?

NOTICES.

REMARKABLE FACT. THE PEOPLE Who have been looking: ALL OVER TOWN ... And seen all the Stocks of Clothing about, SETTLE THE QUESTION By making their purchases at Oak Hall, and declaring that there is no place in the city they ean do so well in price, or feel so certain of oetting A PEAL GOOD ARTICLE AS AT WAMAMAKER & BROWN'S POPULAR CLOTHING HOUSE, OAK HALL, S. E. COR. SIXTH AND MARKET STREETS.

MARRIED.

ESSIEACH-MILLS.-On Monday evening, May 29, 1871, by the Rev. Thomas J. Sheppard, Mr. SANSFEL T. ESSIEACH to Miss AMANDA MILLS, both of this olty.

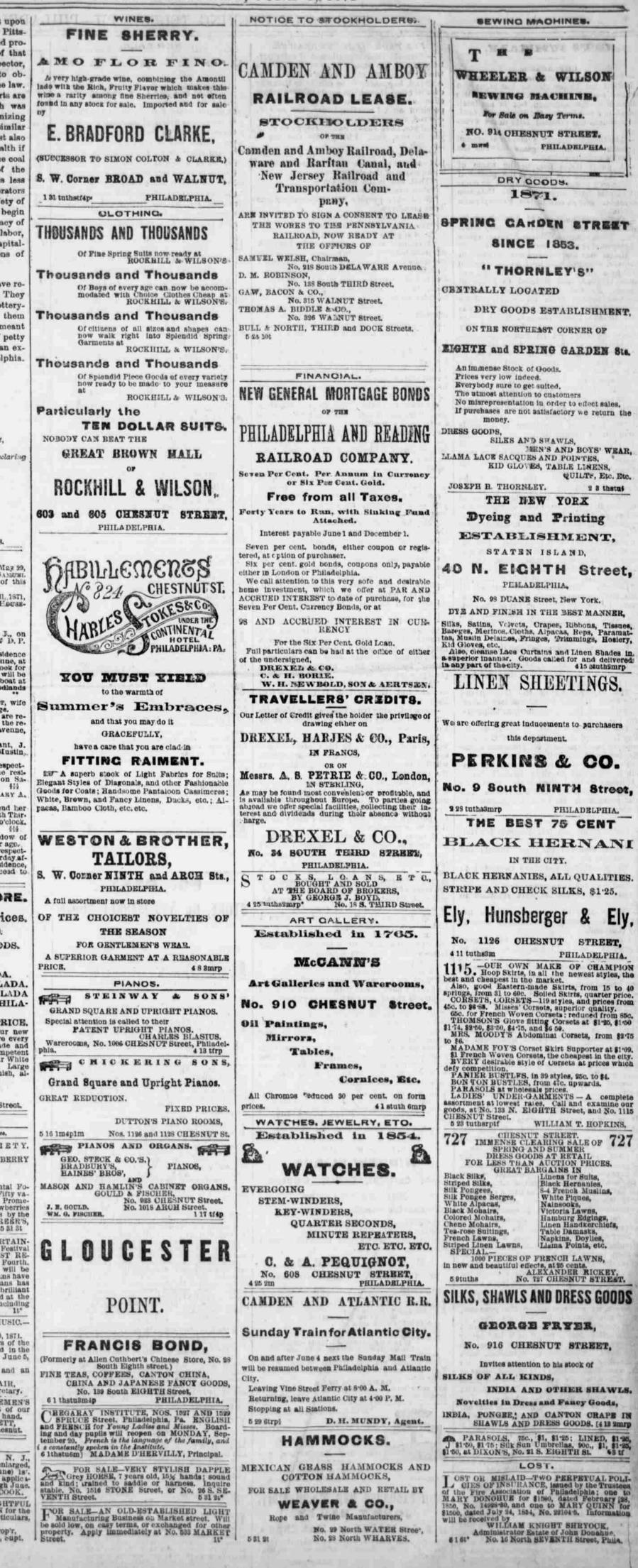
HOUSEMAN-DANBY .- On the 18th of April, 1871, by Rev. Robert M. Patterson, J. LAURENCE FOURSEMAN to Miss KATE DANBY, both of this city.

