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DIED.

SWAYNE—On the 8th of October, 1863, at Placerville, Boise Mines, Idaho Territory, Albanus R. Swayne, formerly of Philadelphia.

WHITEHOUSE—On Saturday evening, Feb. 13th, while on a visit to a friend at Rochester, N. Y., of typhoid fever, Harriet E., wife of Bishop Whitehouse, of Illinois, and daughter of the late Matthias Bruen, of this city.

The funeral will be solemnized at St. Luke's church, Rochester. The remains will be brought for interment in the family vault, Clinton avenue, Brooklyn.

MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of Keystone Lodge, No. 271 A. Y. M., and the Order in general, are requested to meet at the Masonic Hall, Chestnut street, on Wednesday, 17th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., to attend the funeral of Brother JOHN R. CALDWELL.

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		Cash,	1 00

Lists of remaining precincts will be published as soon as received. The quota of the Ward is fast being filled.

Additional subscriptions are, however, needed.

The Treasurer, WM. STRUTHERS, Esq., No. 1022 MARKET street is prepared to receive funds.

DANIEL STEINMETZ, Chairman.

EDWARD H. OGDEN, Secretary. 1t§

THE "MERCHANTS AND BANKERS' COMMITTEE OF THE SIXTH WARD BOUNTY FUND, acknowledge the receipt of the following additional subscriptions:

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A CARD.—We desire to tender our thanks to those friends who so kindly assisted in extinguishing the fire which occurred at our factory on Saturday evening, 13th inst.

To the Spring Garden Fire Company, who, by their *prompt* and well directed effort prevented the destruction of the buildings without the slightest damage to stock, we are under special obligations.

FITZGERALD & STOCK,
Union Malleable Iron Works,
Nineteenth and Willow streets.
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THIRTEENTH WARD.—CITIZENS, AROUSE!—One more effort will avoid the draft and furnish to the Government our quota of men. All who desire to make a subscription will please leave it with the following gentlemen of the Committee:

Alderman PLANKINGTON, No. 529 Franklin street.
NELSON J. NICKERSON, 418 Seventh street.
GEO. ROCKINBURGH, 503 Callowhill street.
JOS. S. BROWN, 821 Spring Garden street.
Col. ROBT. G. MARSH, 626 Franklin street.
JOHNATHAN BULLOCK, 863 North Seventh street.
JOHN M. FOX, 832 North Eighth street. 1t*

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.—TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, February 15, 1864.—The Board of Directors have this day declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS upon each Share of the present Capital Stock, as registered on the book s of the company this day.

The said Extra Dividend to be payable in Stock of the Company, at its par value of Fifty Dollars per share, the shares to be dated May 2, 1864, and to be entitled to dividends payable in November next, and thereafter, as the present stock of the company.

Stock Certificates for the extra dividend will be delivered on and after May 2, 1864.

fe16-tmh1 THOS. T. FIRTH, Treasurer.

DELAWARE MINING CO. OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given, that an Installment of One Dollar per Share of the Capital Stock in the Delaware Mining Company of Michigan, has this day been called by the Board of Directors of said Company, due and payable at the office of the Company, No. 326 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia, on or before the 1st day of March 1864. Interest will be charged on all Installments after the same shall have become due.

By order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. M. IRAY, Secretary.

Dated PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15, 1864. fe16-tmh1§

PENNSYLVANIA FREEDMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

A public meeting of the Association will be held in the

ACADEMY OF MUSIC,

On TUESDAY EVENING, February 16th, at half-past seven o'clock.

Bishop SIMPSON will preside.

The Rev. PHILLIPS BROOKS,
Rev. Dr. BRAINERD,
Rev. Dr. FURNESS,
Rev. Dr. J. WHEATON SMITH, and
J. M. McKIM, Esq.,

will take part in the proceedings.

Tickets can be obtained on and after Wednesday the 10th, free of charge, at the office of the Association, No. 424 Walnut street; at the Union League House, 11th Chestnut street, and at T. B. Pugh's Book Store, southwest corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets. fe3-3trp§

VOLUNTEERS will please take notice that the undersigned is prepared to pay at the CUSTOM HOUSE the Ward Bounty of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS to all who may be assigned to the Fourteenth Ward. WM. B. THOMAS,

f16-3t§ Treasurer Fourteenth Ward.

