THE COURTS.

Trial of George S. Twitchell, Jr., for the Murder of Mrs. Hills.

CONCLUSION OF THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Court reassembled at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. M. Fletcher recalled—I have stated I took possession of all the keys; there were two safe-doors—the proof-keys I gave one one of the fire-proof keys to Chief Lamon.

No cross-examination.

Chief Lamon sworn—Mr. Fletcher gave me a safe-key, and I gave it to Detective Taggart to go over and open a safe with.

No cross-examination.

Detective Taggart recalled—I received a safe-key from Mr. Fletcher.

Question—What did you do with it?

Objected to, unless the prisoner was connected with the key.

The Court decided that the fact that a safe was opened by a key found in the defendant's house laid a *prima facie* right to give evidence as to the contents of the safe.

Witness resumed—I went to Hamden with the key, and to the place of business of Mr. Twitchell, as I supposed, foot of Cooper street, Camden, N. J., and opened the safe; there was machinery, logs and shingles at the place of business.

Questions—Did what you found in the safe.

Objected to, as there was no evidence to show the safe was the prisoner's, except the key fitted it.

Question withdrawn.

Chief Lamon recalled—The prisoner stated to me he was in the habit of a shingle manufactory, foot of Cooper street, Camden.

Objection renewed, as the safe might have been carried there to make a charge against the prisoner. Objection overruled.

Witness resumed—We took contained books and papers appertaining to his business; there was no private matter contained in it, which was remarked more particularly after; found his bank book with the National Bank of Camden; there was a book of bills payable, of promissory notes.

Question—Did you find a bill from Mr. Vance?

Objected to, as the bill should have been brought to court.

Mr. Hagert said the key was surrendered to Mr. O'Byrne, as he was present, and now he wanted to trace the papers to the possession of the prisoner and call for their production.

Judge Brewster said the material point was for the Court and not the jury, and it could be stated what was the reason of objection.

Witness resumed—I found books and papers there, and did not see any private matter; the place and contents were in the hands of Sheriff Morgan; the bills were in the hands of Mr. Fred F. Hartz, Jr.

Chief Lamon recalled—I gave the key of the fire-proof safe to Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher recalled—I gave all the keys, I judge the safe key, to Mr. O'Byrne; I gave all I had to him.

Mr. Mann proposed to hand the key to the commonwealth.

Mr. Hagert—We ask for bread but you give us a stone.

Mr. Mann produced a box of keys and handed them to witness, who said the key was like the one he gave to Mr. Lamon.

Mr. Mann handed the whole of the keys to the commonwealth.

Mr. Hagert—We don't want your keys.

Judge Brewster said the defendant was entitled to time to produce the papers, as a request could not be granted at once.

Mr. Mann—There is a little article in the constitution, as to a speedy trial, and I am entirely against himself. If the Court will name the hour we will attend.

Judge Brewster—We are anxious to guard all constitutional rights; we will give four hour sentiment to produce the papers. If that is not sufficient we can extend it.

Mr. O'Byrne asked Mr. Taggart which the keys were.

Mr. Hagert—You had better ask the prisoner; he can better tell his keys. I suggest to you these things cannot be obtained without an order from your client.

Mr. Mann—We do not take advice from an enemy.

Mr. Hagert wrote his demand for the articles wanted.

Mr. Mann declined to furnish them. They could be proved by secondary evidence.

The Court—Go on, then, Mr. Hagert.

Mr. Taggart produced a bill of Vance for $186 50 unreceipted; that is, due by the prisoner to Joseph Vance; also a receipted bill of note due to Derby & Weatherby, due 23d of November, 1868, for $2 94; also a bill showed a balance of $2 94 due Mr. Twitchell; found an entry of note due to Morgan & Bro. for $2 50.

No cross-examination.

