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SAML. I. W. BARRY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, Trustees Buildings, No. 37 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1862.

23D DIVIDEND.—The BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a DIVIDEND of THREE (3) PER CENT out of the earnings of the Road for the three months ending the 31st inst., and ONE (1) PER CENT additional out of the earnings of steamers, sailing vessels, &c., payable to the Stockholders or their legal representatives on and after the 5th January next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the evening of the 26th December until the morning of the 6th January.

HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE, ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 29, 1862.

INTEREST COUPONS of the MINNESOTA EIGHT PER CENT STATE LOAN, due Jan. 1, 1863, will be paid at the office of Messrs. P. M. MYERS & Co., No. 6 Broad-st., New-York.

CHARLES SCHIFFER, Treasurer of State.

OFFICE OF GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION R. R. CO., CHICAGO, Dec. 19, 1862.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—At the meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company, held on the 17th inst., it was Resolved, That the time for extending the FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS of this Company be and the same is hereby limited to the 1st day of Jan., 1863.

H. L. PIERCE, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD CO., TREASURER'S OFFICE, corner of 4th-av. and 26th-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1862.

COUPONS of the THIRD MORTGAGE BONDS will be paid on and after Jan. 2, 1863, at the Treasurer's Office.

W. H. EMERSON, Treasurer.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK, No. 153 Bowery, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1862.

AN ELECTION for DIRECTORS of this Institution for the ensuing year, and for INSPECTORS for the next ensuing Election will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, Jan. 13, 1863, from 2 to 3 o'clock p. m.

GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

OFFICE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD CO., CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 30, 1862.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—This Company is now prepared to pay, at the office of Messrs. VERMILYE & Co., No. 44 Wall-st., New-York, the following Bonds of the Company, with accrued interest, viz:

Junction Railroad 2d Mortgage Bonds, due.....Nov. 1, 1862
Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland 1st Mortgage Bonds, due.....Aug 1, 1863
Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland 2d Mortgage Bonds, due.....Aug 1, 1863
Cleveland and Toledo Income Bonds, due.....Sept. 1, 1863

The privilege of exchanging the different classes of outstanding Bonds of this Company for the Sinking-Fund Bonds will cease from and after this date.

The Coupons of the different classes of Bonds will be paid as heretofore at the Corn Exchange Bank, deducting 3 per cent Government tax. JOHN GARDINER, President.

OFFICE of the GALENA and CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD COMPANY.—CHICAGO, Dec. 17, 1862.—NOTICE to STOCKHOLDERS.—At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That a dividend of three per cent upon the Capital Stock of this Company be, and the same is hereby declared, payable at the office of the Company in Chicago, on the 10th day of January next, to holders of said stock at the close of business on the 31st day of December inst., in Exchange on New-York at par. The three per cent tax to the United States will be paid by the Company."

W. M. LARRABEE, Secretary.

PROPOSALS FOR $175,000 LOAN TO THE COUNTY OF RAMSAY, STATE OF MINNESOTA.—SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the undersigned at the office of P. M. MYERS & Co., No. 6 Broad-st., New-York City, until SATURDAY, January 10, 1863, for the whole or part of $175,000, 10 years 7 per cent bonds of Ramsay County, Minnesota.

These bonds are issued in pursuance of an act of the Legislature (passed Sept. 20th, 1858), to fund the indebtedness of the County, and a special tax has been levied to pay the interest, and to create a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the principal.

The Bonds will be issued in sums of $1,000 each, with Interest Coupons attached, payable semi-annually in the City of New-York, where the principal also will be paid.

Proposals should be indorsed, "Bids for Ramsey County Loan," and addressed to the undersigned, care of Messrs. P. M. MYERS & Co., to whom application may be made for further information in regard to the resources and business of the County.

HENRY HALE,
Commissioner for Ramsey County.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 1 3d-av., corner of 7th-st.

Open from 9 to 2 o'clock daily, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings from 5 to 8 o'clock.

ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary. THOMAS B. STILLMAN, President.

SIX PER CENT INTEREST.—CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK, corner of Bowery and Canal-st., open EVERY DAY from 9 to 3, and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, from 5 to 7. Interest commences Jan. 1, 1863.

Bank Books in English, German, and French.

SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary. GEORGE FOLSOM, President.

NEW-YORK, January 1, 1863.

OHIO INTEREST.—The interest due January 1, 1863 on the Funded Debt of the State of Ohio will be paid at the State Agency, No. 55 William-st., New-York, on and after the 24 inst., and until the 15th—after which day payment will be made only at the office of the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund in the city of Columbus,

R. W. TAYLOR, Auditor of State,
W. S. KENNON, Secretary of State,
JAMES MURRAY, Attorney-General, } Com'rs of the Sinking Fund.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 429 CANAL-ST., CORNER OF VARICK.

OPEN DAILY, from 10 a. m. to 2, and from 5 to 7 p. m. SIX PER CENT INTEREST allowed on sums of $300 and under, and FIVE PER CENT on larger sums. Money deposited before 20th inst. will bear interest from Jan. 1.

EDER V. HAUGHWOUT, President.
JOHN McLEAN, } Vice-Presidents.
MALTBY G. LANE, }
GARDNER S. CHAPIN, Secretary.

SUN MUTUAL INSURANCE SCRIP, the new issue—Wanted by

WM. C. GILMAN & SON,
No. 46 Pine-st.

CALIFORNIA STATE and SAN FRANCISCO CITY COUPON BONDS BOUGHT and COLLECTED at very best rates, by WM. T. COLEMAN & Co., No. 70 Wall-st.

Financial.

DIVIDEND.—The PATERSON and RAMAPO RAILROAD Co. have declared a dividend of THREE-AND-A-QUARTER PER CENT, payable on SATURDAY, the 3d day of January next, at the office of the Rogers Locomotive and Machine Works, No. 44 Exchange-place, New-York, and after that day at Paterson, N. J., by the subscriber.—Dated Dec. 31, 1862.

JOHN HOPPER, Treasurer.

PHŒNIX BANK, New-York, Dec. 31, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT (3½) free from Government tax, payable to the Stockholders on and after FRIDAY, Jan. 2, 1863. By order of the Board.

P. M. BRYSON, Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' BANK, Brooklyn, Dec. 30, 1862.

DIVIDEND.—A Semi-Annual DIVIDEND of FIVE (5) PER CENT free from Government Tax, has been declared, payable on demand.

T. C. DISBROW, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—THE NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. have declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of EIGHT PER CENT, payable on and after THURSDAY, the 8th inst., at its office, No. 52 Wall-st.

HENRY T. DROWNE, Secretary.

New-York, Jan. 2, 1863.

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DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of the CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE (5) PER CENT, payable on demand.

JAMES B. AMES, jr., Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1863.

MARKET BANK.—The Annual Election for DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on MONDAY the 12th inst. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock.

The transfer books will be closed until that date.

R. BAYLES, Cashier.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK, JERSEY CITY, Dec. 22, 1862.

NINETEENTH DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FOU