AMUSEMENTS.

GERMAN OPERA.—*Jessonda*, by Spohr, is not a famous opera in Germany, and is wholly unknown in this country, except to a few connoisseurs who own the score as part of a musical library. For this reason it failed to attract a large audience at the Academy of Music last evening, when it was played for the first time in America. That it is a learned, well-written opera, no one can deny. There are also many graceful melodies, and the concerted pieces are well-conceived. The instrumentation is also worthy of a great master. But *Jessonda* is, after all, a rather uninteresting opera, and it was voted "heavy" even by many who admitted its numerous excellencies. Mme. Johannsen, Mme. Frederici, Himmer, Steinecke, Hermanns and Schiene deserve credit for the careful and correct manner in which they went through their parts. Doubtless *Jessonda* would please better on a second hearing, but it would not be likely to draw a good house. To-morrow evening the charming opera of *La Dame Blanche* will be repeated. This is altogether the best thing the Germans have given us this season, and it will be sure to draw a crowd.

MORRIS MINSTRELS.—This excellent band of vocal and instrumental performers continue to attract large audiences at Concert Hall. The programme is invariably well selected, and Philadelphia has been rarely favored with such delightful music. Gay negro melodies and more serious gems, with Indicrous burlesques, sparkling witticisms and superior dancing comprise the entertainment. Although a New England organization, its fame is by no means confined to that dreary land, and wherever they appear they are greeted with large and gratified audiences. Their stay here is limited, and no person who desires to be amused should suffer themselves to leave without experiencing in person the enjoyment to be derived from an evening's attendance. During the present week one of the features will be a burlesque entitled "The Boys from Davenport, Iowa."

THE TEMPLE OF WONDERS.—Signor Blitz continues his career of distinguished success at the Temple of Wonders, corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets. He performs new and novel in magic lightly, and while he puzzles his visitors, he amuses and instructs them. The Signor does just what he promises to do, and there are none who go away from his snuggery in an ill-temper with either themselves or the Signor. In addition to the evening performances, the Signor gets up a special performance for the little folks every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

THE CHESTNUT.—"The Ticket-of-Leave Man" will be played as usual this evening.

THE WALNUT.—This evening is the last night but one of "East Lynne."

THE ARCH.—As we anticipated, the Richings opera troupe were joyfully and brilliantly received last evening at the Arch, and "The Pastillon" passed off admirably. This evening "The Daughter of the Regiment" will be given, with Miss Richings in her charming character of Marie, Mr. Seguin as Cartouche, Mr. Bill as Tonio, and Mr. Griffiths as Hortensius. The new and dashing farce of "John Wopps," with Robson and Miss Josephine Henry in the cast, will be played after the opera.

THE SENATORIAL ELECTION IN THE INDIANA DISTRICT.

Dr. Thomas St. Clair has been regularly nominated for the vacancy in the Senate by conferees from Indiana and Armstrong counties, who met at Elderton, Indiana county, on Wednesday. The following are the official proceedings:

A meeting of the Senatorial Conferees from Indiana and Armstrong counties, met at Elderton, on Wednesday, 10th of February, 1864, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for State Senate, to be voted for at the Special Election to be held on Friday, 19th instant.

The following conferees appeared from Indiana county: Hon. Peter Sutton, T. B. Allison, and John Lowrey, Esq. From Armstrong county: George Bovard, E. Buffington. On motion Hon. Peter Sutton was appointed Chairman, and E. Buffington, Secretary. On motion Dr. T. H. Allison was substituted in place of W. F. Rumberger.

On motion, the following persons were nominated: Dr. T. H. Allison nominated D. Phelps, Esq.; T. B. Allison nominated Dr. Thomas St. Clair.

First ballot—Phelps 3, St. Clair 3.

Twenty-one ballots were had with the same result, when, on motion of Dr. Allison, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That as the delegates from Indiana county claim the nomination, that as a matter of right the name of D. Phelps, Esq., be withdrawn, and Dr. Thomas St. Clair be declared the nominee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the course pursued by the Republican members of the Senate, in refusing to organize on principles which we believe unfair, unjust and ungenerous, meets with the approval of the people of this Senatorial district.

PETER SUTTON, President.