Mr. Hagert now offered in evidence the various articles of clothing, candlestick, pokers, doorknobs, blanket, oil cloth, and sheet, and blanket, pan, cloths, plan and photographs, and such articles as had been passed on by witnesses. He also announced that the Commonwealth was ready and willing to abide by any order of the Court in respect to a mass to distinct articles, and only requesting the proper safeguards to prevent their loss, destruction, or alteration, and to have their return in their presentation.

The Commonwealth closed at 5 P. M.

Mr. Collis read a request that the officers of the court have the clothing in the Grand Jury room on Christmas day for the examination of counsel.

After a lengthy consultation, Judge Brewster said the motion is granted, and the time of trial is changed to Saturday morning next, at half-past nine o'clock. The witnesses to be produced by the District-Attorney, in the presence of Judge Brewster, the counsel for the prisoner, and such experts as they may select.

Mr. Mann said as the Court was at present constituted he had no objection to that, but as we are daily told that judges will become the creatures of the Government, it is a dangerous precedent for posterity. He, therefore, thought the prisoner's rights should be considered.

Judge Brewster said he thought the responsibility of the case required the presence of the judge. It is not within the range of possibilities that the presence of the jury would affect the justice of the proceedings. He, for his part, would be found to convict a man because of the presence of the judge.

Mr. Mann—History repeats itself.

He was sure if anything prejudicial to the prisoner should occur in the examination in chief, before the Court, the jury would not be permitted to forget it. If anything favorable to the prisoner, however, should transpire as a cross-examination, then the jury would be excited with it. It was clearly the duty of the Court to see that the evidence of the Commonwealth should be protected and preserved.

J. T. Pratt, Esq., opposed the motion for prisoner, saying it became his duty to show upon what evidence he proposed to establish the innocence of the accused. He would, as the Commonwealth's officer had done, be brief in giving the leading points. This was the first moment the prisoner had been allowed to say a single word in his defence since the fatal night. The care of Justice seemed to have been closed against him. The public press, which should be the inspector and the preserver of individual rights, and always stand ready to give a favorable position, has taken up, with a few honorable exceptions, the cause of the Commonwealth, and by unfair argument and innuendo arraigned the prisoner. The public press while he was in prison awaiting his trial. Need we guard the jury against the impression of prejudice? Upon the quiet evening of the 23d of November, while the people of this Christian city were assembled at their places of worship, almost under the shadow of one of those an aged woman was murdered in her house. Thus far he agreed with the Commonwealth. Referring to circumstantial evidence, he said many bewildering things had been said justly, and he called upon the jury not to act upon it as subject, unless that circumstantial evidence was of the highest importance to the ends of justice. The question of the case was the character of the prisoner, which in case of circumstantial evidence was of the highest importance. The companions of childhood, and the associates of maturer years would show this prisoner, had been a kind and humane man, and with whom it would be impossible to commit such a murder. He would prove it by the best possible motive. They say the crime is moneyed, and the greater reason why he should not commit it.

He would prove that Mrs. Hill's husband was a will, in which he left a large estate, sufficient to support his wife in luxury. At her death was to go to his heirs not here. It would be shown the family relations were of the most pleasant character, and that there had been no motive of revenge. The declarations of deceased would be shown to prove that Mrs Hill gave the prisoner a wife of defendant, for only that. It would be shown that almost every article in the house had been bought in the name of the wife of the defendant. Mrs. Hill had her title to the estate would be cut off. The dogs had been mentioned with much stress. It will be shown that Mrs. Hill's custom was to take the dogs to the upper room, and when the defendant and wife retired they took some of the dogs to their room. No evidence was shown that the dogs made a noise on that fatal night. It would be seen that the room in which the murder was committed had but one door, and that a door, and the distance where the defendant and his wife were sleeping was too great for them to have heard any noise in the fatal room. In this period the Court adjourned for the hour for adjournment had arrived.

Judge Brewster informed the jury that Friday being a holiday, it was doubtful if it would be legal to hold a session. He regretted it very much, and hoped the jury would, in recognizing the duty they owe to the Commonwealth, and to Justice, to the extra duty enjoined on them in this keeping them together.

The Court was adjourned until Saturday morning.

