Mr. Lincoln's Early Life.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Republican.]

HAVANA, Mason Co., Ill., Dec. 14, 1865.—Happening to be in the eastern portion of the county a few days ago, I called to see a Mrs. Wilcox, formerly Mrs. Armstrong. Years ago, when this goodly State of ours was comparatively new, there came to the little village of Salem, Menard county, a tall, plain and rather awkward young man to help in the mill, tend store, and make himself generally useful. After serving in this capacity for some time, and making friends of all who came in contact with him, at mill or grocery, he was appointed County Surveyor, and went to live with a farmer named Armstrong, residing in the neighborhood. This Mrs. Wilcox whom I went to see was the wife of this Armstrong, and the slender, raw-boned shop tender and surveyor was Abraham Lincoln.

"The first time I ever saw him," said Mrs. W., "I went trading. I told Armstrong as soon as I got home there was a new clerk at the store, and I liked him first rate, he was so pleasant and kind. A few days afterward Armstrong went to mill, and when he came home he told me he had seen the new clerk I bragged about so much, and he liked him too. They had got to lifting in the mill, a parcel of them, and the clerk outlifted every man there."

"Well, he lived with you, did he not, afterward?"

"Yes; as soon as he got to surveying he came to our house and made it his home. I made two pairs of deer-skin breeches for him—shirts, too. Armstrong used to carry chain for him. They were great cronies. Wherever Armstrong went Lincoln would go too. He was poor and had no horse; we had several, and he always rode one of our creatures. Sometimes they would be gone a week at a time to Jacksonville, Springfield, or somewhere else. They lied about him when he was nominated for President; and said he used to drink: but he never did. I never saw or heard of his drinking. The young folks thought him kind of queer. When there was a frolic, or any doings among them, he would always go, but never danced and cut up. He amused himself by playing with the children, or telling some funny story to the old folks. Yes, he staid with us till we moved to Missouri, and I never saw him angry the whole time. He used to say he would never marry until he could support a wife comfortably; and he didn't. We lived in Missouri five years, and when we came back he had gone to Springfield. I went down there trading pretty soon, and was standing in a store door looking at the folks, when I saw him coming down the street. A lady was with him, his wife, and everybody was bowing and shaking hands with him. I stood up straight in the door, a little back like, thinking maybe he would not want to see me, with his wife and all those people around; I never could put on any airs, and he knew it. He saw me, though; before he got to me, and came up laughing and shaking hands, real glad to see me; asking after Armstrong and all the rest, just as if he was one of the family. I tell you, Mr. F., he was a kind, good-hearted man, and a true gentleman. He defended my son, (her son was tried for homicide, and acquitted), and after the trial, when I told him I had no money to pay him, he laughed at me, and told me whenever I was in any trouble to come to him. Everybody told me I was foolish to write to him about my son, who was sick in the army; that he had enough else to attend to now, besides looking after me and my family. But when a telegraphic despatch discharging my son, and a letter to me too, came, they found out that he had not forgotten his old home down in Menard."

San Francisco—Its Hotels—Excitements, &c. &c.

A letter from San Francisco, says:

