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## EVENING BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1864.

THE LEHIGH RAILROADS. Lately we referred to certain extensive stock speculations undertaken by members of the Legislature, on the strength of a bill which they promised to have passed, for the construction, by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, of a new railroad down the valley of the Lehigh. To-day we publish the bill in full, and we ask our readers to give it an examination. The second section not only authorizes the building of a new railroad from Mauch Chunk to Easton, but the building of any number of branches, in any direction, each of which branches may be two hundred miles long. Under this provision, the corporation can cover the whole of the Eastern part of the State with railroads, if it should desire to do so. What necessity or propriety there can be in giving such unlimited license to any corporation, we cannot imagine. We should like to see all parts of the State properly supplied with railroad facilities; but there is such a thing as overdoing the business. There is no great scarcity of railroads in the Lehigh Valley, and the public would like to be informed of the reasons to be assigned for authorizing an existing corporation to build any number of miles additional, and running in any direction. Besides, this project has been made use of in Third street in a disreputable way, which creates a suspicion

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—SHALL WE HAVE REFORM OR NOT?

ruption.

of something wrong, if not of absolute cor-

We adverted briefly, a few days ago, to the extraordinary scenes which took place last Monday in Councils. The matter is too important to be passed over without further remark.

The Republican party stood pledged and stand pledged to reform the abominable corruptions of the Highway Department. Two bills were drawn up for this purpose, jointly covering the whole ground. One, by Mr. Wetherill, especially directed to the street cleaning; the other, by Mr. Miller, embracing the remaining matters connected with the Department. When, however, the

gang of contractors had resolved that the corruption should be continued for their benefit. Arrogating to themselves the name of the Republican party, they attempted to dictate to members of Council, and insisted that Councils should go into convention to elect the heads of departments, without action on the reform bills. It is scarcely credible, but nevertheless true, that these contractors gained over one by one the members, until Mr. Miller and Mr. Wetherill stood alone, among the Republicans, the champions of reform. Mr. Zane and Riché made themselves particularly noisy and conspicious as the fuglemen of the corruptionists, threatening even a mandamus, (!) to drive Councils into convention. Finally the bill for street cleaning was passed. Then Mr. Wetherill consented to go into convention. With a sincere respect for Mr. Wetherill, we regret that he should have done so; had he held out. the entire reform would have been secured.

Mr. Spencer Miller, however, remained perfectly immovable, and expressing without reserve his opinion of the course which matters were taking. Still there was hope Councils are so nearly divided that there was no possibility of carrying the convention without another vote. At this critical period a Democrat, Dr. Kamerly, ratted. What considerations led him to adopt this course we cannot of course more than surmise. Perhaps it was a cunningly devised trap to destroy the Republicans by identifying them, like the defeated Democracy, with corruption. Perhaps the arguments were still more solid.

It now remains to be seen whether the Republican party will venture to continue to refuse to the public this reform. Are the abominable corruptions of the Schofield crew to be continued? Is the peculation, the bribe. the corruption, the systematic stealing of paving material, is all this to go on under Republican rule, as heretofore? The members of councils owe their election not to the clique of contractors who are trying to use them for their purposes, but to the citizens, who were determined to oust Democracy and to have a reform. It may be dangerous to irritate this gang, but is it not still more dangerous to irritate the public, the tax-payers, the voters? In one word, can the Republican party afford to shoulder the iniquity, the odium, and the disgrace of refusing a reform and continuing the present state of things? It cannot.

FASHION IN MOURNING.

A distinguished and highly respected citizen of Philadelphia lately suffered a severe domestic bereavement. After the funeral he had his window shutters thrown wide open, thus setting at defiance the absurd Philadelphia fashion of keeping the house darkened after a death, the duration of the darkness being measured by the closeness of the relationship of the deceased. In no other city but Philadelphia, in either America or Europe, does this the dead are elsewhere as sincerely mourned and their memories are as piously respected as they are here. Indeed the parade that our people make of their grief, and the conventional etiquette in their fashion of mourning, give strangers an idea that there is less in it of sincerity than of show-There is no reason why the light of day and the blessed airs of heaven should be shut out of a house for a year because a wife or husband has died, or for six months because a child has been taken away. Nor can a reasoning being see why more distant relatives of the deceased should measure their sorrow or their sympathy by keeping their windows bowed for a stated number of days or weeks, Strangers, unaccustomed to the fashions of Philadelphia affliction, are often amazed at the number of houses with windows bowed and hung with black crape or ribbon. They suppose that each of such houses contains a corpse, and they conclude that some dire and wide-spread epidemic is among us. It is time that this absurd fashion should be abolished. No one will think the sorrow of a family is greater or more sincere because their house is shut up. Besides, light and air are essential to health and cheerfulness, and these are especially needed in houses where there has been sickness and sorrow. We trust the example of the cminent gentleman to whom we have referred, and whose grief no one will question, even though his windows are all open, will be followed universally in our community.