A large model of the house at Tenth and Pine, made of wood, and furished in similar manner, was brought into Court to enable the jury to have a more comprehensive idea of the premises.

The Andrade Will Case.

COMMON PLEAS—Judge Allison.—The following opinion in this case was delivered on Wednesday:

This is an appeal from the decision of the Register of Wills, admitting a certain paper to probate, as the last will and testament of Joseph Andrade, deceased, and granting letters testamentary to Peter McCall and G. D. Rosengarten.

The paper is taken by Elizabeth Philipson De Young, claiming to be the next of kin to the deceased, resident within the State of Pennsylvania.

The appeal is supported by testimony taken under the authority of the Register's Court, and is conducted by the formal notice of the act of March 29, 1832, P. L. 146. The section reads "After testimony of all witnesses produced in any cause litigated before any Register's Court, shall be taken in writing, and made a part of the proceedings therein, upon which testimony the court having jurisdiction of such cause by appeal may affirm, reverse, alter or modify the decree of the Register of Wills."

This appeal, therefore, is entirely unsupported by the requisite proof to enable the Register's Court to entertain the question which was raised by the appeal, or the Supreme Court to review the decision of the Court, which the law requires shall be upon the testimony of witnesses produced to writing, in the proceedings before the Register's Court.

If a new trial in a matter was made to dismiss the appeal, the right of the appellant to take the appeal being denied, and no proof having been taken either before the Register or here, to enable the Court to determine if the appellant is interested, entitled to claim a hearing before the Register's Court, which is the tribunal under the act of March 15, 1832.

The decree, and appeal from the Register's decision is attempted to be supported by the affidavit of Elizabeth Philipson De Young, in which she states that she is the daughter of Philip Andrade, late of Kingston, Jamaica, mother being now dead; that her mother was the daughter of Joseph Andrade, who was a cousin of Joseph Andrade, and grandfather and mother, and other relatives; she was born in Jamaica, and is a citizen of Pennsylvania.

This is the entire claim to interpose by way of objection to the action of the Register, and is wholly insufficient to entitle the party, the appellant to a hearing before the court. At best it is a bare, general representation of what the above heard others say of their relationship to the deceased, not in a manner to be in any way assented to by him.

In the absence of proof, this is to be treated as the declaration of any stranger to the proceedings, and if of any value before the Register, which we do not, it was upon the claim that it be regarded as evidence of relationship. It is clear, if it ever existed here, because it is not the testimony of a witness reduced to writing, that it is not entitled to this court.

I need it is an *ex parte* affidavit of an appellant, and of itself proves nothing, because made by the party claiming to be next of kin, and therefore a party in interest, and its averments are made up of what she has heard among her kindred.

In Reder's Estate, 10 Barr, 261, which was an appeal from the decision of the Register, the Court says that a mere stranger cannot be permitted to interfere with a subject judicially litigated by Mr. J. Davidson, No. 925 Chestnut street.

Drawers, Bleachings and Cambrics, reduced to writing, that it is not entitled to this court.

Sermons to Young Men.—The Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., of Brooklyn, will preach a sermon to young men at the North Broad Street Presbyterian Church, corner of Broad and Green streets, next Sabbath afternoon at 3½ o'clock. On Sabbath evening Rev. George A. Peltz will preach a sermon to young men at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, on Chestnut street above Eighteenth. These sermons are under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city.

Running a Fire-Engine Hose.—Robert Timmins had a final hearing before Alderman Beitler yesterday, on a charge of stealing from the house of the Hibernia Fire Company. It is alleged that he took $11 from the pocket of one of the firemen, named Philip Kelly, and $16 73 from the pocket of George Orr, driver of the steamer. The money was taken while Messrs. Taylor and Orr were at a fire. Timmins was held for trial.

CITY NOTICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—Gift Spoon's Fort Grape Wine, so highly celebrated in the Southern States, and Rangle, Rye and Bourbon Whiskies, for sale by Fred. Brown, corner Fifth and Chestnut; Johnson, Holloway & Cowdin, 601 Market street; Jas. Bell, corner Broad and Chestnut; Thompson Black & Co., corner Broad and Chestnut.

