

Evening Telegraph

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON (SUNDAYS EXCEPTED), AT THE EVENING TELEGRAPH BUILDING, NO. 108 S. THIRD STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1869.

THE CITY TAX RATE—DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS.

The Common Council yesterday, acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, fixed the rate of taxation during the ensuing year at \$1.80. This rate will inevitably prove insufficient under the present system of collections, and create another deficiency at the end of next year, which will lead to a corresponding increase of the municipal debt.

This prospect, bad as it is, is intensified by the vices of the present system of collecting the taxes, which is as imperfect and inadequate as the tax rate itself. While the city fails to redeem her warrants, delinquent taxpayers are withholding from the treasury a sum far greater than her matured obligations, and the net product of any tax rate has become a matter of guesswork rather than calculation.

should be no altered as to confer them, on proper officers, at the earliest practicable moment.

NOT SO BELLIGERENT.

The friends of free Cuba in this city have concluded to postpone, for a few days at least, the grand demonstration which was to have come off at the Academy of Music to-morrow evening, the cause alleged being the inability of several distinguished Senators and Representatives to be present at the time fixed.

Senator Conkling, of New York, in his letter to the committee, puts the case very clearly and sensibly. "My sympathies," he says, "are very strongly with Cuba, and with the ideas embodied in her effort to be free. In so far as those ideas can be espoused in her case, with honest regard for the requirements of public law, I trust they will be espoused in this country by Government and people."

Ex-Senator Wade, in his letter, takes a very superficial view of the subject. He alleges, what no American will dispute, that "the people of Cuba to-day have the same right to govern themselves, asking no favors of Spain, as the people of this republic have."

But the champion of free Cuba ignores the fact that at the time France extended such material assistance to the struggling colonies of this country she was already at war with Great Britain, and gave us her assistance, not because she hated kingly and tyrannical, and sympathized with every people who sought the right of self-government, but because she saw an opportunity for disintegrating the territory and weakening the power of her antagonist.

Mr. Wade, however, does not believe that Spain would regard recognition as a *casus belli*, but is prepared to support it, even if Spain is determined to fight all who interfere. The chances are that war would follow untimely action on the part of our Government; and if an international conflict were once inaugurated, it would be difficult to keep it within narrow bounds.

Mayor Shurtleff, of Boston, is a Democrat, but in spite of that he has administered the affairs of his office in an able, honest, and impartial manner, giving entire satisfaction to the orderly and law-abiding portion of the community. The only persons who are not satisfied are the Mayor's own political friends.

Those terrible fellows who live across the border are in a sorry plight. There is a prospect of a fight in the Red River country, and behold, they send one man into the enemy's country to attempt conciliation.

Whenever a Fenian general is seen in uniform on the streets of one of our cities, the Dominion straightway arms itself to the teeth, and talks about the wonderful things that will be done if the reckless Fenian ventures to cross the border. But when there is a chance for the volunteers and "the Queen's Own" to encounter a foe ready to fight, the volunteers and "the Queen's Own" are not to be found.

THE UNITED STATES TROOPS about New York have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to move to-day, and the supposition is that their destination is Utah. A rumor from that quarter states that the Mormons have formed a camp of 15,000 men, and that they have made a number of hostile demonstrations. It is well known that Brigham Young chafes exceedingly at the restraints placed upon him by the laws of the United States, and that he would not hesitate to defy them if he dared. For a long time he was able to do so practically, but now he is being gradually hemmed in by the advancing tide of civilization, and he is no more able to keep the people over whom he rules isolated from the world.

THE ELECTIONS in Mississippi and Texas have progressed quietly, as far as we have heard, and in the former State there has been a clean sweep by the radicals, who elect their candidate for Governor, and will have a clear majority in the Legislature. This result ensures the early readmission of the State to her place in the Union, and an entrance upon a career of prosperity unexampled in the past.

A POOR SHOW.—The statement which has just emanated from the Bureau of Statistics, giving the aggregate value of the imports into each of the customs districts of the United States, places Philadelphia in a very humiliating position. The following is the value in gold of the total imports in each of the districts named during the year ending June 30, 1869:

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see the Inside Pages.

TO COUNTERACT

An opinion prevalent among some who have not tried us, that because we are on Chestnut street and deal only in a class of clothing finer than ordinary Ready-made garments, our prices must be enormously high, we here publish a LIST OF PRICES.

Table listing clothing items and prices: Light Weight Overcoat, Business Suits, Black Beaver Overcoat, etc.

The list embraces only a small portion of our stock, but gives an idea of what buyers can do, and demonstrates that THE VERY FINEST STYLES, THE VERY FINEST MATERIALS, THE VERY FINEST MAKES OF GENTS', YOUTHS' AND CHILDREN'S READY-MADE CLOTHING can be sold and are being sold by us VERY MUCH CHEAPER THAN PEOPLE THINK.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

THE STAR COURSE OF LECTURES.

YOUNG FOLKS SERIES.

AFTERNOON LECTURES.

BY PAUL B. DU CHAILLU.

T. B. FUGH takes great pleasure in announcing to the YOUNG FOLKS of Philadelphia that Mr. PAUL B. DU CHAILLU, the famous African explorer, whose adventures in Equatorial Africa have given so much delight to the youthful student of History, will give a series of three Lectures, in day time, as follows:

Mr. Carl Sente's Earliest Orchestra will discourse appropriate music previous to each Lecture. Admission to each Lecture, 35 cents. Reserved seats (extra), 50 cents. Tickets (with reserved seats) for Series of 3 Lectures, \$1.00. Doors open at 2 o'clock. Lecture at 3 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MEMORIAL MISSION OF THE NOW REUNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BETHANY, CORNER TWENTY-SIXTH AND SHIPPEN STS. FAIR FOR THE SALE OF USEFUL AND FANCY ARTICLES, FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS, TO BE HELD IN HORTICULTURAL HALL, COMMENCING DECEMBER 9, at 4 P. M., and Closing DECEMBER 11, at 10 P. M.