E. BUFFINGTON, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT BARRACKS AT CHESTER.—It is understood that the commodious buildings near Chester, which for some months have been used for Army Hospital purposes, will now be converted into barracks for the temporary reception of the re-enlisted Pennsylvania regiments, prior to their departure for the field.

CITY BULLETIN.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER THIS DAY AT THE BULLETIN OFFICE.

9 A. M., 36°.....12 M., 37°.....1½ P. M., 39°
Minimum Temperature during last 24 hours, 29°
Weather cloudy—Wind Northwest.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was held in Sansom Street Hall this morning. There was a large attendance of the stockholders.

The meeting was called to order by A. J. Derbyshire, Esq., upon whose motion Hon. Alexander Henry, Mayor of the city, was called to the chair.

Edmund Smith, Esq., Secretary of the Company, was appointed Secretary. The first business in order was the reading of the annual report of the Board of Directors. The following is an abstract:

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report, which is very full, sets forth that during the year 1863 the earnings between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh were, from—

Passengers, First class,	$2,202,779 83	
Emigrants	72,757 95	$2,275,537 78
United States troops		514,693 10
United States Mail		75,598 20
Express under contract	75 735 00	
Extra Express freight	157,393 82	263,128 82
Freight		8,602,261 97
Miscellaneous sources		157,194 00
Total earnings		$11,891,412 95

The expenses for operating the line, such as new buildings, new rolling stock, new machinery, new locomotives, &c. were $6,789,400 21—leaving net earnings, $5,111,412 74.

The gross revenues of the line this year are equal to $33,216 per mile of main line of road (358 miles), and exceed in the aggregate those of 1862, $1,537,191 98. This is made up by an increase of $541,144 58 for passengers and emigrants, of $135,498 97 for troops, of $8,824 77 for United States mails, of $133,542 12 for ordinary, and $116,276 86 for express freights. A decrease occurs in miscellaneous receipts of $143,266 31.

The whole number of passengers carried over the road during the year was 1,707,386, averaging a distance of 66 40 miles for each passenger.

The number of tons of freight moved (including 158,913 tons of fuel and other material transported for the Company) was 2,354,326, embracing 903,199 tons of coal. The increase in the coal traffic is 68,053 tons, and in the whole tonnage over that of last year 312 2 tons. To meet the increase of traffic there has been expended for new locomotives, new cars, second track, sidings, &c., $1,647,603 84, all of which has been charged to the expenses of operating the road. There was expended for similar objects in 1862, $1,221,779 09.

The earnings of the Company's canals were:

Susquehanna Division	$212,116 92
Juniata Division	24,426 91
Western Division	9,741 29
Miscellaneous sources	10,841 40
Total earnings	$257,156 52

against $251,481 76 in 1862.

The expenses of maintaining, enlarging and operating the canals were $262,374 32, showing a loss of $75,217 80 on the canals during 1863. The expenditures in 1862 for the same object were $226,691 36, showing an increase of $164,222 76 during the past year.

The net income of the canals from the first of August, 1857, when they came into possession of the Company, six years and five months, amounted to $1,593,190 11, all of which has been appropriated to their maintenance and improvement except $87,396 21, an amount sufficient to meet the expenditures upon them previous to the resumption of navigation in the spring.

It is stated that the completion of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad may be confidently expected in July next. The revenue of this road for 1863, was as follows:

From Passengers	$275,604 20
" Troops	20,569 00
" Freights	363,234 33
" Express packages and freights	11,800 53
" Mails	13,341 93
" Miscellaneous sources	23,137 93
	$707,663 93

The expenses during the same time were $534,896 98, leaving the net earnings as $172,772 91, which is chargeable with the interest on the rolling stock, shops, machinery, and their probable depreciation, estimated together at about 12½ per centum, say $127,772 91, leaving $45,000 00 as the net profits of the lease.

The whole receipts of the Company from the operations of its works, including the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, for the year 1863, were as follows:

From Pennsylvania Railroad	$11,891,412 95
" " Canal	397,158 52
" Philadelphia and Erie Railr'd	707,669 93
Total receipts	$12,996,239 40

The net revenues of the Company during the past year have been absorbed in the payment of the interest upon its debt, two semi-annual dividends of four and five per centum, respectively, and in the construction of the commution roads—the Philadelphia and Erie, and the extension of its own line to the Steubenville and Pittsburgh road, opposite Pittsburgh, the purchase of real estate for the road at Pittsburgh, &c.