Taken all in all San Francisco is a great place. We go the entire animal in all things; raising the biggest beets and trees and turnips, the fastest women and horses, and the biggest excitements that can be found in the world. Strawberries are so large that it quite compensates for the slight drawback of their being wholly without flavor, and we we have them all the year round. We have larger hotels and more of them than and other city of our population possesses. The Occidental, Cosmopolitan and Lick Houses are immense, and all crowded. The Occidental, by the way, is owned and occupied by Lewis Leland, whom you will remember as a pleasant faced, sweet-voiced boy, long a clerk in your Metropolitan, where his uncles have had furnished apartments for some time, I believe. I used to climb to the upper floors of that caravansary once and a while, merely to hear him calling "Chambermaid! Chambermaid!" through the hall, his voice reminding one of a silver flute. In the matter of accidents, too, we get them up on a scale which nothing on the Atlantic side can equal. Horses are never hitched, but kept standing in the street, and, as a natural consequence, we have an occasional runaway. I should feel quite dull if a day passed without a horse and buggy or two charging by my window like a regiment of cavalry. Last week, however, the climax of runaways was reached, and I saw the whole of it. A buggy and a pair of horses came down Burk street like a shot from a rifled gun, striking one of the city cars squarely on the side, and going fairly through it, leaving very little of the car but the wheels. It was beautifully done. As a lesson in the force of projectiles, I do not think it could be improved upon. There being very few people in the car, no fatal casualty occurred, a lady passenger only having a thigh and both legs broken, and her collar bone dislocated. As the horses have acquired for themselves a local reputation by having twice run away before, I look for a repetition of the experiment with better results. On a previous occasion they killed a little boy, and I should not be surprised if they furnished several excellent subjects for obituary notices by their demonstration. When Colfax was out here we got up a little *battue* for his benefit, and succeeded in killing three men between sun and sun—and a bad day for men at that. Billy Mulligan killed the men and then killed himself. A fairer, squarer fight is seldom seen. He ensconced himself in a house and fired at every one who passed, every one returning the compliment by firing at him. I witnessed the whole affair, and wrote the *Times* a full account of it, which the Indians on the overland route were probably highly entertained with, as the letter never got even as far as Mormondom.

Our scandals are magnificent, too. When a woman goes wrong her immediate relatives generally take pleasure in making the slip public, and it becomes the immediate topic of conversation on street corners. An eminent pianist was made to suffer in consequence of our not doing these things as well as they are done in France. He received an invitation to take some young ladies out buggy-riding—the note was anonymously signed, and the thing looked like an adventure. He, with a companion, repaired to the trysting-place at the appointed time. It was 10 or 11 at night, the young ladies were there, and a moonlight carriage-ride and a supper was the result. Unfortunately, however, the young ladies were inmates of a female college, and their absence from their rooms was discovered by the reverend principal, who ascertained that they had made their escape from the window. With eminent discretion, the whole house was informed of the phenomenon, and the principal sat up and watched the window until their return. It is natural that a principal should take an interest in the reputation of his school, and I suppose he asked them where they had been, and represented to them that windows were not the recognized means of ingress for the regular members of the establishment—being reserved for the egress of intrusive visitors. It would have been well, perhaps, to have kept the affair quiet for the sake of the girls who committed the indiscretion—for it seemed eventually to be determined that it was only indiscretion—but no, the opportunity could not be lost. Sensations are no variety, but we can never spare one. So the whole affair was made public and trumpeted the whole length and breadth of the coast. I do not think there is a paper in the whole country—if we except the Mud Springs *Courier*—which did not deliver itself of an editorial on the occasion. The male parties to the indiscretion got away on the first steamer, but those of the female persuasion were compelled to remain. And it must have been very pleasant for the young ladies.

The White Elephant of Siam.

Sir John Bowring, in the *Fortnightly Review*, gives these elephantine items: "Elephants, especially white elephants, are all-important personages in Siam. In the multitudinous incarnations of Buddha, it is believed that the white elephant is one of his necessary domicils and the possession of a white elephant is the possession of the presence and patronage of the Deity. I was escorted by one of the great ministers of state to the domicil of the white elephant in Bangkok, whose death not many years ago filled the court and nation with mourning. He had been discovered in the forests of the interior; a large reward was paid to the fortunate discoverer, and the first king left his capital to meet with becoming ostentatious welcome and reverence the newly-acquired treasure. In Siamese history there are many chapters giving an account of invasions and repulses in wars waged solely for the acquisition of some white elephant in the possession of a neighboring sovereign. There are instances where two existed in the same capital, and when negotiations failed for the acquisition of one by friendly surrender, the territory of the doubly-blessed monarch was violated, and the superfluous elephant demanded *vi et armis*. The court of Siam had been for some time unhonored by the presence and the patronage of a white elephant. Elephants there were not wholly dark brown or pale black, with pendant ears of a lighter color and spots on the skin, which showed some affinity to a purer and diviner race. These were adorned with rich jewels, attended by special servitors, accompanied by music when they left their stalls; but they became as nothing when the elephant of higher aristocracy, or rather of celestial genealogy, appeared. The King, on the announcement of his capture, wrote to me in terms of high satisfaction at his good fortune. When he escorted his prize to his capital I was conducted to the palace of the honored dignitary; to say the truth, his color was not white, but coppery, like that of a red Indian. His stable was painted like a Parisian drawing room; there was an elevated platform, on whose adjacent walls handsome warlike ornaments were hung, and nobles of high rank were in attendance, who took care he should be supplied with delicious food, principally the young sugar cane. When the white elephant went to bathe, caparisoned in splendid decorations, he was preceded by musicians, escorted by courtiers, and was received by the people with prostration and reverence. On my departure from Bangkok, after the signature of the treaties, when the royal letters were delivered engraved on golden slabs for the great Queen of England and placed in a gold box, locked with a gold key, though many handsome presents accompanied the royal missives one offering was placed in my hands with the assurance that it was by far the most precious of the gifts to be conveyed—and the invaluable offering was a bunch of hairs from the white elephant's tail tied together with a golden thread."