FIVE HUNDRED TO END.

Hundreds have purchased the fabric yet that the Grover & Baker Machines will not sew in the most beautiful and perfect manner, and have compared my experience with those who have never, except in one instance, found that they could not sew upon the Grover & Baker, and then they have tried both machines."—[Testimony of Mrs. Dr. Pearson, 49 Washington street, Brooklyn, before the Commissioners of Patents.

THE BEST HOLIDAY PRESENT.

There can be no more acceptable present in a family than a good Sewing Machine, and it is universally admitted that the best machine is the Grover & Baker.

CHRISTMAS CAROL, and BY DICKENS.

"The snow may stream over valley and lea,
The falling, drifting snow,
Yet cosy, true companionship we know;
Under your feet, on top of your head,
Look where you will, shows, frost and dread
You see the snow, the snow;
Yet cosy, true companionship we know;
The freezing cold and snow,
The wind is jagged as it blows your face,
But we have your fingers and toes
And shivering as you may be,
Your heart is warm as warm can be
Over the bill see the defiance go
The wind and the drifting snow
How to LAUGH AT THE WIND AND SNOW—
Buy a Blanket Overcoat from Rogers, and snap your fingers at cold and snow.
Also another lot of those fine Scarfs, at "less nothing wind and snow.
Also Gloves, Hosiery, and useful to go and buy them cheap! you'll find them at Rogers'.
Rogers & Co., Clothiers, Sign of the Lion, No. 824 Chestnut street.

STOP your hair from falling, or restore and regenerate it to a luxuriant growth by using Jayne's Hair Tonic. It is a delicate preparation for the toilet, is agreeable and, at the same time, keep the scalp clear from scurf and dandruff. Prepared only at Dr. D. Jayne & Son, No. 242 Chestnut street.

WHAT LADY or GIRL would not be gratified with such a Christmas Gift as a set of those beautiful furs sold at Oakford's?

OAKFORDS', 584 and 586 Chestnut street.

QUIET and soothe the pain of children teething—Use Dr. Bigler's Infants Comfort Pills.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for GIRLS. Christmas Gifts for Boys. Christmas Gifts for everybody of Rare, Elegant and Useful Character.

ELDRIDGE, 704 and 706 Chestnut street.

E. G. WHITMAN & CO'S CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY.—The variety of the holiday season are always the most attractive in the city, and are highly enjoyable by Messrs. E. G. Whitman & Co., No. 816 Chestnut street, who have prepared for the coming Holidays. All their preparations are pure, healthful and delicious.

GREAT REDUCTION IN HATS AND BONNETS.—We have given our attention to the great reduction in prices of their Trimmed Bonnets and Hats, by Messrs. Wood & Co., No. 725 Chestnut street, to the ladies of this city and all their Millinery Goods is the richest in the city, and PHILA. ladies should call early at this date for bonnets.

"BROWN'S GUM ARABIC SECRETS"—Use them for your Cough and pulmonary troubles. Depot Sixth and Vine. Price 50 cents. Sold by Druggists.

COUGHS, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Asthma, Bronchitis, Inverted Nails, skillfully treated by Dr. J. Davidson, No. 925 Chestnut street.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE ANNIVERSARY CONCERT OF THE Sabbath Union Sunday School, will be held at DAY'S MUSICAL HALL, Broad street, above Spring Garden, on Monday Evening, December 28, 1868. Tickets can be had at the door. 2t*

OFFICE OF THE HARD CHESTNUT COAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 13 SOUTH SIXTH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1869, and the annual election for twelve Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the place aforesaid, on MONDAY, January 4, 1869, between the hours of 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock.

JOHN C. SHOEMAKER, Secretary.

COLDSTROOKDALE RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 1 SOUTH FIFTH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, December 24th, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their Office, on the 19th day of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock, when a Board of Directors will be to serve for the ensuing year.