All the railroad companies claiming assistance under the commutation act have received the amounts that they were respectively entitled to, except the Pittsburgh and Steubenville line, which has been drained in consequence of its imperfect lights across the State of Virginia.

Attention is again called to the policy of aiding the construction of a branch road from or near Greensburg, in a southerly direction.

It is estimated that for new locomotives, cars, construction of Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, shops, engine houses, &c., during the year 1864, $5,000,000 will be required—about the same amount as expended the past year.

The immense traffic between Philadelphia and Harrisburg is referred to, and the report states that when the business of the line is very large and diversified, requiring different speeds for its trains, a third track becomes necessary to insure punctuality and efficiency. Upon other portions of the line a similar enlargement of the facilities afforded by a third track will eventually become necessary.

The completion of the remaining twenty-one miles of second track, between Lewistown and Mifflin Creek, was suspended this year in consequence of the scarcity of labor.

The rapid wear and tear of rails by the increased size and weight of locomotives is alluded to, and the use of steel rails is suggested. For the purpose of testing the relative value of steel and iron rails, the Company has procured one hundred and fifty tons of rails made wholly of cast steel, and a trial is also being made of a rail with a steeled wearing surface passed through the rolls, which promises well.

The semi-annual payment to the State of $430,000 for the interest and towards the principal of the purchase money for the main line will extinguish the debt due to the commonwealth before it falls due. By continuing to pay this sum out of the revenues of the Company there will remain no other debt unprovided for except the first mortgage of $5,000,000.

The report attributes the large increase in the business of the Company to the war, and anticipates a falling off in the revenue after the close of the war, and closes by returning thanks to the heads of the various departments in the management of the affairs of the Company.

The Treasurer's report, giving a detailed statement of the finances of the Company, was then read.

Col. Page moved that the reports be accepted, remarking at the same time that an affirmative vote would not commit any stockholder to its policy.

Mr. Derbyshire moved to amend by directing the Board of Directors to publish such portions of the report as they may think proper.

Col. Page accepted the amendment, and the motion was adopted.

Col. Page spoke of the impossibility of understanding the report or of testing its correctness, until it is published by the incoming Board a year hence; there are discrepancies between this and former reports, and with a view to investigate them, he submitted a very long preamble and resolution setting forth very heavy discrepancies in the published accounts of the managing officers of the company. The resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That a Committee of Five Stockholders shall be appointed by the Chairman, whose duty it shall be to ascertain what disposition has been made and by whom and by what authority the sum of $850,000 commutation tax, left in the hands of the company by the State, whether any part of the same and if so, how much has been invested under the act of March 7, 1861, in the bonds of the Railroad Companies herein mentioned, or in the Bonds of any other Railroad Companies with the names, dates and amounts, and how the said Bonds are held and accounted for, and whether any part of the said sum of $850,000 remains uninvested, and the condition of said uninvested amounts, and whether the said sum or any part thereof, and if so, how much has been appropriated according to the provisions of said act, and also to ascertain to what companies and in what amounts and when and by what authority the sums of $453,990 01 and $37,400 set forth on page eight of the 16th Annual Report, have been paid and invested.

The said committee to have full and ample power to inspect all books and papers, and examine the proper officers writing the same, and to report all the facts and circumstances to the stockholders at a special meeting which they are authorized to call, for that purpose, if in the judgment of the committee the same shall be necessary.

Mr. A. R. Scholfield moved that the resolution be indefinately postponed. The Chairman remarked that the resolution was not yet before the meeting.

Mr. Page was not disposed to argue the question. He could add nothing to the language of the paper which he had just read. The facts were as he had set forth, and it was certainly a fit subject for investigation.

Mr. H. M. Phillips said this question was now before the Finance Committee of City Councils, and two investigations could do no good. He moved to lay it upon the table.

The Chair stated that the committee of Councils had expired.

Mr. Phillips said the matter was in the hands of the City Solicitor, and he would urge the laying of the motion of Col. Page upon the table.

The question being taken upon the motion of Mr. Phillips, it was almost unanimously adopted.

Col. Page expressed his regret that Mr. Phillips had thought proper to give his resolution a side blow; he perfectly understood the tactics of Mr. P. He had studied them for thirty years. [Laughter.]

