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### The System of Fees.

COMMON COUNCIL on Monday approved a resolution previously passed by the Select Branch, requesting the Legislature to pass some law looking towards the regulation of the fees of our county officers. Of course it will receive the signature of the Mayor, if such a signature is necessary, and will be presented to the Assembly when it meets in January. Whether or not that body will take any action in the premises is exceedingly doubtful, but there can be no question as to its duty. For years there has been a crying abuse existing in Philadelphia, which justice to the people demand should be utterly abolished. The emoluments in the shape of fees which become the perquisites of the fortunate holders of nearly all our county offices are so great, that if a man is lucky enough to secure a re-nomination, he not only has an independent fortune, but, in fact, immense wealth. Men who, previous to their election, had not a dollar in the world, in six years leave the office of Clerk or Prothonotary, build brown-stone houses, keep fast horses, and surround themselves with all the evidences of wealth. One officer acknowledges the receipt of \$30,000 a year, which was stated with rather an aggrieved air. Others receive \$15,000 or \$20,000, as a minimum; while how much is made by others is known only to the occupants themselves. This money does not only come out of the pockets of the suitors—a class of people least able to pay it, as a rule—but a large amount is drawn quarterly out of the city treasury. Those who examine the reports of Council proceedings will see, at intervals, the appropriation of \$2000 for such an officer and \$2500 for such another. It means simply that the tax rate of \$1.80 has been placed at that figure in order that the bursting purses of the office-holders might be yet more densely packed with public money. It is surely time that such a wrong as this should be stopped. What possible claim has the Clerk of the Quarter Sessions—an office of no responsibility, and which it requires no ability to fill—to receive a salary and fees which more than equal the combined salaries of all the judges of the court of which he is a humble officer? The fees of the Clerk exceed \$18,000 a year; the salaries of the judges all combined do not amount to \$14,000. Can this be excused either in reason or propriety? Other officers tell the same tale. The City Solicitor cannot rival a Deputy Sheriff so far as receipts are concerned; while the whole bench of the Supreme Court of the State do not receive as much as either the Sheriff of Philadelphia county or the District Attorney. Surely it is time that they should cease to be a burden to our people. When the legislators of the municipality cause a levy of so enormous a tax as \$1.80 on every \$100 worth of real estate, and that too when real estate is assessed at its full value, it is time that retrenchment should cause the financial fortunes of political favorites to be cut down. The city of Philadelphia loses every year \$200,000 of income which, in all reason and justice, she is entitled to. It is time for the Legislature to act, and act promptly, and decidedly, in the matter. The remedy is so simple as not to need suggestion. Let the act forbid any fees being appropriated to the officers, and cause all to be paid into the city treasury. Let the salaries be raised, if justice requires it, but let this wretched system of perquisites be utterly and entirely abolished. By this means we will secure more honest officers. We will purify the system of the petty bribery with which nearly all the offices of our city are at present abounding. We will save the community hundreds of thousands of dollars, and remedy the evil, the absurdity, of a judge receiving a fourth as much as the irresponsible clerk who issues writs under his direction.

### A Feudalistic Crisis.

The old leaven of oligarchy is not yet eradicated from Prussia. King William, or his advisers, still seems to think that governments are established for the benefit, not of the governed, but of the governing class. It appears that the constitution of the Supreme Court of the kingdom has not been precisely in accordance with the ideas of the Government, and therefore a number of honorary judges have recently been appointed, as a corrective to the liberal tendencies of the former

members of that tribunal. When this action was reported to the Diet, one of the Liberal leaders presented a resolution declaring that the course of the Government was illegal. This brought the Minister of Justice to his feet, with the declaration that he "had no liberal tendencies," and would continue to appoint additional judges as long as he deemed it necessary, inserting a provision for their salaries in the budget, the Government standing ready for any conflict that might ensue. The Diet was not intimidated by this threat, but passed the resolution of censure, thereby pledging itself to refuse to vote the salaries of any additional judges. Thus the matter stood at the latest advice by mail. The cable has since informed us that the Upper House of the Diet has rejected, by a small majority, the resolution guaranteeing immunity from arrest for words spoken in debate. So long as the Diet refuses to afford this parliamentary protection to its members, and the Ministry contrives to preserve its influence in the Supreme Court by the packing process, Count von Bismarck's late boast that Prussian subjects have enjoyed for years all the concessions which have been recently granted by the Emperor of Austria, is likely to remain an empty one. As things now go, Austria is making greater progress towards a thoroughly liberal and popular form of government than Prussia, and all because she was worsted at Sadowa and Königgratz. Adversity is frequently the best school in which to point out to a nation the true road to prosperity.

