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JOHN BROWN'S ANNIVERSARY.

It is ten years to-day since panic-stricken Virginia hung that brave-hearted, misguided old man, John Brown, and set his spirit "marching on" upon that wonderful path which spread its widening track across this country, year by year, until the great armies of the Republic, swayed by a resistless destiny, poured themselves along it, chanting, with "knapsacks strapped upon their backs," the immortal war-song whose simple burden is that

"John Brown's body lies mouldering in the grave;
His soul is marching on."

John Brown was a fanatic, and died according to law. Virginia and her half-crazed Governor were terrified out of every attribute of mercy and tolerance, and all the world felt the force, influence, since exerted upon the world, is largely due to the extravagant sensation which Virginia made out of his mad raid upon Harper's Ferry. That raid was the act of a simple enthusiastic, old man, driven from a just mental balance by his personal wrongs, and it is no longer needful to defend the Republican party from the absurd and exaggerated charge of complicity in or responsibility for his crime.

Abraham Lincoln, with his instinctive clear discrimination, gave John Brown in his right position, in his famous Cooper Institute speech, February 27, 1860. He said: "John Brown's effort was peculiar. It was not a slave insurrection. It was an attempt by white men to get up a revolt among slaves, in which the slaves refused to participate. In fact, it was so absurd that the slaves, with all their ignorance, saw plainly enough it could not succeed. That affair, in its philosophy, corresponds with many attempts, related in history, at the assassination of kings and emperors. An enthusiast broods over the oppression of a people till he fancies himself commissioned by Heaven to liberate them. He ventures the attempt, which ends in little else than in his own execution. Osiinii's attempt on Louis Napoleon, and John Brown's attempt at Harper's Ferry were, in their philosophy, precisely the same. The eagerness to cast blame on Old England in the one case, and on New England in the other, does not disprove the sameness of the two things."

THE FINANCE REPORT.

The Finance Committee of Councils has been diligently engaged, through a sub-committee of which Colonel Wagner is chairman, in its annual investigation of the condition of the municipal finances, with the view of establishing the tax rate for 1870, and of a clear understandingly of the present liabilities and assets of the city. The report of the committee is long, minute and interesting, and evinces laborious and patient research into the necessarily complicated accounts of the City Controller.

There are many details in this interesting report which deserve notice and comment; but the main, central fact which will arrest and engross public attention, and which must challenge the prompt and energetic action of Councils, is the enormous deficit in the collection of taxes. It will amaze most of our readers to learn that on the first of January 1869, there were outstanding taxes due the city, amounting to $4,256,808 24! Of this, the huge sum of $4,567,021 36 had been outstanding since 1862, and we presume, is now considered a hopeless debt. Of this whole back debt to the city, about three-quarters of one per cent. have been collected during the present year, leaving still nearly *four millions* of taxes due to the city at the beginning of the present year.

Here is, undoubtedly, the great leak in the city treasury, and to stop it becomes the great duty of Councils. The people of Philadelphia are willing to be taxed for the necessary expenses of their government; but they are most unwilling to have the burden of taxation so unequally distributed that millions of unpaid taxes are piled up by one-half of the community at the expense of others. $1,924,152 80 is the sum of taxes for 1866, 1867 and 1868, yet uncollected, and it is hopeless to talk about reduced tax-rates, with such a frightful leak as this, continually draining away the resources of the city.

The Finance Committee has done a good public service in laying their lucid statement of the condition of affairs before the people. But we trust that it is not intended to stop here. There has been some terrible neglect of official duty in this matter, running back through successive administrations for many years, and the Finance Committee should boldly and honestly probe it to the bottom, and when this has been done, Councils should apply the remedy of a radical reform in the whole system of tax-collection. The sub-committee's report suggests two plans. The first of these proposes to transfer the collection of all taxes outstanding on the first of March succeeding the year for which they are levied, to the City Solicitor, with power to lien the property, and to sell it in ninety days after filing the lien. The second plan is said to be in successful operation in some parts of New Jersey, and consists in selling out the unpaid tax list to the highest bidder, to be invested with all the powers now vested in the city for the enforcement of payment.