Col. Page then read another long statement by way of preface to a resolution which he was about to offer. The resolution was as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the officers of the Road who were instrumental in procuring the passage of the act of March, 1863, changing the organic law of the Company without consulting with the Board of Directors on the subject, and without first submitting the same for the consideration of the stockholders at the last meeting, which they could have done, were guilty of a gross usurpation of power and a fraud upon the rights of the stockholders."

Mr. Scholfield moved to lay the resolution upon the table. The motion was negatived.

Mr. John M. Kennedy spoke of the reasons for making the change in the organization, &c.

Mr. Darlington expressed the opinion of the managers of the Company. He could readily understand how contingencies might arise which would render it necessary for the Board of Managers to apply for legislation. If illegal acts had been performed by the Board let the gentlemen (Colonel Page) carry the grievance to the courts and let them decide the question of legality or illegality.

Mr. Scholfield explained the circumstances under which the legislation referred to had been accomplished. The matter was made public in advance of the passage of the bill, and it was not pushed hurriedly through the Legislature, as has been intimated.

Mr. A. S. Roberts moved to amend the resolution of Colonel Page by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert an endorsement of the action of the course of the Board of Directors and an acceptance of the act of March 16, 1863.

Mr. Kinsley spoke at length of this necessity which existed for the legislation referred to.

Colonel Page advocated his resolution at much length.

Theo. Cuyler, Esq. argued that this resolution was an unjust censure of the Board of Directors, in the act of the Legislature complained of, was accepted by the Board, and therefore, for that reason he had opposed the motion to lay upon the table, as he desired to have a direct vote of the stockholders upon the resolution. The charter of this Company gives to the Directors all the powers conferred upon the stockholders, during the intervals between the annual meetings of the company.

Mr. Scholfield charged that if the rumors upon the streets are true, Col. Page is upon the floor as the paid solicitor of Mr. Foxite, and if that is the case, he is as great a bore as Hoxie's tunnel.

Col. Page arose to explain.

The Chairman requested him to take his seat.

Col. Page persisted in speaking, and denied positively the charge made by Mr. Scholfield. Whoever started such a report was characterized as a liar.

The question was then taken upon the amendment of Mr. Roberts and it was adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Col. Page then read another long statement and offered the following:

Resolved, That the stockholders recommend and direct that a change be made in the policy and management of the road to the extent that there shall be no more loans or guarantee to railroad companies in or out of the State than such as are required by existing laws; that there shall be no discrimination in freights against cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and in favor of the places out of the State or country; that there shall be no more leasing or buying of other railroads that there shall be no discrimination in favor of private corporations in coal, iron or lumber, or anything else, and no special agencies having a control over the freights passing upon the road.

Mr. Roberts opposed the resolution. He said that he believed he spoke for all the stockholders when he said that the general policy of the Company is universally approved. If the Directors are not doing right, they should be turned out next month, and let the gentleman (Colonel Page) head an opposition ticket. He moved to lay the resolution upon the table.

The motion to lay upon the table was agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN THE SIXTH WARD—BURNING OF A COAL OIL STORE.—A fire broke out in the coal oil establishment of G. W. Wootten, No. 38 South Second street, and 29 Strawberry Alley, about three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The building extends through from Second street to Strawberry alley, being five stories high in Second street and four stories in Strawberry alley. Mr. Wootten occupied the whole of the building except the cellar and first floor on Strawberry alley, which was used by J. G. Weeden, paper box manufacturer. The rest of the building was used by Mr. Wootten for the storage of coal oil and lamps. The flames originated accidentally in the basement and ascended to the first story through the hatchway, then through the skylights, and in a few moments the whole building was enveloped. The whole interior of the building was gutted out and all the contents destroyed. Mr. Wootten estimates his loss at $25,000, which is believed to be fully covered by insurance in city and New England companies. The building belongs to Rev. Howard Malcolm, whose loss is covered by insurance.

