"OUR DOGS."

BY DR. JOHN BROWN.

Peter.

Peter died young—very quick and soon that bright thing came to confusion. He died of excess of life; his vivacity slew him. Plucky and silent under punishment, or any pain from without, pain from within, in his own precious, brisk, enjoying body, was an insufferable offence, affront and mystery—an astonishment not to be borne—he disdained to live under such conditions.

One day he came in howling with pain. There was no injury, no visible cause, but he was wildly ill, and in his eyes the end of all things had come. He put so many questions to us at each pang—what is this?—what the —— can it be?—did you ever?—as each paroxysm doubled him up, he gave a sharp cry, more of rage and utter exasperation than of suffering; he got up to run away from it—why should he die? Why should he be shut up in darkness and obstruction at that hour of his opening morn—his sweet hour of prime? And so raging, and utterly put out, the honest dear little fellow went off in an ecstasy of fury at death, at its absurdity in his case.

We never could explain his death; it was not poison or injury; he actually expired when careering round the green at full speed, as if to outrun his enemy, or shake him off. We have not yet got over his loss, and all the possibilities that lie buried in his grave, in the Park, beneath a young chestnut-tree where the ruddy-cheeked, fat, and cordial coachman, who of old, in the grand old Reform days, used to drive his master, Mr. Speaker Abercromby, down to "the House" with much stateliness and bouquet, and I dug it for him,—that park in which Peter had often disported himself, fluttering the cocks and hens, and putting to flight the squadron of Gleneagles wedders.

Dick.

He too is dead,—he who, never having been born, we had hoped never would die; not that he did—like Rab—"exactly" die; he was slain. He was fourteen, and getting deaf and blind, and a big bully of a retriever fell on him one Sunday morning when the bells were ringing. Dick, who always fought at any odds, gave battle; a Sabbatarian cab turned the corner, the big dog fled, and Dick was run over,—there in his own street, as all his many friends were going to church. His back was broken, and he died on Monday night with us all about him; dear for his own sake, dearer for another's, whose name—Sine Quâ Non—is now more than ever true, now that she is gone.

I was greatly pleased when Dr. Cotting, of Roxbury, came in yesterday and introduced himself to me by asking, "Where is Dick?" To think of our Dick being known in Massachusetts!

Bob.

If Peter was the incarnation of vivacity, Bob was that of energy. He should have been called Thalaba the Destroyer. He rejoiced in demolition—not from ill-temper, but from the sheer delight of energizing.

When I first knew him he was at Blinkbony toll. The toliman and his wife were old and the house lonely, and Bob was too terrific for any burglar. He was as tall and heavy as a foxhound, but in every other respect a pure old-fashioned, wiry, short-haired Scotch terrier—red as Rob Roy's beard—having indeed ether qualities of Rob's than his hair,—choleric, unscrupulous, affectionate, staunch—not in the least magnanimous—as ready to worry a little dog as a big one. Fighting was his "chief end," and he omitted no opportunity of accomplishing his end. Rab liked fighting for its own sake, too, but scorned to fight anything under his own weight; indeed, was long-suffering to public meanness with quarrelsome dogs. Bob had no such weakness.

After much difficulty and change of masters, I bought him, I am ashamed to say, for five pounds, and brought him home. He had been chained for months, was in high health and spirits, and the surplus power and activity of this great creature, as he dragged me and my son along the road, giving battle to every dog he met, was something appalling.

I very soon found I could not keep him. He worried the pet dogs all around, and got me into much trouble. So I gave him as night-watchman to a goldsmith in Princess street. This work he did famously. I once in passing at midnight stopped at the shop and peered in at the little slip of glass, and by the gaslight I saw where he lay. I made a noise, and out came he with a roar and a bang as of a sledge-hammer. I then called his name, and in an instant all was still except a quick tapping within that intimated the wagging of the tail. He is still there—has settled down into a reputable, pacific citizen—a good deal owing, perhaps, to the disappearance in battle of sundry of his best teeth. As he lies in the sun before the shop door he looks somehow like the old Fighting Téméraire.