### The Waste of Food.

The Americans have the reputation of being extravagant and wasteful, especially with regard to articles of food. With a far greater variety of meats and vegetables than Europe, it is generally admitted, even among ourselves, that we are deficient in the art of preparing them for the table so as to develop their most nutritious and palatable qualities, and that immense quantities of good wholesome food are wasted through the carelessness of housekeepers and the ignorance of servants. During the Crimean war Soyertook it upon himself to go out for the purpose of teaching the British army how to cook. He found that, while there was a universal complaint about the scarcity and bad quality of the army rations, the soldiers were in the constant habit of throwing away as worthless articles, that, if properly prepared, were of the first value as nutriment. With the water in which meat had been boiled, and with the scraps of vegetables which had previously been considered as nuisances to be got rid of, he instructed the soldiers how to make excellent soup, and in many other ways he introduced reform in the old system of camp-cooking, which, in a great measure, put a stop to the discontent of the men, and which contributed not a little to the successful prosecution of the campaign against Sebastopol. In this and every other large city there are thousands of poor people who scarcely know how to keep body and soul together during the winter months, while the food that is wasted would probably be more than sufficient to supply them all if it were properly utilized. There are many families, too, who turn and twist to make ends meet, but who throw away meat and vegetables, or refuse to purchase cheap articles, which a skilful French cook would serve up in a way that would commend them to the palates of the most fastidious. Much of the animal matter which is now treated as simply refuse, and fit only for the soap-boiler and glue-maker, contains as much nutriment as the choicest ones, which none but the most wealthy can afford to buy. Many poor people absolutely refuse to eat such food under any circumstances, and this disinclination is to be attributed to the fact that they never have it properly prepared for them. This subject is worthy of the attention not only of economical housekeepers who wish to supply their tables at the smallest possible cost, but of the charitable who are interested in furnishing the poor of the city with good wholesome food during the severe winter months.

DELAWARE is gradually getting disgusted with herself. The Delawarean, a Democratic journal published at Dover, characterizes the time-honored State House at that place as "the nastiest and shabbiest place of the kind to be found in the United States!" The Smyrna Times regards the whipping-post as a "relief of barbarism," and says that a short time ago "the scourgings were barbarous to an extent that would now be intolerable." Equally severe is the Clayton Herald, which declares its purpose of removing "to some other State, where we can have the benefits of a school for our children." On this subject of education the Sussex Journal, the Democratic organ of the southern county, says:—"Delaware has no free school; education is shamefully neglected. It is no use to misce at it. Let us face the truth and shame the Devil. We are behind. Sussex county has no schools, at least they are as near nothing as can be. Our public men, with few exceptions, are cold, selfish, and indifferent."

We hope the papers of the State will continue to lash themselves until the people are aroused into an effort at redemption. The opportunity is certainly a brilliant one.

—Among the toilettes worn by the Empress Eugénie, at the late State Ball at the Tuilleries, the most remarkable was a robe of poult de sole rose peche (a pale and rather yellowish pink), trimmed on the collar, with flounces of white and silver tulle, falling over others of tulle, the color of the dress. At the edge of the skirt an exquisite Genoese fringe of white silk, with silver bullion and fuchias of silver, was placed. The train of white satin was looped up on a panier at the sides, and edged with rich silver fringe; the sash of rose peche, poult de sole, in four large loops, being lined with white satin. A bodice of rose peche trimmed with white satin, and the same Genoese fringe and silver fuchias tastefully disposed thereon, completed the dress.

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