Most of the paper in the apartments occupied by Mr. Weeden was removed, although in a damaged condition. The adjoining properties were slightly damaged by fire and considerably by water.—On the south of Wootten's place is building No. 40, owned by George Fryer, and occupied by Messrs. Richmond & Forepaugh, Cabinet-ware manufacturers. They are insured in the Fire Association. The first floor and basement of the same building on Strawberry alley, was occupied by E. Hill, Manufacturer of cotton and woollen goods. His stock, which suffered by water, was insured. Building No. 36 on the north—a hosiery store, suffered by water and smoke. Loss covered by insurance. The hotel of J. M. Cropper, on Strawberry alley, also suffered by water, and is insured. Another tenement house adjoining in the rear, suffered slightly by water.

The fire continued to burn until midnight, and several fire companies were in service for some time afterwards. This morning the Vigilant Steam Engine still remained upon the ground to be in readiness in case the flames should again break out.

THE SCHOOL FOR COMMANDERS OF COLORED REGIMENTS.—At a stated meeting of the Supervisory Committee for recruiting colored troops, last night, the following report was received from John H. Taggart, preceptor. It shows the flourishing condition of the school:

FREE MILITARY SCHOOL FOR APPLICANTS FOR COMMAND OF COLORED TROOPS, No. 1210 Chestnut street, John H. Taggart, Preceptor, late Colonel 12th P. R. V. C., Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1864.—*Thos. Webster, Esq., Chairman Supervisory Committee*—Sir: The total number of admissions into the School up to this date, inclusive, is 210. During last week 33 were admitted, as follows: Feb. 9, 7; Feb. 10, 5; Feb. 11, 2; Feb. 12, 3; Feb. 13, 5; Feb. 15, 11; total 33. Eight have been sent to Washington for examination before the board since last report, seven of whom left last evening and one to-day. No report has yet been received of the result of their examination. To-morrow evening four or five more will go to Washington, and before the close of the week I expect some twenty more will leave, as permissions for that number have been received, but many of the students require four or five days before they can complete their arrangements to leave.

The building is crowded—overcrowded—there being in attendance daily upwards of 160, at the different sessions. The attic rooms have not yet been made use of, but will be ready in a day or two, which will relieve the other rooms somewhat from the pressure. The school now occupies all the building above the first floor, and every room is filled to its utmost capacity. The interest in the School on the part of the students is unabated. Last week the school attended a lecture at the Academy of Music, and on Saturday had a fine battalion drill at the Parade Ground, back of the Moyamensing Prison, which produced a most excellent effect. I propose holding these drills weekly in some public place, out of doors.

The classes in arithmetic and the higher mathematics, geography and history, under Professor John P. Birch, are very full. I recommend that one session more each day be held of these classes. The total number of applications to enter the school since the first of January is 1,046, one-third of which, at least, are from privates and non-commissioned officers in the army. Please inform me if you have arranged with the War Department for furloughs for them.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. TAGGART, Preceptor.

PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE.—The number of carriers and collectors attached to the Philadelphia Post Office is 121. The letters received by mail and delivered by the carriers during the quarter ending Dec. 31, numbered 1,134,114; local or drop letters, 359,223. Total delivered, 1,523,314. Number of papers delivered, 117,010; drop papers, 35,257. Total delivered, 152,267. Number of letters returned, the carriers not being able to find the parties addressed, 8,742. Number of letters intended to be mailed, collected from lamp-post boxes, 744,723. Number of newspapers do., 50,292.

THE ARMY HOSPITALS.—During the past week the number admitted into the Army Hospitals of this department was 81; returned to duty, 191; died, 5. The number remaining is 3,947, distributed among the several hospitals as follows: Chester, Pennsylvania, 9; Fort Mifflin, 9; Chambersburg, 14; Camp Curtin, 22; York, 398; Christian street, 157; McClellan, 337; Chestnut Hill, 667; Broad and Spruce streets, 190; Filbert street, 207; Germantown, 316; Satterlee, 1,063; Sixty-fifth and Vine streets, 142; Islington Lane, 14; Turner's Lane, 80; Summit House, 168; Broad and Prime streets, 40; Officers' Hospital 24.

CAMP WILLIAM PENN.—An order has been issued by Colonel Wagner, Commandant at Camp William Penn, prohibiting persons from visiting the encampment unless previously provided with a pass, such pass to be procured only at the camp or at the headquarters, 1216 Chestnut street, before ten o'clock in the morning. The immense number of persons, nearly five hundred a day, who have been flocking to Chelten Hills, has made it necessary to issue the order.