I never saw a dog of the same breed; he is a sort of rough *cab* of a dog—a huge quantity of terrier in one skin; for he has all the fun and briskness and failings and ways of a small dog, begging and hopping as only it does. Once his master took him to North Berwick. His first day he spent in careering about the sands and rocks and in the sea, for he is a noble swimmer. His next he devoted to worrying all the dogs of the town, beginning, for convenience, with the biggest.

This aroused the citizens, and their fury was brought to a focus on the third day by its being reported alternatively that he had torn a child's ear off, or torn and actually eaten it. Up rose the town as one man, and the women each as two, and, headed by Matthew Cathie, the one-eyed and excellent shoemaker, with a tall, raw divinity student, knock-kneed and six feet two, who was his lodger, and was of course called young Dominie Sampson. They bore down upon Bob and his master, who were walking calmly on the shore.

Bob was for making a stand, after the manner of Coriolanus, and banishing by instant assault the "common cry of curs;" but his master saw sundry guns and pistols, not to speak of an old harpoon, and took to his heels as the only way of getting Bob to take to his. *Aurifex*, with much *nous*, made for the police station, and, with the assistance of the constables, and half a crown, got Thalaba locked up for the night, safe and sulky.

Next morning, Sunday, when Cathie and his huge student lay uneasily asleep, dreaming of vengeance, and the early dawn was beautiful upon the Bass, with its snowy clouds of sea-birds "brooding on the charmed wave," Bob was hurried up to the station, locked into a horse-box—him never shall that ancient Burgh forget or see.

I have a notion that dogs have humor, and are perceptive of a joke. In the north a shepherd, having sold his sheep at a market, was asked by the buyer to lend him his dog to take them home. "By a' manner o' means tak Birkie, and when ye'r dune wi' him just play so" (making a movement with his arm), "and he'll be hame in a jiffy." Birkie was so clever and useful and gay that the borrower coveted him; and on getting to his farm shut him up, intending to keep him. Birkie escaped during the night, and took the entire hirsel (flock) back to his own master! Fancy him trotting across the moor with them, they as willing as he.

THE woolen mill of R. Gardner & Co., at Janesville, Michigan, was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday. The loss is $60,000, and is insured for $25,000 in the Hartford, Phœnix and Metropolitan Companies. The factory will be rebuilt at once.

A POOR blacksmith in Ohio recently invested a few dollars in two acres of oil land, out of which, in a few months, he made $140,000.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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.
de11-30trp§ N. C. MUSSELMAN, Cashier.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, FRANKFORD, Dec. 27, 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 12 and 3.
WILLIAM H. RHAWN, Cashier.
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OFFICE OF THE DIAMOND COAL COMPANY, 309 Walnut street.
NOTICE.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Company will be held at their office between the hours of 12 and 1 P. M. on THURSDAY, Jan. 11th, 1866.
de29 f,m,w,tjal1 ED. PEARCE, Pres't.

COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL BANK.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8th, 1865.—The annual election for Directors of this Bank 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 2 o'clock, P. M.
de8-f,m,w,tja9 H. C. YOUNG, Cashier.

FARMERS AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1865.—The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on Wednesday, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.
decf,m,w,-tjy10 W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

CITY NATIONAL BANK.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 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 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
G. ALBERT LEWIS, Cashier.
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THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 8, 1865.—The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
dec-w,f,mja9rp§ B. B. COMEGYS, Cashier.