DIED, CUBBERLEY, -Suddenly, at Edgewater, N. J., on the 36th May, 7871, MARY C., beloved wife of D. P.

Cabbelley. The funeral service will take place at the residence The functal service will take place at the residence of her husband on Friday morning, the 2d June, at 9 o'clock, and will leave Bagewater at 11 o'clock for Philadelphia, where the friends of the family will be provided with carriages on the arrival of the boat at Chesnut strest wharf. To proceed to the Woodiands Cemetery.

ECKHARDE.-On May 30, MARIA ECKHARDT, wife of Henry Eckhardt, in the 55th year of her age. The relatives and friends of the deceased are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the re-sidence of her husband, No. 457 East Girard avenne, on Saturday next at 3 o'clock.

MUSTIN .- On Wednesday, the 31st instant, J. BURTON, M. D., son of John and Mary F. Mustin. aged 26 years. The relatives and friends of the family-are respect-



THE General Presbyterian Assembly, now in session at Chicago, has recommended that the presbyteries unite in making arrangements for the observance, in 1872, of the third centennial celebration of the massacre of St. Bartholomew, and other similar religious events. The wisdom of keeping alive the memory of a horrible slaughter, which, wicked as it was, was nevertheless perpetrated in an age of persecution when Protestants as well as Catholics sometimes committed atrocities at which humanity now shudders, may well be questioned. If the Quakers are to commemorate the persecution of their members by the Puritans of New England,-the Methodists to commemorate all the persecutions they have endured at the hands of other Protestant sects, -the Catholics to commemorate all the real or fancied wrongs they have suffered at the hands of Protestants, -and if all the old controversies and contentions are to be revived, we shall have a happy time of it in this land of religious liberty. For practical purposes it seems decidedly better to agree to disagree, and to let the intolerance of the past serve only as a warning of the necessity for maintaining the tolerance of the present.

A TELEGRAM from Washington states that if the change of time in the payment of pensions had not recently caused an unusual drain upon the national treasury, the decrease of the public debt during the month of May would have amounted to about nine millions of dollars, or at the rate of more than one hundred millions per annum. Despite all the reductions of taxes, the revenues still largely exceed the sum necessary to sustain the Government, and the debt is still being liquidated with unnecessary rapidity.

d to attend his funeral, from the rest dence of his parents, No. 5988 Spruce street, on Sa-turday afternoon, June 3d, at 9% o'clock. THOMAS .- On Wednesday, May 31, MARY A. THOMAS

Belatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 120 South Thirteenth street, on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment at Woodlands.

THORP,-On the 28th ult., ELIZARETH, widow of the late Joshua 'I'horp, in the 78th year of her age. The relatives and friends of the family are respect-fully invited to attend the funeral, on Saturday afternoon, June 3, at 3. 'clock, from her late residence, No. 8 Church street, Frankford. To proceed to Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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Friday Evening, June 2, 1871. Another magnificent display of Ornamental Fo-liage Plants, and Rare Plants in Bloom. Fifty va-riceies of Roses. Baster's Screnade Band. Prome-nade Concert and Strawberry Festival. Strawberries and Ice Cr+am, and exhibition Strawberries by the quart. Admission, 25 cents. Tickets at DREER'S, No. 714 CHESNUT street. 531 St

A VERY INTERESTING ENTERTAIN-MENT in the way of a Strawberry Festival will be held THIS EVENING, at the FIRST RE-FORMED CEURCH, RACE Street, below Fourth. The usual enjoyments of such occasions will be diversified with excellent singing; the rooms have been handsomely decorated; and every means has been employed to make it one of the most brilliant affairs of the season. Tickets can be had at the door. Adults, 50 cents; children, 25 cents; including refreshments.

MERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.-NOTICE. PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1871.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Academy of Music will be held in the FOYER of the Academy on MONDAY, June 5, 1871, at 45 o'clock P. M. The annual reports will be submitted, and an election held for twelve directors. JAMES TRAQUAIR,

613t Secretary.

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