THE GERMAN OPERA. Philadelphians have been more liberal than the musical people of other cities in their support of the German Opera. And yet their support has hardly been commensurate with the efforts of the company, or the delight afforded by their performances. They have greatly enlarged our knowledge of the art of music, and have given us many revelations as to its progress and its capabilities which we should never have obtained from the Italians. They first gave us the great operas of Beethoven and Weber, and one of Mozart's never before sung here. They have made us acquainted with Kreutzer, Wagner, Spohr, Nicolai, Lortzing, Gounod, Boieldieu and others whom we had only known by report. Their leading artists have labored faithfully and conscientiously to interpret properly the works of these composers; while their orchestra and chorus have been superior to those brought here by Italian companies.

It is only by recalling these and other facts, connected with the performances or the German company during the past two years, that we can appreciate the extent of our obligations to them. The artists are grateful for the support given to them here: but it is scarcely sufficient to warrant a continuance of their efforts to please, owing to the heavy expenses of their enterprise. They desire to prolong their stay beyond time came for action, it appeared that a he present week, and to offer new attrac-

tions to the public. But some assurance is needed that they will not lose money. This can best be given by filling the house during the performances yet to take place this week-If there should be a large and brilliant audience this evening, to hear the delightful opera of La Dame Blanche, and another on Friday evening, when Gounod's Faust will probably be produced, the artists would feel encouraged to remain. Let all interested use their best exertions to effect such a result.

OPPORTUNE REBEL TESTIMONY.

The horrors of the Libby prison, against which the civilized world has so loudly but fruitlessly protested, it appears have even shocked the sensibilities of a Richmond journalist, a representative of the human species which it was believed no outrage, no act of cruelty, could appal. The editor of the Enquirer with unusual boldness has ventured to express in print his opinion of that charnel-house, and to describe what he saw within its walls, while on a visit of curiosity to see the incarcerated "Yankees.' He says " The Libby takes in the captured Federals by scores but lets none out; they are huddled up and jammed into every nook and corner; and at night the floor of every room they occupy is covered, every square inch of it, by uneasy slumberers, lying side by side and heel to head, as tightly packed as if the prison were a huge improbable box of nocturnal sardines. It is truly surprising that some pestilence has not been the result of this herding together of human beings who are constantly breathing the same impure air, and who are allowed no out-door exercise. If it should become necessary to reduce their diet to cold corn bread, they will not have strength enough in them even to masticate it." What an exposure is this of rebel cruelty. What a commentary upon the boasted chivalry and hospitality of the South. Thousands of brave heroes, many of them suffering from the effects of honorable wounds or of continued sickness, are confined in such a circumscribed space that their appearance after nightfall, when their evelids are closed, and their minds are relieved of the agony with which during the day they are afflicted, reminds the facetious editor of a box of sardines; and yet the days pass by, and the brutal captors, gloating over the suffering and pain they are inflicting, take no step to remedy the evil.

The statement which we published vesterday from the Enquirer should be circulated throughout the length and breadth of the loyal States. It will prove a greater stimulus to recruiting than all the addresses combined that our authorities, civic and military, can promulgate. Two Corps, at least, are being reorganized for special service, and rumor designates the rebel capital as the point to which they will march under the leadership of brave and experienced commanders, and the release of the captives is said to be one of the great objects to fashion of darkening a house of mourning be attained. What greater incentive can be prevail. And yet we are quite sure that offered for enlistments than the thrilling facts thus opportunely given us by this journalist, and the great end wiich it is rumored is to be accomplished by Burnside and Hancock.

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THE GREAT CENTRAL FAIR FOR THE SAN-ITARY COMMISSION.

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