PENN NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA December 9, 1865.—The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at its Banking House on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 3 o'clock, P. M.
JAMES RUSSELL, Cashier.
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PHILADELPHIA, December 27th, 1865.—The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Shamokin Coal Company will be held at the office, No. 264 South FOURTH Street, on WEDNESDAY the 17th day of January next at 11 o'clock.
The Transfer Books will be closed from January 2nd to 19th.
C. R. LINDSAY, Secretary.
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OFFICE OF THE GREENWOOD COAL COMPANY, NO. 225 WALNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1866.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, and an election for officers to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1866, at 12 o'clock, M.
WM. M. DAVIDSON, Secretary.
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OFFICE ST. NICHOLAS COAL COMPANY, 205½ Walnut street, PHILADELPHIA, December 26th, 1865.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the St. Nicholas Coal Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 205½ Walnut street, on MONDAY, January 15th, 1866, at 11 A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors to serve the ensuing year.
de29 f,m,w,tjal5§ CHAS. F. SHOENER, Treas.

CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Cambria Iron Company will be held at their Office, No. 400 Chestnut street, Philadelphia on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January next, at 4 o'clock P. M., when an election will be held for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year.
JOHN T. KILLE, Secretary.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14, 1865. de15f m wlm*

MOSELEM RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 22d, 1865.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Moselem Railroad Company, will be held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 South FOURTH street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 15th, 1866, at 10 A. M., when an election will be held for a President and six Directors, to serve the ensuing year.
W. A. CHURCH, Secretary.
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COLEBROOKDALE RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 23d, 1865.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Colebrookdale Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 South FOURTH Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 15th, 1866 at 11 A.M., when an election will be held for a President and six Directors, to serve the ensuing year.
W. A. CHURCH, Secretary.
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MERCANTILE LIBRARY COMPANY, JANUARY 2d, 1866.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Mercantile Library Company, will be held on TUESDAY, January 16, at 7½ o'clock P. M., in the Library Room.
At this meeting the Annual Report of the Board of Managers will be presented, and nominations of officers for the ensuing year will be made.
JNO. A. McALLISTER, Recording Secretary.
Ja3-12t§

ROSS OIL COMPANY.—A meeting of the Stockholders of the above Company, will be held at their Office, No. 4 HAND Street, on the 11th of January, at 3 o'clock, P. M., to take into consideration the propriety of changing the additional Stock lately added to the Capital, into Preferred Stock. A full attendance is earnestly requested. All proxies must be dated ten days previous.
By order of the Board of Directors.
ROBT. WRAY, JR., Secretary.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23, 1865. Ja3-5t

TWELFTH STREET MARKET COMPANY.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the office of the Company, northeast corner of Twelfth and Market streets, on SATURDAY 13th instant at 11 o'clock, A. M.
An election for nine Managers, to serve the ensuing year will be held same day between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
JOSEPH PAXSON, Secretary.
Ja5-6t*

A MEETING OF THE "WOMEN'S CENTRAL TRI-BRANCH" of the Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 9th, at 11 o'clock, at Horticultural Hall, S. W. corner of Broad and Walnut streets, 2d story; entrance on Broad street.
All interested in the work of clothing and educating the freedmen, (especially the aid societies) are invited to be present.
A. P. STEVENSON, Recording Secretary.
Ja5-6t

PENNSYLVANIA MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given, that an Installment of Four Dollars per Share on each and every share of the Capital Stock in the Pennsylvania 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. 328 Walnut street, Philadelphia, on or before the 6th day of October, 1866. Interest will be charged on all Installments after the same shall have become due.
By order of the Board of Directors.
S. M. DAY, Secretary.
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25, 1865. se26,2t,w,f,m6o§

PENNSYLVANIA MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given that all Stock in this Company, on which the Installments of Four Dollars per Share, called September 25th, 1865 and due October 6th, 1865, is not paid is forfeited for said default; and that, according to the Charter and By-Laws of the Company, it will be sold at Public Auction, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1866, at 12 M., at the Office of the Secretary of the Company, No. 328 WALNUT street, Philadelphia, unless paid on or before that time.
By order of the Board of Directors.
de6,8-2t&m,w,f,tja9§ S. M. DAY, Secretary.
DATED PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1865.