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE PHŒNIX INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. DECEMBER 18th, 1865.—Notice is hereby given, that, agreeably to the charter, an election for fifteen Directors will be held at the Company's office, on MONDAY, the 1st day of January next, at 11 o'clock A. M.
de18tja1§ SAMUEL WILCOX, Secretary.

UNION NATIONAL BANK. — PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1865.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1866, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock of that day.
dell-30trp§ N. C. MUSSELMAN, Cashier.

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 9, 1865.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank for the election of Directors, will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 M.
F. P. STEEL, Cashier.
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420 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, December 12th, 1865.
A special meeting of the stockholders of the Mount Farm Oil Company will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, December 27, 1865, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the reduction of the capital.
dell-15t* S. F. WATSON, Secretary.

KENSINGTON AND NEW JERSEY FERRY COMPANY.
The Annual Meeting of Stockholders for the election of Directors will be held at the office, 1035 BEACH Street, above Laurel, on MONDAY, January 1, 1866, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
CHARLES M. LUKENS, Secretary.
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OFFICE PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, December 20th, 1865.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders and an election for Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office on MONDAY, the eighth day of January, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M.
d20-tja8 J. MORRILL, Secretary.

THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON & BALTIMORE RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 19th, 1865.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, and an election of Directors, will take place at the office of the Company, in Wilmington, on the second MONDAY (8th) of January next, at 11 A. M.
del9-tu,th,s-tja8] ALFRED HORNER, Sec'ry.

OFFICE OF LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 18th, 1865.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office, No. 412 Walnut street, on MONDAY, the 8th of January next, at 12 o'clock M., at which time an election will be held for President and twelve Directors for the ensuing year.
L. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary and Treasurer.
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MANUFACTURERS' INSURANCE COMPANY—Office, No. 414 Walnut street—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1865.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of "The Manufacturers' Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania" will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 1st, 1866, at 4 o'clock, P. M., when an election will be held for ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year.
dell 18trp§ M. B. KEILY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20, 1865.
The Annual Meeting of the stock and scrip holders of the Union Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 8, 1866, at 12 M, at which time will be held an election for eight Directors to serve for the ensuing three years.
de20-tja8§ JOHN MOSS, Sec'y.

OFFICE CATAWISSA R. R. COMPANY. No. 424 Walnut street. PHILADELPHIA, December 4th.
Certificates of scrip on the preferred stock of this Company will be issued on February 1st, 1866. The transfer books of the preferred stock will be closed for this purpose on January 1st, 1866, and opened on February 1st.
By order &c. M. P. HUTCHINSON, Vice Pres. and Sec.
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OFFICE OF THE PROVIDENT LIFE AND TRUST COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.—No 111 South Fourth street, 12th mo., 13th, 1865.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the above named Company, will be held at their office on THIRD DAY, 1st mo., 2d (Tuesday, January 2), 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
An election for three Directors, to serve for three years, will be held between the hours of 10 A.M., and 2 P. M.
del3-tja1§ ROWLAND PARRY, Actuary.

