

THE COLUMBIAN.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 1885.

In four short weeks this city, let the weather be what it may, will present an appearance joyful and peaceful.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1885.

General Fitz John Porter has made an appeal to the President for restoration to the army, and the appeal has been transmitted to Congress.

Governor Pattison has vetoed the bill to add four to the list of magistrates. It is upheld almost unanimously by the city press, and his veto should be sustained.

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THE GRANGER BILL.

The following bill has been introduced by Mr. Rhone of Centre county, in the House:

In Act

To regulate the taxation of Private Corporations for Public purposes. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same: That the Commissioners or Boards of Revision of each county of this Commonwealth shall annually cause a just and conscientious assessment of the actual cash value of the capital stock or shares of every private corporation whose principal office or place of business shall be in the county, and to this end shall issue instructions to the several districts assessors of taxes, and shall require from them returns or corrected returns of all such stock or shares in their respective districts with true cash valuations thereof, and in any and every case may correct, add to or amend the returns made, or may themselves make such returns, and shall require for the purpose of securing, making or correcting such returns, and valuations as aforesaid shall have all the powers of a court of record to produce evidence, parol or written, and enforce its production by subpoena or attachment.

Section 2. The Commissioners or Boards of Revision of each county shall annually as soon as the aforesaid returns and valuations of corporate stock or shares shall be completed, make out a full report and exhibit of the same, duly certified, to the Auditor General of the Commonwealth, and said reports and exhibits shall be prima facie evidence of the facts and of the correctness of the valuations set forth therein.

Section 3. Upon returns made to him under existing laws and under the provisions of this act, the Auditor General shall proceed to examine and fix the amount and actual value of the capital stock or shares of each and every private corporation subject to taxation upon its stock or shares, with power to correct, add to or amend the returns made, or himself to make up new valuations, and to this end he shall have authority to require special examinations and reports to be made to him by County Commissioners or Board of Revision, or special or additional returns from officers of corporations, or may cause in the case of any corporation a special examination and report upon the amount and value of its stock to be made to him under oath by an expert or an employee of his office; but in case of a new valuation of corporate stock or increase thereof by him above the valuations reported by County Commissioners or Board of Revision, he shall cause notice to be given to the corporation interested and reasonable time allowed, not exceeding twenty days, to such corporation to show cause why his decision shall not be reconsidered and changed.

Section 4. The Auditor General and State Treasurer shall annually fix a rate of taxation upon the Capital stock or shares of private corporations, subject to tax, the proceeds of which shall be sufficient when added to other state taxes upon such corporations to cover the estimated amount of State expenditures for the support of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of the State Government, including interest upon the public debt, pensions and gratuities, Charitable Institutions, Soldiers' Orphan Schools and National Guards, and also for the entire support and maintenance of the Common Schools of the State and for appropriations to Normal Schools, and in case of disagreement between the Auditor General and State Treasurer in the performance of this duty the matter of difference shall be submitted by them to the Governor of the Commonwealth and shall be determined by him.

Section 5. Every private corporation aforesaid, shall pay to the Commonwealth a tax upon its capital stock or shares according to the rate so fixed by the Auditor General and State Treasurer, in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as those contained in existing laws for imposing and collecting taxes upon such capital stock or shares, except that any present rate of taxation thereon and any computation of stock tax in proportion dividend, to shall be superseded by this act.

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Section 6. All taxes upon capital stock of private corporations imposed, levied or charged before the first day of September next shall be paid and collected as if this act had not been passed; and nothing contained in this act shall be held to impose or authorize a tax upon so much of the capital stock of any corporation as shall represent property free from taxation under acts passed in pursuance of the first section of the ninth article of the Constitution.

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Advertisement for 'Felix's Vanilla Roofing' with contact information for W. H. Fay & Co. Camden, N.J.

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COURTS' JUDGES PAY AND CONSTABLES' RETURNS. Table listing court fees and constable returns.

ROAD AND BRIDGE VIEWERS AND ROAD SUPERVISORS' RETURNS. Table listing road and bridge related expenses.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE AND COURT HOUSE. Table listing office and court house expenses.

SCALES FOR FOX AND WILD CATS. Table listing expenses for scales.

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Carpet-taken-down. Ingrain tumbles; Tapestry tumbles to Ingrain; Brussels to Tapestry; Velvet to Tapestry; Moquette below Brussels; Smyrna almost to Tapestry.

People who were going to buy one are thinking of the next grade higher. The new prices point to different carpets or less expense.

There is reason, therefore, for putting in print the commonest facts about well-known carpets.

Tapestry looks like Brussels, as every body knows. There are several grades of it. Few can distinguish one from another.

What is Brussels? One is a copy of the other. Tapestry costs about two-thirds as much as Brussels; and, on the floor, there is very little difference between them.

The frame-work of both is hard inflexible cotton and jute. If you take a bit of each and pull the woolen yarn all out there is left, of the Brussels, the frame-work that holds it together and gives it stiffness; it looks like a sieve, with meshes about ten to the inch.

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