Of these two plans, we would like to see the former tried first. The objection suggested by the Committee that it is only transferring the duty from the solicitor of the Receiver of Taxes to the City Solicitor, is scarcely a sufficient one. There is a different sort of accountability about the office of the City Solicitor, from that which attaches to the private solicitor of the Receiver of Taxes, and his official duties come more directly under the eye and control of Councils and of the public. The second plan seems more susceptible of being made the means of the same sort of corrupt jugglery that so often connects itself with the letting of large contracts. To farm out the four millions of now uncollected taxes to the highest bidder would be a very large operation, and the public would feel much less disposition to pay up arrears to a private speculator in their debts than if the claim was presented by the City Solicitor, backed by notice of a prompt sale of the property as the penalty for non-payment.

The committee very sensibly suggests that no plan could well produce less than the present one, so that it is perhaps safe to try almost any experiment. Councils cannot permit this dreadful waste of the city's resources to go on, and the subject should meet their immediate and earnest attention and action. If legislation is needed for such a purpose, there can be no difficulty in obtaining it, and the *paying* half of the community will be more than gratified to see a stop put to the habitual neglect or dishonesty of the *non-paying* half of our taxables.

THE RICHARDSON CASE.

Albert D. Richardson died this morning. If he could be quietly put under ground, without any further sensational scenes among the New York apologists for adultery, it would be a good thing. But this is not likely to be the case, and decent journals of New York have, therefore, a duty to perform in repeating their condemnation of the adulterer, and of the journalists and ministers of the gospel who have been making a hero and a martyr of him for the past few days. It is gratifying to find that a few of the New York papers have begun to take a proper view of the case, and now join us in condemning Richardson and his literary and clerical supporters.

The pretended marriage between Richardson and the partner of his guilt, which took place night before last at the Astor House, was the grand sensation scene in this tragi-comedy. It is shocking to read the prayer uttered by Rev. O. B. Frothingham by the dying bed of the adulterer; shocking to read the words of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher cracking the divine blessing upon the two guilty people. When it is remembered that Mrs. McFarland got her divorce in Indiana, without the knowledge of her husband, the legality of such divorce will be denied by every right-minded person. The marriage pronounced by Mr. Beecher was, therefore, no marriage at all. It was an outrage upon the sacred institution, and an insult to all virtuous men and women. Mr. Horace Greeley has been regarded as a pure and honorable man; but he has forfeited his right to such consideration by the conspicuous part taken by him at the bed-side of his wicked associate, and by the blazoning on his paper of the laudations bestowed by unthinking people upon the two chief actors in this drama of sin. Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President of the United States, is a gentleman who, although belonging to Indiana, has always respected the obligations of marriage, and it is impossible that he can have known all the circumstances of Richardson's conduct, when he telegraphed his tender message of sympathy and solicitude. That George Francis Train should have done the same thing was quite natural and proper; but the other prominent men, whose telegrams and letters the *Tribune* has spread before its readers, acted thoughtlessly and from a wrong impulse, when they presented themselves as comforters to a man who had no right to the respect of men who believe in the sacredness of the marriage tie.

But Richardson is dead, and it would be well if the story of his guilty life and wretched death could die with him. This, however, will not be allowed. He will have a pompous and solemn funeral; his pretended wife will be made a pet and a heroine; the man who slept him in a frenzy caused by the news that the wrongs done him had been aggravated by a decree of divorce from the mother of his children, will be cried for his life, and the whole of the vicious and morbid influence of the journalists and ministers that have surrounded the dying adulterer, will be used to secure his punishment. McFarland is condemned already, by the papers and preachers that have been sustaining Richardson. It does not appear that any of these parties, literary or clerical, endeavored to bring Richardson to a condition of repentance before his death. This, at least, should have been an object with the ministers of the gospel that attended him. Not one of them seems to have tried to obtain from him an acknowledgment that he had sinned. So far as the death-bed scenes have been described, he appears to have been treated as the most immaculate of saints might have been. Nothing was done to put pine him for meeting the great Judge of the deeds done in the body. The whole affair, in its progress and its finale, has been shocking and demoralizing, and the actors in it deserve the emphatic condemnation of all honorable and virtuous men and women.

TWO DEMANDS FOR LEGISLATION.

