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WEDDING CARDS, INVITATIONS, AND PARAFFIN.

WEDDING INVITATIONS ENGRAVED IN THE HOUSE AND ENGRAVER, 103 Chestnut Street.

DIED.

CELESTINE A. Boudary, in Omaha, Nebraska, on the 22nd ult. (Old Calendar), aged 27 years.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND MERCANTILE BANK, TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th of January, at 10 o'clock, P. M., at No. 10 North Third Street, above Arch.

The Board of Managers will be assembled at 10 o'clock, and an adjournment will be held for Officers and Managers to serve for the ensuing year.

JOHN BIDDLE, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2, 1869.

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

The President's Last New Year's Day Reception—His All Affability, Kindness and Forgiveness—A few Incidents by a Looker-on—General Butler says, "A Friendly Visit to the President is a privilege which should be enjoyed by all who are in the city."

He is Hologued with Friends—Evidence of Popular Feeling in His Favor, &c.

(Correspondence of the Phila. Evening Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, January 1, 1869. New Year's day was ushered in this morning with a heavy, driving northeast rain-storm, which rendered outdoor locomotion extremely disagreeable.

The great center of attraction was the reception at the Executive Mansion, which, according to custom, is attended by the foreign diplomatic corps, in full court costume, and officers of the army and navy, which is really the great feature of the occasion.

To-day the diplomats were out to force, special palanquins having been taken by Mr. Ward to secure a large attendance; and every eye was turned to the Executive Mansion, where the President was to receive his guests.

Johnson was in his glory, and was never so smiling or affable. The diplomats were greeted by Secretary Seward, who introduced Gen. Grant, the Prussian Legation, as the oldest Minister resident in Washington. He was followed by the others, who were successively presented to the President. Their costumes were of the most elegant and costly description, their coats being almost covered with medals, ribbons, and orders of honor.

Many of the diplomats were accompanied by the ladies of their family, and their rich and elegant costumes were greatly admired.

The President was dressed in a plain black suit, stock coat, pants and vest, and wore pearl-colored kid gloves. The visitors were introduced by the ladies of their family, and their rich and elegant costumes were greatly admired.

The reception took place in the Blue Room, and into the East Room, where they were introduced to the President.

The diplomats having retired, the officers of the army and navy corps came in, and a perceptible demonstration of applause took place when General Grant, Colonel Comstock and Colonel Parker, of General Grant's staff, came forward.

The President then addressed the company, and his remarks were listened to with great interest.

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THE COURTS.

DISCRIMINATION OF TAXES.

The Status of Wind Mill Island

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Judge Allison has now delivered his opinion in the case of George N. Tatham vs. the City of Philadelphia. The plaintiff appealed from the decision of the Board of Revision of Taxes, upon a classification of an acreage of real estate, being part of Wind Mill Island, in the Fifth Ward of the city of Philadelphia.

The property of the plaintiff was assessed at \$100,000, at full city rate of taxation, and by the Board of Revision was classified and rated as follows:

Coal wharves extending along the eastern front of the island, and so much of the property as is used for country dairies, at full city rate of tax. Valuation, \$80,000. Balance of said property being full five acres of land used for agricultural purposes, at rural rates. Valuation, \$20,000.

For a purpose of the Board of Revision is to be noted, that the plaintiff appeals to the Court of Common Pleas, and claims that the entire property should be rated as rural. The appeal is taken under the act of 1865, establishing the Board of Revision; P. L. 820.

The 39th Section of July 2, 1854, Pamph. P. 42, directs the City Councils to discriminate in laying the city taxes, so as not to impose on the rural portions of the city, and to exempt the built-up portions of the city exclusively.

The assessors were required to return that properties are within agricultural or rural sections, not having the benefit of water, lighting and other expenditures for purposes of agriculture, and to be exempt from the city taxes, and to be within the built-up portions of the city, and to be taxed as such.

It will be seen that not all properties which are used for agricultural purposes, but are assessed as rural land, but only those which are within the built-up portions of the city, and to be taxed as such.

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