D. J. BROWN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, No. 232 WALNUT street.

PHILADELPHIA, December 23, 1868.

At the Annual Election held at this office on the first instant, the following gentlemen were elected Directors of this Company for the ensuing year, viz:

Thomas H. Moore,
Samuel Grant,
Samuel Bispham,
James N. Ward,
Jno. Mason,
Christian J. Hoffman,
Benj. W. Tingley,
Thomas S. Ellis,

At a meeting of the Directors held this date, Samuel Bispham, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and Benj. W. Tingley, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Secretary.

THOS. S. ELLIS, Secretary.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Twelfth Month (Dec.) 16th, 1868.

The Election for Twenty Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, on SECOND DAY (Monday), the 4th day of January, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock.

JAMES L. CLAGHORN, Secretary.

THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERMON IN BEHALF OF THE FREEDMEN, will be preached by the President of Princeton College, in the North Broad Street Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath Evening, December 27, at 7 o'clock. The Society will meet in the Bible House on Monday, December 28, at 10 o'clock A. M. Pastors and Delegates are requested to attend.

KENSINGTON BOOT HOUSE, NO. 57 ALLEN STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19, 1868.

At a meeting of the Contributors to the Boot House, Kensington Sunday Society, held this evening, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

George Blackham,
Edward W. Gorges,
A. Ashmore,
Jas. Dunlap,
Joseph Ashton,
Jos. Dunlap,
George W. Bates,
Joseph A. Allen,
David Gregory,
Thomas Dunlap,
Jno. Thompson,
George C. Hall,
Jno. Dunlap,
Jas. Dunlap,
Andrew Zane, Jr.
William W. Tracy,
Jas. Dunlap,
James S. Harward,
Jr. J. C.

Contributions in money in aid of the Society, or from persons desiring to become contributors, may be left at the Boot House, 57 Allen street, or at Blackham's, corner of Second and Allen streets.

THE GOSPEL FOR THE PEOPLE.—PHILADELPHIA CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Gospel Meeting for the Children of the City Mission, Sunday Evening, 27th, at 7 o'clock, in the Spring Garden Street Church, Rev. Moses Mattox, Pastor, and the Agent, with others, will address the meeting. Dec. 26, 1868.

SERMONS TO YOUNG MEN—UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Rev. GEORGE A. PELTZ will preach to young men at the Tabernacle Church, corner of Broad and Spring Garden streets, on Sabbath Evening, 27th, at 7 o'clock.

Rev. GEORGE A. PELTZ will preach to young men at the Spring Garden Street Church, corner of Broad and Spring Garden streets, on Sabbath Evening, 27th, at 7 o'clock.

Seats reserved for young men.

The Young Men's Bible Classes and Societies in the city are cordially invited to be present.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH—TWENTIETH street, above Chestnut.—Holy Communion at 7 A. M. Sunday in the month the afternoon service will be omitted. Sunday School at 2 P. M. Seats free.

OLD FIFTH STREET CHURCH, CORNER OF Pine and Fifth streets.—Rev. Dr. Dyer, Pastor. Rev. H. Allen to-morrow, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Subject—"Christ Our Passover." All invited.

REV. M. W. JACOBUS, D. D., L. L. D. (P.-O. Box 1,000), will preach in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Broad and Tenth Street (Presbyterian Church), now (Grand street) to morrow, at 10½ A. M.

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH, BROAD STREET, above Race. Rev. Dr. Kynett will Street, above Race. Rev. Dr. Kynett will Street, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sabbath School at 2½ P. M.

REV. R. E. ADAMS, D. D., WILL PREACH, on Sabbath, in Western Presbyterian Church, Seventh Street, above Spring Garden, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Course on Jonah.