GIRARD NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA December 9th, 1865.
The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
A meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the same place and on the same day at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the general interests of the Institution.
W. L. SCHAFFER, Cashier.
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OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.—PHILADELPHIA, December 20, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 407 Walnut street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 8th, 1866, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President and ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year.
d20-tja8 EDWARD ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE McELHENY OIL COMPANY, 218 WALNUT Street, Room No. 11½ PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12th, 1865.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the McELHENY OIL COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company, 218 WALNUT street, Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, 2d day of January, A. D. 1866 at 12½ o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Clerk and Board of nine Directors, and for the transaction of such further business as may properly come before them. By order of the Board.
del2tj1* G. E. FRYER, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 308 Walnut street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec 18th, 1865.
At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Reliance Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, held this day, the following gentlemen were elected Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, viz:
Clem Tingley, Benjamin W. Tingley,
Wm. Musser, Marshall Hill,
Samuel Bispham, Charles Leland,
H. L. Carson, Thos H. Moore,
Robert Steen, Saml. Castner,
Wm. Stevenson, Alfred English,
James T. Young.
del9-3t§ THOS. C. HILL, Secretary.

NOTICE.
UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.
SECOND DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.
Comprising the First, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Twenty-sixth wards of the city of Philadelphia.
The assessment for the above-named district, of persons liable to tax on INCOME for the year 1864, and on *Licenses, Carriages, Billiard Tables, Watches, Pianofortes, Musical Instruments' Silver and Gold Plate, &c.*, for the year ending the 30th of April, 1866, having been completed.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, "That said duties have become due and payable," and that the undersigned and his deputies will attend at his office, No. 239 DOCK street, *daily* (Sundays excepted), between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M., until and including SATURDAY, the 23d of December, 1865, for the purpose of receiving the same.
All such taxes remaining unpaid after said *23d day of December*, 1865, will be subject to the penalty and charges imposed by law, which will be strictly enforced.
The PENALTY for non-payment of said taxes is TEN PER CENT. additional of the amount assessed, and the CHARGES are twenty cents for special notice and four cents per mile for the delivery thereof with the additional penalty, in regard to persons liable to the License Tax, of $500, or imprisonment for not exceeding two years.
dell-tde23 JOHN H. DIEHL, Collector.

OFFICE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, November 14th, 1865.
In order to procure funds for the extension of the Railroad to the Wyoming Valley,
The Board of Directors of this Company, at their meeting, this day, passed the following resolution:
Resolved, That the Stockholders of this Company shall be entitled to subscribe, at par, for TWENTY PER CENT. additional to the Stock standing in their respective names on the Books of the Company, on the 1st day of December next; and each Stockholder entitled to a fractional part of a Share, shall be allowed to subscribe for a full share, as no fractions will be issued.
Subscription Books will be opened at the Company's office in Philadelphia on the 15th of December, and close on the 15th of January, 1866.
Payments to be made as follows: Five dollars per share to be paid at the time of subscribing, and five dollars per share on the 15th day of each and every month thereafter, until the whole amount shall have been paid—after which certificates of the new stock will be issued, but neither interest nor dividend will be allowed until the whole shall be paid as aforesaid.
Those Stockholders who fail to subscribe within the time mentioned or to pay the several instalments at or before the period they fall due, will lose their right to the new stock.
By order of the Board.
no15-2m* L. CHAMBERLAIN, Treasurer.

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.—PHILADELPHIA, August 15th, 1865.
The Mortgage bonds of the Connecting Railway Company, between the station of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in West Philadelphia and Frankford, a distance of seven miles, can be obtained at this office, No. 238 South Third street.
These bonds are in sums of one thousand dollars, with interest coupons attached, payable at said office on the 15th day of March and September in each year, at the rate of six per centum per annum, and the principal payable in five equal annual amounts at the rate of $200,000 per annum—the first series on September 15, A. D., 1900. The principal and interest are secured by a mortgage for one million of dollars upon all the railway and property of the company; and are guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. These bonds are made free of State taxes by the company.
The railway is being constructed in the most substantial manner, and will be completed during the ensuing year. This road perfects the connection between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York lines via Philadelphia, and becoming, as it will, the main channel of communication between New York and the West, as well as to and from the National Capital, will always obtain large revenues and be one of the most important railways of the Union.
Under a contract with the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad Company, that company leases the road of the Connecting Railway Company, and agrees to pay an annual rent for 999 years of six per centum upon the cost of the road, clear of taxes. These bonds are therefore recommended as a first-class security.
For further information apply at the office of the Company. THOMAS T. FIRTH, Treasurer.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.—The Delaware and Raritan Canal will be closed for navigation on SATURDAY, the 23d inst., unless sooner stopped by ice.
J. ... STEVENS, Engineer and Superintendent.
de16-7t