Among the many subjects that will come up for early consideration in the next session of the Legislature, there are two which, from their peculiar but widely different character, will require instant attention. We refer to the Metropolitan Police bill and the necessity for providing such legislation for the mining districts as will prevent a second Avondale disaster. The need of these legislative enactments acquires its urgency from the fact that in both cases adequate protection for human life and property is not obtained under the existing systems. Upon the question of the necessity for a Metropolitan Police, appointed and controlled by a body of pure and just and wise men, there is no difference of opinion among intelligent citizens who are not blinded by bitter partisanship. Last winter, when the subject was discussed, there was a very general expression of unfavorable opinion; for, at that time we had a police force which, with all its faults, was at least composed of respectable men, who tried to preserve order and to enforce the laws. We need not speak at length of the character of the present force. The Mayor has been the tool of the corrupt and lawless persons who placed him in office, and he has filled the ranks of his force with incompetent men, with the lowest class of Democratic politicians, and in many instances with ruffians who abuse their authority in the most shameless manner. The brutal conduct of the police during the recent political campaign, their wretched incompetency then and since, and the startling increase of crime under the Democratic dispensation, form arguments to which have converted the mass of our citizens to earnest advocacy of a Metropolitan Police. The sooner we have it the better. The Legislature will be certain to yield to the demand at some time during the session; but it is extremely desirable that the bill may be passed at an early day, so that we may reap its advantages and rid ourselves of Mayor Fox's policemen as soon as possible.

The Avondale disaster has been almost forgotten. But at the time of its occurrence it filled the country with horror, and a cry went up for legislation which would make another such tragedy impossible. There are dozens of mines in this State, each of which is constructed as the Avondale mine was—with a single shaft, with an inflammable wooden edifice over the shaft, and with no possible avenue of escape if the mouth of the pit should be closed by fire. The miners, and the people of the community who contributed generously to the relief of the families of the Avondale victims, have a right to demand of the Legislature the a complete investigation of the present careless system of mining, and the passage of careful, intelligent and inspective laws which will compel mine-owners to make life in the mines as nearly safe as it can be made by human ingenuity. We doubt not that immense influence will be brought to bear upon the Legislature by wealthy mining companies to prevent the institution of expensive reforms; but we hope and expect that these will not avail in the presence of a demand in which nearly the entire constituency of the Legislature joins.

State Treasurer Mackey is entitled to much credit for his management of the finances of Pennsylvania. In an article on the subject, which we copy elsewhere from the *Harrisburg Telegraph*, sets forth some of the advantages resulting from his management. The article would have had a better appearance if it had been free from the flings at former management; for it will be construed as a bid for another term for Mr. Mackey, and a bit at his predecessor, who is understood to be a candidate for the office again. But, under any circumstances, it is gratifying to know that the Treasury is full to overflowing, and that the reduction of the State debt and of the taxes is likely to go on more rapidly than ever.

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LONDON, Dec. 2, 11 A. M.—Consols for money 92½, and for account 92¾. American securities quiet and steady. U. S. Five-twenties of 1862, 84½; of 1865, old, 84½; of 1867, 85½. Ten-forties, 80½. American stocks quiet. Erie Railroad, 19½. Illinois Central, 96½. Atlantic and Great Western, 27.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 2, 11 A. M.—Cotton buoyant; Middling Uplands, 12d.; Middling Orleans, 12½d. The sales for to-day are estimated at 15,000 bales. Corn, 27s. 9d. Pork, 9s. 9d.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Tallow, 47s. Refined petroleum, 1s. 7d. Spirits, 17d. Turpentine, 28s.

ANTWERP, Dec. 2.—Petroleum opened heavy yesterday, at 56½f., and closed firm at 57f.

BREMEN, Dec. 2.—Petroleum opened quiet yesterday, and closed heavy and unchanged.

HAMBURG, Dec. 2.—Petroleum opened heavy yesterday, at 15 marks bancos, and closed heavy at 14 marks bancos, 14 schillings.

LONDON, Dec. 2, 1 P. M.—Consols for account, 92½. Five-twenties of 1862, 85. American stocks steady. Erie, 20½.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 2, 1 P. M.—Red Winter Wheat 9s. 1d. Lard buoyant at 70s.

LONDON, Dec. 2, 1 P. M.—Tallow, 47s.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The Bourse opened firm. Rentes, 71f. 85c.

ANTWERP, Dec. 2.—Petroleum opened quiet and unchanged.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 2.—Arrived—steamer Malta, from New York.

HAVRE, Dec. 2.—Petroleum opens firm both on the spot and afloat. Sales on the spot at 135f. 50c.; afloat, 135f.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—A few nights since a broker's office on Montgomery street was robbed of $5,000. The thieves, which are all the robbers could carry away. It was ascertained that the money was consigned by parties from Chicago, brought here for the purpose, and one of whom is now in Chicago on his way to the care with his share of the plunder. The police have already recovered a portion of the whole amount stolen.

