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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1867.

"Light! More Light!"

THE people of Philadelphia, from Richmond to the Neck, have taken up the cry of Goethe, and are earnestly demanding "Light, more light!" So long as the gas furnished us was good, so long as the flame was bright and steady, and we could detect an improvement over the days of tallow dips, the great majority of the people did not care particularly whether the Trustees opened their meetings to a committee of Councils or not. They did not care whether the books were kept straight, or whether the contracts were sealed proposals or open bids. That was a matter which they left severely alone. But now, when the light is dull, and the charge is high—when we pay more and get less than we ever did before, the people are naturally aroused to indignation. The sealing or unsealing of a proposal for coal was a matter of small interest, but when the contractor have furnished such wretched material to injure the eyes of all the eight hundred thousand citizens of the Quaker City, an astonishing increase in the interest felt in the management is perceptible. Until now, such a point is reached that some change is demanded. The present system is so inefficient as to make any change an improvement.

At the last meeting of Councils a bill was introduced directing the Mayor, on the 1st of March, 1868, to take possession of all the gas works, in behalf of the city; that the Trustees be abolished, and a Chief Engineer be elected by Councils, who would be directly responsible to that body for all his deeds or misdeeds. A motion to defeat the bill was lost by a vote of thirteen to twenty-one, so that it is probable it will pass. This plan is an improvement over the present arrangement. As matters are now constituted the Trustees elect all officers, they constitute a close corporation, answerable to no one for their acts, and having no responsibility beyond a prospect of not being reëlected. That is the sole punishment which can be visited upon them for corruption or inefficiency. The new plan would do away with this. It would make the officers all *pecuniarily* liable for any default in the duties of their offices, and, by making all the accounts open to public inspection, would soon enable Councils to correct any part of the system which might need amendment.

While, however, this is an improvement on the present system, there is a still better mode, in our opinion, of managing the supply of gas for the city than the one proposed. We refer to the system prevalent in Europe of selling out the contract for supplying that article to private corporations. That is to say, we favor the awarding of contracts for various portions of Philadelphia to regular companies, who will bid for it. Let the city be divided say, into four parts. Let her still own the various gas works, and then advertise for proposals to take charge of and run the whole system for say five years. By this means, if sealed proposals were rigidly demanded, the works would be taken, of course, by the party who would agree to furnish the gas for the least possible price. This would at once secure economy. By making the successful bidder enter into bonds for the faithful performance of his duty, and by so arranging the bonds that, in case of the failure of the contractor to supply a good article at the fixed rates, a heavy forfeit and an avoidance of his contract would result, we would secure a first-class article, instead of the wretched, flickering, dim glare, which tortures the eyes and disgusts any one who attempts to read. By this means, the works would become a handsome profit to the city, and not, as now, a continual expense and annoyance.

It is a well-established fact that a private individual can conduct an enterprise at a much lower rate than a public corporation. The reason for this is clear. He devotes his time to his own interests, and does all he can to secure economy; while in the case of a corporation, especially public government, it is but one individual's profit to secure economy—in fact quite the reverse—so that much is squandered, and the work but illy done. Acting on this principle, the governments of the cities of Europe have long since adopted, and with great success, this plan. It is found to work admirably, with none of the difficulties or disturbances which we suffer by keeping the control of the trust in the hands of the city itself. The only objection to the proposal will be that it will deprive the politicians of a number of lucrative offices, and if that is an objection, the present inefficient plan had better be continued. Now that Councils are moving in the matter in favor of some reform, we hope that this plan will receive their attention. Experience has proved it far more satisfactory than with a Board of Trustees or the direct management of Councils. By it economy, good gas, and honest control are secured. But should it not receive the support of the members of both Chambers, we hope that the plan proposed last Thursday will pass. A reform is not only needed, but it is demanded. No talk about legality or the the loans of 1841 will avail. We hope that the question will be fairly met, and settled as the public good, and not private interests, dictates.

The Letter of General Grant.

At last the long-talked-of letter of General Grant to the President, in connection with the removal of Secretary Stanton and General Sheridan, is made public. We had always trusted Grant before, but we did so because of the eloquent loyalty of his acts, not his words. We now trust him as explicitly because of his declarations, as we did before on account of his deeds. The letter has a ring which will be musical to all the loyal in the land; and by the loyal we mean, with the General, "all those who sustained the Government through its trials." It is the plain, simple, and unequivocal utterance of a soldier whose heart is in the words he writes. In these days of rhetoric and turgid eloquence, it is a relief to have a public man express himself clearly and honestly, discarding all the would-be embellishments, and trusting entirely to the truth of his cause, with no excuse for his frankness save the grand sentiment, "I know that I am right in this matter." There is in all that Grant has done and said a disgust for technical attempts to defeat the popular will by the reasoning of an "astute lawyer." He is a man of sound common sense, and looks at the spirit, and not the letter, of the law. There are few sentiments which will find an echo as cordial in the popular heart as he secures when he says:—

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His compliments to Mr. Stanton and General Sheridan are lavish encomiums, and the freedom with which he denies all right in the action of Mr. Johnson in waiting until Congress had adjourned before he removed them, is thoroughly characteristic of the man. There has nothing appeared which will so unite the hearts of the people in their confidence in the subjugator of the Rebellion, as will this letter to the President in defense of the leaders of the Republican party.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE STRUGGLE IS OVER!—AS THE meagre sheaves bowed to the main sheaf of the field, so the whole brood of imitation and counterfeit extracts have bowed to the *Sovereign Perfume* of the day—Phalon's "Night-Blooming Cereus." They have gone to oblivion, where they belong.—*Rock Island Union.* 1t

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PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 237 S. FOURTH Street,

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16, 1867.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of this Company that the Annual Meeting and an election for President, six Managers, Treasurer, and Secretary will take place on the second MONDAY, 13th of January next, at 12 M.

12 18 1t13 WILLIAM F. WEBB, Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16, 1867.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company, and election of ten Directors for the ensuing year will be held at this office on MONDAY, January 6, 1868, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M.

12 16 18t M. B. KEILY, Secretary.

THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1867.

The Directors have this day declared a dividend of SIXTY-NINE CENTS per share, as of July 1 last, payable on demand.

The dividend due to stockholders resident in this city, if not called for before the 20th instant, will be applied to payment of the amount demanded by the Receiver of Taxes for State Tax on assessed value of their stock.

JOHN HOCKLEY, Cashier.

12 12 6t

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1867.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

12 6 1t 18 W. RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13, 1867.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between 11 o'clock A. M and 2 o'clock P. M.

B. B. COMEGYS, Cashier.

12 13 fmwtj14

COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1867.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1868, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

12 9 mwf 14t S. C. PALMER, Cashier.

COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL BANK,

PHILADELPHIA Dec. 14, 1867.

The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the BANKING HOUSE on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1868, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.

H. C. YOUNG, Cashier.

12 13 mwtJ14

THE CONSOLIDATION NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14 1867.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 14, 1868, at 12 o'clock M., and an Election for Directors upon the same day, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M and 2 o'clock P. M.

12 16 mwf10t JOSEPH N. PETRIKOL, Cashier.

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