OFFICE CATAWISSA RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 424 Walnut street, PHILADELPHIA, January 2, 1866.
Whereas, The funds have been provided in pursuance of contract by the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad Company for the payment of the first month's rent due by them, at the rate of $35,000 per annum, to the Catawissa Railroad Company: now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That all said rents received by this Company or that may hereafter be received, be and are hereby appropriated to the payment of dividends to the amount of 8 per cent. per annum upon the preferred stock, the certificates of indebtedness for arrears dues thereon, and the common stock on a par value of $50 each, to be paid in quarterly payments, commencing on the first Monday of May next.
By order of the Executive Committee.
M. P. HUTCHINSON, Treasurer.
Ja2-6t§

OFFICE CATAWISSA RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 424 WALNUT street—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29, 1865.
In compliance with request of the Board of Brokers hereto annexed the Transfer Books of the Company for the preferred stock will remain open until the 20th of January, 1866, after which date they will be closed until February 1.
By order, &c.
M. P. HUTCHINSON, Vice President and Secretary.
Philadelphia Board of Brokers, Dec. 29, 1865.
T. H. DU PUY, President Catawissa Railroad—
DEAR SIR: Our transactions in your stock are so large and the time of closing your books of transfer so named, is of so long a duration, this Board would respectfully ask as a favor, if you can make it convenient to do so, to keep the transfer open until the 20th of January next.
I am, truly, your obedient servant,
GEO. W. CAMMANN, President.
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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.
L. CHAMBERLAIN, Treasurer.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1865.—The annual election for Directors will be held at the Bank, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
J. W. TORREY, Cashier.
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THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWARK RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company, Broad street and Washington avenue, on MONDAY, the 15th inst, at 11 A. M.
A. HORNER, Secretary.
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OFFICE BUCK MOUNTAIN COAL CO.—PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5, 1866.
NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of THE BUCK MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 230 WALNUT street, on WEDNESDAY, February 7th, 1866, at 11 o'clock AM.
An Election for SEVEN DIRECTORS, to serve the ensuing year, will be held on the same day, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
T. H. TROTTER, Secretary.
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OFFICE OF THE LOCUST MOUNTAIN COAL AND IRON COMPANY.—PHILADELPHIA, January 4th, 1866.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the above named Company, will be held at their office No. 230 South Third street, on MONDAY, the 5th of February next, at 12 o'clock M., when an election will be held for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed for fifteen days prior to the day for said election.
EDWARD ELY, Secretary.
Ja4-tfe6§

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

OFFICE OF UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—PHILADELPHIA, January 3, 1866.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. on the Stock, and SIX PER CENT. on the outstanding Scrip of the Company, payable on demand, free of taxes.
JOHN MOSS, Secretary.
Ja4 12t§

OFFICE OF THE FAME INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 406 CHESTNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2d, 1866.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT. payable on demand, clear of all taxes.
W. I. BLANCHARD, Secretary.
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OFFICE OF THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY, 430 WALNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1st, 1866.—The Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT. on the capital stock of the company for the last six months, payable on demand, free of all taxes.
JACOB E. PETERSON, Secretary pro. tem.
Ja3-12t§

THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA—Office, 150 South Fourth Street—PHILADELPHIA, January 1, 1866.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS—The Directors have This Day declared a DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT., payable on and after TUESDAY next, the 9th instant, free of National and State Tax.
THOS. NEILSON, Secretary.
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OFFICE OF SECOND AND THIRD STREET PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 2453 Frankford road, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4, 1866.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. for the last six months, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 8th inst., clear of all taxes.
E. A. LESLEY, Treasurer.
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OFFICE LEADING CREEK OIL COMPANY 430 Walnut street.
NOTICE—To all to whom it may concern, that Fifteen Original Shares to subscription in the above Company will be sold at Public Auction, at the Office of the Company, 430 Walnut street, January 18th, 1866, at 8 o'clock P. M., for default of payment of installments due thereon.
By order of the Board.
P. EDWARDS, Secretary.
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PHILADELPHIA AND GRAYS'S FERRY PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY.—Twenty-second street, below Spruce, PHILADELPHIA, January 2d, 1866.
A Dividend of SIX PER CENT., clear of taxes, has this day been declared out of the earnings of the past six months, payable on and after the 16th inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 6th to the 16th inst. By order of the Board.
JAMES McFADDEN, Treasurer.
Ja5-8t§