SOLDIER DROWNED.—Christian Beckendorf, belonging to a New-York cavalry regiment was drowned this morning at half past six o'clock at Washington Street Wharf. The deceased was about 20 years of age and had no relations in this country. His body will be sent to New York by Coroner Taylor.

EIGHTH WARD.—We call the attention of persons desiring to volunteer to the advertisement of the Treasurer of the Eighth Ward bounty fund. The bounty money will be paid during certain hours of the afternoon, at 12 S Locust street, until the quota of the Ward is full.

DISORDERLY HOUSE CASE.—Mathias Myers, charged with keeping a disorderly house at No. 417 Coates street, was held to bail by Alderman Pelitier this morning. Mary Thomas, Mary P. Boyer and Annie Dyer, who were found in the house, were also held to bail.

FOURTEENTH WARD.—We call attention to the advertisement of Col. Wm. B. Thomas, stating that the Fourteenth Ward Bounty will be paid by him at the Custom House. The advertisement will be found in to-day's BULLETIN.

SUICIDE.—Mrs. Bennett, residing at No. 822 Rachel street, committed suicide last night by taking laudanum.

ENGLISH PICKLES AND SAUCES.—Messrs. Davis & Richards, Arch and Tenth streets, have just received a fresh importation of English sauces and pickles, of all the finest varieties.

GENTS' CAPS,
Gents' Hats,
Oakfords' Continental.

FURS
Selling at cost,
At the Store of
Oakfords' Continental.

GET GOOD EYES
Now at
Oakfords' Continental Hotel.

THE NEW PHOTO-MINIATURE.—Messrs. Wenderoth & Taylor, 912, 914, and 916 Chestnut street, are now executing the new style of picture (which we think destined to unusual popularity) entitled the "*Photo*-Miniature." For artistic merit this picture excels anything that Photography has hitherto produced. The specimens at their galleries are much admired by the best judges of art.

LENT HAS COME, and with it Hot Cross Buns, at Morse's, 238 South Eleventh street.

FINE CLOTHING.—Ready-made and made to order. Having bought out Robert H. Adams's well-known establishment, the subscriber proposes to continue the Tailoring and Clothing business, conducting it on the same principles of honest and upright dealing that have gained for the house the reputation it enjoys. He takes pleasure in announcing that he has secured the services of the following gentlemen:

Cutting Department. *Salesmen.*
E. D. Wier, Lewis G. Green,
John Elkinton, George James.

Who will be happy to see their friends and the public, at WILLIAM S. JONES'S,
(Successor to Robert H. Adams,)
S. E. corner Seventh and Market streets.

VICTORY.—Ice Cream and Water Ices, at 40 cents per quart, Morse's 238 S. Eleventh street.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, and all diseases which the Ear or Eye is heir to, successfully treated by Prof. J. Isaacs, M. D., Oculist and Aurist, No. 511 Pine street. Testimonials from the most reliable sources can be seen at his office. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secret in his mode of treatment. Artificial Eyes inserted without pain. No charges for examination.

BEST AND PUREST COAL in the city; none better; please try it. Samuel W. Hess, Broad street, above Race, east side.

CORNS, BUNIONS, Inverted Nails, Enlarged Joints, and all Diseases of the Feet cured without pain or inconvenience to the patient, by Dr. Zachariae, Surgeon Chiropodist, 921 Chestnut street. Refers to Physicians and Surgeons of the city.

BARLOW'S INDIGO BLUE.—Dealers and Consumers of the above will please take notice that the labels have been changed to read

"Indigo Blue,"
Put up at Alfred Wilberger's Drug Store,
No. 233 North Second street,
Philadelphia.

Barlow's name will be left off the boxes from this date.

The new label does not require a stamp.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—X. Y. Z. The first suit of clothes upon record is that made of fig-leaves by Adam for his own wear. The sons of Adam made up garments from the skins of wild animals, and each successive generation has improved upon the last, by coming nearer and nearer to perfection in wearing apparel. This perfection it is now believed, has been reached in the nineteenth century, and if you would satisfy yourself upon this point, it is only necessary to pay a visit to the Brown Stone Clothing Hall of Rockhill and Wilson, Nos. 603 and 605, Chestnut street, above Sixth. We charge nothing for the advice.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The correspondent of the *Tribune* writes as follows:

The correspondence between the authorities of the United States