OFFICE WARREN AND FRANKLIN RAILWAY COMPANY, 205½ Walnut street. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19th, 1865.
The annual meeting of stockholders and election for Directors of the Warren and Franklin Railway Company will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 8th, 1866.
GEORGE C. THOMAS, JR., Secretary.
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AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY, WALNUT street, South-east Corner of FOURTH, PHILADELPHIA, December 19, 1865.
NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, for the Election of Thirteen Trustees, to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Office, on MONDAY, January 1st, 1866, between 10 A. M. and 12 o'clock, noon. JOHN S. WILSON, Secretary.
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DELAWARE MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given, that the Tenth Installment being TWO DOLLARS per Share on each and every 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 18th day of December, 1865. Interest will be charged on all Instalments after the same shall have become due.
By order of the Board of Directors.
B. WYATT WISTAR, Treasurer.
PHILADELPHIA Dec. 4, 1865. de4-2t&th,sa,tu1m§

CHRISTMAS DINNER TO THE POOR.—The Teachers and Managers of the BEDFORD STREET MISSION design giving their usual DINNER on CHRISTMAS DAY, to the Scholars of the Day and Sabbath schools under their charge, at the Mission House, No. 619 BEDFORD Street. Dinner on the table at 12 o'clock. Friends of the cause cordially invited.
Donations in money, poultry, or provisions of any kind, thankfully received by the undersigned, or the missionary at the Mission House.
JACOB H. BURDSALL, 523 Chestnut street.
EDMUND S. YARD, 209 Spruce street.
GEORGE MILLIKEN, 828 Arch street.
JAMES L. BISPHAM, 710 South Second street.
WM. C. STEVENSON, 15 5 Green st. de20-4t§

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

OFFICE OF EL DORADO OIL COMPANY, Northeast corner FIFTH and WALNUT sts., PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18, 1865.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of SIX CENTS per share, being Three PER CENT., on the present capital stock of the company, out of the profits of the company, clear of tax, payable on and after the 28th instant, at the office of the Company.
Transfer Books to be closed on the 23d, and re-opened on the 29th inst. B. A. MITCHELL, Treasurer.
de20-4t§

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, November 1, 1865.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock of the Company, clear of National and State Taxes, payable on and after November 30th, 1865.
Blank powers of Attorney, for collecting Dividends, can be had at the Office of the Company, 238 South Third street. THOMAS T. FIRTH, Treasurer.
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PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office 227 South FOURTH street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1865.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on SATURDAY, Dec. 16, and re-opened on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1866.
A dividend of 10 PER CENT. has been declared on the Preferred and Common stock, clear of National and State Taxes, payable in cash or common stock at par, at the option of the holder, on and after the 30th inst., to the holders thereof as they shall stand registered on the books of the company on the 16th inst. All payable at this office. S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.
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OFFICE OF THE MORRIS CANAL AND BANKING CO.—JERSEY CITY, Dec. 18th, 1865.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.
THE FEBRUARY DIVIDEND OF 1866 TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE.
The Board of Directors have this day declared, from the earnings of the Canal, a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., upon the amount of the Preferred Stock, and a dividend of SIX PER CENT., upon the amount of the Consolidated Stock—free of Government tax—payable on the tenth day of JANUARY next, at the office of the Company in Jersey City, or to Stockholders resident in and near Philadelphia, at the Banking House of E. W. Clarke & Co., in that city.
This Dividend is in anticipation, and in lieu of that which would otherwise be paid in February, 1866.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 26th inst., until the 10th of January, inclusive.
de20-tja10 JOHN RODGERS, Sec'ry.

GROCERIES.

NEW FRUITS.—Princess Paper shell and Lisbon Almonds; splendid London Layer Raisins, in whole, half and quarter boxes, choice Eleme figs, in small drums, in store and for sale by M. F. SPILLIN, Tea Dealer and Grocer, N. W. corner Arch and Eighth streets.