OFFICE OF THE HYDE FARM OIL COMPANY, No. 167 S. FOURTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, January 2d, 1866.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of TEN CENTS per share, payable on and after January 8th, free of State tax.
The Transfer Books will be closed January 2d, at 3 P. M. and opened January 9th.
WM. M. CARTER, Treasurer.
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OFFICE MINE HILL & SCHUYLKILL HAVEN RAILROAD CO.—PHILADELPHIA 1st Month, 1st, 1866.
At a stated meeting of the Board of Managers, held this day, a semi-annual Dividend of FOUR PER CENT., (equal to two dollars per share) was declared, payable to the Stockholders, or their legal representatives, on or after the 11th inst., *clear of Taxes*.
The transfer book will be closed until the 11th inst.
WILLIAM BIDDLE, Sec'ry.
Ja2-6t§

OFFICE OF THE CORNPLANTER OIL COMPANY, NO. 624 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2, 1866.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of ONE PER CENT. on the capital stock of the company, payable on and after the 16th inst., clear of State taxes. The Transfer Books will close on the 5th inst. at 3 P. M., and open on the 17th.
THOMAS R. SEALE, Treasurer.
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OFFICE OF THE OLD TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD COMPANY, No. 2100 CHESTNUT street, PHILADELPHIA, January 4th, 1866.
At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the OLD TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD COMPANY, held this day, a Dividend of ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS per Share was declared, free of Taxes, payable to the Stockholders, or their legal representatives, on and after the 15th inst. The transfer books will be closed until the 16th inst.
WM. W. COLKET, Treasurer.
Ja3-12t§

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY has declared a Quarterly Dividend of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT., on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable on and after the 17th JANUARY, 1866, at the Office of the Company, No. 412 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia. Also, an Extra Dividend, payable at the same time, of TEN PER CENT., in Stock, at par, so far as the same can be done in even shares; and when the dividend shall amount to a fractional part of a share, the same shall be paid in cash, at the rate of $50 a share, as no fractions will be issued.
L. CHAMBERLAIN, Treasurer.
Ja3-151*

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 stock holders resident in and near Philadelphia, at the Banking House of W. Clode & 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 24th inst., until the 10th of January, inclusive.
JOHN RODGERS, Sec'ry.
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OFFICE OF THE MERRIMAC MINING COMPANY OF LAKE SUPERIOR, No. 132 WALNUT street, PHILADELPHIA, December 1st, 1865.—NOTICE—The Assignees of the MERRIMAC MINING COMPANY OF LAKE SUPERIOR will pay a Dividend of FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15 per cent.) on all claims properly adjusted against the Company, at the office of the Company, 132 WALNUT street, Philadelphia, on and after the 2d day of January, 1866.
When the claims consists of *drafts* of the Company, said drafts must be presented for endorsement of amount paid, and when in *open account*, the certificate of the agent of the mine must appear as to its correctness.
WILLIAM H. BOYER, } Assignees.
SAML. P. DARLINGTON, }
I. L. TIDD, Agent at the Mine,
P. O. address, "Greenland,"
de1-f,m,w,tfe1§ Ontonagon City, Mich.

OFFICE OF THE BOHEMIAN MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, 132 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1st, 1865.
NOTICE.—The assignees of the Bohemian Mining Company of Michigan will pay a dividend of FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15 per cent.) on all claims, properly adjusted, and due by said Company at the office of the Company, 132 Walnut street, Philadelphia, on and after the second day of January, 1866.
When the claim consists of DRAFTS of the Company, said drafts must be presented for endorsement of amount paid, and when in open account, the certificate of the agent at the mine must appear as to its correctness.
SAMUEL P. DARLINGTON, } Assignees.
WILLIAM H. BOYER, }
S. F. PECK, Agent at the Mine.
P. O. Address, Greenland,
Ontonagon county, Michigan. de1-f,m,w,tfe1

EDUCATION.