The Central Pacific pioneers have adopted resolutions of thanks for the treatment received during their late visit to Europe along the line of their recent excursion, particularly tendering their thanks for the action of Common Council and Board of Trade, of Chicago; the Lord Mayor of London, for their sumptuous banquet, and the various Railroad companies.

The Legislature of Washington Territory has adopted a resolution, asking that the Headquarters of the Department of the Columbia be removed from Portland to Vancouver, Washington Territory. Governor Flanders, of that Territory, has vetoed over one hundred acts of the Legislature, including the whole of a new code of laws prepared by a commission, and enacted by the unanimous vote of both Houses. The Republican party in the Territory is in organization, and the action of the Governor is supposed to be a political move in his favor.

Flour unchanged. The steamer Japan carries 6,650 barrels to Hong Kong. Chinese Wheat firm at 1 50. Legal tenders, 82½.

Death of Mr. Richardson.

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

New York, Dec. 2.—Mr. Richardson died at 5 A. M. He was unable to recognize his friends after 9 o'clock last night.

Failure of a Banking Firm.

[By Harper's News Agency.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Wood & Hyche, stock brokers, failed this morning.

State of Thermometer This Day at the Bulletin Office.

8 A. M.....34 | 12 M.....44 | 3 P. M.....57 deg.
Weather cloudy. Wind S. W.

A DEVIL.

Agassis and the Book of Genesis.

A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press that Professor Agassis, of Harvard University, at Cambridge, denied the truth of the book of Genesis, and accused the Rev. Dr. Bliss, Prof. Dwight, of Scenery Hill, Washington county, Pa., sent the paragraph to Prof. Agassis, with a request for a denial or explanation. DR. S. CLARK, SCENERY HILL, PA.—Sir: Two or three weeks since I received a letter from you inclosing an extract from a newspaper reprinted in Boston purporting to be from Harvard. I am little in the habit of noticing things of the kind, being convinced that effort is useless, and having become from long habit somewhat callous to misrepresentation. Something in the tone of your letter makes me answer myself, unwilling to leave it unanswered, and I write to say that the statement you send me is false. I do not remember opening remarks of a course on geology, which I am now delivering in the University, in which I said that the literal interpretation of the work of Genesis giving six thousand years as the age of the world was absurdly inadmissible on the geological evidence, and no one who started with that idea, and allowed his conscience to be influenced by it, could be a geologist."

I do not remember my exact words, the lecture being extemporaneous; but this is the substance, and I know I may say what your newspaper extract reports.

I am, yours, &c., L. AGASSIZ.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange Sales.

3000 Penn 5	92½	200	Leh Gold Ln		55½
100 do	92½	100	Lehigh 6s 18		99
500 do	92½	100	do		99
1000 Cam & Amb 6s	105	100	do		99
2000 Leh Nav 6s '82	100	100	do		99
2000 Sch Nav 6s '82	85½	100	do b30		99
100 do	85½	100	do		99
100 do	85½	500	Reading		49½
100 do Imp Ln	85½	100	do		49½
100 do	85½	100	do		49½
100 W Jers R 6s	91½	100	do Cstwr sell		54½
100 Leh V RR	56½	100	do b 10		54½
2000 do	56½	100	do		54½
300 Cam&Amb R	137½	100	do		54½
4000 Lehigh Cn '84	91½	12	Mitchill R	15	42½
1000 Penn Cn 6s sec	102½	100	Phila & Erie R		30½
2000 West Jersey 6s	75	100	ath do		30½
1000 Leh Nav 6s '84	85½	100	Leh Nav		44½
1000 Phila Gas Ln	93	100	ath do		44½
6145 Leh Nav 6s	85	100	ath do		44½
325 ath Penn	55½	100	ath do		44½
25 ath do	55½	BOARD.			
10 ath Cath Cem	24½	3000	Cath Cem 2 mos		195½
River	14	300	Leh Val 1		
1000 Leh Cn 6s	91½	100	Leh Cn 6		90
b 12th do	55½	100	do		90
100 do	55½	100	do		90
100 do	55½	100	do		90

Philadelphia Money Market.

THURSDAY, Dec. 2, 1869.—The money market continues moderately active for good paper at the rates to discreditably downward, the supply being better proportioned to the demand. The ranks of business brokers are thinning out daily, and the symptoms now favor an easy and steady market for the best class of paper. This morning there was some demand for money on call, and a few loans were made at 7 per cent., but the rate is approximately about 6 per cent. Gold continues to advance, under the influence of stock collusions, and discounts are now at 5@5 per cent., according to circumstances.