ZION LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Lombard street, above Seventh.—Rev. Dr. Harper, of Mount Airy, will preach to the members of the special committee of Councils, I. to the Rev. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, the Rev. Dr. Harper will read the papers of the Island and the outlying dependencies, which he has been requested to do, and he has given the certificate required by the act of Assembly. I also commend myself of the course, as did likewise my colleagues, to renew to Mr. Welles the thanks of the authorities and citizens of Philadelphia for the wise and steadfast support he has given to a measure of great public and benefitting all sections, will, if properly consummated, make this city the principal naval depot of the country.

On my return from the city of Washington I received the following communication, which I take pleasure in publishing to the public, which I take pleasure in submitting to Council.

Respectfully, MORTON MCMICHAEL, Mayor of Philadelphia.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, 23d December, 1868.—*Hon. Morton McMichael, Mayor of the city of Philadelphia.*—Sir: I give me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt, through you and the committee on behalf of the city authorities, of a deed from the city of Philadelphia to the United States, of the property known as "League Island," the title to which has been examined by the Attorney-General. In compliance with the requirements of the statute, and proceeding under the act of Congress approved February 16, 1867, the title and the appurtenances is hereby accepted, "to be held for the use of the Government of the United States," and a certificate of acceptance is hereby filed in the proper record, as provided by the laws of Pennsylvania.

When the certificate has been recorded you are desired to return it to the Navy Department.

I cannot close this communication without expressing to you, Mr. Mayor, and through you to the donors of this munificent gift, my personal as well as official acknowledgments for the generous feeling you, and all who have interested themselves in this subject, and have contributed themselves.

It is due to the late Professor Bache to say that to his great zeal and ability the attention of the department is indebted for the advantages of League Island.

The promptness with which the city of Philadelphia, at that period when the country was involved in war and struggling for the preservation of the Union, came forward and tendered to the Government the property, and for such purposes, was highly appreciated, and I regret it should not have been so long delayed.

I shall embrace the earliest opportunity to communicate to Congress this donation and acceptance, and I trust that the action of the ensuing the present session, make the necessary appropriation for such preliminary survey as may be necessary for a national naval establishment that will it time be complete in all respects, and unsurpassed for the purpose intended.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

BROKERS.—The will of Mr. William L. Borgs, recently deceased, contains the following bequests: $500 to the Pennsylvania Hospital, $200 to the Catholic Hospital, Girard avenue, and $200 to the Episcopal Hospital.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office, No. 234 South Delaware Avenue, on Tuesday, January 12, 1869, at 12 o'clock, M., when and where the following gentlemen will be ballot for as Managers for the ensuing year:

Joseph Ashhurst,
Jos. M. Thomas,
Jos. Allen,
Jos. Ashhurst, Jr.
Thomas Dunlap,
Jos. Ashhurst, Jr.
Thomas Dunlap,
Jos. Ashhurst, Jr.
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Jos. Ashhurst, Jr.

J. MORRIS, Secretary.

PENN NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, when and where the following gentlemen will be ballot for as Directors for the ensuing year.

HENRY TALBURN, Cashier.

THE FINE GROCER AND LEBANON BALL SEASONED TOBACCO, OFFICE 307 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17, 1868.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company and an election for officers for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company on MONDAY, January 11th, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M.

RICHARD COX, Secretary.

THE SHAMOKIN AND TRIVERTON RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE 510 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23, 1868.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 11th, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

H. S. STEPHENS, Secretary.

MAHANOY VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE 27 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 11th, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

RICHARD COX, Secretary.

PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 921 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, December 21, 1868.

ELECTION.—An Election for Twenty Trustees to serve for three years will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 4, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 M.

H. S. STEPHENS, Secretary.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Philadelphia Gas Works Company will be held at No. 24 North Front street, on TUESDAY, December 29, 1868, at 12 M.

CHARLES A. DUY, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14, 1868.

Notice is hereby given to the holders of Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company Scrip, that the Transfer Books of this Company will be closed from the date hereof to the 10th of January, 1869.

E. W. WEBB, Secretary.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CAMDEN, PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19, 1868.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 M.

MORTON McMICHAEL, Jr., Cashier.