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Her pupils will have the use of one of Narveesen's superior Pianos—a most excellent instrument.
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MISS MARY E. THROPP'S English and French Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies, 1841 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.
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Ja2 tu,th,s-13t* J. M. HUNTINGTON, Principal.

THE FALL SESSION OF MISS ARROTT'S SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES will commence on Wednesday, September 13th, at her residence, corner of Poplar and Sixteenth streets, Philadelphia. REFERENCES—Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., W. H. Allen, Esq., late President of Girard College. Jy17-1y*

HOTELS.

HOTEL.—The PIERREPONT HOUSE, BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, L. I., is open.
We congratulate our friends and the public that the above Hotel is now conducted upon a liberal plan. Being newly furnished throughout and having the best table the market affords, we recommend our Philadelphia friends to patronize our old townsman, Mr. Peters, of the firm of
PETERS & WILSON, Proprietors.
DECEMBER 25, 1865. de26-1m

BACON.—20 boxes Side Bacon, for sale by E. A. SOUDER & CO., Dock street Wharf.

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FOR NEW YORK.
EXPRESS STEAMSHIP LINE
Have commenced their regular OUTSIDE trips.
The NEW and first class Steamships
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This favorite line will commence their trips on THURSDAY next, 30th inst. The following well known and staunch sea-boats will be placed on the route:
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SAILING FROM EACH PORT EVERY FIVE DAYS.
FROM PINE ST. WHARF, PHILADELPHIA, AND LONG WHARF, BOSTON.
The steamship ARIES, Captain Crowell, will sail from Boston on Saturday, January 6, at 12 M.
The steamship NORMAN, Captain Baker, will sail from Philadelphia on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 A. M.
The line between Philadelphia and Boston is now composed of the
SAXON, Captain Matthews, 1200 tons burthen.
NORMAN, Captain Baker, 1200 tons burthen.
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These substantial and well appointed steamships will sail punctually as advertised, and freight will be received every day, a steamer being always on the berth to receive cargo.
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For freight or passage, apply to
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DIRECT FROM PHILADELPHIA.
To sail positively on SATURDAY, Jan. 13th, at 12 M. UNLESS COMPELLED TO LEAVE SOONER BY THE ICE.
The Iron United States Mail Steamship WM. G. HEWES, 1,500 tons burthen, Capt. S. Annis commander, is now rapidly loading at the steamship wharf, above Vine street, and having nearly all of her cargo engaged, will sail as above.
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The fine steamships of this Line insure at the lowest rates and sail regularly from the First Wharf above Market street, every
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At Noon,
Connecting with Railroads from Richmond, Norfolk and City Point, the most direct route for the South and Southwest.
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ROBINSON'S CALIFORNIA CLIPPER LINE.
SAILING REGULARLY AS ADVERTISED.
Freight for this Line sent to New York by Swinburne Line at reduced rates.
The renowned clipper ship
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Is now taking in the balance of her cargo at pier 11 East River, and will positively be the first clipper ship to sail. All freight should be forwarded immediately, as she will close out in a few days. For freight, apply to
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FOR PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Express Line.—The fine schooner DELAWARE, Bishop, master, now loading for the above port at first wharf above Race street will have prompt despatch. For freight, apply to DAVID COOPER & CO., 18 N. Wharves. Ja5

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.—The fine schooner ELIZABETH MAGEE, Magee, master, 450 tons burden, or 4,000 bbls. capacity, coppered and copper fastened, now in port and ready for any voyage. Apply to DAVID COOPER & CO., 18 North Wharves. de23

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FOR BALTIMORE, MD.—The fine schooner MARY GAY, Captain Keen, is now loading for the above port at Girard's wharf, above Market street, and will sail with despatch. For freight, apply to DAVID COOPER & CO., 18 N. Wharves.

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