Gold opened this morning strong at 137¼, advanced to 137½, declined to 137¼, and closed at 137¼.

Government bonds were quiet and generally strong, at an advance of about ⅛ on closing prices of yesterday.

Pennsylvania Railroad was active and strong in the market this morning, and prices advanced. In State securities there were sales of the five series at 102, and the second at 100½. City stocks were quiet. Small sales of the new issue were made at 93, and the old at 93½.

Reading Railroad was steady, with a good demand. Pennsylvania Railroad was active, sales at 56, and 55½ b 10 for the cash, and 56 for 10 days. Lehigh Valley Railroad improved at 54½, and Philadelphia and Erie Railroad was sold at 30½.

Lehigh Navigation was steady, sales at 44½ for the regular and 45 for the cash. Lehigh Zinc and Oil Company sold at 7½, and Lehigh and Sly Morris preferred, at 25. Catawissa Railroad was steady, but there was no transfers worth recording.

Smith, Randolph & Co., bankers, Third and Chestnut streets, report the following quotations of Government securities, &c., to-day: U. S. 6s, 1881, 115@115½; do. do. 5-20s, 1862, 112½@112¾; do. do. 1864, 111@111½; do. do. 1865, 111@111½; do. do. July, 1865, 111@111½; do. do. July, 1867, 112½@112¾; do. do. July, 1868, 112½@112¾; 10-40s, 107½@108; Due Bills, 108@108½.

Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Brother, No. 40 South Third street, make the following quotations of the rates of exchange to-day at noon: United States 6s of 1881, 115¾@116; do. do. 1865, 111½@111¾; do. do. 1867, 112½@112¾; do. do. 1868, 112½@112¾; do. do. 5-20s, 1862, 112@112¼; do. do. 1864, 111@111¼; do. do. 1865, 111@111¼; do. do. July, 1865, 111@111¼; do. do. July, 1867, 112½@112¾; do. do. July, 1868, 112½@112¾; 10-40s, 107½@108; Due Bills, 108@108½.

Dealers in Coin, Gold and Exchange, Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co. quote as follows: Gold, 137¼; U. S. Sixes, 1881, 115¾@116; do. do. 5-20s, 1862, 112¼@112½; do. do. 1864, 111@111¼; do. do. 1865, 111@111¼; do. do. July, 1865, 111@111¼; do. do. July, 1867, 112½@112¾; do. do. July, 1868, 112½@112¾; 10-40s, 107½@108; Currency Sixes, 113@114.

Thos. Wilson, Jr., & Co., No. 40 South Third street, report the following quotations of the rates of exchange to-day at noon: United States 6s of 1881, 115¾@116; do. do. 1865, 111½@111¾; do. do. 1867, 112½@112¾; do. do. 1868, 112½@112¾; do. do. 1862, 112@112¼; do. do. 1864, 111@111¼; do. do. 1865, 111@111¼; do. do. July, 1865, 111@111¼; do. do. July, 1867, 112½@112¾; do. do. July, 1868, 112½@112¾; 10-40s, 107½@108; Due Bills, 108@108½.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM HARRISBURG

PARDON-SEEKING

THE SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' SCHOOLS

THE TAXES ON UNSEATED LANDS

CANADIAN AFFAIRS

From Harrisburg.

[Special Despatch to the Phila. Evening Bulletin.]

MUSH OF PARDON SEEKERS.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 2.—Governor Geary's office was crowded all the morning by persons seeking pardons for all sorts of offences. Letters and applications are still being received in behalf of Dr. Schoeppe, but nothing new has been developed.

THE SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' SCHOOLS.

The number of applicants for admission to the Soldiers' Orphan Schools, created by the Soldiers' Orphans' Law, during the month of November were 61, of whom 38 were admitted.

TAXES ON UNSEATED LANDS.

The Governor has just approved the bill, passed last winter, relative to the payment of taxes on unseated lands, requiring the County Treasurers to keep a receipt-book to enter the receipts of the payment of taxes on unseated lands; certified copies of said recorded receipts to be the only evidence of payment. It also allows owners two years from the present date to record in. This is very important.

From Canada.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Captain Ermatinger, of Montreal, has arrived here and has announced his mission here to endeavor to conciliate the half-breeds. The Indian question is attracting much attention. The tribe between Fort William and Red River is reported unfriendly.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—In the Legislature, last night, Mr. Blake followed up the late Nova Scotia resolutions relating to a nec