Our citizens are requested to bear this in mind in arranging for the holidays. Also, a series of MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENTS in connection with the Fair. CONTRIBUTIONS, Either Money or Goods, solicited. May be sent to the rooms of the Executive Committee, No. 1319 CHESTNUT STREET.

JOHN B. GOUGH

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 6, Subject—"CIRCUMSTANCES." MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13, Subject—"HARRY." HENRY WARD BEECHER, Subject not yet announced, TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 1. HORACE GREELEY, "THE WOMAN QUESTION," TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22.

Tickets for these Lectures for sale at Ashmole's, No. 72 Chestnut street. Reserved Seats in Parquet Circle and Balcony, 75c. Stage Tickets, Standing Tickets, and Reserved Seats in Family Circle, 50c.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

STAR COURSE OF LECTURES.

REV. ROBERT COLLYER, D. D., ON FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 3, SUBJECT—"CLEAR GRIT."

Dec. 7—MARK TWAIN, Dec. 9—DE CORDOVA, Dec. 16—WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Admission, 50 cents. Reserved seats, 75 cents. Tickets for any of the lectures for sale at GOULD'S Piano Rooms, No. 222 GIFFENIT Street, and at the Academy on the evening of the Lectures. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Lectures at 8 o'clock. Orchestral Prelude at 7 1/2 o'clock.

STEREOPTICON EXHIBITIONS

CALIFORNIA AND THE YOSEMITE VALLEY, BY T. CLARKSON TAYLOR, WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 3, Subject—CALIFORNIA AND THE PLAINS, FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 11, Subject—CALIFORNIA AND THE YOSEMITE VALLEY.

Illustrated with beautiful Illuminated Photographs, covering 500 square feet, and now exhibited, for the first time in this city, at the HALL OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY, TENTH Street, above Chestnut.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Commences at 8 o'clock. Tickets, 50 cents; to be had at Farrow's drug store, Eighth and Arch streets, and at McCallister's, No. 728 Chestnut st. 12 3 544p

CRITTENDEN'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE

LECTURE ON COOKERY, ON DECEMBER 24, 31, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, in the ASSEMBLY BUILDING.

Terms for the Course of Seven Lectures, \$4. Single Lecture, 75c. Tickets at the hall.

GROceries, ETC.

Reduction! Reduction! 700 EGGS

White Almeria Grapes, In Large Clusters, ONLY 40 CENTS PER POUND.

CRIPPEN & MADDOCK,

No. 115 South THIRD Street, 144 1/2 BELOW CHESTNUT, Philadelphia, Dealers and Importers in Fine Groceries.

A LARGE VARIETY OF New Goods,

Suitable for the Season, just received. ALBERT C. ROBERTS, Dealer in Fine Groceries, 117 1/2 Corner ELEVENTH and VINE Streets.

CLOTHING.

CONSIDERABLE CHANCE FOR

Choosing Choice Clothes!

CLOTHING, the choicest by far in town! Prices of Clothing all marked down. Clothes for the coldest winter day! Plenty to choose from—little to pay.

CLOTHES in the highest style of art. Clothing perfect in every part. Clothing in which every man and lad can be happily, cheaply, and warmly clad.

CLOTHES of which nobody need be afraid. Made to order, or ready-made. Waiting your pleasure, in all the latest styles. Every description of choice styles.

CLOTHING ready to put right on. Clothing for every father and son. Clothing that ROCKHILL & WILSON make, Fast as the public come and take.

COME! CHOOSE CHOICE, CHEAP CLOTHES!

OF THE CELEBRATED CUT OF THE

Great Brown Hall

OR

ROCKHILL & WILSON,

NOS. 603 AND 605 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

HOMER, COLLADAY, & CO.'S

STOCK OF

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, ETC.,

Must be Sold Off by the Fifteenth of January.

Homer, Colladay & Co. Grape Poplin Only 25c., Worth 50. Homer, Colladay & Co. Black Silks, Best Lyons Make, \$1.50 worth \$2.50.

Homer, Colladay & Co. Roubaix Poplins, Only 25c., Worth 50. Homer, Colladay & Co. Black Silks, Best Lyons Make, \$2.00, worth \$2.75.

Homer, Colladay & Co. Double Fold, Heavy Corded Mohairs in Fashionable Dark Shades, 37c., Worth \$1.00. Homer, Colladay & Co. Black Silks, Best Lyons Make, \$2.25, worth \$3.00.

Homer, Colladay & Co. Triko Poplins For Walking Suits, Only 50c., \$2.50, worth \$3.25. Homer, Colladay & Co. Best Quality Serges For Walking Suits, Only 45c.

Homer, Colladay & Co. Silk Epinglines, Only 75c., Worth \$1.50. Homer, Colladay & Co. Fine Empress Cloths in all the New Colors, 56c.

Homer, Colladay & Co. Mourning Goods In Infinite Variety, Lower than since the War. Homer, Colladay & Co. Lyons Silk Velvets, All Widths, At Large Concessions.

Homer, Colladay & Co. In this department we have made an entire revision of the Prices of our Cloths, Astrachans, Cloaks, Suits, and Velvets, and the greatest bargains are now offered to purchasers.

HOMER, COLLADAY & CO. CLOAK DEPARTMENT.

In this department we have made an entire revision of the Prices of our Cloths, Astrachans, Cloaks, Suits, and Velvets, and the greatest bargains are now offered to purchasers.

NOS. 1412 and 1414 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.