From Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The following is the bill which was to-day introduced by Representative Hooper, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means:

Be it enacted, That the act entitled "An Act to Provide Ways and Means to Support the Government," approved March 3, 1865, shall be extended and construed to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to sell any description of bonds authorized by said act, at such rates, not less than par, as he may think advisable, for lawful money of the United States, or to receive in payment any Treasury notes, compound interest notes, certificates of indebtedness or of deposit, with the interest accrued thereon, which have been or which may be issued under any act of Congress. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to retire and cancel an amount of treasury notes, certificates or other obligations bearing interest equal in amount to the bonds disposed of, and the public debt shall not hereafter be increased by authority of this or any previous acts of Congress, and from and after the first day of July next, the interest and certificates of deposit for temporary loans shall not exceed the annual rate of five per centum.

The following is the bill introduced by Representative Kelley, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay and fully liquidate the principal and interest of all the compound interest notes of the United States when the same may become due; and the Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue legal-tender notes, which shall not bear interest, for the purpose of liquidating such compound interest notes; *provided*, that the amount of legal-tender notes to be issued by the Secretary, as aforesaid, shall not exceed the amount of compound interest notes to be paid and liquidated as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. That from and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for the Secretary to increase the then existing amount of legal-tender currency or National Bank currency of the United States, except as is provided in the first section of this act, or diminish the amount to less than nine hundred millions of dollars.

SEC. 3. That from and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for the Secretary to sell or dispose of any gold coin or gold certificates of the United States at a less price than one dollar and thirty cents in the currency of the United States for one dollar in gold coin or one dollar of the gold certificates of the United States, until the first day of July next, and after that time it shall not be lawful for him to diminish the price of gold more than one per cent. in any month below the price of the preceding month.

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr. Representative Collum, of Illinois, to-day, introduced an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, providing that no person except a citizen of the United States, who has at all times borne true allegiance thereto, shall ever hold any office under the United States, and Congress shall pass the necessary laws to prevent a violation of this article. This amendment has been carefully worded, so as to avoid any reference in the Constitution to the fact that there has been a rebellion or an attempt to establish a Southern Confederacy.

Acting Commissioner Whitman, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, has issued the following circular, addressed to the Assessors:

The Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of the Bank for Savings in the city of New York vs. M. B. Field, has decided that the said bank is liable to pay the tax of one twenty-fourth of one per cent. each month upon the average amount of deposits of money held by it, &c.

The liability of all similar institutions to pay said tax is thereby determined beyond further controversy, and you will please to notify all savings banks and saving institutions in your district that have not made complete returns and paid the tax thereon, to this effect. An immediate and strict compliance with the law must now be insisted on, and in case of further refusal you will proceed as instructed in Circular No. 36, of October 20th, 1865.

On Wednesday the Colombian Commission meet again to hear the cases of Daniels vs. the ships Good Return, the Medea and the La Constancia. They were before the Commission in 1862, and the umpire then made a decision awarding some four hundred thousand dollars to the several claimants; but the Colombian Commission at that time protested against the decision.

As only the question of jurisdiction had been referred to the umpire, payment was not made. The cases are now sent to the present Board by Mr. Seward to determine whether the decisions should stand or be re-opened.

The umpire of the present Board, Sir Frederick Bruce, is expected to be present at the argument. Mr. James M. Carlisle, of Washington, represents the Colombian Government as its attorney, and Mr. Walter S. Cox, of Georgetown, and Hon. S. S. Cox, of New York city, the claimants.

These international commissions are becoming an important part of international diplomacy, and it is to the credit of the English minister that in the midst of his Fenian troubles he gives time to forward the objects of peace by acting in his capacity of mediator between the two republics. The commission will expire about the middle of May. Already all the business is disposed of satisfactorily.

The cases to be argued on Wednesday grow out of the privateering of our citizens in the wars of the South American nations against Spain, and alleged seizure of their prizes by the Colombian Government. They involve many interesting questions connected with those early days.