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FIRE INSURANCE. THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.
No. 150 South FOURTH Street.
Charter Perpetual. Authorized Capital, $500,000. Paid up Capital, $100,000.
Insures against loss or damage by FIRE on buildings either permanently or for a LIMITED period. Also, on MERCHANDISE generally and household furniture city or country.
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JEFFERSON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.—Office Northeast corner of THIRD and BUTTONWOOD streets (late Tammany). Incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. CHARTER PERPETUAL. Capital authorized by law, $100,000. Make Insurance against Loss or Damage by Fire of Public or Private Buildings, Furniture, Stocks Goods and Merchandise, on favorable terms.
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The Oldest and Most Reliable Accident Insurance Company in America,

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Authorized Capital,	$10 Millions.
Invested Funds, over	16 Millions.
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All losses promptly adjusted without reference to England.

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1829—CHARTER PERPETUAL.

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FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF

PHILADELPHIA.

Assets on January 1, 1865, $2,501,297 04.

Capital	$400,000
Accrued Surplus	997,862
Premiums	1,103,433

UNSETTLED CLAIMS $12,745. INCOME FOR 1865 $310,000.

Losses Paid since 1829 Over

$5,000,000.

Perpetual and Temporary Policies on Liberal Terms.
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DELAWARE MUTUAL SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY.
INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1835.
OFFICE S. E. CORNER THIRD AND WALNUT STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.
MARINE INSURANCE.
ON VESSELS, CARGO, FREIGHT, } To all parts of the world.
INLAND INSURANCES
On Goods, by River, Canal, Lake, and Land Carriage, to all parts of the Union.
FIRE INSURANCES
On Merchandise generally.
On Stores, Dwelling Houses, &c.

ASSETS OF THE COMPANY,
November 1, 1865.

$100,000	United States 5 per cent. loan. '71	$95,000 00
120,000	United States 6 per cent. loan, '81	128,100 00
200,000	United States 7 3-10 per cent. loan Treasury Notes	194,375 00
100,000	State of Pennsylvania Five Per Cent. Loan	90,555 00
54,000	State of Pennsylvania Six Per Cent. Loan	53,250 00
125,000	City of Philadelphia Six Per Cent. Loan	112,812 50
20,000	Pennsylvania Railroad First Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	20,000 00
25,000	Pennsylvania Railroad Second Mortgage Six Per Cent Bonds	23,750 00
25,000	Western Penna. Railroad Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	23,750 00
11,000	300 Shares Stock Germantown Gas Company, principal and interest guaranteed by the City of Philadelphia	13,537 50
7,150	143 Shares Stock Penna. Railroad Company	8,580 00
5,000	100 Shares Stock North Pennsylvania Railroad Company	3,250 00
40,000	Deposit with the United States Government, subject to 10 days call	40,000 00
30,000	State of Tennessee Five Per Cent. Loan	18,900 00
170,700	Loans on Bonds and Mortgage, first liens on City Property	170,700 00
1,036,850	Par. Market value	$996,560 00
	Real Estate	36,000 00
	Bills receivable for insurance made	121,013 37
	Balances due at Agencies.—Premiums on Marine Policies. Accrued Interest, and other debts due the Company	40,511 44
	Scrip and Stock of sundry Insurance and other Companies, $5,133. Estimated value	2,910 00
	Cash in Banks $55,956 89	
	Cash in Drawer 678 48	
		$56,635 37
		$1,253,630 18

DIRECTORS.
Thomas C. Hand, Samuel E. Stokes,
John C. Davis, J. F. Peniston,
Edmund A. Souder, Henry Sloan,
Theophilus Spalding, William G. Boulton,
John R. Penrose, Edward Darlington,
James Traquair, H. Jones Brooke,
Henry C. Hallett, Jr., Edward Lafourcade,
James C. Hand, Jacob P. Jones,
William C. Ludwig, James B. McFarland,
Joseph H. Seal, Joshua P. Eyre,
George G. Leiper, Spencer McIlvaine,
Hugh Craig, J. B. Semple, Pittsburgh.
Robert Burton, A. B. Berger, Pittsburgh.
John D. Taylor, D. T. Morgan, Pittsburgh.
THOMAS C. HAND, President.
JOHN C. DAVIS, Vice President.
HENRY LYLBURN, Secretary. del3tnol

FIRE ASSOCIATION,
Incorporated March 27, 1820,
OFFICE, No. 34 N. FIFTH street. Insure BUILDINGS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and MERCHANDISE generally, from Loss by Fire, (in the City of Philadelphia only.)
STATEMENT of the Assets of the Association
January 1, 1865.

