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THE NEW CITY BAILROAD MONSTER. In another column we print the bill before the Legislature to incorporate the Union Passenger Railway Company. This is the bill to which we referred on Monday, as one that certain parties were determined to have rushed through both Houses before it could be examined, and before the wishes of the citizens of Philadelphia concerning it could be ascertained. The attempt was made in the House last evening. Printed copies of the bill were not laid on the tables of the members till the motion to suspend the rules and put it on its passage was offered. Fortunately one true representative of Philadelphia, Mr. Thomas Cochran, resisted the outrageous proceeding, and after much difficulty, succeeded, chiefly by the aid of honest country members, in having it referred to the proper committee. An effort may be made to force it through the House today, but we trust without success.

Let our readers examine the bill. It authorizes a railroad nearly all over the city of Philadelphia, and on streets where none are required. It gives the widest latitude and the wildest license to the corporators. It exempts them from the usual requirement of giving notice of the opening of subscription books, and it denies to the city of Philadelphia the right of preventing the construction of the road. These two last provisions show that those interested in the bill know they are engaged in a work that will not bear public scrutiny. Although the measure occupied two or three hours of last evening's session, not one word concerning it appears in the published proceedings in the Harrisburg morning papers, it being evidently arranged to keep it as much as possible from the public eye. We thank Mr. Cochran and the gentlemen who joined him in resisting this iniquitous scheme, and we trust they will continue to resist it until it is CASH! SMALL PROFITS and RAPID SALES! E. R. LEE, LEE, 1144 43 North Eighth street.

THE WATER PIPE TAX.

The proposed reform in the charges made for water pipe meets the most strenuous resistance, and the present system is supported by statements which are singularly conflicting with other statements, made when the tax question is not under consideration. For example: Mr. Birkenbine in his various reports has dis-

tinctly stated the cost of laying water pipes, as follows:--In 1859 (See Report Feb. 9, 1860, p. 76), 26 cents.

In 1860 (See Report Feb. 21, 1861, p, 39), 26 9-10 cents. In 1861 (See Report Jan. 16, 1862, p. 87) 15 cents.

This is clear, plain and satisfactory. But when Mr. Birkenbine reports to Councils on the the 16th of March that the cost of laying water pipe is 55 cents per foot, he necessarily causes no small surprise. The wages of laborers have, it is true, increased fifty per cent., and an increase in the price of laying to 22 or 23 cents would be natural and justifiable. But it seems that while the wages to laborers have increased 50 per cent., the cost to the city has increased 266 per cent. or nearly fourfold! Some explanation of this is imperatively demanded,

and we hope Mr. Birkenbine will give it. Perhaps, however, Mr. Birkenbine will reply that he has already given the explanation, and point to his report of February 21, 1861, in which, on p. 39, is to be found a passage which is not only exactly to the point, but which reflects great credit on the writer and will at once clear up all difficulties about the 55 cents now alleged to be the cost. Here it is, verbatim: alleged to be the cost. Here it is, verbatus:

"The expense of laying pipe was slightly increased; last year (1860) it was 269-10 cents per foot. This incudes every expense but material; i. e. labor, surveying, recording, making stops, plugs, ferrules. &c. &c The previous year it cost but twenty-six cents, showing an increase in this item of expense of nine-tenths cent a foot. This is to be regretted, especially as the only reason that can be assigned is the immediate and highly undestrable connection of the Department with politics, three exciting elections having occurred during the past year.

Nevertheless, under the circumstances, the surveyors Revertheless, under the circumstances, the surveyors deserve credit for their good management, for under other management, and a different organization of the Department, at such times pipe laying has cost the city as much as sixty-three conts a foot."

Mr. Berkenbine has here skillfully laid bare the ulcer which consumes the substance of the Water Department, and we require no further explanation to know why the cost of water pipe does not depend upon either the price of labor or of materials, but rather upon the political complexion of the times. After all this, it will be a little too much to tell property owners that they are only paying the legitimate cost of the work. Can any one read the above extract and doubt that the need for a reform is imperative?

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