The United States Consul at La Rochelle, France, in his despatches to the Department of State, dated Feb. 20, recommends that a rigid quarantine be enforced against all vessels from the ports of Caen, Brest, La Rochelle and Bordeaux. He says the cholera appears to be moving along the western coast of France and is now at the Sable d'Olonne, and from present appearances he thinks it will pass along the coast and through La Rochelle and Bordeaux into Spain.

The Consul at Candia, in the Grecian Islands, having had considerable experience in connection with the cholera, gives to the Government several suggestions for the improvement of quarantine. He recommends that vessels take on board, at the port of departure, health officers, sworn by and responsible to our authorities, and chosen with the approval of our Consul at such port of departure, on whose report that no symptom of cholera had manifested itself on board during the voyage, the vessel might be admitted to pratique—the time occupied on the passage to be counted as part of the quarantine.

The United States Consul at Amsterdam writes to the Department of State under date of February 20th, that the cattle plague is still spreading, and it is feared will infect the whole country. The farmers are so much opposed to the killing of infected cattle that in some instances the military had to be employed to inforce obedience to the law. One mode of treatment is recommended, promising to be a successful cure, which is to rub the skin of the infected animal vigorously, and then to cover the beast with cloths dipped in cold water, over which dry cloths are spread. Out of twenty-two cases treated in this manner only one was lost.

On Saturday evening last, just after the Secretary of the Treasury had arrived at his residence from the Department, his door bell rang, and a young man was admitted, who said he had been a soldier in the Union army, and had come to the Secretary on a business which he felt he could no longer neglect.

While in the service he had, through a mistake of some disbursing officer, been overpaid $393, and although he had used this money, yet his conscience would not permit him longer to conceal the fact, and he had directly approached the Secretary to unburden his mind. "Here," said he, addressing the Secretary, "are $200, which I wish to return now, and I have loaned $200, which will soon be returned to me, and then I will pay you the balance, $193."

The Comptroller of Customs at Ottawa, C. W., has transmitted to Secretary McCulloch a certified copy of the act of the Canadian Parliament recently passed, prohibiting the importation of cattle, sheep, horses, hides, &c., by sea into the Province.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ROCK OIL COMPANY.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the ROCK OIL COMPANY will be held at the Company's office, No. 206 South FOURTH street, on MONDAY, the 2d of April at 12 o'clock, for the election of five Directors to serve for the ensuing year. JOHN F. GRAFF, Treasurer. mh12,ta,p24

OFFICE CATAWISSA R. R. COMPANY No. 424 WALNUT Street, PHILADELPHIA March 12th, 1866.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held on TUESDAY, the 3d day of April, 1866, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Company's Office, No. 424 WALNUT street, in the city of Philadelphia. M. P. HUTCHINSON, Vice President and Secretary. mh14-4t

OFFICE OF THE WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY, No. 230 South Third street, corner of Willing's alley. PHILADELPHIA, March 17, 1866. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY will be held at their office, on WEDNESDAY, April 4th, 1866, at 12 o'clock M. An election will be held for eleven Directors to serve for the ensuing year. F. H. JACKSON, Secretary. mh19-tap4

OFFICE OF THE AMYGDALOID MINING COMPANY OF LAKE SUPERIOR, 324 Walnut street.—NOTICE is hereby given that an installment of TWO DOLLARS ($2) on each and every share of the Capital Stock of the Amygdaloid Mining Company will be due and payable at the office of the Company, No. 324 Walnut street, on or before TUESDAY, March 27th inst, with interest added after that date. By order of the Board, F. R. WOMRATH, Treasurer. mh17-27t

OFFICE OF THE HYDE FARM OIL COMPANY, No. 147 South Fourth street.—PHILADELPHIA, March 16th, 1866. The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, APRIL 2d, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Transfer Books will close on March 27th, and open April 3d. THOMAS S. WOOD, Secretary. mh16,20,23,26,29,ap2

OFFICE OF THE EGRET OIL COMPANY, No. 147 South Fourth street.—PHILADELPHIA, March 16th, 1866. The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the office of the Company, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Transfer Books will close March 30th, and open April 5th. WM. M. CARTER, Secretary and Treasurer. mh16,20,23,27,31,ap4