Bonds and Mortgages on Property in the City of Philadelphia only	$697,261 33
Ground Rents	26,806 64
Real Estate. (Office, Fifth and North streets.)	14,390 15
U. S. Gov. 5-20, Bonds	45,000 00
Deposit with U. S. Assistant Treasurer	25,000 00
Cash on hand	25,629 37
	$909,557 48

TRUSTEES:
GEORGE W. TRYON, President.
Wm. H. Hamilton, Jos. R. Lyndall,
John Souder, Levi P. Coats,
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John Phibin, Charles P. Bower,
John Carrow, Robert Shoemaker,
Geo. I. Young, Jesse Lightfoot.
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ANTHRACITE INSURANCE COMPANY.—CHARTER PERPETUAL.
Office, No. 311 WALNUT street, above Third, Phila.
Will insure against Loss or Damage by Fire, on Buildings, either perpetually or for a limited time, Household Furniture and Merchandise generally.
Also—Marine Insurance on Vessels, Cargoes and Freight. Inland Insurance to all parts of the Union.
DIRECTORS.
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D. Luther, Peter Sieger,
Lewis Audenried, J. E. Baum,
J. R. Blakiston, Wm. F. Dean,
Jos. Manfield, John Ketchem.
WM. ESHER, President.
WM. F. DEAN, Vice-President.
WM. M. SMITH, Secretary. ja22

INSURANCE.

THE RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.
Incorporated in 1841. Charter Perpetual.
OFFICE, No. 308 WALNUT STREET.
CAPITAL, $300,000.
Insures against loss or damage by FIRE, on Houses, Stores and other Buildings, limited or perpetual, and on Furniture, Goods, Wares and merchandise in town or country.
LOSSES PROMPTLY ADJUSTED AND PAID.
ASSETS $408,094 79
Invested in the following securities viz:

First Mortgages on City Property, well secured	$124,100 00
United States Government Loans	135,000 00
Philadelphia City 6 per cent. Loans	55,000 00
Pennsylvania $3,000,000 6 per cent Loan	21,000 00
Pennsylvania Railroad Bonds, first and second Mortgages	35,000 00
Camden and Amboy Railroad Company's 6 per cent. Loan	6,000 00
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company's 6 per cent. Loan	5,000 00
Huntingdon and Broad Top 7 per cent. mortgage bonds	4,560 00
County Fire Insurance Company's Stock	1,050 00
Mechanics' Bank Stock	4,000 00
Commercial Bank of Pennsylvania Stock	10,000 00
Union Mutual Insurance Company's Stock	380 00
Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia's Stock	1,000 00
Cash in bank and on hand	5,914 79
	$408,004 79

DIRECTORS.
Clem. Tingley, Benj. W. Tingley,
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Samuel Bispham, Charles Leland,
H. L. Carson, Thomas H. Moore,
Robert Steen, Samuel Castner,
Wm. Stevenson, Alfred English,
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CLEM TINGLEY, President.
THOMAS C. HILL, Secretary.
PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1865. de20-th,s,tu,tf

LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY.—THE GIRARD LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITY and TRUST COMPANY, of Philadelphia.
OFFICE, No. 408 CHESTNUT Street.
CHARTER PERPETUAL.
Capital $300,000—paid in and invested in Bonds and Mortgages.
Continue to make Insurance on Lives, grant Annuities and Endowments and make contracts generally, which depend on the contingencies of life. They act as Executors, Administrators, Assignees, Receivers, Committee of Lunatics, Guardians of Minors and Trustees generally, whether committed to their charge by individuals, Courts of Justice or corporate bodies.
They give a participation of Profits to the insured for life.
MANAGERS.
Thomas Ridgway, John A. Brown,
Robert Pearsall, Henry G. Freeman,
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George Taber, Wm. P. Jenks,
John C. Mitchell, H. N. Burroughs,
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MEDICAL EXAMINERS.—George Emerson, M. D., and Samuel Chamberlaine, M. D., attend at the office daily at 12 o'clock, noon.
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INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA—MARINE, FIRE AND INLAND TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE.
Office, No. 232 WALNUT street, south side, east of Third street.
The Properties of this Company are well invested and furnish an available fund for the ample indemnity of all persons who desire to be protected by Insurance.
MARINE RISKS taken on Vessels, Freights and Cargoes.
INLAND TRANSPORTATION RISKS on Merchandise per Railroads, Canals and Steamboats.
FIRE RISKS on Merchandise, Furniture and Buildings in City and County.
INCORPORATED IN 1794—CAPITAL, $500,000, AND PAID IN AND SECURELY INVESTED.
TOTAL PROPERTIES, $1,700,000.
PERPETUAL CHARTER.
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THE COUNTY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—
OFFICE NO. 110 SOUTH FOURTH STREET, BELOW CHESTNUT.
"The Fire Insurance Company of the County of Philadelphia." Incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania in 1839, for indemnity against loss or damage by fire, exclusively.
CHARTER PERPETUAL.
This old and reliable institution, with ample capital and contingent fund carefully invested continues to insure buildings, furniture, merchandise, &c., either permanently or for a limited time, against loss or damage by fire, at the lowest rates consistent with the absolute safety of its customers.
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This Company, favorably known to the community for over forty years, continues to insure against loss or damage by fire, on Public or Private Buildings, either permanently or for a limited time. Also, on Furniture, Stocks of Goods and Merchandise generally, on liberal terms.
Their Capital, together with a large Surplus Fund is invested in the most careful manner, which enables them to offer to the insured an undoubted security in the case of loss.
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Incorporated by the State of Pennsylvania, 3d month, 22d, 1865,
INSURES LIVES, ALLOWS INTEREST ON DEPOSITS AND GRANTS ANNUITIES.
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Having a large paid up CAPITAL STOCK and SURPLUS invested in sound and available Securities, continue to insure on Dwellings, Stores, Furniture, Merchandise, Vessels in port, and their Cargoes, and other Personal Property. All Losses liberally and promptly adjusted.
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ALBERT C. L. CRAWFORD, Secretary. my23

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No. 406 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.
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PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Sealed proposals will be received at the Department of Highways until 1 o'clock P. M., TUESDAY, 26th, for the masonry, timber superstructure and embankment necessary for the rebuilding of Bridge at Penrose Ferry. Specifications and drawings of which may be seen at the Department of Surveys.
It will be necessary that the proposals shall specify prices for the following items:
Masonry of Piers per perch of 25 cubic feet, to include taking down old work and rebuilding, with sand, lime and cement, scaffolding, &c., the old material to be used as far as suitable.
Masonry on approach, foundations per perch of 25 cubic feet.
Piling for foundations, each to include pile, iron shoe, driving and cutting off, with any coffer damming that may be necessary.
Piling for fenders, including piles, shoe and driving.
Timbers for foundation, per foot B.M., to include workmanship and bolts.
Timber for fenders, per foot, B. M., including workmanship and bolts.
Coping—four inch and eight inch per square foot surface.
Embankment per cubic yard.
Superstructure of trestle approaches per lineal foot.
Superstructure of Howe bridge per lineal foot.
Superstructure of Howe Bridge Long span per lineal foot.
Superstructure of Howe Bridge Draw per lineal foot.
Crib for fender per lineal foot of timber, round, including bolts, workmanship, ballast and sinking.
All bidders are invited to be present at the time and place of opening the said proposals.
Each proposal will be accompanied by a certificate, that a bond has been filed in the Law Department as directed by ordinance of May 25th, 1860.
If the lowest bidder shall not signify his acceptance of the contract within five days after the work is awarded, he will be deemed as declining, and will be held liable on his bond for the difference between his bid and the next higher bid.
Specifications may be had at the Department of Surveys, which will be strictly adhered to.
W. W. SMEDLEY,
d20-3t§ Chief Commissioner of Highways.

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