LONESOME CREEK RAILROAD COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Lonesome Creek Railroad Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 1 South Fifth street, Philadelphia, on the Fourth street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 11th, 1869, at 12 o'clock, when and where a board of Directors will be elected.

W. W. WEBB, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE 227 SOUTH FOURTH STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21, 1868.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, for the election of Directors, Trustees to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office, on TUESDAY, January 5, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

J. E. KELLER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 56 WILLIAM STREET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1, 1868.

The Coupons of the First Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad Company of Pennsylvania, will be paid in gold coin, on and after the 1st inst., at the Banking house of Messrs. FISK & HATCH, 5 Nassau street, N. Y., and at the Office of the Company, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Coupons for Bonds of the Company will be received for the purchase of Land Scrip, at the Office of the Company, in Philadelphia, Pa.

JAS. FISK, Jr., Vice President C. P. R. R. Co.

GREAT REDUCTION IN HATS AND BONNETS.—We have given our attention to the great reduction in prices of their Trimmed Bonnets and Hats, by Messrs. Wood & Co., No. 725 Chestnut street, to the ladies of this city and all their Millinery Goods is the richest in the city, and PHILA. ladies should call early at this date for bonnets.

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CHARLES A. DUY, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the ensuing year will be held at the Rooms of the AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, on the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock, on MONDAY, January 11, 1869, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE 127 SOUTH SECOND STREET.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 11, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

WM. H. WEMS, Secretary.

THE GOSPEL FOR THE PEOPLE.—PHILADELPHIA CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Gospel Meeting for the Children of the City Mission, Sunday Evening, 27th, at 7 o'clock, in the Spring Garden Street Church, Rev. Moses Mattox, Pastor, and the Agent, with others, will address the meeting. Dec. 26, 1868.

SERMONS TO YOUNG MEN—UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Rev. GEORGE A. PELTZ will preach to young men at the Tabernacle Church, corner of Broad and Spring Garden streets, on Sabbath Evening, 27th, at 7 o'clock.

Rev. GEORGE A. PELTZ will preach to young Men at the Spring Garden Street Church, corner of Broad and Spring Garden streets, on Sabbath Evening, 27th, at 7 o'clock.

Seats reserved for young men.

The Young Men's Bible Classes and Societies in the city are cordially invited to be present.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

The annual meeting of stockholders will be held on the same day at 2 P. M.

W. H. HAMILTON, Cashier.

GIRARD NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1868.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of January, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

W. L. SCHAFFER, Cashier.

THE SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

The annual election for Directors will be held on the same day at 2 P. M.

J. L. ALLEN, Cashier.

THE CONSOLIDATION NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 19, 1868.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

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W. H. HAMILTON, Cashier.

DE HAVEN & BROTHER,

BANKERS,

No. 40 South THIRD Street.

THE MAMMOTH SKATING RINK

Twenty-First and Race Streets,

Will be Open for Skating on January 1st.

This Rink, the LARGEST AND MOST SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT RINK IN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, is being finished in a style that will rank it as

THE SKATING RINK OF AMERICA,

and it will be the decided adventure of these desiring skating. Rink cases a Tickets to EXAMINE CARPET SLAKES SUPERIOR ADVANTAGES THAT THIS RINK FOR RESERVE OF SKATING.

SEABON AND COUPON TICKETS MAY BE HAD AT THE STORES MENTIONED BELOW:

WILLIAMS & WOODWARDS, 922 CHESTNUT ST.

Gentlemen's Season Tickets, $10 00
Ladies' Season Tickets, 5 00
Boys (under 15 years) admitted only during the day, 3 00
Gentlemen's Season Tickets, 2 00
Single Admission, 50 cents.

Rink open Morning, Afternoon, and Night.

GEO. W. FOST, Manager.

CHESTNUT STREET SKATING RINK, TWENTY-THIRD AND CHESTNUT STS.

Dedicated to the Public.

Wm. G. Moorhead, Hon. James R. Campbell,
Jno. Fullerton, Jno. Bullock,
John Fallon, H. P. Brown.