DELAWARE MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given that the eleventh and last Instalment of TWO-AND-ONE-HALF 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. 328 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, on or before the 19th day of February 1866. Interest will be charged on all Instalments after the same shall have become due. By order of the Board of Directors, R. WYATT WISTAR, Secretary. Dated Philada. Feb. 7th, 1866. fe7 11t.dtu.th.s,tal4

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA—(DEPARTMENT OF ARTS.)—The Examination of the Junior, Sophomore and Freshmen Classes at the close of the Second Term, will be held in the following order:

TUESDAY, 20th—From 10 to 12, *Juniors*, by the Provost. (*Intellectual Philosophy.*) From 12 to 2, *Sophomores*, by Prof. Coppée, (Botta's *Universal Literature.*) and *Freshmen*, by Prof. Kendall, (*Algebra*) *written.*

WEDNESDAY, 21st—From 10 to 12, *Juniors*, by Prof. Frazer, (*Hydrodynamics.*) From 12 to 2, *Seniors*, by Prof. Coppée, (*International Law.*)

THURSDAY, 22d—From 10 to 12, *Sophomores*, by Prof. Allen, (Thucydides—*Sicilian Expedition.*) From 12 to 2, *Freshmen*, by Prof. Coppée, (*History.*)

FRIDAY, 23d—From 10 to 12, *Seniors*, by the Provost. (Butler's *Analogy.*) From 12 to 2, *Juniors*, (*Differential Calculus.*) and *Sophomores*, (*Trigonometry.*) by Prof. Kendall, *written.*

MONDAY, 26th—From 10 to 12, *Juniors*, by Prof. Allen, (*Demosthenes.*) From 12 to 2, *Sophomores*, by Prof. Frazer, (*Chemistry of the Metalloids.*) and *Freshmen*, by Prof. Jackson, (*Livy.*) *written.*

TUESDAY, 27th—From 10 to 12, *Freshmen*, by Prof. Allen, (*Herodotus.*) From 12 to 2, *Juniors*, by Prof. Jackson, (*Juvenal.*)

WEDNESDAY, 28th—From 10 to 12, *Sophomores*, by Prof. Jackson, (Cicero *de Senectute.*)

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OFFICE, NO. 92 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL	$200,000 00
ASSETS	292,559 22
TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,850 00
LOSSES PAID IN 1865	201,583 14

This Company insures against Loss or Damage by Fire on terms as favorable as any other responsible Company.

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1829—CHARTER PERPETUAL.

FRANKLIN

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF

PHILADELPHIA.

Assets on January 1, 1866,

$2,506,851 96.

Capital	$400,000 00
Accrued Surplus	944,543 15
Premiums	1,162,308 18

UNSETTLED CLAIMS, $11,467 53. INCOME FOR 1865, $310,000.

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GIRARD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

OFFICE, 415 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

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This company continues to write on *Fire Risks only*. Its capital, with a good surplus, is safely invested.

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Losses by fire have been promptly paid, and more than $500,000

Disbursed on this account within the past few years.

For the present the office of this company will remain at

415 WALNUT STREET,

But within a few months will remove to its OWN BUILDING, the

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Then, as now, we shall be happy to insure our patrons at such rates as are consistent with safety.

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No. 150 South Fourth st, above Walnut street

CHARTER PERPETUAL.

This Company insures against loss or damage by FIRE on PUBLIC and PRIVATE buildings, FURNITURE and MERCHANDISE generally, City or Country. Also insures dwellings perpetually by deposits of premium.

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THE RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. Incorporated in 1841. Charter Perpetual OFFICE, No. 238 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.	
Invested in the following Securities, viz:	$403,004 79
First Mortgages on City Property, well secured	$124,100 00
United States Government Loans	155,000 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 percent. 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	330 00
Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia's Stock	1,000 00
Cash in bank and on hand	5,914 79
	$403,004 79

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ASSETS—$103,795 86.

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Authorized Capital,	$10 Millions.
Invested Funds, over	16 Millions.
Yearly Revenue, over	5 Millions.
Invested in the United States, over	$1,500,000

All losses promptly adjusted without reference to England.

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