WM. E. SIBLY, MANAGER.

Rink open Morning, Afternoon and Evening.

Season Tickets, $10 00
Ladies' Season Tickets, 5 00
Gentlemen's Season Tickets, 2 00
Single Admission, 50 cents.

The Rink is 25 feet wide, by 70 feet. The large Refreshment Room in the Dress Circle make it a delightful place for a Skating Rink.

Music has been engaged, which will discourse elegant music.

Dressing Room for the thousand spectators is provided in handsome form.

Skates, Boots, Stockings, Etc.

The rules and regulations will be strict enough to please the most fastidious, and yet not too strict to be irksome. The enterprise was projected last summer by a few of the leading skaters of Philadelphia, who guarantee

FULLEST ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS AND GOOD SKATING.

SEASON TICKETS for sale by TRUMPLER, No. 926 Chestnut street.

GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, 120 Chestnut street.

WM. E. SIBLY, CORNER 8th AND CHESTNUT.

Ladies' Season Tickets, $5 00
Gentlemen's Season Tickets, 10 00
Children's Season Tickets, 5 00
Gentlemen and Lady, 15 00
Single Admission, 50 cents.

Rink open Morning, Afternoon, and Night.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gymnasium,

Corner of Ninth and Arch Streets,

Open for the Winter Course.

Open Day and Night.

Call in person or send for Circular.

Prof. L. LEWIS, Prof. of Gymnastics.

MR. JOHN DREW'S ARCH STREET THEATRE.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT THE ARCH.

CLASSY, LOFTY, LIVELY, LOVELY.

SATURDAY, December 26th, 1868.

Augustin Daly's Version of Scribe's Celebrated Comedy, LEAP YEAR.

Mr. Drew as Mr. Bantam, Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Drew's Farewell Benefit, Monday, Dec. 28th.

By Means, Hawthorne, Fosters and John Wheatley.

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Panorama of Hudson River Scenery.

Jacob Lodge's Celebrated Dog Sagacity.

SEATS SECURED SIX DAYS IN ADVANCE.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE. Begins at 7½ o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 26.

THE ORANGE GIRL, A CHRISTMAS STORY.

THE SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 26.

An Original Drama, in a Prologue and 3 acts, by Henry Ward Beecher.

THE SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 26.

Every Scene New, Gay and Brilliant.

Action of the Christmas Season, by George Smith.

Scenery by Mr. Wm. Wheatley.

The performance and Assistants.

In one act, the Celebrated Drama of the new Farce, UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

LIBERTY STREET THEATRE.

A HOLIDAY BILL.

SATURDAY MORNING AND NIGHT

THE GRANDSON OF THE DEVIL.

ALL THE GREAT SONGS WILL APPEAR.

Admission, 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 50 cents. Children, 25 cents. Doors open at 7½ and 1½ o'clock.

NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR RESERVED SEATS.

SEVENTH STREET, below Arch. Commencing at 7½ o'clock.

EVERYTHING NEW. EVERYTHING GOOD.

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THE ENTIRE NEW BILL, Including the new Farce, MISS SUSAN GALLOP.

COMIC SONGS, DANCES, ETC.

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A Big Bill Every Afternoon and Night.

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ON THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 24th, and all the week, including Christmas Week, and Saturday Afternoon during the HOLIDAYS.

Combination of the Wonders of the Stereoptikon, Dissolving Views, Chromatrope, Etc.

Evenings at 8. Tickets 50 cents; Children, 25 cents. Matinee, Saturday, 25 cents; Children, 15 cents.

CONCERT HALL.

Commencing MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 28th, GREAT NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT.

THE PRODIGAL SON, IN 5 ACTS.

The Pictorial portion of the entertainment illustrates all the Scenes and Incidents of the Prodigal Son.

MISS EMMONS, Soprano.

MISS J. MACKEY, Soprano.

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Admission, 25 cents. Children, 15 cents. Reserved seats, 25 cents.

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